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Welcome

6:30 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Susan Swan Tom Meredith Sheila Irani George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen Coyote Shivers
Erin Penner Brandi D'Amore Jeff Ramberg Matt Wait Michael Connolly Fouzia Burfield
Ryan Snyder

Excused

Margaret Marmolejo Adam Miller Andrew Chadsey Julia Eschenasy

Absent

Luis Saldivar Andrew Chadsey Julia Eschenasy

2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Van Dusen said that on Page 4 of 9 on the bottom the motion should say "A letter".

Tom Meredith said that on page 1, the very bottom sentence, Ryan Snyder should say the minutes don't have to be a recording of "everything". Also on page 7 of 9, Finance item 16A: Sheila Irani spoke with "Monica", she probably meant "Myka". George Skarpelos clarified that he believes it is referring to Monica Acino, their city clerk representative. Mr. Meredith also said that on page 6 of 9, item 14B, in the fifth paragraph, Tom Meredith thinks it's important that they support them but do not give blank checks to people, Michelle said she can "send" over a budget.

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner Fouzia Burfield George Skarpelos Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait Michael Connolly Ryan Snyder Sheila Irani Tom Meredith

Abstain

Susan Swan

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

Stakeholder Daniel Perez introduced himself as HUNC's Budget Advocate, and said he looks forward to working on updating the budget white paper, or bringing things back to them from the BA's group.

Stakeholder Saleem Major introduced himself. He and a partner of came up with a full-size sanitizer towel. The towel comes with 2 ounces isopropyl alcohol. You can wipe your whole body down and there's still enough liquid for other disinfecting purposes. You can wash this towel up to 35 times.

Sheila Irani explained that she invited Mr. Major because she would like to link him with a non-profit to put together an NPG with his product, noting that when HUNC supports showers, that only impacts 75 people at a time.

4. Community Updates

A) Report by the Youth Representative

No report

B) Presentation by City Controller Ron Galperin

Ron Galperin and Christina Ibarra presented before the vote on minutes. George Skarpelos welcomed them, saying that they've been planning for the Controller to visit for months.

Mr. Galperin introduced himself as the Controller for the city of Los Angeles. He thanked everyone on the council for all the work that they are doing. While they may not be able to gather in person, being able to meet this way provides people with points of connection.

He explained that he wanted to share with attendees about the financial state of the city, and some of the resources out there.

He explained that they do the revenue forecasting every year, and the accuracy changed this March, where the numbers went down in a lot of the income areas coming into the city. There are a lot of cuts being put in place: his department is seeing an immediate cut of 18%. There is not yet a clear indication of how that all will happen and be spent, but it is occurring.

From the federal government, Los Angeles has gotten some FEMA money and some money from the state, but the biggest chunk is 700 million from the federal government that can only be used to fight coronavirus.

Turning to other resources the city is making available, Mr. Galperin announced that they have expanded testing, and have tested 1 million people since the program was launched in March.

There is also support for small businesses, including a small business micro loan program launching now, and hopefully there will be a loan loss reserve.

His own office has a number of resources, including their COVID-19 resource hub, mapping all cases of COVID where you can look at them neighborhood by neighborhood in terms of deaths, cases, gender, ethnicity, and age.

Turning to job losses, his office has mapped that as well. They have a more than 20% unemployment rate in both the city and county right now. What they really need is help from the federal government to be frank, so they are lobbying them. Not to get too political, but this administration has not had the most desire to help cities like Los Angeles.

Erin Penner asked in what ways Mr. Galperin and his office are supporting Neighborhood Councils and their budgets in the coming fiscal year. Mr. Galperin said that he believes all the NC budgets will be impacted since all of the city is impacted by significant budget cuts, hiring freezes, etc.

Ryan Snyder asked what percentage revenues were down. Mr. Galperin said that it depends on how you actually look at all of the numbers. Revenues have not plummeted yet, because most of the money for the previous fiscal year had come in. Out of a 10.5 billion budget, they might have 200-600 million less than anticipated, and that number may be even worse.

Mr. Skarpelos asked if Mr. Galperin had any thoughts about the City of LA recommendations for the police budget. Mr. Galperin acknowledged that there has been a tremendous amount of discussion about the police budget, and it is not the kind of budget that you can change overnight, but having said that the council and mayor are seeking to pull back on 150 million of what was planned about the budget. If you look at purely general fund numbers, 50% of that is for law enforcement. At the same time, it is 17% of the overall budget if you don't include pension and health, and about 30% if you do. So the nature of crime and of policing is inevitably going to be changing.

Mr. Galperin said that the website with the maps mentioned previously is at lacontroller.org, and he invited stakeholders and

board members to email, tweet, or call his office if they have questions, and thanked everyone for taking time this evening and for all the work they do.

5. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance (5 minutes each)

Erin Seinfeld from Supervisor Kuehl's office introduced herself. She updated everyone on the closures announced by Governor Newsom, and said the county voted to align their safer at home order with the state's. They also approved an emergency ordinance to strengthen protections for county services and small businesses to combat price gouging. They also created a new scheduling platform for LA County for the 9 county-run sites for COVID testing.

Erin Penner said that she had emailed Angie this week because she knows of a major lack in contact tracing, and asked Ms. Seinfeld if the city is hiring more people to do contact tracing. Ms. Seinfeld said that the contact tracing is done by the LA county Department of Health.

Sean Starkey introduced himself and thanked Erin Seinfeld and her office for everything they are doing as great partners. He announced that the renter relief program was released this morning at 8 AM. People in need of relief who qualify should apply before 11:59 on Friday.

He detailed a variety of other programs to assist the homeless and small business owners during the pandemic. They are still moving forward with redoing the Hollywood Rec Center on Cahuenga and Cole, and should be having an informational meeting in the next couple months with construction starting next year. Brandi D'Amore said that they have several spots south of Franklin that are becoming full-on dump sites, and asked what they can do with CD13. Mr. Starkey said they can be reported to him, and if it is a larger-scale project he can have Sanitation come. If it is a smaller project and he can have the office's clean team do it, he can send them ASAP. Just send him a photo and an address.

Sheila Irani said that Mr. Starkey mentioned last time the Pier One building, and Mr. Starkey updated that there is not something as of yet to help with the homeless there. CD13's planning team has talked to the owners, but it's up to them to allow CD13 to do it. He asked anybody who knows the owner of a vacant property who's willing to help CD13 house the homeless to talk to him.

Senior Lead Officer Heather Mata introduced herself and said that overall crime stats are down tremendously. Most crimes north of Franklin are theft-related, so on that note she wanted to touch on something our detectives wanted to pass along, a spike in vehicle thefts all across Hollywood. One trend that they are seeing is that people having work done to their homes finding that their key fobs or extra keys are missing, and shortly after that their vehicles have been stolen.

She explained that party houses are the biggest issue she has been seeing north of Franklin. They are seeing a lot of progress since the civil unrest has died down, and they have been able to build quite a few public nuisance cases. 2407 San Marco Drive, 2175 Ponee, and 2210 North Beachwood have utilized a lot of their resources over the last few months and posed a threat to public safety. So those locations generating a lot of crime are what they have been focusing their efforts on.

LAPD Officer Brett Cohen said that regarding South of Franklin issues, the biggest issue has been assaults, and all appear to be related to the homeless encampments and are isolated incidents. He stepped up patrol and hung out in the area. Officer Cohen added that the West Traffic Liaison Officer Buck is back, so if stakeholders have requests for traffic enforcement, they can notify Officer Cohen or SLO Mata and they will forward those requests to him. He also asked stakeholders to notify him if they become aware of any abandoned properties.

Officer Brian White said that they are having a lot of closures of inside dining and bars, yet seeing increased activity in Hollywood Entertainment district. There is no good explanation, but they are monitoring.

6. HUNC Committee & Liaison announcements on items not on the Agenda

Brandi D'Amore said that she went to the Argyle Civic, and for some reason they weren't made aware of the Hollywood Center/Champions project. They were concerned that they had no input on that. They will also come to the board at some point for the Hillside point of view, and to address the corruption they believe has been happening.

Sheila Irani said that Sofie Pleshette has been working on the mural in Bronson Park. She showed an image of part of the mural and noted that the green square is actually chalkboard paint for kids to be able to draw on. The end of the wall will be the sponsorship wall where HUNC will be given credit to sponsor this mural. They'll also add animals indigenous to the Griffith Park area.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

No report

8. PLUM Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

No report

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve: Project: 1752-1752 ¼ N. Garfield Place, Los Angeles, CA 90068. Project Description: Request to permit a change of Use from an Existing Two (2) Story Single Family Dwelling to Duplex – No change in Area, Height or Building Configurations in the SNAP Specific Plan Area. Actions(s) Requested: Request to permit a Change of Use from Single Family Dwelling to Duplex (SEE ATTACHMENT ‘A’) <http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/1752-N.-Garfield-Place-Attachement-A.pdf>.

Jim Van Dusen described the proposed permit change from single family dwelling to duplex. The project representative was not present, but Mr. Van Dusen said it was a benefit for the street, with no change in its structure or appearance, and no one is being dispossessed or homeless. Brandi D’Amore added that the property owners are going to register it as RSO.

Motion Made: Motion to approve: Project: 1752-1752 ¼ N. Garfield Place, Los Angeles, CA 90068. Project Description: Request to permit a change of Use from an Existing Two (2) Story Single Family Dwelling to Duplex – No change in Area, Height or Building Configurations in the SNAP Specific Plan Area. Actions(s) Requested: Request to permit a Change of Use from Single Family Dwelling to Duplex (SEE ATTACHMENT ‘A’) <http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/1752-N.-Garfield-Place-Attachement-A.pdf>.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Brandi D’Amore **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Brandi D’Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

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- C) Discussion and possible motion to that the board approve HUNC membership in the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) with the proviso that no decisions issued by the NCSA are to be issued in the HUNC board’s name without formal approval by HUNC.

Ryan Snyder explained that the NCSA is an alliance of different Neighborhood Councils that work on environmental sustainability issues. One of the big projects is to create developer guidelines to be used by PLUM committees and developers to show them what sustainability is about: things like energy conservation, water conservation, water-conserving landscaping. To clarify, the motion doesn’t mean that everything they approve, HUNC approves. There will be items that come to HUNC for their approval, and not very often. It’s really an alliance to create ideas that they will bring to the city council that have to do with sustainability.

George Skarpelos added that the alliance is more about providing a resource and information for NC’s about sustainability and efforts to promote and encourage that. Jim Van Dusen said that apparently DONE recognizes the alliance. He is just concerned about the Sustainability Alliance issuing opinions or recommendations that the HUNC board has not vetted or were not comfortable with.

Motion Made: Motion to that the board approve HUNC membership in the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) with the proviso that no decisions issued by the NCSA are to be issued in the HUNC board’s name without formal approval by HUNC.

Motion: Ryan Snyder **Second:** Jim Van Dusen **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Brandi D’Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

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- D) Discussion and possible motion to send a letter to the Planning Department regarding a CUP for the Lazy Acres grocery store, 1841 N. Western Avenue (Rite Aide site) stating that while serving of alcohol at the restaurant has not been requested, that if it is requested, that HUNC be allowed to hear the issue.
Project: Lazy Acres grocery store, 1841 N. Western Avenue (Rite Aide site). HUNC has sent a letter of support for this project. A Planning Department hearing is scheduled for July 28, 2020 to hear the projects request for a CUP to sell alcohol for off-site consumption. There is also to be a restaurant attached to the project although alcohol serving in the restaurant is not requested.

Jim Van Dusen explained that the project is a Rite Aid store being converted to a grocery store; HUNC heard the motion and approved it, and part of the plan all along was to have an eating area in front of the store. However, in the presentation made before HUNC, there was no discussion of alcohol being served there. He explained that PLUM just wanted to make sure the planning department was aware that HUNC had not heard about alcohol being served at the restaurant. Local restaurants had

expressed concern. This is partly as a result of a request by local residents.

Motion Made: *Motion to send a letter to the Planning Department regarding a CUP for the Lazy Acres grocery store, 1841 N. Western Avenue (Rite Aide site) stating that while serving of alcohol at the restaurant has not been requested, that if it is requested, that HUNC be allowed to hear the issue.*

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Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-10, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Michael Connolly
Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith		

No

Jeff Ramberg

Abstain

Matt Wait

Ineligible

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9. Outreach Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Tom Meredith explained that the Outreach Committee discussed what they can do given that some of the outreach activities that they have used in the past are really not available.

Erin Penner added that they also spoke about how to have more stakeholder attendance, and why they are failing in that area. George Skarpelos said that Zoom meetings are not as compelling, and that they also have to have compelling agenda items.

Stakeholder Samantha said that how far in advance the meetings are announced is a huge hindrance for participation: she was looking a few weeks ago for a schedule, and it was only because Ms. Penner reached out that she is attending.

10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Erin Penner said that they had someone present a program called City for Peace which is a mindfulness-based leadership training program for LAPD, but they are going to put that on the Homeless Committee and Social Services. They just talked about fireworks in the area and reached out to Chief Hogan about them.

B) Discussion of The People's Budget and a possible letter of support to be considered at a future full board meeting: http://cao.lacity.org/budget20-21/2020-21Proposed_Budget.pdf

Stakeholder Samantha introduced herself, saying she is non-affiliated, merely reaching out to HUNC to talk about The People's Budget. It proposes crafting a city budget that works for people instead of private interests and politicians.

C) Discussion and possible motion to recommend the Officer Brett Cohen be the named to the new Senior Lead Officer position previously held by Jesse Rubicalva for the area South of Franklin

Brandi D'Amore introduced Officer Cohen by saying that when the city was shut down, she had a problem with the St Andrew stairs and discovered they no longer had Officer Rubicalva as a Senior Lead Officer, and his work was assigned to Officer Cohen. Officer Cohen happened to meet up with her when she went there to address that complaint, and he was very good at getting another property to chill out. He helped Erin Penner or tried to when she had fireworks right outside her door, and has been incredibly responsive and interested in coming to meetings. So she would like to recommend him for the Senior Lead Officer position for their area south of Franklin.

Officer Brian White said that Officer Cohen has already made an impact in his short time in the office, and has done a great job about picking up the more intricate aspects of SLO duties. Officer White said Officer Cohen is a great asset to our office and to HUNC's community, so he would highly recommend him.

Motion Made: *Motion to recommend the Officer Brett Cohen be the named to the new Senior Lead Officer position previously held by Jesse Rubicalva for the area South of Franklin*

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Coyote Shivers **Vote:** Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner Fouzia Burfield George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen Michael Connolly
 Ryan Snyder Sheila Irani Susan Swan Tom Meredith

Abstain

Jeff Ramberg Matt Wait

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy Margaret Marmolejo

11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

No report

12. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Jeff Ramberg said that they did not meet, but they did have what is currently on the agenda from their last meeting.

B) Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board support the ADAPT Program which requests that when repaving streets Los Angeles implement the proposed bus and bike lanes from the Los Angeles 2035 Mobility Plan immediately with re-striping http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NC_motion_ADAPT.pdf

Ryan Snyder explained that during COVID the city has accelerated a lot of its pavement management program, so they are resurfacing a lot of streets while there isn't as much traffic. The problem is, some streets were required to have bike lanes according to the city's mobility plan, and they weren't resurfaced with them, or with bus lanes with a lot of streets. And once the city resurfaces them and puts striping in, it will be many years before they get those. The concern, after talking to Sean Starkey and the CD13 office, is that these changes should go through a public comment process before being put in. The remedy he is suggesting here is to have the city have a public outreach phase before they resurface or do the resurfacing and put the striping in with paint instead of thermoplastic. That will be easier to put in, easier and cheaper to scrape off, and it doesn't last as long. So they could buy themselves the time to do the public outreach and implement the public mobility plan if they like.

Jeff Ramberg added that one of the committee's main concerns was, if they do it with Thermoplastic as the city currently plans to, the city will be hurting for money. If they pave the streets as they currently are, it will be a long time before the city has the money to redo the streets according to the mobility plan.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend the board support the ADAPT Program which requests that when repaving streets Los Angeles implement the proposed bus and bike lanes from the Los Angeles 2035 Mobility Plan immediately with re-striping http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NC_motion_ADAPT.pdf

Motion: Ryan Snyder **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner Fouzia Burfield George Skarpelos Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen
 Matt Wait Michael Connolly Ryan Snyder Sheila Irani Susan Swan Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy Margaret Marmolejo

C) Discussion and possible motion to appoint Theresa Gio as a stakeholder member to the Transportation and Works Committee

Tabled

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

No report

14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Matt Wait said that at the committee meeting they had a discussion on the virtual seminar on renters' rights that they want to have, and decided they want to have HCID do it late in the month, with outreach for the event limited to normal channels like Instagram and Facebook. They also discussed some CIS's.

B) Motion for Reconsideration of the Vote taken at June 8, 2020 Board Meeting regarding item number 15.B:

Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in favor if amended regarding proposed amendment to the home-sharing ordinance (CPC-2020-2762-CA). The proposed amendment to the amendment is for the building to receive written permission from each tenant prior to opening up their unit to home sharing, potentially by a reduction of rent

Matt Wait introduced Charlie Curnow, who represents the Local 11 Hotel Workers' Union, and had reached out to HUNC urging them to change their position on the home-sharing ordinance amendment. The last meeting HUNC voted to approve it with the condition that a condition is added to the ordinance that they have to get every tenant's approval to open their space up to home sharing. The ordinance is specifically for rent controlled units that are owner occupied.

Mr. Curnow said the union was concerned about this proposal because, while it was great to hear more enforcement on quality of life issues, LA is terrible about enforcing even simple rules.

Mr. Wait said he would support the motion to reconsider and change it to flat out opposition. This amendment to the ordinance would have a fairly limited effect, but it could open the door to more amendments and people wanting exemptions.

Brandi D'Amore said tenants are less likely to rat out their landlords if there's a problem, so she thinks it's on point to remove any modifications.

George Skarpelos clarified that the idea is HUNC wants to reconsider the CIS they want to file. Mr. Wait confirmed that they want to be against the homesharing and RSO amendments. Mr. Skarpelos said it would be a motion to recommend that the board file a CIS in opposition to opening up the homesharing ordinance to include owner-occupied RSO.

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Matt Wait **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

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Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

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1. Motion to file a CIS in AGAINST the proposed amendment to the home-sharing ordinance (CPC-2020-2762-CA)

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Matt Wait **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

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Ineligible

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C) Discussion and possible motion to participate in a renter's rights presentation by HCID on 7/28 at 7pm.

Matt Wait explained that they had targeted the prior week but HCID told the committee that they needed 2-3 weeks. HCID has started working on that for this time. He added that they had already voted several meetings ago for the budget, for the event; they will not need all of it because it won't be in person and they will not need food. So this is the final vote to go ahead and hold this. He explained that this is basic info provided by the city, the information is good, and he thinks it should be relatively uncontroversial.

Motion Made: Motion to participate in a renter's rights presentation by HCID on 7/28 at 7pm.

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

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D) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0594 State Senate Democratic Caucus Proposal / State Budget and California Economic Coronavirus Relief Fund / COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant /

Mom and Pop Mortgage Assistance Program http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0594_mot_05-13-2020.pdf
 First: Bonin (CD 11), Harris-Dawson (CD 8), Wesson (CD 10) ;Second: Cedillo (CD 1); Currently In: Housing Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment; Last Action: 6/11/20; Summary:..Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department to develop a COVID-19 anti-displacement fund, to provide mortgage assistance to “Mom and Pop” owners of residential rental properties of ten or fewer units per owner impacted by COVID-19, on the condition that the owners not raise rents or evict tenants for the period in which they receive the subsidy; and report on the resources needed to implement the program within 30 days; ...that Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer to identify and prioritize funding, including but not limited to the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant allocation, to implement a COVID-19 “Mom and Pop” mortgage assistance program, within 30 days.

Matt Wait explained that this is a proposal on how to spend money that’s given by the federal government; it’s basically a relief fund for landlords who own small amounts of property, and it’s paying that rent that they’re missing contingent on not raising rent on their tenants for one year after the money’s accepted. In his mind this is a win-win for tenants and landlords. It seems pretty fair and straightforward. He clarified that the money is specifically from the federal government, and for buildings with 10 or fewer total units, and that by his read of this, if someone has 2 fourplexes and one duplex, they would qualify based on how this motion is worded.

Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0594 State Senate Democratic Caucus Proposal / State Budget and California Economic Coronavirus Relief Fund / COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant / Mom and Pop Mortgage Assistance Program

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Ryan Snyder **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D’Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
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Ineligible

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- E) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS of feedback of Council File 20-04097 Supplemental COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant / Proposed Expenditure Plan: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0497_mot_04-22-2020.pdf First: Cedillo (CD 1); Second: Martinez (CD 5); Currently In: Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment; Last Action: 6/11/20. Summary:..that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the Mayor’s Office, City Administrative Officer, Housing and Community Development Department, and Economic Workforce Development Department, be instructed to develop a proposed expenditure plan that includes Council priorities for the Supplemental COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant allocation.: Approved, with CIS encouraging focus of research on use in housing for homeless, special needs for disadvantaged communities of color who have been disproportionately affected, Internet and computers for LAUSD students in need, food programs for students, renters relief and low income housing.

Matt Wait explained that this is a related item to the previous one in that it’s developing a plan to spend CARES Act money. Basically, the city got several million from the federal government tied to the CARES Act, and this motion is to develop an expenditure grant for it. This was a little more controversial in committee because it’s not outlining what the conditions are. It might be too early in the process to weigh in, but if this is the first step, his feeling is that HUNC should advise on what their priorities are.

Michael Connolly asked Mr. Wait to clarify what the money is for from the CARES Act; Mr. Wait said that according to the motion, they are giving \$31 million of CARES Act funding, and an additional \$16 million of HUD funds for homelessness prevention activities, and \$3 million for housing opportunities. For the initial \$31/32 million, it’s to prepare for and respond to COVID 19. He can tell you that Mitch O’Farrell is proposing using some of this funding for the Heart of Hollywood initiative, so apparently the definition is quite broad for how this funding can be used.

Sheila Irani added that they don’t have anything in the CIS for seniors, and she knows they have difficulty getting meals, food, and pharmaceuticals.

Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS of feedback of Council File 20-04097 Supplemental COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant / Proposed Expenditure Plan

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Matt Wait
Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith	

Abstain

Fouzia Burfield

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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15. Finance

A) Review and possible motion to approve the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Administrative Packet

George Skarpelos explained that HUNC was not allowed to use their card until they pass a budget packet. We have to pass a packet to allow the city clerk to release funds to HUNC. They are already having issues because they may need to move their hosting service and email. He added that Tom Meredith took some time to fill their budget packet out because former treasurer Adam Miller stepped down.

Mr. Meredith explained the budget packet, including signers and cardholders. He reminded the board that when they present a budget at the beginning of the Fiscal Year it is always subject to change by board vote.

He increased Website Hosting from where it was last year and increased the funding for their minute-taker a bit since the meetings seem to be going longer. He decreased the budget for copying services since they will not be copying physical documents. Food and refreshments were brought way down. The budgets for internet services and cards/name plates/badges, were kept basically the same.

He reminded the board that they have the election coming up in 2021 and probably won't be doing forums or meet-the-candidate events, but maybe that's offset with advertising and promotional/collateral expenses.

Motion Made: Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Administrative Packet

Motion: Tom Meredith **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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16. Officer Elections

Article VI, Section 3: Selection of Officers

Officer positions shall be filled annually at the first official Board meeting following their election or selection in Board election years, and at the subsequent one (1) year anniversary mark of the Officers' election in Board non-election years.

A) Election of the President

George Skarpelos asked if anyone wanted to run for president besides him, and no one did.

1. Approval of the election of President

Motion Made: Approval of George Skarpelos as President

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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B) Election of the Vice President

Tom Meredith said that he would like to be HUNC's Vice President for another term.

1. Approval of the election of Vice President

Motion Made: Approval of Tom Meredith as Vice President**Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Coyote Shivers **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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C) Election of the Secretary

Erin Penner said she would still like to be HUNC Secretary.

1. Approval of the election of Secretary

Motion Made: Approval of Erin Penner as Secretary**Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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D) Election of the Treasurer

Sheila Irani volunteered to be the HUNC Treasurer. George Skarpelos said that this is the hardest job on Neighborhood Councils, so he will do whatever he can to help Ms. Irani out.

1. Approval of the election of Treasurer

Motion Made: Approval of the Sheila Irani as Treasurer**Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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17. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Erin Penner said that last week on June 30th she got a text from Mel with Shower of Hope saying he got giant new mobile shower units that have 7 showers so soon he will be able to serve 200-300 people a week vs the 75 people a week that they were doing. It was stationed at 7th Day Adventists Church, and they have agreed to acquire it over there, so that might be something HUNC would want to fund this year.**Matt Wait said that he has started the process of migrating HUNC over to Gmail: he needs to follow up with some paperwork things with George Skarpelos for that, but it is in motion.**

18. Old/Ongoing Business

19. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 9:40 PM

Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place before the end of the meeting at which it was considered or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Motion for Reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a Motion for Reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Recording Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.