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Welcome

6:34 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

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| Susan Swan | Tom Meredith | Sheila Irani | George Skarpelos | Jim Van Dusen | Luis Saldivar |
| Margaret Marmolejo | Erin Penner | Brandi D'Amore | Jeff Ramberg | Matt Wait | Andrew Chadsey |
| Michael Connolly | Fouzia Burfield | Ryan Snyder | | | |

Absent

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy

2. Approval of Minutes

Tom Meredith said that he found some grammatical issues with the minutes from last month's board meeting but did not think it was essential. George Skarpelos said to send the revisions/edits to him.

Motion: Ryan Snyder **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

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| Luis Saldivar | Margaret Marmolejo | Michael Connolly | Ryan Snyder | Sheila Irani | Tom Meredith |

Abstain

Matt Wait

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

Budget Advocate Daniel Perez noted the city of Los Angeles is in a pretty dire budget situation. About 2,800 city employees were offered a bonus to retire early under the Separation Incentive Program, and less than half participated. In September, the City Council issued a financial emergency, so they civil employees will be furloughed. Before COVID, there was already a projected budget shortfall, and the mayor issued a budget memo last Friday asking all departments to look at even laying off employees.

Stakeholder Angela Gygi introduced herself as the director of the Hollywood Orchard, and said she is going to send a formal letter to HUNC and CD4. The board of the Hollywood Orchard discussed and wanted to make a statement that they are very opposed to the Griffith Park tram project and very concerned that the environmental impact of such a plan is not feasible. They think any sort of public or city funds going to it in this time of quasi-apocalypse is ridiculous and they don't think it will help traffic in the area.

Stakeholder Seth said that there was a note from a previous meeting that Coyote Shivers was trying to create some kind of panel or task force for engagement between LAPD and community. Stakeholder Seth does not know the level of awareness of this among the council, etc. but said that Coyote Shivers is a prominent supporter of Donald Trump, and he has a record of supporting police crackdowns on peaceful protestors. And several weeks ago, Stakeholder Seth was sent a video of Mr. Shivers being escorted from a BLM protest because he was injecting himself into people's personal space and had to be physically removed. He is opposed to the idea that they need better relations between people and police because it implies police are above other groups and need to be appeased. And he is specifically opposed to Mr. Shivers being the face of a neighborhood task force like this.

Stakeholder Bryant Guyer wanted to speak on the Hollywood Community Plan that's going around. The documents are not being posted digitally for the community plan and you have to go downtown to get them. He would encourage somebody to go and proof the file so that planning has indeed put comments on the case file. In the Hollywood Community Plan, they're supporting the 101 cap park, it's a profit park looking for donations. The other problem is it's related to another gigantic project coming into Hollywood. The company building it has a conflict of interest weighing in on that. He also asked that the council look at the 501c paperwork for the 101 cap park.

Stakeholder Katie M said that she has been a resident of Franklin Village for close to 15 years and connected with several local business owners and neighbors. She is here to back up what Stakeholder Seth had previously said in her firm belief that while she questions Mr. Shivers even being on HUNC with what she has experienced with his xenophobic and misogynistic rants and intimidation, his vocality with being a member of QAnon and being staunchly anti-police in areas that suit him and pro-police in areas that suit him, means he is not the right person to head an oversight committee. The video that Stakeholder Seth referenced is being widely spread around because a lot of stakeholder are worried that someone representing their community and the behavior exhibited in it is not what they want their leadership to represent.

4. Community Updates

A) Presentation by Representative Adam Schiff

Representative Adam Schiff thanked George Skarpelos for introducing him and said that the House of Representatives was back in session. He said the top priority is getting another relief package done. It is so important to households, renters, and the unemployed. Currently, there is no forgiveness of rent, so when moratoriums come to an end, they might face another wave of homelessness.

His office wants to get a system set up for renters, and to set up schools for online learning. For his office, priority 1 is to pass that package that funds testing and tracing. The country should be doing far more testing with faster turnaround. They have been making an effort to find a negotiating partner on the other side. Steve Mnuchin is the designated person, but Mitch McConnell has never been interested in getting to a yes on something. Representative Schiff thinks because McConnell's members are feeling the heat, they found the necessity of at least putting forward a token bill. But it was completely inadequate to the magnitude of the crisis facing this country.

Representative Schiff is also working on issues of importance to the HUNC community. When they were proposing the first CARES act, it was apparent to him that millions were going to be left out who were gig workers, freelancers, etc. He led an effort in the House to make sure they would include people with non-traditional employment. Millions have gotten assistance that wouldn't otherwise. He has introduced a bill to help mixed earners.

He is also looking to expand open space in our area and is introducing a bill expanding the Santa Monica park to double its current size. Finally, he has been working for months on a package to strengthen democratic institutions, to provide expedited enforcement of congressional subpoenas, strengthen the Hatch Act, strengthen the independence of the Department of Justice, to address all of the serious challenges to America's democratic. This would be a companion bill to HR1. Other measures include strengthening voter protections and doing away with voting restrictions.

Mr. Skarpelos asked what the prognosis is on the Save Our Stages movement, which is an attempt to fund live stages around the country with some sort of support from the federal government. Representative Schiff said that this came about as a result of stakeholder conversations around the country and in LA, including places like the Troubadour, which were the first to close and will be the last to reopen. He thinks it is vitally necessary to save these important venues. He added that stakeholders may have seen Jerry Seinfeld involved in testifying about this measure. Hopefully, if there is a further package, this will be part of that package. Representative Schiff said that he is looking into using NEA and NEH, and producing a whole set of new grants to save some of these small arts institutions: small companies, music teachers, etc. They too are deeply in need of help. He would love to see the country use the existing infrastructure to help save this part of their culture.

Stakeholder Seth was wondering where the representative stood on closing all detention camps permanently in light of the forced hysterectomies being reported. He thanked the representative for pushing for more income support. Seth explained that he was laid off from his job of 14 years and hopes the representative will support the \$2,000 basic income bill. Representative Schiff said he will have to look for more information about these camps. He thinks they should look at alternate means to repatriate people

and an alternate path for migrants fleeing violence. He just got another whistleblower complaint in his committee that DHS has been engaged in a lot of malfeasance in terms of their intelligence capability, including exaggerating the terrorism threat at the border. Representative Schiff said that they need to treat migrants with respect, dignity, and humanity and strongly supports an overhaul of the system. He will fight for the resumption of \$600 a week unemployment payment. This is a predicament facing millions of families around the country. He feels it's unconscionable of Mitch McConnell and other GOP colleagues to say that they can bail out corporations and not families.

Andrew Chadsey noted that every day they are losing small businesses. He feels he is watching the city die and the small business community just go away. He was hoping something could be done based on rent and square footage that cannot be used.

Representative Schiff noted that the funds haven't been terribly effective. He has been supporting from the beginning the practice of guaranteeing 80 to 90 percent of people's paychecks in France, Germany, etc. There have been very small increases in unemployment in those countries. US unemployment has quadrupled, but in Germany it rose tenths of percentages. If the US does have a new package, he hopes it has another infusion of resources for small businesses.

Matt Wait asked the representative if he supports federal legislation to issue nationwide rent forgiveness. Representative Schiff explained they included 100 billion for rental assistance to and 11 billion for the homeless. It also helps the mom and pop landlords. He thinks they need a comprehensive plan that addresses the homeless population, addresses renters, and addresses people at risk of foreclosure until they get past the economic aftereffects of the pandemic. Past recessions show that an austerity philosophy prolongs the economic misery.

Ryan Snyder agreed austerity has not helped in all the great recessions and depressions.

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

Rachel Fox, field representative for Councilmember David Ryu, said parking restrictions were still relaxed. The speed hump program been postponed because of budget concerns. There's been confusion about new state legislation affecting ordinances about renter protections. The state attorney general has a helpful FAQ, and the councilmember will be holding a telephone town hall about renter protections. The city and county have partnered with Citizen Safepass app for contact tracing. It sends alerts from public health if you may have become exposed.

Sheila Irani asked about new parking lots for safe parking in CD4. Ms. Fox said they are still moving forward with the Sherman Oaks/Oxnard site and are considering the Silverlake Community Church on Hyperion.

Erin Penner asked about homeless encampments, and Ms. Fox said city council discussed rapid rehousing and how much money to allocate. They had extensive conversations about benchmarking and putting in \$93 million as they are seeing Project Room Key sites come offline. They are trying to secure as much housing as possible and making sure the trailers and the rec centers can function as temporary Project Room Key sites.

Brandi D'Amore asked if the relocation of the encampments under the underpass is Caltrans' responsibility. Ms. Fox explained that is part of a lawsuit that Judge Carter is overseeing, and the injunction he issued is for the city and county to relocate and house the people who live within 500 feet of a freeway. It is the city's responsibility when it falls within the city. It will be a joint effort because the city has agreed to identify the housing and the county has agreed to work with them for the services that go with it.

Stakeholder Schelley Kiah said that Judge Carter's ruling was supposed to take place in December. Ms. Fox said that their office is trying to figure out when the removal is supposed to take place. The judge ordered everyone back this week for a status conference update.

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell field deputy Sean Starkey explained that the council passed a resolution for the renaming of city-owned things or removal of things and produced a new procedure where there was not one before. The councilmember introduced a motion to develop an emergency eviction defense program under HCID and allocate \$8 million. All three major garages in Hollywood also now have digital parking signs and are trying to make them more visible. Hollywood doesn't have a lack of parking; stakeholders just don't know where to find it. They put in a left turn arrow at all points in Western and Franklin and are working on a full signal at DeLongpre and Western.

Ms. Irani asked what was happening with the 1st Presbyterian Church regarding safe parking, and Mr. Starkey said it is still in progress. In addition, the Rotan Hotel is still moving forward. Also, all of their safe parking is not at capacity.

LAPD Officer Heather Mata said that crime stats north of Franklin are less than last year, except for a rise in grand theft autos and mail theft. A lot of the autos being stolen have had the key fobs left in the cars, unlocked. Mail theft has been on the rise partly due to COVID. She gave her email address, 40988@lapd.online, and said she will make sure any reports get to appropriate detectives. She added that they have seen a dramatic decline in party house activity. Chief Moore has supported an aggressive stance on party house enforcement. There has been a lot of enforcement and criminal filings against property holders.

Erin Penner asked if there are any updates about having a permanent SLO for south of Franklin. She asked if people should contact LAPD if businesses are not following health protocols/mandates. Officer Mata said that she does not know when they will be getting a

permanent SLO, it depends on budgets. Command staff is pushing for it. LAPD is focusing more on public safety issues than mask enforcement.

Andrew Chadsey appreciated the LAPD Helping people with homeless problems up Beachwood and asked if La Poubelle was shut down by the LAPD, and Officer Mata said it was not.

George Skarpelos wanted to reiterate Ms. Penner's point, saying it is important that HUNC's area has a permanent SLO because their issues are so specific and so different.

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

Ryan Snyder said he will be taking a job that will require him to resign from the board. This is likely his last meeting and it's been great serving with everyone. George Skarpelos said that Mr. Snyder said he will be a resource for HUNC, and certainly he can push for improvements such as the Argyle and Yucca triangle.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

George Skarpelos said, in response to things that happened at a previous board meeting, board members cannot ask what a person's political affiliation is, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation. If they do ask that it'll be considered a violation of the code of conduct and they will be up for possible censure. It is not acceptable, and they should never allow. He is a little disappointed that the board member that did it is not here, but it is clearly in the minutes.

In addition, since these meetings are virtual, and they are at their houses, it is often easy to think of it not as a meeting but as a get-together. However, this is an official meeting and they have to treat it as one. Board members should not drink or consume intoxicants or even have the appearance of consuming intoxicants. It only undermines the board's credibility and as such will also be considered a violation of the code of conduct. He is surprised he has to say this, but they can all wait until the end of the meeting.

Stakeholder Alex F asked what the consequences are should they continue to violate this code of conduct. Mr. Skarpelos explained that the first would be censure, and there are new rules from DONE about how to do that. Three members would have to request censure, give the board member 30 days to consider the censure, then they would bring it up at a board meeting. After censure, if the code of conduct is violated again, they could remove the board member using the same criteria. All removal of a board member has to have censure first before removal happens.

Mr. Skarpelos added that they did migrate the website over to Bluehost, it looks great, and Matt Wait is working to get them all myhunc.org emails. Ms. D'Amore said that she got a link from Google and asked if that was part of the process. Mr. Wait confirmed this, saying everyone should have gotten an email inviting them to set up their myhunc.org email. He encourages everyone to do what he did, he now has all his emails from hunc.com forwarding to that new inbox. Some board members have not received the initial email.

Erin Penner said that the possibility had been raised of having subcommittee meetings in the annex, saying that even if it were allowed, they do not feel safe enough. They would have to disinfect and clean it every time, so they are waiting until the new year to consider it.

B) Discussion and possible motion to appoint Fouzia Burfield as the new Geographic Area 4 representative

Brandi D'Amore noted that if Ms. Burfield is confirmed she will have to run for that seat in March of next year.

Motion Made: Motion to appoint Fouzia Burfield as the new Geographic Area 4 representative

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

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Tom Meredith

Abstain

Matt Wait

C) Discussion and possible motion to appoint Marshall Cobb as the youth representative

Mr. Cobb introduced himself, saying he has lived on Arrowhead Drive for about 3-4 years. A couple issues in the community that have his interest are improving COVID-19 regulations as well as working to improve homelessness issues.

Brandi D'Amore asked what Mr. Cobb's passion was, and what he was hoping to achieve on the board. He said he wants to get more involved and that he has a passion for working with people to come up with solutions related to the community. Ms. D'Amore asked how he planned on bringing more youths into the NC process, and he thought they just needed to raise more awareness of it.

Erin Penner asked if he had done any volunteering in the area, and Mr. Cobb said he has worked with Food Forward and about a year ago with his school went to Mexico to build homes, so he has a little bit of volunteer experience.

Motion Made: Motion to appoint Marshall Cobb as the youth representative

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

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D) Discussion and review of applicants for the Renters Area C rep seat

George Skarpelos said that Robert Morrison, Deborah Brosseau, Steve Gratwick, and Rosalind Helfland applying for the open seat. He clarified that the board will need to vote since they have multiple people running for one open seat, and that it is a majority vote.

Robert Morrison introduced himself, saying that he ran for this seat a few years ago. He has worked in Hollywood for the last 10 years and been a resident of Franklin Village for the last 7. The work he does is related to homeless services, housing, and outreach, so he thinks he will bring an interesting perspective to renters' issues on the council, and he is excited to be considered and contribute.

Erin Penner said she appreciated Mr. Morrison's work with the homeless community. Brandi D'Amore wondered why Mr. Morrison has not been at Renters Committee meetings. Mr. Morrison said that it is something he wants to make a priority. He is refocusing his efforts now. Mr. Skarpelos added that Mr. Morrison was the first person who was interested in the seat and approached him before he sent it out. Matt Wait said Mr. Morrison has an impressive background on issues with people experiencing homelessness. He wondered if Mr. Morrison had an opinion about that CARE and CARE Plus sweeps. Mr. Morrison said some of these sweeps with appropriate services can move people into a path to get housing, but in his opinion it's not the best way to move to a permanent solution.

Deborah Brosseau introduced herself, saying she has lived in Hollywood for 20 years, and the last 10 have been in the Hollywood Dell. She is a communications consultant and audience developer working with independent creators and small business owners. She is also a crisis and addiction counselor. Even in this multi-crisis period she feels hopeful about Hollywood's future. She knows she has a lot to learn, and she is eager to do that, up for the challenge and excited about an opportunity to be of service. Mr. Skarpelos added that like Mr. Morrison, she has been looking to work with HUNC for a while.

Ms. D'Amore asked why she hasn't participated in committees, and Ms. Brosseau said that she does not like making commitments she is not sure she can keep. She does a lot of volunteer work. This was the time for her to get involved here and if she is not appointed for this seat, she will be involved with committees.

Mr. Skarpelos clarified that Ms. Helfland and Mr. Gratwick were not present, but he wanted to go over their applications.

Mr. Meredith noted that all candidates would have to run for election in the seat come March 16.

The vote was taken, and there were 8 votes for Mr. Morrison, 5 votes for Ms. Brosseau. Mr. Morrison was elected.

1. Discussion and possible motion to approve the winner of the board vote for the Renters Area C rep seat

Motion Made: Motion to approve Robert Morrison as the Renters Area C rep

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Erin Penner **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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| Susan Swan | Tom Meredith | | | | |

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

E) Discussion of HUNC election strategies and calendar for 2021

Tom Meredith said that he just attended his first virtual meeting on the election process for the NC's this year. It will all be vote by

mail, and they have a longer candidate filing period this time. There's going to be a new candidate portal that is going to be very robust and informative. Elections start across the regions; Filing begins November 13, and elections will be on March 16. He would like a co-chair to assist him or other committee members who aren't up for election in 2021. Mr. Skarpelos asked if anyone was interested in helping, and Michael Connolly volunteered to be co-chair.

1. Discuss and vote to approve co-chairs for 2021 Elections. Tom Meredith was approved at Executive Committee. Tom would like to solicit a co-chair and other committee members from HUNC Board members with availability and who are NOT up for re-election in 2021.

Michael Connolly selected as co-chair

Motion Made: Motion to approve Tom Meredith and Michael Connolly as co-chairs for the Ad Hoc Elections committee

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Margaret Marmolejo **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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- F) Discussion and possible motion to cosponsor a candidate forum for the CD 4 Council seat

George Skarpelos said that they have had numerous discussions with other NCs and homeowner associations for an October 2 Forum. Mr. Skarpelos explained that the forum will be held virtually on Zoom. The League of Women Voters will manage it.

Mr. Skarpelos said doing it with all NCs in the valley has their own kind of issues, so it was limited to a Hillside NCs. Sheila Irani added that other areas are having their own forums and debates. Mr. Skarpelos said because there's NC involvement they set up a page, promote it, and submit questions ahead of time to through that portal. It is the best way they can do it without causing complications with the Brown Act.

Erin Penner wanted to know if it would be similar to the last forum, if they will put out a survey,. Mr. Skarpelos said that they can only have so many questions; they were thinking of limiting the forum to 90 minutes, and he said Adrienne Alpert from ABC7 will be the moderator.

Ms. D'Amore asked if the candidates are going to be in one place socially distant and that's filmed, or if they are going to be in separate locations? Mr. Skarpelos confirmed that the candidates would be in separate locations.

Motion Made: Motion to cosponsor a candidate forum for the CD 4 Council seat

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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1. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$500 for promotion and logistical costs of a candidate forum for the CD 4 Council seat

Mr. Skarpelos said that it will probably go to social media posting, maybe some flyers, but they don't have to pay for the space or for food.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$500 for promotion and logistical costs of a candidate forum for the CD 4 Council seat

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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- G) Discussion of possible HUNC retreat for October to cover issues and goals, especially in light of the pandemic

George Skarpelos said that perhaps they could all get together and conceivably talk about NC goals. The truth is, these are unprecedented times and even though they have been thinking about it, it might be nice to get together and talk about how they as an NC can work together, what their goals can be, and ways that they can do outreach. He asked if there was any consensus about doing it on the weekend or a weekday. Erin Penner said that she would prefer the weekend like before. And they did say it should be more of an orientation than a retreat. Mr. Skarpelos thought that they should do it sometime in October before or after the next board meeting on the weekend. He will send out a doodle and it is incumbent on everyone to respond.

H) Discussion and update on upcoming Department of Neighborhood Empowerment virtual events

1. Congress of Neighborhoods – Saturday, September 26 - 9:00am to 12:00pm
RSVP: <https://www.NCCongressLA.com>

Tom Meredith explained that what they used to incorporate in the retreat is what they called “training”. He has heard other board members asking where they get training and learn stuff, and for their newly assigned board members, there’s a whole series of stuff that DONE is providing for them and it’s coming up shortly. First is the Congress of Neighborhoods, which is an event that used to take place in person at city hall. Now it’s over Zoom and is a compilation of various workshops.

2. EmpowerLA Website Redesign Workshop – Tuesday, September 29 – 6:00pm to 9:00pm. RSVP and Survey:
<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/89b7e03aaf254440b5a1ce54e3634a3f>

3. Empowering Neighborhood Voices with Digital Content – Wednesday, September 30 – 5:00pm to 6:00pm. RSVP:
<https://forms.gle/btgv2d8qJmJixJfE7>

4. NC Homelessness Liaisons Meeting – Wednesday, September 30 – 6:30pm – 8:00pm
RSVP and Survey: <https://forms.gle/4W6XXkqpYF42JQJi7>

Tom Meredith asked if they have a Homelessness Liaison, and George Skarpelos confirmed that they did, Erin Penner.

5. Census 2020 due September 30 by:
CALLING*: English 844-330-2020
Spanish: 844-468-2020
MAIL, and ONLINE: <https://my2020census.gov/> *
*More languages available online
More LA City Census Resources: <https://census.lacity.org/>

Tom Meredith said that if they do not complete the census, funds and allocations will go to other communities, not to mention congressional representation. If they undercount, it’s only a disservice to them. Brandi D’Amore added that there are several COVID testing spots now also offering census completion.

8. PLUM Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

No report.

- B) Project: 5507 Hollywood Blvd. Discussion and motion. The proposed project would remodel 1500 sq. ft. of the existing interior of the Petco Store, to add a Vet. clinic. Vet clinic services include pet exams, vaccinations, minor same day surgeries, x-rays. No overnight stays of animals, no exterior kennels.

a. Action(s) Requested: Change of use for 1,546 sq. ft. of interior Petco Retail/Commercial space, to Commercial/Vet Clinic use.

Jim Van Dusen explained the proposed project: a Petco at Western and Hollywood is remodeling 1500 sq feet to add a vet clinic. The clinic will be run by a licensed veterinarian, and they are not changing the exterior. Matt M, project rep, noted the store had been there for five years about, and the vet would be subcontracted to a different organization.

Motion Made: Motion to approve the change of use for 1,546 sq. ft. of interior Petco Retail/Commercial space, to Commercial/Vet Clinic use.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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- C) Project: 1959 Vista Del Mar Avenue. Limited off-sale alcohol license application. Review and possible motion to send letter to ABC to support or deny the request of 1959 Vista Del Mar, 90068 dba Maison de la Muse for limited off-sale alcohol license in an RD1.5-1XL and ZI-2427 Freeway Adjacent Zone.

Jim Van Dusen explained that the project consisted of individuals creating a set up out of their apartment to sell ecologically oriented organic wine. It would be all internet-based, and the only activity would be wine would be stored in a garage behind the building they're living in in a gated area. There would be no public access, no serving alcohol. LAPD Officer White had examined the area and voted to approve the project.

Willa Bachman, project rep, said she had nothing to add.

Motion Made: Motion to send letter to ABC to support the request of 1959 Vista Del Mar, 90068 dba Maison de la Muse for limited off-sale alcohol license in an RD1.5-1XL and ZI-2427 Freeway Adjacent Zone.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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- D) Project: 1756, 1760 N. Argyle Ave., 6210-6224 W. Yucca St, and 1765, 1771, 1777 and 1779 N. Vista Del Mar Avenue (The Champion Construction Project). Discussion and motion for City Planning Commission Hearing scheduled September 24, 2020 (portions of final EIR attached). Website where the Final EIR is located (published on August 7, 2020) <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/6220-yucca-project-1>

Proposed motion for discussion:

The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) has reviewed the final EIR and approves/disapproves the Modified Alternative 2 with the following conditions listed by the comments referenced in the final EIR under "Responses to Comments for ORG-3" (it should be noted for the record that due to the extraordinarily short period of time between the issuance of the final EIR and the hearing date that HUNC's review of the final EIR has had to be cursory at best):

1. Comment No. Org 3A-2 and 3B-1: HUNC disagrees with the responses regarding time extension as it is contrary to the City's prior practices whereby it has normally granted extensions for extenuating circumstances.
2. Response to Comment No. ORG 3B-5: HUNC requests public hearings for any restaurant and alcohol approval that go through the Plan Approval Process.
3. Response to Comment No. Org 3B-6: HUNC's position is the level of service or driver delay (LOS) should be considered as well as vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and that the traffic plans are incomplete and inaccurate as a result.
4. Response to Comment No. ORG 3B-7: HUNC's position is that bicycle facilities will not address the parking needs of employees in the project as the rents in the area are more than the employees will be able to afford and they will be commuting from other parts of the city by car.
5. Response to Comment No. ORG 3B-9: HUNC's position is that complete earthquake analysis is still needed, especially in light of the recent Hollywood Fault Line analyses by the California Geological Survey.

Jim Van Dusen explained that they were calling this project the Champion Construction Project. They had scheduled a board meeting to go over this, but they did not have quorum. In the process of this final EIR, alternative 8 was presented, which was not discussed initially. The initial project was a two-building project with a small pocket park on Yucca. The total project increased the number of rooms. The old project was going to be 136 hotel rooms and 210 multifamily apartments, with 17 very low income. The new proposal increases the number of units to 269 units without a hotel component while keeping very low income units. They were now also keeping some of the houses they were going to tear down. He also wanted people to know what they were up against in terms of asking for extensions. He explained that he wanted it on record that they had requested certain things including hearing extensions and been denied by the city. He explained each one of the components of the motion.

Brandi D'Amore said that she disagrees with Mr. Van Dusen on this in that that property has all the same problems that the Millennium project does. It's on a fault line, it wants the same type of height, which is inappropriate, they didn't even include a seismic report. The report didn't include how they are going to protect the current tenants.

Stakeholder with phone number ending 990 said the earthquake fault line issue is not just the state geological survey, it's a government survey, and the city is choosing to ignore it.

Ms. D'Amore added that there is no indication of accountability for how they are handing out the affordable housing.

Matt Wait said that he found the minutes from when the developers last presented to the HUNC board another version of the project. They were on record saying they would like Councilmember O'Farrell to work with Champion to develop the project as a multifamily building so current tenants can live there with no change in rent or renters' rights. HUNC requested the city to subsidize the difference in rents.

Mr. Van Dusen, reading the Draft EIR, said that HUNC had agreed to go beyond the law's requirements to take care of their existing tenants. They made that point on record, and Champion appears to have honored that as far as they know. He said that they can be in opposition to something or they can be supportive to a point but condition the heck out of it to make their points clear, and reminded board members not to confuse it with the Hollywood Center Project.

Mr. Saldivar acknowledged the issue was complicated and said he and the other tenants there have been waiting for the developer's right of return plan and they still haven't seen anything. He said there are four fault lines going through the property, and to build a 30-story tower there doesn't sound right to him. He thinks the developer's trying to do something somewhat noble with the RSO component and all that, but at the end of the day they have not done what they said they were going to. Otherwise, they've been buying out tenants, and have been discriminating, giving some tenants more than others. He thinks this project is out of proportion for this area.

Mr. Skarpelos said that they can make a motion to deny this based on the fact that they have not been compliant with their side of the bargain and providing alternative housing opportunities. Mr. Van Dusen said that they have to be careful about the right of return, it's right there that they have agreed to pay for that. The only issue is would they pay for the moving out and the moving back.

Mr. Van Dusen said if they want to deny the project because they don't think the tenants are being treated fairly, they can. And he is okay with also doing it because of the earthquake issues.

Tom Meredith said enough is enough. The developer has not delivered on treatment of the current residents and they're not recognizing the state geological survey. Some of the board have been around here since the Northridge and Whittier earthquakes and to have this wholesale denial and dismissal irks him.

Stakeholder 563 definitely agreed that this should be scuttled because they have had projects taken out of the area for geological reasons.

Stakeholder Susan said that the buildings being taken down are 1930's-built, beautiful old Hollywood apartment buildings that are charming. She thinks that matters too.

Mr. Skarpelos said that based on how the developers were not transparent and did not come back to HUNC about how they would do the relocation of tenants, and especially because of the issue regarding earthquakes, they as a board could vote to deny this project. Mr. Van Dusen clarified that the motion should include "because of a lack of clarity about the circumstances of relocation". Mr. Skarpelos modified it to "and continuing questions regarding the relocation and their lack of transparency in executing their plan."

Motion Made: The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council cannot approve or support this project position for the following reasons:

- 1. A complete earthquake analysis is still needed, especially in light of the recent Hollywood Fault Line analyses by the California Geological Survey.*
- 2. There has been a lack of clarity and transparency regarding the developer's promises to provide rehousing of current tenants and their relocation adjustments as they had promised at a prior meeting.*

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

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Recuse

Luis Saldivar Ryan Snyder

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb Robert Morrison

- E) Project: Hollywood Center Project. Discussion and motion regarding the project. Final EIR responses to HUNC draft EIR requests and summary of Alternative 8 attached. Final EIR for the Hollywood Center Project was issued September 3, 2020 and is available on the City's website at the following location: <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/hollywood-center-project-2>.

Jim Van Dusen explained that the HCP hearing was last week, and George Skarpelos added that they held the planning determination hearing before the EIR was even out in final form. Mr. Van Dusen explained that the EIR is now out and there is a new alternative 8. Mr. Van Dusen read over the points of his proposed motion and the significant issues that need to be resolved before HUNC can approve or support the project.

Stakeholder Schelley Kiah said they are totally against this project. Hollywood is a community with churches and libraries and families. 1 million sq ft of commercial space on 4 acres of land does not fit here. Especially since those 4 acres have been confirmed by reputable geological surveys to be on multiple fault lines. Their infrastructure is old, emergency service response times are down, and all of this is coming from Millennium developers who brought them the leaning tower of San Francisco.

Stakeholder 990 said the city allowed the developers to submit a substandard EIR which didn't have any specifics in there, and now they're dumping this alternative thing that's not in the EIR. He thinks it is probably the most corrupt project to hit this city.

Stakeholder 563 thanked the board for all the work they did on the first EIR draft. They said that even a child could clearly see the developers were digging a trench between the fault traces. They have the city behind them because this is a case judgment for the rest of development. The metro stop is right there. It's able to make 2 billion dollars in projects because the cap park did not go out to bid. They asked the board to do everything they can to keep shining the light on the project.

Stakeholder Jeff McDonough said that this project was shot down years ago due to the infrastructure and traffic disaster it would create. They're distracting the stakeholders with senior housing and they've just changed their name and marketing tactic. Building on 4 earthquake faults means a more accurate description is future dead senior housing.

Stakeholder Susan Craig Winsberg said the vibration and construction is going to terribly affect Capital Records and her recording. She thinks there's nothing good about this project at all.

Stakeholder 563 added that it's basically a done deal as part of the new accelerated process. It doesn't have to go before PLUM, before city council. If it's appealed, it'll go through city PLUM and city council. The lawsuit has to be completed within 90 days.

Stakeholder Kay Tornborg wanted to go back to alternative 8, she wonders about it because this paragraph is a little unclear. Under the new alternative 8, all the senior units will get dramatically shrunk, and all the 2 bedroom units from the original project will be axed.

Ms. D'Amore said Alternative 8 was provided at the very last minute so it's presenting the city one item repeatedly. There's a huge difference between what they told the board was going to happen and alternative 8. Mr. Skarpelos screenshared the comparison and noted that they increased the commercial floor area from 30,000 about to 400,000.

Matt Wait wanted to draw attention to the number of parking spaces, it goes up by nearly 1000 even though there are fewer residences there. A lot of people have expressed concern about the traffic this will cause. His personal concern is continuing to feed LA's insatiable appetite for car transit and the effect it has on their climate.

Susan Swan thinks this comes down to the city's relentless push to construct. Lives are at risk. And those lawsuits going on in San Francisco, they will be paying for those. She thinks they should say no to this and stress the earthquake component.

Ms. D'Amore wanted to add that they need to clarify the income levels that they need to maintain the income level they promised for the seniors. Mr. Skarpelos suggested adding HUNC requests that the qualifying income of eligible seniors retain the original levels in the DEIR.

Michael Connolly said, to Matt's point, 100% the city is tone-deaf on every issue they say they stand for in this state, based on this call and zoom, the constituents in this area are vehemently opposed to this project in every way.

Stakeholder 990 said, regarding the thing about the rent issue, the alternative is different than what they proposed.

Mr. Skarpelos suggested they include language about multiple earthquake faults.

Motion Made: The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) is concerned that the project approval has been rushed through with little time to adequately review the final Environmental Impact Report as well as the Determination Letter issued by the Planning Department on September 14, 2020. There are significant issues that need to be resolved and until they are resolved, HUNC cannot approve or support this project. Specifically:

1. The buildings of this very large project built on top of multiple existing earthquake faults is a significant danger and requires compliance with the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act.

2. HUNC restates their request for a time extension to review the Final EIR and their extreme concern at how this final approval has been rushed through by the City Planning Department with reduced opportunity for public study and comment.

3. HUNC requests an extension of time of 30 days from the Planning Commission scheduled hearing date (October 15, 2020) to be granted to adequately review the final EIR.

4. The planning documents offer no explanation of Alternative 8's senior housing realignment. It does state there will be 133 units, but the project is now 3 buildings and the senior housing from the original plan was two buildings for senior housing at 11 stories per building. It would appear that the senior housing square footage per unit has decreased significantly as the total building space has decreased from a total of 22 stories to 17 stories and the size per unit has apparently therefore decreased by 23%. One analysis the average square footage per unit in the Draft EIR at 932 square feet with the new size to average 612 square feet. This is significant difference and could severely affect the quality of life for the senior citizens.

5. HUNC's considers the concerns stated in it's May 30, 2020 response to the DEIR as still significant and we have attached the response to this letter for review at the October 15, 2020 City Planning Commission meeting.

6. HUNC requests that the qualifying income of eligible seniors retain the initial levels as noted in the DEIR.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen

Second: Susan Swan

Vote: Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-2, Ineligible-2

Yes

Brandi D'Amore

Erin Penner

Fouzia Burfield

George Skarpelos

Jim Van Dusen

Matt Wait

Michael Connolly

Sheila Irani

Susan Swan

Tom Meredith

Recuse

Luis Saldivar

Ryan Snyder

Ineligible

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9. Outreach Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

There was no meeting because of Labor Day.

10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Erin Penner said that they just went over the recent trash and dumpster fires and tree fires, but nothing's happened for months. Officer Talman gave a brief update on if anyone knows the transgender community and said that the actions that happened on Hollywood Blvd are still being investigated. They also discussed concerns in the area with mask wearing compliance and social distancing in the Franklin Village block. La Poubelle was shut down for a week and changed the distance of tables.

B) Recap of this past week's Police Commission Advisory Committee Meeting on Police Reform

Brandi D'Amore explained CPAB had a rep from Homeboy Industries, an LGBTQ rep who spoke with the 3 commissioners on ways they think reform needs to be done. It was a positive start that addressed ways funding needs to be moved. They are going to have another one because a lot of people participated but they couldn't get the intended panelists to show up.

11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Sheila Irani said the towels they paid for have been distributed to the Hollywood Food Coalition. The showers have received their funding, the laundry vouchers received theirs. Out of \$500, \$410 has been reimbursed so the majority of those vouchers were returned and the other 90 will go out this month. And the people they funded to feed Covenant House last year will come back to request more funding.

12. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Jeff Ramberg said there is not much to note. The main things would just be the two CIS's from last committee meeting.

B) Discussion and possible motion on Council File 20-0838. Permanent Slow Streets Network / Commuter Traffic Reduction / Pilot Program. https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0838_mot_06-24-2020.pdf Introduced 6/24/2020. Motion by David Ryu, seconded by Mitch O'Farrell. Report on the feasibility of developing a permanent network of slow streets

Jeff Ramberg said that this is a motion to make the Slow Streets program permanent. it is not a hard closure to traffic, more a soft closure, making streets local traffic only to try to open up the streets to a more pedestrian friendly experience.

Brandi D'Amore said it brings up the issue of whether or not streets are available to everybody. Slow Streets reserves the streets for local access, which means it has the potential to affect businesses quite a bit.

Sheila Irani said she saw the slow streets in Los Feliz, and nobody was walking in them. She asked if the idea was actually working, saying that in the beginning she understands it was about promoting social distancing.

Ms. D'Amore said that it is not great for LA, since people don't walk in LA. It might work better in some of the inner city areas without green space.

Erin Penner said that in the past few years they have had stakeholders and board members getting upset about the amount of people in their hillside streets, and this is a deterrent. It says local traffic only, it doesn't say "Don't come down here".

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil said that when it first came up and she was reading about it, they applied. They want to be able to have the elderly be able to walk outside and not get hit. They did not qualify for it for a number of reasons. Nobody listens to these signs, it's not working.

Ms. D'Amore said the current way they are doing it does not match the model of other cities that are using it by virtue that other cities are small pedestrian based.

Mr. Skarpelos clarified that the motion and CIS is about studying the feasibility of slow streets. Mr. Ramberg said because it was a study, the committee's determination was to approve.

Mr. Skarpelos said they should know if this is a feasible thing, and hopefully the study will identify where it works.

Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0838. Permanent Slow Streets Network / Commuter Traffic Reduction / Pilot Program

Motion: Tom Meredith **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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Brandi D'Amore

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C) Discussion and possible motion on Council File 20-0723. City Bike Paths / Automatic Non-Button Crosswalk Signal Conversion. https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0723_mot_06-09-2020.pdf Introduced 6/10/2020. Motion by Bob Blumenfield. Second by Paul Krekorian. Motion to have the Department of Transportation implement permanent automatic pedestrian cross signals for the city's bike paths, especially along the Orange (G) and Expo (E) Lines.

Jeff Ramberg explained that this is a do-something CIS: when COVID first hit the city reprogrammed most of the city's traffic lights to have the pedestrian crosswalks go automatically, which was a thing in Downtown and Hollywood. But what they did not do was apply that to the city's bikeways, so this is a motion to have the DOT apply the automatic crosswalks to the city bikeways.

Erin Penner asked if they know if it is temporary to do those pedestrian automatic crosswalks? She says they are so convenient,

and Mr. Ramberg said that it is subjective based on intersection, no end date.

Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0723. City Bike Paths / Automatic Non-Button Crosswalk Signal Conversion

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Erin Penner **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

George Skarpelos displayed the finished mural with HUNC logo. Sheila Irani explained that the anti-graffiti coating will go in this week, as well as the mailbox with chalk. Sofie Pleshette did it, she's a local artist who lives in the Dell. The mural is in Bronson park.

Michael Connolly said they have heard from Corita Kent foundation and Nellie Scott who runs that organization. For him there's a true north to do murals in the area working with the Corita Kent murals. He thinks the wall on Franklin into Los Feliz on Western right by Immaculate Heart, is something to start with.

14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

There was no meeting.

15. Finance

A) Report by the Treasurer

Sheila Irani explained the MERS for August. Because they discussed this last time, the \$4000 raised in community cleanups is still in their bank account. It is still available, not included in these totals.

B) Discussion of current fiscal year budget and possible motion for adjustment

Tabled

C) Discussion and vote to approve the August Monthly Expense Report for submission

Sheila explained that they were the things pushed through in August. Mail Chimp, coffee machine, another 6 months for PO box. Bluehost is the transfer.

Motion Made: Motion to approve the August Monthly Expense Report for submission

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

Yes

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16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Sheila Irani asked Matt Wait if he can send her the 14.51 receipt for GoogleSuites.

Erin said that she has a neighbor that lives who works at Rite Aid and had no clue about Lazy Acres development and thought if it did happen, it would happen in a year.

17. Old/Ongoing Business

18. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 11:25 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.