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Welcome

6:36 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

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

Excused

Julia Eschenasy

2. Approval of Minutes

Tom votes yes, his name wasn't on the list

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Jim Van Dusen **Vote:** Yes-36, No-0, Abstain-8, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

Abstain

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Ineligible

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

Stakeholder Daniel Perez from the Central Hollywood NC wanted to quickly do his report as the rep to the budget advocates. He is going to be the point person for the Budget Advocates' LAPD working group. They will be taking the motion HUNC had as well as other NC motions and come up with working goals for citywide initiatives.

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

Josh Kurpies from Assembly member Richard Bloom's wanted to talk about the Census and encouraged everyone to sign up and fill it out. If people are having problems with EDD, they can contact Assembly member Bloom's office. They've opened a record-setting number of cases this year

Rachel Fox from Councilmember Ryu's noted that Councilmember Ryu introduced a motion to pay for people who tested positive for COVID to stay home and commit to quarantine. He introduced a motion to crack down on COVID party houses and property owners that asks for a report back from the department of Building and Safety, planning, and DWP to identify potential deterrent tools and it asks the city attorney to draft an ordinance.

Sean Starkey from Councilmember O'Farrell's office said rent relief went through a few weeks ago so hopefully everyone was able to apply that needed assistance. They are starting their business relief for CD13 for businesses of between 3 and 26 employees applying for a loan up to \$5,000 to assist. They're implementing a slow streets program in Hollywood, and Thai Town.

Ryan Snyder asked what the slow streets are in the area. Mr. Starkey said the Hollywood slow streets area has 6 streets, on Sierra Vista between Wiltern and Western, Romaine between Wiltern and Western, Barton Ave, between Western and Hobarth, and Lemon Grove and Romaine, with the southern boundary being Lemon Grove.

Mr. Starkey said he had a conversation with Hollywood First Pres senior staff and his office's policy director. The church has shown interest in leasing their lot to the city, and the city is still vetting it and determining feasibility. Also, the Rutan hotel over on Hollywood and Whitley, might be up and operational as a 60-room family shelter if everything goes as planned.

LAPD Officer Brett Cohen said that they have Officer Tim Talman filling in for Heather Mata while she's on vacation. Officer Talman can be reached at 41183@lapd.online. He stopped by a chronic party house on 6696 Lakeridge drive with Officer Talman. They did party patrol Friday and Saturday night, and issued 5 citations, none in the HUNC area. Sanitation made it out to Gower and the 101 and they did do a cleanup. He explained the LAPD's enforcement strategy regarding the mayor's order for utility shutoff. How it works on their end is they will initially cite for whatever violation they observe. They will then post a warning at the entrance to give the property owners 30 minutes to vacate and comply. If they fail to do that, they post a final notice of failure to comply. The police collect their info, write the citation, and send it to the Deputy Mayor to have DWP handle that.

George Skarpelos asked what the timeframe is once they've issued the second citation for power to be shut off, and Officer Cohen said that they are still unsure, but it will probably be done within 24-48 hours.

5. Community Updates

A) Report by the Youth Representative

No Report

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

Sheila Irani said that she submitted Marshall Cobb's paragraph of interest in the youth representative position. He will be considered in September. Regarding the Independent Shakespeare Company, she reminded the board that they donated money to them, so they should watch the show.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

George Skarpelos said that Shakespeare in the Park asked HUNC to put together a video to stream at the start of their performance and asked the board to send ideas or let him know if they want to work on it. Secondly, he was interviewed by KTLA about the party houses, and he emphasized it's not just about the party goers, but also the property owners. If there is no impact on their pocketbook or their conveniences, there's going to be no impact on this situation.

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

George Skarpelos said that Theresa Gio moved here from Pacifica, California, and she is interested in transportation and helping the community.

Theresa Gio introduced herself, saying she's been in the area for just over a year now and has gotten her bearings. She explained her background and her desire to help make alternative transportation more prominent. She graduated from UCLA with a degree

in Political Science but is from the bay area and works at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

Coyote Shivers asked if she was affiliated formally with any political affiliations or any grassroots activists in town here, and Ms. Gio said that she was not.

Motion Made: Motion to appoint Theresa Gio as a stakeholder member to the Transportation and Works Committee

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-16, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve the move the website hosting from GoDaddy to Bluehost.

George Skarpelos noted problems they have been having with GoDaddy and their support team, as well as the advantages Bluehost has in terms of price and customer service.

Motion Made: Motion to approve the move the website hosting from GoDaddy to Bluehost.

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-16, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$750 for website expenses including but not limited to plugin upgrades, website migration and added plugin functionality

George Skarpelos explained that there are a number of features that should be added to the website, including plugin upgrades for things like PDF support. He clarified that the \$750 is in addition to the previously approved Bluehost monthly fees, and that since it is going to be a very important part of what they'll do for the next 6 to 12 months, it's important they have a really functional website.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$750 for website expenses including but not limited to plugin upgrades, website migration and added plugin functionality

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Ryan Snyder
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith			

Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy Margaret Marmolejo

8. PLUM Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) Discussion and possible motion to send a letter to Planning Department to verify variance request withdrawal and request to be notified if variances are again requested for Project: 2208 Willetta Street, SFD remodel and additions. Continuation of prior hearing. Variance Requests:

1. To allow the reduced side yard of 3.87;
2. To allow increased lot coverage (with additions of 978 sq. ft.) to 2,990.12 sq. ft. on a 5,645 sq. ft. lot
3. To allow a covered patio of 169.35 sq. ft. built prior to 8/1/2010 to become habitable.

Jim Van Dusen explained that this project has come before the board before, then they went back to do more work, and came before PLUM again last week. They sent an email saying they are withdrawing their variances and would not be attending the hearing. This motion is to send a letter to Planning to let them know they have been advised of that. They do not have anything official from the city yet, so this is also to advise HUNC if they do ask for variances.

Motion Made: Motion to send a letter to Planning Department to verify variance request withdrawal and request to be notified if

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Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-16, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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Ineligible

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- C) Discussion and possible motion re: 1823-1863 North Western Avenue (Lazy Acres): Matter remanded to HUNC for a Hearing per ZA's instructions for HUNC to re-hear items not previously addressed in the HUNC PLUM hearings. Proposed letter:

The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) at the request of the Zoning Administrator (ZA) scheduled a hearing for public input to review items brought up at the ZA's hearing on July 28, 2020 that were not reviewed by HUNC at the prior HUNC meeting. Although specific items were not stated by the ZA, the items reviewed by HUNC included:

1. A restaurant in the project with the ability to sell alcohol (the Restaurant).
2. A RSO apartment unit that exists on the property (RSO).
3. The applicant's request for a CEQA Exemption (CEQA).

HUNC on December 13, 2019 submitted their motion approving this project http://hollywoodunitednc.org/20190930_Final_Motion_for_1841_N_Western_Ave.pdf. This was rescheduled before the HUNC Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee on August 7, 2020 with about 40 attendees from the public. The discussions were as follows:

1. The Restaurant: The applicant stated that alcohol was not going to be served and had not been requested to be served. There was no public objection to the restaurant.
2. RSO: The applicant stated that this is a non-conforming RSO unit and that they had followed all requirements to demolish the unit. The tenants and surrounding neighbors stated their support of this due to the poor state of the surroundings and the fact that the tenants were treated properly. It is important to note that HUNC is on record as supporting all efforts to retain and expand RSO units in Hollywood.
3. CEQA: There was extensive discussion and public input. All parties agreed that this is a good project and one the community supports. The input:
 - A. The dry cleaner's potential environmental hazard. The applicant stated that they have a letter from the LA Fire Department stating that no further action was required.
 - B. To look into the potential historic significance of the building the dry cleaner occupies. It was stated that the dry cleaner building was an art studio from 1960-1968 for an artist who produced significant artwork. The building does not currently enjoy historical designation. The dry cleaner apparently has occupied that site since 1968 and no actions have been taken to date to convert the building to an art gallery or museum.
 - C. The loss of RSO housing is a significant issue and the loss of this one unit was included in this listing as a result.

In addition, the public requested that the applicant:

1. Work with the residents behind the project to secure the wall between them as it has been a source of irritation as people jump over the fence causing concern to the residents.
2. Provide bike racks be installed at the market.
3. Work with the residents regarding mitigation measures for construction.
4. Close the store at 10pm. The applicant agreed to the hours of operation of 6am to 10pm.

Jim Van Dusen explained that HUNC has heard this project before, and it is replacing Rite Aid with a grocery store owned by Bristol Farms, HUNC approved it, the city Zoning Authority thought items came up that should be sent back to HUNC to hear. There were no specific instructions from ZA as to what items to address. The ones that got PLUM's attention boil down to the restaurant being in the project. Alcohol is not part of the request, it was part of the city's requirement to ask for the restaurant designation, but there would be no alcohol served. On this project they spent over an hour and a half on it with 40 attendees. This is well-vetted, and they had no issues with it and actually voted to accept this.

Other issues included an RSO unit behind the store and a CEQA that they were not aware of initially, so that became part of the

discussion. Quite a few folks including the tenants stated they were being taken care of properly. HUNC is on record as supporting all RSO retaining options, and PLUM wanted that to be on record. Then they got into a CEQA discussion because it was an implied issue. One was the dry cleaner's environmental hazard cleanup; the applicant was able to provide documentation from the fire department that cleared them and verified no environmental hazards. In the process it turned out that an artist had used the dry cleaner's as a studio for 9 years, and there was discussion about its possible historical designation and whether it should be reviewed under CEQA. Residents also said they did not want late hours. They agreed that 10 PM closure was a good time. The letter in the minutes is a letter Mr. Van Dusen put together and proposed to send to the city. He reminded them that this project was heard by HUNC in December and was approved. George Skarpelos shared the prior letter and motion from December.

Applicant Blake Megdal said they were excited and happy to get unanimous approval in December. They have reached an amicable and mutually beneficial agreement with the RSO tenants and gave them a voluntary cash for keys arrangement.

Mr. Megdal said that they really feel that being able to remove all the buildings and incorporate that into the Bristol Farms development will make the area so much safer. And obviously the feedback from the community is, the benefit of having a big grocer of Bristol Farms pedigree far outweigh the negatives of losing an RSO building. They are purchasing the Rite Aid parcel, and without entitlements in place, they cannot move forward with the Rite Aid.

Dale Goldsmith introduced himself as a land use attorney and explained that the bar for historical designation is very high. The building has to be closely associated with a person and the reasons why that person is of historical significance. The building has been substantially altered: 3 building fronts and the roof were replaced.

Many stakeholders expressed their interest in preserving one building that was once used as a studio by Corita Kent, well known pop artist from the 1960's. Nellie Scott, director of the Corita Art Center wished that the building reviewed by the Historic Cultural Commission under criteria 2, which includes buildings associated with lives important to the national, city, state, or local history. The history of the larger cultural movement that originated in this building has rippled out with love and hope throughout the LA community. At this time, they are simply asking that this property be reviewed properly.

Sheila Irani said that she was an Immaculate Heart grad as well, and Sister Corita Kent was not a teacher when she went there, but she was in the art program there, and the influence of her was very strong on the campus. On the other hand this building has been there for a very long time and this is the first she has heard that it was that studio.

Mr. Megdal wanted to emphasize a couple elements here: it's not just two parking spaces, they cannot move forward with the project without that space for truck circulation. That building would completely compromise the site plan.

Michael Connolly asked if the Sun Cleaners is doing the best to celebrate Corita Kent's impact anyway, and whether they can commemorate her legacy near that spot, or include her artwork in the new grocery store. Mr. Megdal said that he would be thrilled to work with the community and the trust to do that.

Mr. Connolly said he was impressed by the amount of folks coming and speaking about this, and thinks they can have their cake and eat it too. He does not know that a building is the representation of a human being, especially since it's been Sun Cleaners for as long as he can remember. If there's a way to build up and bring attention to who this woman was and her importance in LA and the World, he thinks that's a win.

Brandi D'Amore said that at the time the applicant brought it up, they didn't request a CEQA exemption.

Matt Wait said that he felt a little disappointed with the trajectory of this conversation; he thinks LA is often derided by people as soulless, and thinks part of the reason for that is the city is constantly rebuilding and remaking itself, and does not have a sense of value about its own history.

Erin Penner said that Corita Kent was a big part of Los Angeles and if it were a more recognizable artist, the discussion would be different.

Mr. Van Dusen thought that the board needs to go ahead with his proposed motion that asks for people reviewing this request to look at the historical status. The points that have been raised are in the letter already. He noted that at the PLUM hearing, they had an equal number of people speaking in favor of this project.

Ms. D'Amore noted that it doesn't cover the transportation issues.

Tom Meredith was intrigued by Mr. Megdal's offer of promoting her legacy by integrating her artwork into the project and asked how they get an agreement in writing in perpetuity, because that might be a solution.

Ryan Snyder floated a friendly amendment to Jim's motion that the city require the developer to honor her legacy by putting artwork inside and outside the building. Mr. Megdal said he would agree to that.

Stakeholder Christopher Parkinson asked, of the people doing this development, it seems a number of the board members are

going in the direction of whether they can guarantee a plaque or art and get in writing from the developers that's legally binding. Mr. Megdal confirmed that they would be willing to do that.

Mr. Connolly said that he just really thinks there is a willing developer, group of people who want to memorialize this woman, and it's more than just the spot. It would be short-sighted to stop this development because ultimately it will be developed by someone, and that someone may not be as favorable to do something in her memory and honor.

Ms. D'Amore noted it is only on HUNC to flag the issues. She is for this development, just for it following CEQA guidelines, which are the community's right.

Mr. Skarpelos added that they do say to ask the ZA to look into the potential historical significance of the dry cleaning building. What they are going to support is what so many of these other stakeholders and people who've called in want.

Mr. Megdal said that he is happy to work with Nellie in the coming weeks.

Mr. Van Dusen asked the board to adopt the letter as stated in the agenda with the addition that the applicant agreed to review putting the artist's artwork in or outside the building just to put it on record.

Mr. Skarpelos suggested adding "in collaboration with the Corita Kent Foundation". Jim agreed, and said he thinks that does it, otherwise they will lock the developer into one option, and they want their options to commemorate Kent open.

Mr. Van Dusen said that the motion is to support the letter in the agenda with the addition about celebrating in a significant way.

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5. Work with the Corita Kent Foundation to commemorate the artist and her studio in a meaningful way.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield
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Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Discussion and possible motion to send letter to Planning Department requesting postponement of hearing pending review of the final EIR (not produced as of this date): Project: 1756, 1760 N. Argyle Avenue; 6210-6224 West Yucca Street.

Jim Van Dusen said he was going to combine the next two items, saying that the Hollywood Center project has a hearing scheduled August 26, and the Champion project has a hearing set for August 19, they're both predicated on the final EIR being issued. If it is issued now, they will only have a week before the hearing. So this is to request a postponement of the hearing. Mr. Van Dusen read the proposed letter to the city asking for a 60 day extension for review and comment. Scheduling the hearings this quickly is unprecedented and a substantial issue that affects Hollywood and most of Los Angeles. HUNC is concerned with the allegations of corruption on city council in land review, and that this unprecedented quick scheduling could send the wrong message.

Mr. Saldivar wanted to note that there was a meeting last month in July with a number of seismologists and people related to that field and geology and from what he read in an article for the LA times, after that meeting, there's a conclusion that there are four faults going through this proposed project. So he wanted to make sure that that is on the record.

Motion Made: Motion to send letter to Planning Department requesting postponement of hearing pending review of the final EIR (not produced as of this date): Project: 1756, 1760 N. Argyle Avenue; 6210-6224 West Yucca Street.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-3, Recused-2, Ineligible-1

Yes

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Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith	

Abstain

Coyote Shivers	Jeff Ramberg	Matt Wait
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Recuse

Luis Saldivar	Ryan Snyder
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Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

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Motion Made: Motion to send letter to Planning Department requesting postponement of hearing pending review of the final EIR (not produced as of this date): Project: 1750 N. Vine Street (Hollywood Center Project).

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-2, Ineligible-1

Yes

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Abstain

Coyote Shivers	Jeff Ramberg
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Recuse

Luis Saldivar	Ryan Snyder
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Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

9. Outreach Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

Tom Meredith explained that the last meeting of the committee was mostly dominated by a presentation from an individual representing Cities for Peace, which advocates peace as it applies to profitability, and is involved with yoga, meditation and coffee with cops, and orchestrating to train formerly incarcerated people. They didn't get an NPG from them. Ms. Penner said that they touched on the renters' rights meeting that Matt was involved with, about outreach with stakeholders. She talked to a couple of them about how they can achieve better outreach. When it's a heated topic and people are interested, they do get a big turnout.

10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Brandi D'Amore said that a stakeholder said that all of the board members should at least be doing their best not to make fun of the mandates from the city publicly. Everything is under executive order; businesses can be cited under public health, but masks can't be enforced. Ms. Penner added that since they're an advisory board, they should be translating advice from the CDC and the city.

B) Update on recent trash and tree fires within the HUNC area

Erin Penner said that she talked to KJ from FS 82 Annex . He mentioned that LAPD does work with the Arson unit, because a lot of people noticed there were a ton of fires within 2-3 days. Dumpster and trash can fires, palm trees on fire, all within 48 hours or less. Arson does look for trends in fires in terms of timing, area, method, etc., so she got Officer Cohen in touch with the captain of 82, and he wanted the log of fires around here for the last 60 days. Then he talked to 82's captain today, and it seems like the fires have slowed down a tiny bit.

Ms. D'Amore elaborated that a suspect was arrested for the aforementioned trash and portable toilet fires, and they are trying to see if he is connected with the tree fire. Officer Talman thought it was somebody different and did contact an arbor specialist to see if the tree can be saved.

11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

No report

B) Discussion and motion to approve up to \$5,000 to fund Shower of Hope for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

George Skarpelos shared and explained the NPG. Erin Penner added that their new showers are amazing: everything is all digital, and with funding from HUNC they can provide more showers per week and more volunteers.

Tom Meredith said that he wanted to mention he thinks in the past it's been the practice of HUNC to think about current motion for a lesser amount and then reconsider it for the first of the year. This \$5,000 is about 45 percent of their NPG budget. That being said, the NPG budget can always be modified over the course of the year. He personally supports this, it can be their signature funding item like their book support for Cheremoya. Sheila Irani explained that Shower of Hope is not looking to do a second NPG for this fiscal year, this was going to be one and done.

Matt Wait echoed Mr. Meredith that he could see this as a signature funding item, and he sees it as one of the biggest benefits they provide to the neighborhood and supports the full \$5000.

Ms. Penner added that she wanted to mention this did come up in committee and they asked Mel if it would help him to split it up. But \$5,000 up front actually helps them way more. And she thinks they have to consider there's so many projects they might not be able to do and elections they might save on. This does serve such a purpose in this neighborhood.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$5,000 to fund Shower of Hope for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Motion: Sheila Irani

Second: Erin Penner

Vote: Yes-14, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Andrew Chadsey

Brandi D'Amore

Erin Penner

Fouzia Burfield

George Skarpelos

Jeff Ramberg

Jim Van Dusen

Luis Saldivar

Matt Wait

Michael Connolly

Ryan Snyder

Sheila Irani

Susan Swan

Tom Meredith

No

Coyote Shivers

Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

Margaret Marmolejo

C) Discussion and motion to approve up to \$500 for a new Social Services Resource Guide

George Skarpelos explained that this guide was spearheaded by Matt Wait who is in the process of getting it together. Mr. Wait explained the genesis of the project, as well as the information and directory of services on the guide updated following the impact of COVID.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$500 for a new Social Services Resource Guide

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-14, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

No

Coyote Shivers

Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy Margaret Marmolejo

- D) Discussion and motion to approve up to \$500 for the Hollywood Food Coalition to purchase sanitizing full body towels
Sheila Irani explained that she has been dealing with this manufacturer that is making these towels; they're doused in an 80% alcohol solution with aloe vera. She has tested them herself, they're not sticky, don't leave residue, and can be used 2-3 times and are disposable. They usually retail for \$3, and the manufacturer has made a deal with her to sell them for \$2 as a pilot to see how they work with the homeless population. It'll be about 250 towels. She explained that not everyone can go to Hollywood Adventist to shower, and many times the list is already full. Right now at the Salvation Army campus, homeless are not allowed to use their restrooms or showers. So now, when they pick up their food, they can put the towels in with their food to-go pack.

Stakeholder expressed support for this project.

Coyote Shivers asked if this going to incentivize more homeless people to live in Hollywood. Ms. Irani said she does not think they should look at it as an incentive. Homeless are here and COVID is here, so while they're working on the housing crisis, this can help keep them clean and free of diseases.

Brandi D'Amore added that by keeping this population clean, it prevents them from spreading contagion.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$500 for the Hollywood Food Coalition to purchase sanitizing full body towels

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-14, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

No

Coyote Shivers

Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy Margaret Marmolejo

12. Transportation & Works Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

They had a great presentation from Ryan about concepts for the triangle at Argyle and Yucca. They looked really cool and the Argyle Civic Association was onboard for plans to transform it into a pocket park. Hopefully sometime this year they will have something to bring for the board about it.

- B) Update on the Bronson Park playground mural

George Skarpelos shared pictures and video of the work on the mural so far. Sheila Irani said they need to approve a final \$1,000 for the artist's payment. It will be finished no later than the end of August.

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1,000 to pay Sophie Pleshette for the completion of the Bronson Park playground mural, which was approved in FY 2019/2020

Sheila Irani explained that they agreed on \$2000 for this mural. The board only got her the first \$1,000 in the last fiscal year, and because of that they have to revote on this.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$1,000 to pay Sophie Pleshette for the completion of the Bronson Park playground mural, which was approved in FY 2019/2020

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Coyote Shivers **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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- D) Discussion and possible motion of support for a CIS on Council File 20-0498. Support for incentives to companies to encourage telecommuting. <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0498>

Jeff Ramberg explained the motion, that the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer report on incentives the City can offer to businesses who continue to allow their employees to telecommute. Sheila Irani said that she does not think employers need incentives, the problem might be how they get out of their leases for physical office space. Ryan Snyder clarified that this motion isn't to put forth money, it's to request a report on incentives the city could offer, and they don't need to be financial.

Brandi D'Amore was concerned that this does not take into consideration that the majority of blue collar workers don't have the option of telecommuting.

George Skarpelos said, as someone who works with commercial real estate clients and who has worked from home for years, this too shall pass and people are way more productive when they are in the same area together, but they should at least propose this study.

Motion Made: Motion of support for a CIS on Council File 20-0498. Support for incentives to companies to encourage telecommuting.

Motion: Jeff Ramberg **Second:** Ryan Snyder **Vote:** Yes-15, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

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

No

Sheila Irani

- E) Discussion and possible motion on tree removal at 2817 LedgeWood Dr (pending approval on holding off on permit to remove from city)

Brandi D'Amore explained that they got a notice on the 6th that there was an emergency tree removal, and while the Department of Urban Forestry allows them to weigh in, that only gives them 3 days. And the woman who came before us for the street repair order and the trees said they should look into having the roots be pruned from the sewer before they completely take it out. On the application they think it's hitting the sewer. It may not be that deep and may not require the eradication of the tree to solve the problem. If it turns out to be an emergency, they'll replace it with 4 baby oaks, but those take a while to mature. This motion is to try to get extra time to investigate and comment on the removal, as well as potentially propose alternatives. George Skarpelos said that the motion should be to request that the city look into alternative ways to save the tree if possible.

Motion Made: Motion to request that the city look into alternative ways to save the tree if possible.

Motion: Ryan Snyder **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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

Abstain

Coyote Shivers	Jim Van Dusen	Tom Meredith
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Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

Margaret Marmolejo said that they had not met the past month.

14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Matt Wait summarized their last meeting and said that the virtual renters' rights webinar went really well, and HCID was very patient and friendly. He is looking at posting it publicly to show people that this kind of resource is available. The real value is not necessarily the info presented but also being able to answer questions people have. So they are looking at doing more in the future.

- B) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0491COVID-19 / Emergency Social Housing Program / Federal Funds / Purchase and Long-Term Lease / Private Owned Properties https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0491_mot_04-22-2020.pdf First: Bonin (CD 11), Second: Harris-Dawson (CD 8), Koretz (CD 5); Currently In: Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment; Last Action: 7/3/20; Summary: The City Council request that the Office of Mayor Garcetti using his expanded powers under the COVID-19 State of Emergency, establish a social housing program that could use federal funds to purchase or long-term lease privately owned properties; including hotels, motels, vacant properties, and distressed properties, to provide housing for Angelenos. Consideration should be given to * Potential partnerships with foundations and philanthropies to augment and expand City efforts * Have partnership role of the County of Los Angeles * The feasibility of creating or financing community land trusts to own or steward social housing properties * The process to quickly identify hotels, motels, vacant properties, apartments, and other residential properties for potential acquisition.

Matt Wait said explained this proposal from Mike Bonin and Marqueece Harris-Dawson calling on the mayor to use his expanding COVID-19 emergency powers to look at programs that could use federal funds to purchase or long-term lease privately owned properties to provide housing through a voluntary purchase program.

Tom Meredith asked if these federal funds will cover their services as well as supportive programs that they might come up with. It starts to scare him that it is yet another city organization or group sucking city dollars into administrating it. Mr. Wait said it says explicitly in the motion using federal funds in partnership with philanthropies and entities. It's a little vague, but the city and the county have a history of trying to work together with a fraught relationship of who's paying for what. They basically are saying they do not have city funds to do this but this is something they want to do.

Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0491COVID-19 / Emergency Social Housing Program / Federal Funds / Purchase and Long-Term Lease / Private Owned Properties

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Ryan Snyder **Vote:** Yes-11, No-2, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Matt Wait	Ryan Snyder	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	

No

Coyote Shivers	Fouzia Burfield
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Abstain

Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith
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Julia Eschenasy

- C) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0189 Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines / Affordable Housing / Revision https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0189_mot_02-11-2020.pdf First: Ryu (CD 4), Second: Harris-Dawson (CD 8); Currently In: Planning and Land Use Management Committee; Last Action: 7/2/20; Summary: The Council instruct the Planning Department to prepare revised Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines to increase the 55-year covenanted affordable housing percentage requirements in high and mid-market areas, similar to the higher affordability levels contained in the Linkage Fee Ordinance.

Matt Wait explained that this calls on the planning department to revise TOCs. It gives them waivers to city regulations; the number of waivers the city gives depends on how many affordable housing units they have. George Skarpelos added that it is close to the linkage fee ordinance.

Brandi D'Amore said, regarding the linkage fee, the bigger concern in addition to the quota amounts is that California has promoted inclusionary housing, which means planning can force them to add units, and there's no waiting list on these units. She also found out from Emma Howard, there's already questions of whether TOCs are legal. But she said specific Neighborhood area plans are going to slowly phase out TOCs.

Ms. D'Amore said that this measure is not broad enough or effective enough. They are asking the city to put more housing in that they cannot guarantee will be used by the people who actually need it. Ryan Snyder added that the TOC ordinance was authorized by Prop JJJ and the research on the results of JJJ was pretty effective. And this would increase the number of units. Ms. D'Amore said that it actually hasn't increased the units, and that's why the CRA filed a lawsuit. Even if it was legal, there's no way to monitor where those units go, and affordable units tend to go to people who don't need them.

Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0189 Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines / Affordable Housing / Revision**Motion:** Matt Wait **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-7, No-1, Abstain-8, Recused-0, Ineligible-1**Yes**George Skarpelos Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Matt Wait Ryan Snyder
Sheila Irani**No**

Andrew Chadsey

AbstainBrandi D'Amore Coyote Shivers Erin Penner Fouzia Burfield Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly
Susan Swan Tom Meredith**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

D) Update on Virtual Renters Rights Webinar

See 14 A

15. Finance

A) Report by the Treasurer

Sheila Irani said that she and Tom Meredith now have the credit cards and have started transferring monthly expenses to those. They had one outstanding from last fiscal year, the Shakespeare Company, and they confirmed today they are cashing the check. Also, they had a rollover of \$3,908.66.

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

Tabled

C) Discussion and possible motion to approve the rollover of \$3,908.66 from HUNC FY 2019/2020 funds to FY 2020/2021 available funds

Erin Penner asked if they lost the \$4,000 in the Clean Streets funds. Tom Meredith said they need to check with Councilmember Ryu, who saw it in his budget as recently as a year and a half ago.**Motion Made: Motion to approve the rollover of \$3,908.66 from HUNC FY 2019/2020 funds to FY 2020/2021 available funds****Motion:** Sheila Irani **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2**Yes**Andrew Chadsey Brandi D'Amore Coyote Shivers Erin Penner Fouzia Burfield George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Matt Wait Michael Connolly Ryan Snyder
Sheila Irani Susan Swan Tom Meredith**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy Margaret Marmolejo

D) Discussion and vote to approve the May Monthly Expense Report for submission

Motion Made: Motion to approve the May Monthly Expense Report for submission**Motion:** Ryan Snyder **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2**Yes**Andrew Chadsey Brandi D'Amore Coyote Shivers Erin Penner Fouzia Burfield George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Matt Wait Michael Connolly Ryan Snyder
Sheila Irani Susan Swan Tom Meredith**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy Margaret Marmolejo

E) Discussion and vote to approve the June Monthly Expense Report for submission

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

Motion: Ryan Snyder **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy	Margaret Marmolejo
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F) Discussion and vote to approve the July Monthly Expense Report for submission

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

Motion: Ryan Snyder **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

Ineligible

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16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Jeff Ramberg announced that since he is moving, at the end of the month he will no longer be eligible for his seat. George Skarpelos noted that they are allowed 60 days of his participation. He really appreciates the thoughtfulness and insights Mr. Ramberg has contributed, saying he has been a great board member and hopes he continues on NCs.

Coyote Shivers said that he wanted to have this scheduled on the agenda and didn't make it, and to please put it on the agenda for next month: the idea of a committee or forum to foster dialogue between the LAPD and the community. Anyone who has suggestions please send them to him. The other thing was he has to register a dissent on the people's budget thing that took place, there was a technical glitch at DONE that prevented him from attending. He said he stands with Brandi D'Amore that there was not enough presentation from the community and stakeholders. He firmly does not believe that our constituents agree with the abolition of the LAPD or the spirit of the LAPD.

Stakeholder Christopher Parkinson noticed that they were recording this meeting, and wanted to know if it's normal practice for board members to drink during meetings. It's not credible, and he saw something that was like that. Brandi D'Amore added that multiple stakeholders have pointed out they can see board members drinking wine. Stakeholder Parkinson noted that for purposes of the public record, that's what the public sees. Coyote Shivers noted for the record that any wine he had was non-alcoholic.

Ms. D'Amore as a HUNC housekeeping item noted that they are not allowed to ask stakeholders or anybody what their political affiliation might be, and they are not allowed to wear anything political. She added that Mr. Shivers has misrepresented things she has said tonight, and does not know if it's that he did not understand her. Further, people are taking opportunities to say things during times that are not appropriate, and this board is taking shots at people. Mr. Skarpelos said that this item is not about airing grievances, and Ms. D'Amore said that they put themselves in danger when they ask people about political affiliation.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil said that she wanted to say she has hung on because every time she participates in these meetings she learns so much, and thanked them for the time, energy, and work they put in. Mr. Skarpelos thanked all the stakeholders that came out tonight.

17. Old/Ongoing Business

18. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 10:51 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.