## **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### Officers:

Sheila Irani, President Tom Meredith, Vice President Robert Morrison, Treasurer Brandi D'Amore, Secretary



#### **Board Members:**

Angel Izard Bianca Cockrell Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Asher Landau Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Robert Sexton Shauna Frenté Thomas Daniels Valls Tony Zimbardi

### HOLLYWOOD UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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#### Welcome

A public meeting of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council was convened on February 14, 2022 via Zoom webinar and called to order at 6:30 p.m. President Irani presided as moderator.

## **1. Roll Call:** Secretary D'Amore called the roll as follows:

1	Sheila Irani, President	1	Asher Landau, Board member	
1	Tom Meredith, Vice President	1	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member	
1	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	1	Michael Connolly, Board member	
1	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	0	Robert Sexton, Board member (arrival 8:34 p.m.)	
1	Angel Izard, Board member	1	Shauna Frenté, Board member	
0	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	1	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member	
1	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	0	Tony Zimbardi, Board member	
0	Joseph Hill, Board member			
11	Officers and Board members were present and a quorum was attained. 25 members of the public/stakeholders were present.			

# 2. Approval of January '22 Minutes

President Irani made the motion to approve the January '22, Minutes that was seconded by Vice President Meredith with the following changes:

Vice President Meredith directed changes to Item 2 to state Minutes, November 2021.

Secretary D'Amore directed changes to:

- The abstention count on page 10; the second count should be removed, the motion was seconded by Board member Landau and abstained by 3;
- At the last meeting Board member Landau did not appear on the roll call and had to be added and now all counts are accurate;
- Under Item 5, under Community Updates, Section A, Tom is misspelled;
- The bullet points on page 4 need formatting and are merged into the text;
- Item11 should call out the committee member presenting the report as Co-Chair.

President Irani directed changes to:

- Correct Robert Burns Park, not Robert Burke Park;
- Item 34, Rachel Sherrell is no longer in Supervisor Kuehl's Office;
- Under Executive Committee Item #7 correct Lake Hollywood, not Land Hollywood.

#### Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

yes	Sheila Irani, President	yes	Asher Landau, Board member
yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	abstain	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	absent	Robert Sexton, Board member
yes	Angel Izard, Board member	yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
10	10-0 Minutes were approved with 10 "yes" votes, 1 abstention, 4 absent.		

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

City Attorney Mike Feuer was recognized to speak and applauded the level of volunteerism of this NC. Mr. Feuer stated that he is running for Mayor and is visiting all 101 NCs and has witnessed that there is so much commonality among NCs. LA is in crisis and homelessness is an emergency. People are uptight about safety. There are specific issues in each NCs and Mr. Feuer stated that he will return to address priorities.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neill stated that due to the RAMS' football victory, our neighborhood is slammed with people and somebody needs to do or say something to assist us.

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

#### **Assemblymember Richard Bloom**

Assistant Josh Kurpies, Assemblyman Richard Bloom's Office, stated that the Assemblyman is absent due to a plane delay. Mr. Kurpies updated the Council and stated that February 18<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for all introductory bills with many meeting deadlines; however, Assemblyman Bloom may attend at a future date. Housingiskey California is still available for rental relief. There is also a billion dollars available for homeowner's mortgage assistance at ca.mortgagerelief.org and \$80,000.00 available in grants. President Irani requested pdfs for these housing assistance programs to post on the NC website and welcomed Assemblyman Bloom to the next meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Helene Rotolo, Field Manager CD4, stated that the LA Youth Council is taking applications for age groups 16-25. Information and applications are available at youthcouncil.org. Free at home COVID tests are still available by calling 211. Outreach is continued and being finalized today with our service provider to get people into relocation and will provide the Council progress updates. Hollywood has one of the highest encampment rates in the city. Ms. Rotolo gave recognition to Secretary D'Amore for her advocacy and selflessly assisting with an unhoused individual in a life-threatening situation. The Mayor's Office Preservation Plan is moving forward

for safety of residents in this area. The RAMS are in our city celebrating the winning of Super Bowl 56 in our neighborhood. We have been a robust presence and we have recommended street closures for safety and we will be monitoring the area as necessary with the influx of visitors. The RAMS' meeting with the Mayor at the Hollywood sign, that is being temporarily converted to say RAMS House, is a rumor. That is not happening and Ms. Rotolo will update this Board as more information becomes available.

President Irani stated that she was updated that there are 8 officers on patrol. Social media is putting it out there and people will be expecting the RAMS at the Hollywood Sign and will be coming to the area to see them. Disappointed fans can do a lot of mayhem. Ms. Rotolo stated that there is no parking in the area after dark and there is the possibility of road closures, if needed, because of a public safety hazard.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neill stated that all of this information is all late notice. Just like concert and sporting events, people camp out. Once parking enforcement is not visible people will return.

President Irani stated that the Mayor will be coming to visit the Hollywood sign but the RAMS will not be in attendance. Ms. Rotolo stated that communication has taken place with the Mayor's Office that there is a need for enforcement and that concern has been elevated to the LAPD and DOT and she will be providing President Irani with updates. Ms. Rotolo provided her phone availability.

Board member Connolly verified that the sign is temporarily being altered to say RAMS' House. The installation will be completed by Wednesday and taken down after the Superbowl parade no later than Thursday morning. There are no plans for the RAMS to visit the Hollywood sign or photos opportunities and the Mayor may go privately to experience the sign and that Ms. Rotolo will communicate any changes with the Board.

Board member Van Dusen stated that the efforts of CD4 may not be able to control this and we have been down this road before. In 2000 we had the same thing with the Hollywood sign and advanced street closures should be implemented. This needs to be approached aggressively or we are going to get slammed with crowds.

President Irani stated that street closures may happen but not until the problem exists and that is the best we can do at this point and I will be on the phone notifying the appropriate resources with Ms. Rotolo.

Serapia Kim, Mayor Garcetti's Office, provided an update on the RAMS' temporary signage. Ms. Kim stated that the sign installation was proposed and paid by the RAMS. The installation is today. To be completed by Wednesday and taken down on Thursday. The Mayor's Office is aware of traffic and safety issues. This project was developed quickly and it was uncertain if it was going to volition or not, but we were notified as soon as it was certain and emails were sent out. Canvassers were leaving notes on doors and properties and 2,400 flyers have been distributed with contact information. Ms. Kim provided the contact information to be: 818 483-9898 and <a href="mailto:hollywioodsign@rams.nfl.com">hollywioodsign@rams.nfl.com</a>. Ms. Kim provided her availability and she is the liaison with the city to address concerns and she is available by email serepiakim@la.city.org. We are prepared to restrict access if issues arise and if there is an emergency, please contact 911. There is some night security at the sign Monday through Wednesday. Recreation and Parks are doing extra trash pick-up. Ms. Kim is uncertain about extra porta potty installations.

#### 5. Community Updates

Secretary D'Amore stated that as Friends of Griffith Park, it has been 10 years since P22 came to our community. There is information on the Griffith Park website.

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

**A.** Presentation by Family Way Adult Home Agency

No Action Taken.

# B. Presentation by Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) representative Rosalind

Helfand Review of last meeting

Secretary D'Amore read an email resignation letter from Rosalind Helfand recapping her responsibilities and experiences with NCSA and encouraged others to participate as a HUNC representatives.

• Review of R. Helfand's votes since appointment

Secretary D'Amore stated that Ms. Helfand has been voting on issues for the last 18 months without bringing them to the Board for discussion and participation prior to her voting. Her duties were to attend meetings and return to the Board with information. There are concerns on her voting records and now she is resigning.

i. Motion to maintain a HUNC representative presence at NCSA

Secretary D'Amore asked if anyone was interested in becoming our next NC representative? This will be agendized at our next meeting for discussion along with reviewing if there is a need for a representative for NCSA.

No. Action Taken. Reagendizd to the next meeting.

C. Summary by Business Seat Representatives Bianca Cockrell and Robert Sexton on January 25, 2022, meeting of The Mayor's Office Business Presentation Series: Opportunities from the State of CA; business database presentation of their respective areas

No Action Taken. Board members Cockrell and Saxton not present.

# D. Hollywood Dell Civic Association (HDCA)

President Irani and Secretary D'Amore stated that they attended the neighborhood meeting and updated the Board on encampments. There were homeless specialists, multiple service providers, and representatives from Supervisor's Barger's Office and we were given information on how the process is working and how the restrictions are being implemented. There was a concern regarding a jumper suicide threat in that area.

Discussions took place regarding a new board member and a marijuana dispensary and Teddy Kapur gave a presentation on his goals running for City Attorney.

# E. Argyle Civic Association (ACA)

No Action Taken.

#### F. Greek Theater

Secretary D'Amore stated that the Greek Theatre is in their new season and neighbors have voiced concerns. There will be no Halloween event 2022. Proof of vaccination will be required for attendance and several performances will have additional requirements, please check before coming. The Greek Theatre is giving back to our youth and Griffith Park. February and March will be drive-in movie dates. The Greek Theatre will be adhering to the new food waste mandates. Parking, food, and beverage will be cashless.

## G. The Oaks - Canyon encampment, meeting with CD4

Board member Connolly stated that the meeting addressed canyon encampments, safety issues, roads, and stairs. Availability at Room Key is a day-by-day situation to address needs and give care in the community. Board member Connolly recognized Secretary D'Amore for her quick action to assist a woman and save her life. We will report back to the Board after our next meeting and will have a proper Town Hall. Crime is up around the city and down in the Oaks. President Irani inquired about the encampment near Gelson's Store. Board member Connolly stated that there is one homeless individual, named George and that they are taking a neighborly approach in assisting him.

# H. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) – construction on Barham, Ledgewood/Mulholland, and Lake Hollywood Drive

Secretary D'Amore stated that construction began on Barham near the bridge and it will take about 6 months to create a new water line. The congestion will be bad for about 7 months during construction. The process will be taking the large reservoir tank on Mulholland off line to excavate the area 
The start date has been postponed due to the RAMS' sign modification. Hollywood Drive was closed for a mud landslide during the last rainstorm, but is currently open.

#### 7. Executive Committee

#### **A.** Report by the President

President Irani stated that there is a Call to Action to assist with promoting HUNC through event planning, website management, and attendance at outreach events. The Bylaws committee is working and we need a lot of people. Farmer's Market was a great showing. We need to promote our presence and let the public know when we are out in the field. We need help with our website and social media and get somebody on the board to take this over.

A letter was sent to CD13 regarding the unused and boarded up Franklin property. The owner is not interested in selling or leasing and attempts are being made to open conversation.

#### B. Report by the Secretary

- Open Seats application process update and review
  - Need for Headshots from Board Members for MYHUNC.ORG website

Secretary D'Amore stated that when a request is sent to a Board member; please try to respond in a 24-hour time frame. Headshots are still needed from two Board members and she will follow-up with those two individuals. There are still two open Board seats available and the application deadline is this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. There were two applications that dropped out due to other time commitments. The request was made for Board members to actively engage in networks to ask people if they are interested. Please work to obtain members for seats. There will be another recruitment after this one.

ii Discussion and Motion to make a recommendation as it pertains to the [Proposed] Resolution by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Digital Communications Policy for the Neighborhood Councils

(Draft Version as of 10/14/2021) and possibly include recommendation for consideration <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJknEt6v64EKaxBakDdAv9R2Txl9bRmC/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJknEt6v64EKaxBakDdAv9R2Txl9bRmC/view</a> https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GM-Commission-Memo-1.4.2022-Digital- Comm.-Policy.docx-1.pdf

Secretary D'Amore screen shared the proposed Resolution from November and stated that the request is for analysis and recommendation for a vote of yes or no. A disapproval will mean that we will have to undergo another reiteration. A discussion took place with the following comments:

Secretary D'Amore stated that her interpretation of the proposed Resolution would result in social media monitoring. We are not to participate in closed meetings, but how does this interchange with the Brown Act? How is the monitoring conducted? We are told to engage in outreach. Secretary D'Amore stated that she does not support the proposal.

President Irani stated that she is tapped out in monitoring people's social media. Our Board relationships are based on trust and the enforcement should not be on us. President Irani stated that the deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Treasurer Morrison stated that the Resolution is requesting feedback and we are in a better place. Item 5 outlines that an account administrator role should be assigned to meet DONE needs and this is progress. This may be a little early but ok.

Board member Van Dusen expressed concern regarding enforcement. Find someone to fill this position. This is a lot of detail with digital knowledge and are we equipped to fill this position? How can we do this and make it work? I agree we need a policy but this Resolution is not defined.

President Irani stated that DONE could hire somebody and we can't do this with our budget if all monies go to operation.

Secretary D'Amore stated that the Resolution is a lot of work. We engage in dialogue with people in chats and Code of Conduct and the Brown Act is in violation?

President Irani stated that as she read the duties, she is in support of the need but not the cost. Let's provide our input that they should not look to our NC to do enforcement on our social media.

Board member Connolly inquired if this Resolution applies to NC social media or personal social media? Is this a violation of my First Amendment rights? I will vote no and refer to DONE on how to implement such a policy.

Marilu Guevara, DONE Representative, outlined the CIS filing and stated that the request is asking how it impacts your NC. Your position could be stated with a yes or no vote. You can make that point in your CIS. They are looking to engage NCs to provide their feedback and opinions to the commission. Whatever your impact may be, let them know. This Resolution is currently in its draft form and the most important element of this process is to hear from NCs what is unique to you. Do not be constricted by the yes or no box. This was introduced by BONC and the department has responded with drafting of a policy. Ms. Guevara stated that she will follow up with more information.

Board member Connolly stated that the specific point was addressed when you speak on your own behalf or represent yourself as a board member. It is different with you are engaging with people on social media.

Board member Van Dusen stated that we need a policy and BONC needs to separate policy from implementation. This policy is judge and jury and I don't think NCs can do the job. There are good policy statements but the City Attorney is there for enforcement and management. I will vote no.

President Irani stated that the expertise is lacking. We don't have to say yes or no but just state our concerns. There has been a lot of concerns and NUC has heard them and don't want DONE and BONC to be involved. Item 9 is the big concern, as agendized. Should the Executive Committee respond with a letter? There are no specific conditions, and we are not equipped to provide account administration and enforcement. Reviewing Item 9, we as a NC, I do not feel comfortable in any type of enforcement of personal social media of our Board members and we do not have the ability for that responsibility of account administration.

Secretary D'Amore expressed practical concerns with items 12 & 13.

Board member Van Dusen stated that this is a City Attorney function.

Treasurer Morrison inquired if the Resolution assigns enforcement to any particular Board officer or specify a method of enforcement? President Irani stated the request is nebulous and asked for definition from Ms. Guevara, how many NCs have responded to this request, as she previously heard that only 4 NCs have responded.

Ms. Guevara stated that she did not provide a number of responses and stated that BONC wants your recommendation. They may decide that they do not want to move forward. This is a draft that is being considered for your input.

Board member Marmolejo stated that focus should be placed on what we are working on as a Board and what we are doing for the community. We are supposed to doing outreach. Do not take away the voice that we were elected to represent.

Secretary D'Amore verified that the response deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Guevara will follow up with the submission deadline.

President Irani called for a vote that was seconded by Secretary D'Amore and reminded the Board member that a "yes" votes constitute to not support the motion.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

yes	Sheila Irani, President	Yes	Asher Landau, Board member
yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	Yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	Yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	Absent	Robert Sexton, Board member
yes	Angel Izard, Board member	Yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	Yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	Absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
11	11-0 Motion was approved with 11 "yes" votes, 4 absent.		

## C. Report by the Treasurer

i. Discussion and Motion to approve January 2022 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

President Irani verified that Mail Chimp is a monthly expense.

Treasurer Morrison stated that the Apple One expenses involved an overpayment that was returned.

Treasurer Morrison screen shared the January 2022 MER:

Beginning Balance	\$29,393.63
Total Spent	\$1,413.08
Remaining Balance	\$27,893.55
Outstanding	\$1,621.25
Commitments	\$0.00
Net Available	\$29,362.30

President Irani made the motion to approve was seconded by Board member Frenté.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

yes	Sheila Irani, President	Yes	Asher Landau, Board member
yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	Yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	Yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	Absent	Robert Sexton, Board member arrival 8:34 p.m.)
	Angel Izard, Board member	Yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	Yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	Absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
11	11-0 Motion was approved with 11 "yes" votes, 4 absent.		

ii. Discussion and Motion to certify inventory from FY 20-21

Treasurer Morrison stated that the City Clerk filled out the 2020 inventory during COVID hiatus and he will fill out the May 2021 inventory. The current inventory was screen shared and verified that there is a beanbag cornhole tossing toy.

Vice President Tom Meredith made the motion to accept the Inventory that was seconded by Jim Van Dusen.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

Yes	Sheila Irani, President	Yes	Asher Landau, Board member
Yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	Yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
Yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	Yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
Yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	Absent	Robert Sexton, Board member arrival 8:34 p.m.)
Yes	Angel Izard, Board member	Yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	Yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
Yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
11	11-0 Motion was approved wit	h 11 "yes" vot	tes, 4 absent.

iii. Discussion and Motion to certify inventory from FY 2019-20 Motion by Sheila Iran and seconded by Tom Meredith

yes Sheila Irani, President yes Tom Meredith, Vice President yes Robert Morrison, Treasurer yes Brandi D'Amore, Secretary yes Asher Landau, Board Member yes Margaret Marmolejo, Board Member yes Michael Connolloy, Board Member absent Rober Sexton, Board Member yes Angel Izard, Board Member absent Bianca Cockrell, Board Member yes Jim Van Dusen, Board Member absent Joseph Hill, Board Member yes Shauna Frenté, Board member yes Thomas Valls, Board Member absent Tony Zimbardi, Board Member

## 11 11-0 Motion was approved with 11 "yes" votes, 4 absent.

iv. Discussion and Motion to approve updated 21-22 Administrative Packet with budget updates

Treasurer Morrison stated that adjustments were made regarding the minute taker fees.

- a. Proposed Admin Packet
- b. Proposed Budget alongside current budget/expense
- c. Notes on change

Treasurer Morrison screen shared the proposed annual budget by categories totaling \$40,421.86. There are increases/decreases in sponsorship, media arts, and minute taking expenses.

There was a question if in-person meetings would resume in 2022 focusing on outreach expenses, such as materials, events, swag, and sponsorship. Ms. Guevara stated that food is categorized differently.

Treasurer Morrison made the motion to approved C iv a, b, c, that was seconded by President Irani.

Secretary D'Amore called for vote.

Yes	Sheila Irani, President	Yes	Asher Landau, Board member
Yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	Yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
Yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	Yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
Yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	Yes	Robert Sexton, Board member
Yes	Angel Izard, Board member	Yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	Yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
Yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	Absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
12	12-0 Motion was approved with 12 "yes" votes, 3 absent.		

d. Take orders for name badges/lanyards

Treasurer Morrison stated that there are still Board members that need name badges. Please provide information on how you would like your name printed, such as a middle initial, etc. Treasurer Morrison will follow up with Board members Sexton, Valls, Landau, Meredith, Hill, Frenté, Cockrell, and Zimbardi.

e. Review remaining Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) Funds and deadlines

Treasurer Morrison stated that all funds need to be distributed by the last meeting in June. All monies need to be spent, so let people know to get their applications into the correct committee within a 30-day lead time for processing. Keep in mind that event processing is different.

President Irani stated that the vast majority of our 2019 services were for homeless services, so please reach out to your community on ways that we can assist.

#### 8. Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee

- **A.** Report by the Committee Chair
- B. 5877 Franklin Avenue (Gelson's Market #114): Motion to approve the application with a request for a Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) to allow the sale of beer & wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new café located within an existing Gelson's Market. Hours of operation will be 7am to 11pm daily. The request is to schedule a later opening for beer and wine sales so as to be consistent with the serving hours of the neighboring businesses.

President Irani solicited public comment. Hearing none, public comment was closed.

Board member Van Dusen and stakeholder Brett Engstrom were available to present the project.

Board member Van Dusen read the summary highlighting that all consumption is restricted to the inside. The license restricts that alcohol will be limited to 50% of sales.

Vice President Meredith asked if the onsite consumption with new café will limit/restrict consumption at the outside tables. Mr. Engstrom stated that the outside café is enclosed with railings and separate from the existing seating at the site.

Secretary D'Amore inquired about adding a restriction stating that food be required with alcohol sales, and are you amendable to that?

Mr. Engstrom stated that he is unclear if the city would will include that condition on CUB. This is a restaurant operation and the patio is enclosed and not a bar operation.

Secretary D'Amore inquired about the hours of operation and if they have changed. Mr. Engstrom replied that operation hours are equal to everyone else on the block; however, beer and wine are restricted from 7:00 am. to 11:00 p.m.

Board member Connolly inquired about additional security as there are currently armed officers.

Mr. Engstrom stated that there are no plans for additional security as wine and beer consumption is in a restricted area.

Board member Frenté stated that a concern for safety has been addressed at other meeting.

Mr. Engstrom stated that other Gelson's Markets have this accommodation. We have not had any incidents with any other Gelson's Market. This is a small addition and it is not meant to be a huge draw and have people stay longer.

Board member Landau stated that alcohol is already sold in the store.

Board member Van Dusen stated that PLUM supports this motion.

Board member Van Dusen made the motion to approve this project that was seconded by Board member Frenté.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

Yes	Sheila Irani, President	Yes	Asher Landau, Board member
No	Tom Meredith, Vice President	recused	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
Yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	No	Michael Connolly, Board member
Yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	Yes	Robert Sexton, Board member(arrival 8:34 p.m.)
Yes	Angel Izard, Board member	Yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	No	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
Yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
8	8-3 Motion was approved with 8	"yes" 3 "	no" vote 1 recusal and 3 absent.

# **C.** 6021 Hollywood Blvd. (Academy LA):

## https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU0MDU40

Motion to approve the Zone Variance request with a concern to permit patron dancing and live entertainment from 11am – midnight on an existing 6,052 square foot outdoor patio with 136 seats in an R4 zone at an existing 20,502 SF nightclub. Patron dancing and live entertainment permitted indoors perZA-2005-7227 (CUB)(CUX). Conditional Use Permit (CUP) renewal filed and under review ZA-2021-630(CUB)(CUX). The HUNC prior Motion issued June 15, 2021 is incorporated with this Motion. HUNC has an overall concern regarding the loss of residentially zoned space in light of the current affordable housing crisis in Hollywood. In this case, the variance request is for a connected patio to the nightclub that has not been used as residential space in the past and is consistent with the next-door business use of the same neighboring space for a parking lot. Due to this unusual circumstance, HUNC approves the variance request. This is not meant to establish a precedence for this type of request in the future as each project is reviewed on its own merits and facts.

Board member Van Dusen and stakeholder Mark Jones were available to present the project.

Mr. Jones stated that the front of the building is zoned for business use and the patio is currently zoned for residential use and has to return to this Board for rezoning. The request remains the same for a variance not a CUP as there are no changes in use from the previous hearing and there has never been any residential usage. Changing from a CUP to a variance will not take away from the housing shortage in Hollywood.

Secretary D'Amore inquired about the patio hours of 11:00 a.m. to midnight in reference to disturbing the neighboring affordable housing.

Mr. Jones stated that the patio has plantings and barriers to reduce the sound.

President Irani read a letter that was submitted from a concerned neighbor with concerns. Mr. Jones stated that he would meet with the neighbors.

Board member Sexton asked about the previous approved conditions.

Board member Van Dusen stated that hours were listed with restrictions Friday through Sunday and holidays for live events and limits the outdoor volume.

Mr. Jones stated no Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to hear this item.

Board Member Van Dusen stated that this request is for a variance that will be permanent and this item will remand back to PLUM.

No Action Taken.

D. 1715-1739 N. Bronson Avenue: Application for the Construction of a 24 story, 128 dwelling unit residential building with 134 parking spaces. Existing structure to remain. Proposed FAR is approximately 6.74:1. Parking per CA Gov't Code 65915(p)(2) (A).https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQ5OTYx0

Motion to oppose the project as proposed and the precedence that it sets for the height, placement/siting and density of this of project. HUNC understands the limited impact on our scope of influence over these kinds of projects due to the California State ordinances. With that in mind, we request the project be conditioned as follows:

Board member Marmolejo recused herself from hearing this project because she resides within 500 feet of the project.

Board member Landau recused himself from hearing this project due to his affiliation with Hollywood Food Coalition.

Stakeholders Michael Gonzalez and Alex Massachi gave a brief summary of the project of a 128 dwelling unit residential building utilizing all density bonuses and waivers in exchange for affordable housing with 134 parking spaces. The proposed FAR is approximately 6.74. The existing Lombardi House is to remain and at this time controls the land. Mr. Massachi stated that Alex Gonzales is not part of the current ownership at this time and escrow should close in 30-90 days with him as an owner.

Secretary D'Amore inquired about the current usage of the Lombardi House.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that it is rental. The proposal is to create a single land parcel and there will be a condo around the Lombardi House that will remain, it is a complicated owner structure.

Board member Izard inquired if there was an aerial view on the site separation plane. Mr. Gonzalez stated that they are seeking a waiver for less separation from buildings from the zoning code.

Board member lzard commented on the dramatic difference since the last discussion. Mr. Gonzales stated that it is allowable per the current zoning code; however, if this project was proposed on two separate lots it would be okay by right. Building a new building next to an existing structure requires a waiver.

Mr. Massachi stated that the floor area with be averaging the incentive the city provides for affordable housing. Mr. Massachi stated again that Mr. Gonzalez is the applicant at this time, not the owner. There are 3 single lots that exist and will become one single lot. Eleven units will be affordable and will be restricted for 55 years. That will be 11 low income and 5 stabilized with 134 parking spaces, 128 total units total with 11 affordable.

Treasurer Morrison inquired about market rate rents. If Mr. Gonzalez is not the owner, he does not know the current rent?

Mr. Massachi stated that the rent is dictated by the market.

Board member Van Dusen inquired about rent stabilization.

Mr. Massachi stated that that rent stabilization is formulated while a tenant occupies the unit. Once the tenant leaves the unit it is re-evaluated.

Treasurer Morrison inquired about affordable units during this homeless crisis. Is the owner of the building willing to commit to our homeless in Hollywood with preferential treatment?

Mr. Massachi stated that is a great idea, but cannot guarantee that option will be available. We cannot commit to that but will work in that direction and reach out to nonprofits.

Board member Valls inquired about construction on the local one-way streets with traffic flow. There have been a lot of fires with previous construction on the Bronson overpass. Will this be safe for the homeless population and your staff in the area?

Mr. Morrison stated that the elevator crane is in the core to not block traffic, there will be limited construction hours and we have tried to install bike parking with Metro stops and encourage people to not drive during construction.

Vice President Meredith inquired to the distinction between the term low income and affordable, and if those two terms were interchangeable. This environment has the highest homeless population.

Mr. Massachi stated that affordability is a state law designated as a market-based system, so it can be said those two terms are interchangeable. We are providing 11% of our base density and that is with the approval of Sacramento. People making less than \$32,000.00 annually are the base and it changes regarding the size of a unit and number of people in the family.

President Irani asked about the podium on the bottom of the renderings. Is that for parking or is there underground parking?

Mr. Massachi stated that there will be one level of underground parking.

Board member Connolly stated that pile driving is illegal in LA. There is a standard and noise mitigation has been researched. Board member Connolly also inquired to the timeline of the project.

Mr. Massachi stated that there will be no pile driving and there is a 20-month construction timeline, completing in 2023, avoiding Bronson as much as possible.

Board member Izard inquired about the total number of affordable units, as previous discussion revealed that there would be 16 affordable units.

Mr. Massachi stated that state law allows us to replace units at 68%. Eleven units will be replaced with low-income units. Per Sacramento rent stabilization is not coveted. Of the 16 units 11 are LVI and the other 5 are rent stabilized.

Board member Izard inquired if all 16 could be LVI.

Mr. Massachi stated that they are working with LAHD and they will be assigning the units for tenants that qualify.

Secretary D'Amore inquired about outdoor seating.

Mr. Massachi stated that there are proposed outdoor amenity spaces. The design structure does not allow people to congregate near toxic freeway materials. This has gone through the city urban design process and we were not approached on those comments.

Board member Valls stated that there a lot of homeless people and encampments in proximity to this proposed project.

President Irani stated that units could possibly remain empty due to that situation. situation. What are you doing to mitigate views and shadows?

Mr. Massachi stated that units are market rate and we will be able to proceed with an appraisal report once we gain ownership. We have a new traffic study in the file that I will provide to Board member Van Dusen. Views are not restricted per current code.

## (Everyone speaking at once, not audible)

Secretary D'Amore stated that the Lombardi House should be protected.

Board member Sexton stated that there is a need to be specific regarding traffic such as the left turn lane.

Board member Valls stated that in regards to affordability, why can't the number of units be increased to 16 per the Ellis Act.

#### (Everyone speaking at once, not audible)

Board member D'Amore stated that the previous discussions stated that the units were affordable. President Irani stated that they were RSO, and this is a by-right project.

Board member Van Dusen read the proposed motion with the 7 conditions listed.

Board member Van Dusen made the motion to oppose the project that was seconded by Board member Connolly.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote.

8	8-1 Motion was approved with 8 3 absent.	"yes" 1 '	'no" vote 1 abstention, 2 recusals and
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
Yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	Absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	Yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
Yes	Angel Izard, Board member	Yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
No	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	Yes	Robert Sexton, Board member(arrival 8:34 p.m.)
Yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	Abstain	Michael Connolly, Board member
Yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	recused	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
Yes	Sheila Irani, President	recused	Asher Landau, Board member

#### Board member Marmolejo and Landau returned.

\*Due to the safety concerns of the Bronson Avenue and Hollywood Blvd. intersection and specifically, the fact that turning left at Hollywood from Bronson to access the Hollywood Freeway is a major problematic intersection, construction to be managed in such a way that two lanes of Bronson are kept open at all times and that there is no staging of construction equipment on Bronson. Traffic lanes and protocols be set up to safely manage bicycle use in and out of and around the project.

\*Due to environmental concerns regarding air quality and the need for tree canopy over sidewalks and wildlife protection (specifically birds that may interfere with the building windows), that native California vegetation be used throughout the project.

\*The number of affordable housing units be increased to 16 to offset the 16 affordable housing units that were torn down.

\*All leases to contain clauses forbidding the use of the apartments as Airbnb's, short term rentals or extended stay.

\*The Bronson/Hollywood Blvd. intersection to be reviewed to ensure 24/7 access during construction for emergency vehicles from Fire Station 82 on Hollywood Blvd., Fire Station 82 Annex on Bronson and LAPD access.

\*The construction is in a predominantly residential area and any excess construction noise should be mitigated.

#### 9. Outreach Committee

A. Report by the Committee Chair regarding Outreach Meeting of February 7 to include, but not be limited to plans for additional outdoor tabling, new responsibility for maintaining Instagram and possible tree and plant give-away event in April or May.

Treasurer Morrison stated that it was good to be present again at the Hollywood Farmers Market. It was good to be out in the community and talking to people. Traffic comes from so many areas in LA and we like the notion of an outdoor venue to be visible again for outreach. Board member Landau is familiar with Instagram, Secretary D'Amore is familiar with Facebook and Vice President Tom Meredith works with our Mail Chimp. Board member Landau has agreed to the position of Vice Chair for our committee and we are going to vote on that next on the Agenda and this would help us greatly in outreach. Earth Day is April 22<sup>n</sup> and that is the date to execute the plant and tree giveaway. The project is in need of ownership to scout for a location, possibly Griffith Park, and work with LA Trees to coordinate and prepare a plan.

The candidate forum for upcoming elections is upon us. How do we manage that? Can we promote existing outreach initiatives? Hollywood Hills has established CD13, should we coordinate with them? We have Board seats open as we are in need out outreach. Vice President Meredith and Treasurer Morrison volunteered to assist.

**B.** Discuss and Motion to approve Asher Landau for Vice Chair for Outreach Committee

Vice President Meredith made the motion to appoint Board member Landau to the position of Vice Chair of the Outreach Committee that was seconded by Treasurer Morrison.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

yes	Sheila Irani, President	Yes	Asher Landau, Board member
yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	Yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	Yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	absent	Robert Sexton, Board member
yes	Angel Izard, Board member	Yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	Yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
11	11-0 Motion was approved with 11 "yes" votes and 4 absent.		

C. Discuss and Motion to approve the joint production with Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council a ZOOM-based Town Hall for all Council District 13 Councilmember candidates with budget of up to \$500 for outreach including but not limited to social media, other marketing and/or materials.

Vice President Meredith made the motion to approve the expenditure that was seconded by President Irani.

Board member Morrison inquired if this joint production was an outreach event. Vice President Meredith confirmed that it is an outreach event.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

Yes	Sheila Irani, President	Yes	Asher Landau, Board member
Yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
Yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
Yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	absent	Robert Sexton, Board member
Yes	Angel Izard, Board member	yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
Yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
11	11-0 Motion was approved with 11 "yes" and 4 absent.		

## 10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

**A.** Report by the Committee Chair

No Action Taken.

B. Discuss future Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) event produced by HUNC No Action Taken.

C. Motion to approve 3/24/2022 Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) event flyer

Board member Connolly screen shared a flyer for the Zoom link to be produced by the city with the HUNC logo. We will receive a jpeg and post the information on our web. The date will be corrected.

Board member Connolly made the motion to approve the flyer and seconded by Treasurer Morrison.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote.

Yes	Sheila Irani, President	yes	Asher Landau, Board member
Yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
Yes	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
Yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	absent	Robert Sexton, Board member
Yes	Angel Izard, Board member	yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
Yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
11	11-0 Motion was approved with 11 "yes" and 4 absent.		

#### 11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

- **A.** Report by the Committee Chair ongoing commitment to volunteer once a month at Hollywood Food Coalition and support more social service nonprofits.
- **B.** Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant of up to \$1600 for Hollywood Food Coalition to be used for the purchase of biodegradable takeout food containers for serving free dinners to the public.

President Irani moved this item for discussion forward in the agenda at 10:26 p.m.

Treasurer Morrison and Board member Landau recused themselves from this Item due to his affiliation with Hollywood Food Coalition.

President Irani screen shared the NPG and receipt and requested volunteers for this Thursday night. Board member Valls stated his availability.

President Irani made the motion to approve this grant that was seconded by Board member Frenté.

Secretary D'Amore called for a vote:

yes	Sheila Irani, President	recused	Asher Landau, Board member
yes	Tom Meredith, Vice President	yes	Margaret Marmolejo, Board member
recused	Robert Morrison, Treasurer	yes	Michael Connolly, Board member
yes	Brandi D'Amore, Secretary	yes	Robert Sexton, Board member(departure at 10:36 p.m.)
yes	Angel Izard, Board member	yes	Shauna Frenté, Board member
absent	Bianca Cockrell, Board member	yes	Thomas Daniels Valls, Board member
yes	Jim Van Dusen, Board member	absent	Tony Zimbardi, Board member
absent	Joseph Hill, Board member		
10	10-0 Motion was approved with 10 "yes" 2 recusals and 3 absent.		

Treasurer Morrison and Board member Landau returned to the Dias.

Board member Sexton departed at 10:36 p.m.

## 12. Transportation & Works Committee

A. Report by the Committee Chair Secretary D'Amore gave a report on sidewalk graffiti and stated that the committee is looking for new members.

## **B.** February '22 meeting reschedule

Secretary D'Amore stated that the meeting date was changed to accommodate the Presidential holiday.

**C.** Discussion and possible Motion to move Transportation and Works Committee monthly meeting time to third Thursday of month at 7pm.

Chairperson D'Amore stated that there is a conflict with the current meeting time and wanted to move to a different time and day to the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

President Irani stated that the request does not require a motion and vote and the meeting can be changed with committee members in agreement.

# **D.** 6229 Bronholly tree notice submission

President Irani stated that an email was received last Friday from DONE that a tree was scheduled for removal, and to advised that we compose a 2 person Adhoc; however, it is a private property tree. We made the recommendation to retain the tree. It has been submitted to reexamine if the tree actually needs to be removed. The Adhoc will allow it to come to the Board due to time limitations.

### 13. Non-Profit, Education & Arts Committee

#### **A.** Report by the Committee Chair

## 14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

#### **A.** Report by the Committee Chair

Board member Cockrell was absent. Board member Marmolejo stated that last month's meeting was cancelled. We lost our Co-Chair Theresa Gio and we need another member, that is why we could not meet. If you would like to join our committee, we would love to have you. We are focusing on neighborhood grants and the library. We are working with Secretary D'Amore for a list of non-profits so we can develop relationships, get an NPG in order, so that there is no left-over money. This will be agendized at our next meeting.

**B.** Report to Board of City of Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) non-compliance hearing and recommended determination of Villa Carlotta, 5959 Franklin Avenue

President Irani stated that the use of wood in future developments be reviewed to prevent fires. Many NCs advocate for this as an environmental hazard and this discussion will be agendized.

This project has a failure to comply notice from 2020 and may be incurring penalties. CD4 has recommended to go forward with penalties with the City Attorney and then the landlord cannot change rents until they have corrected the conditions. At this time there is a pool house and sf dwelling and the property must return to a duplex. This property is falling into noncompliance with a home share condition.

## 15. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Vice President Meredith stated that he is requesting T-shirt sizes from Board members to place an order. He will resent the email request with a new deadline and please respond with S, M, or L. Vice President Meredith stated that new business cards and lanyards will be ordered.

Board member Izard stated that due to her relocation to Florida, tonight is her last meeting. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work on this Board and thanked the Board members for all that they are accomplishing in the community.

President Irani asked Board member Izard to put her resignation in writing and thanked her for her contributions. President Irani stated that there is now an open Board member position on the Renters and Housing Issue Committee and the commission is in need of new members.

# 16. Old/Ongoing Business

Board member Morrison indicated that with the resignation of Board member Izard, her committee information should be shared with ther committee members before her email account is closed.

Treasurer Morrison asked if the Food Coalition request for funds was approved so that he can prepare the BAC.

#### 17. New/Future Business

### Adjournment:

President Irani made the Motion to adjourn at 11:10

A simple majority vote by the Board members present, not including abstentions, at a meeting at which there is a quorum, shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in the Bylaws (<a href="https://hollywoodunitednc.org/bylaws-rules/">https://hollywoodunitednc.org/bylaws-rules/</a>). 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.