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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Welcome

6:35 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Susan Swan	Sheila Irani	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Coyote Shivers
Margaret Marmolejo	Erin Penner	Brandi D'Amore	Matt Wait	Andrew Chadsey	Michael Connolly
Fouzia Burfield	Marshall Cobb	Robert Morrison	Tony Zimbardi	Bianca Cockrell	Theresa Gio

Excused

Tom Meredith Maureen Diekmann

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wait said that in the discussion with regard to the extension of the period of the new board members, he asked if they could wait a year, and he would like to clarify that that was a hypothetical question, on top of page 5. And he would prefer to have Coyote Shivers' comments calling him "Meltdown Matt Wait" and saying "to hell with the Brown Act" struck from the record. Mr. Shivers said that Mr. Wait lied on the record and continued to make disruptive statements from a Hawaii beach. George Skarpelos asked Mr. Shivers several times to refrain from interrupting the proceedings with his derogatory comments. Mr. Shivers disregarded this caution and continued to be disruptive. Mr. Skarpelos removed Coyote from the meeting for these actions.

Mr. Skarpelos said that he thought about that, and that conduct should be noted. But if Mr. Wait is uncomfortable with that, he is fine taking it out.

Brandi D'Amore said they have already provided censure for Mr. Shivers, and this behavior needs to be documented.

Bianca Cockrell asked, if someone said a racial slur, would they include that, and could that be a middle ground for both parties?

Jim Van Dusen asked, from a bylaws standpoint, if they can strike comments that were taken down. Susan Swan would say no because it has been recorded. In the minutes, Mr. Wait would be allowed to edit what he wanted to say, but she would not be comfortable with removing something he wanted to say. But it's been recorded.

Note: Language has been removed from the written record of the minutes and if someone wishes to hear it, go to the recording of the meeting. Mr. Skarpelos thinks they can clearly say it was due to offensive language.

With that change, Mr. Skarpelos motioned to approve the minutes as amended and with the change that the meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

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

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Theresa Gio
Tony Zimbardi					

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey Fouzia Burfield

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

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

Stakeholder Peter Driscoll explained that he lives part of the year in Sydney and part in Hollywood. Back in Australia, he has been heavily involved in the rehabilitation of parklands in Sydney, and has gotten involved with the Hollywood Neighborhood Cleanup, which has a cleanup coming this weekend. He has been in and out of LA for a long time and watched things build up. He thinks there's something that can be done, and he would like to invite anyone who would like to get involved and would like to meet them and chat.

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

Sean Kleckner with LA Park Rangers said that due to the amount of calls around Griffith Park, they had to shut down the park intermittently. He said it is still great to hear community member comments like Mr. Driscoll's; everyone comes up to the park and enjoys Easter with their families; but the state that their park is left in is a sad culmination of a bunch of trash, and their maintenance crew is pushed to their brink. He is all for any community involvement to do park cleanups.

Ranger Kleckner said that the O in the Hollywood sign was vandalized recently. He wanted to make it clear to people that those coming up to that O will be arrested, not simply fined for vandalizing.

Sheila Irani said that the Deronda Gate problem still exists: the pedestrian access is still open 24/7. It's an open invitation for vandalism at night. Ranger Kleckner had not heard anything, and has been told to stand by for a meeting that he has been looped into as well as the ranger division. He will try to touch base with Tracy James and would love to get in touch with Ms. Irani.

Erin Penner said that she has video and pictures of all the trash, which her children cleaned up all weekend. If that helps Ranger Kleckner, she will send it. Regarding the Franklin/Ivar park, she asked if that was supposed to be closed, because it's open all day every day. Ranger Kleckner said that he noticed the southern gate was always locked, but it has been open. Brandi D'Amore was explaining that when the park opened first, the southern gate was intended to be closed, and it's been left open. He asked to please send him those images.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil asked, regarding the Hollywood sign, if there was any way to get some kind of combined effort with the tower and cameras to stop people messing with the sign before they make it that far. Ranger Kleckner said he was frustrated too, and that there is one security division from the LAPD up there. 25% of the cameras are also broken and beaten down. Law enforcement has to come down with a bullhorn to chase people away. There is one person that's there, and it's sad and frustrating that there were two attacks there in a short amount of time.

Tony Zimbardi said he has a little insight because he has talked to the rangers: there have been some homeless folks who have had episodes in there, so they leave it open for them to leave; they've also left it open to deter people from using it as a dog park.

Sarah Tanberg from Councilmember Raman's office said she had a few updates and needed to touch base with Ms. Irani on the Deronda Gate, their office is coming up with a resolution for this. They have a volunteer CD4 Corps, and they are doing a phone bank this Friday. They often use vouchers for the homeless to get into housing. They will be hosting virtual sessions in the coming weeks, and she will shoot the link to George Skarpelos after the meeting. Last week, the council took action shaping how homeless outreach looks; new outreach teams will coordinate to make sure someone experiencing homelessness experiences the best possible chance of getting connected with resources and outreach. They have a new tenant anti-harassment law being considered: they get a lot of calls about landlords harassing tenants, and this will help to prevent that.

Ranger Kleckner asked Ms. Tanberg to keep him informed about what happens with the Deronda Gate, and said the rangers would love to be part of the solution. Ms. Tanberg said that they would love to have them part of it.

Michael Connolly said that he was on the Oaks HOA meeting the other day and asked if CD4 and CD13 were meeting to talk about things surrounding the discussed intersection. Ms. Tanberg said they were; not to broaden the discussion, but they are dealing with that over close to Los Feliz too, and she is having a meeting with Sean Starkey and those close to the field office. So, she will be sure to keep the board abreast of their meeting's results.

George Skarpelos said that The Dell had all these dog waste stations, and CD4 has been lagging in picking up that waste. He asked what the plans are to approach that. Ms. Tanberg said that they will be serviced once a week, and that route as they were transitioning did not transfer over. She apologized, but there has been miscommunication about the dates when that will be picked up. The trash cans have been serviced, and she has let their liaison know that this is a priority for this neighborhood. She has also let

everyone who emailed her to contact Jeremy Trainor and thanked everyone for being patient.

Bianca Cockrell asked if CD4's office knew about the violent displacement of unhoused residents in Echo Park and asked if Councilmember Raman had a statement. Ms. Tanberg said that they did not know about it until the LA Times article. She said their office knows that displacing people just pushes them elsewhere, and they know that their approach to triaging and handling unhoused people is not replicated in their sister districts. That is not to critique their sister districts.

Brandi D'Amore asked, regarding the rally last week against Asian hate, what Councilmember Raman's position was since they did not see her there in East Hollywood Thai town. Ms. Tanberg said that she was not aware of that rally, and that Councilmember Raman was at the one the prior Sunday in Chinatown. Ms. Tanberg asked who put the East Hollywood Thai town rally together, and Ms. D'Amore said she could put the Thai TCC in touch with her. Ms. Tanberg said that they want to be as visible as possible on this issue in this challenging time for their Asian constituents. She said if Ms. D'Amore wants to send her that and connect her with Thai TCC, that would be wonderful, so someone from her office can be there.

Erin Seinfeld introduced herself as the senior field deputy for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. The Department of Public Health highlighted a troubled finding today: although men have a higher risk of dying from COVID, men of color have a higher risk of dying and have a lower vaccination rate. They all need to work together to make sure that men of color are aware of their risk. LA County has transitioned to the Orange Tier, and an order explaining the changes will be posted Wednesday. They are in an exciting place with these reopenings, but COVID has not disappeared, so please keep staying safe.

Ms. Seinfeld explained that more than 5.1 million doses have been administered to LA County, but allocations in the county do not take into account the state and federal allocation sites. There are also 95 mobile vaccination teams scheduled to administer vaccinations at senior sites, faith-based organizations, etc. And in the coming weeks, 237 mobile vaccination sites will be scheduled. Teenagers can ONLY GET THE PFIZER Vaccine. The county is still not getting the supply they need; Ms. Seinfeld's advice is to go on MyTurn.city.gov, which can provide text updates as well.

Josh Kurpies from Assembly member Bloom's office said it has been a pretty busy week. Today the legislature passed a 536 million dollar bill for fire prevention; half of it is up front as an early prevention measure. They will also provide money to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The Assembly member is working on AB1009 to establish a food hub program for the broader deployment of food hubs throughout the state to encourage farmers to form public and private partnerships. Lastly, Assembly member Bloom will be part of a state-wide commission on hate crimes to monitor them more effectively.

Ethan Weaver introduced himself as the Hollywood neighborhood prosecutor and said that Hollywood is concerned about having a safe reopening, so they have been taking active measures to make sure their nightlife reopens safely. He is also very concerned about the Hollywood sign being viewed as a publicity stunt platform and has asked for the ability to move those cases forward. Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil asked how the radio towers are LAPD-covered and yet there are still Hollywood sign incidents. Mr. Weaver explained that the LAPD sometimes can observe people coming up to the sign, but sometimes they cannot get to those places by road. So the LAPD helicopters can view them, but the Rangers may have to respond to them. Finally, he has received a lot of emails from the community about the increasing number of wood structures along encampments. This is something LAPD and the Department of Building and Safety are concerned about. They have raised this issue with his management and other city entities, and he is hoping to report back with some action items at the next HUNC meeting.

Andrew Chadsey asked if there was talk about other ways than police to handle the unhoused structures, etc., perhaps a special unit to enforce health codes. He is very concerned about this topic and health standards. Mr. Weaver agreed that the concern is not about enforcing against the homeless or unhoused, it's about the safety threat these structures pose. From a sanitation standpoint, it's difficult to clean when there's a firm structure, which is why he is exploring this from a building and safety and a code standpoint. He does think that these kinds of permanent structures pose a threat to everyone in the community, housed and unhoused.

Sean Starkey from Councilmember O'Farrell's office arrived and gave updates. Their second Safe Parking location is opening tonight with 10 additional locations, for a total of 35 safe parking locations. They are not designed for RVs but are designed to help people transition out of their cars into a housing situation. There is a 30-bed location opening in the Salvation Army building for adult males which was formerly temporary. At the Schrader and Rhode Island they have opened up a location and are looking to move on two more locations to help get people off the streets. They are also in a great partnership with the purchase of a building by the Hollywood and Highland center, operated by PATH as permanent supportive housing. They have 22 people already moved in and will be at capacity by the next time HUNC meets. In non-homelessness news, their vaccine center will come to a conclusion this week. When all is said and done, they will have vaccinated 3,000 CD13 residents. Also, the rent assistance program is open: if people signed up for the first one and did not receive it, they are automatically signed up.

Mr. Wait said regarding the Echo Park Lake people, many but not all of them were moved to Project Roomkey locales, but those are temporary, and at some point, those hotels will want to start hosting travelers again. Considering people who are in a bridge home, he asked what the plan was for how those people will be housed or what their future is. Mr. Starkey said that he may not be able to answer all questions about the Echo Park Lake issue because it is not his field area. Project Roomkey has not had people voluntarily go back on the streets, and they connect people to supportive housing and other solutions, and nobody will just be exited back or bussed off. Also the people who did accept the housing solutions from the park stayed in the area. The vast majority were in mid-city and central city LA.

Ms. Cockrell asked if Mr. Starkey had a sense of how much it cost law enforcement to move that vibrant community at Echo Park Lake. Mr. Starkey said that the councilmember did do a motion asking for all that information to become public, and it was submitted last week.

Michael Connolly asked if everybody was moved out of Echo Park, and Mr. Starkey confirmed that the park was closed and that almost every single person in the park accepted a housing solution. Everyone who wanted a solution to the last minute got it. Mr. Connolly asked if there was any violence, and Mr. Starkey said the police did not enter the park at any time. Mr. Connolly asked if the city is seeing this event as a success, and Mr. Starkey said they are. Ms. Cockrell clarified that Councilmember Raman did not see this as a success. Mr. Skarpelos said that as much as this is a very engaging topic, this is not on the agenda.

Mr. Wait said he did not know if there are any reported instances of violence of people being moved out of the lake, but between LAPD and protesters there were incidents of violence. There was at least one broken arm and many people arrested. Mr. Starkey said that his office is aware of that, and they have asked the LAPD to answer for those people arrested.

5. Community Updates

A) Report by the Youth Representative

Marshall Cobb said he is getting his second dose of the vaccine on the 19th. On that topic of COVID, he can say that a lot of his classmates and himself are excited about getting back to the way school should be. A project he has been working on is the personal items collection. He will be working with friends and classmates to generate items to donate them to Blessed Sacrament. George Skarpelos added that HUNC has given them money for a variety of things, so he thinks it's a great idea.

B) Presentation by Melody Ng on Building Pathways Dialogues

George Skarpelos said that Ms. Ng would not be able to make it tonight.

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

Brandi D'Amore said that 3 board members attended the last data liaison program, and the city controller Ron Galperin made it clear there's been a massive amount of illegal dumping. Regarding BONC, there's been a lot of talk about the digital shelter furniture, and the increase in fees, because planning wants to increase the fees to 16,000 for a non-applicant appeal.

Rosalind Helfand, stakeholder rep to the NCSA, had a new presentation from the director of the City Council Sustainability Department. She is facilitating a new LA Climate Emergency Commission, a 26-member body to be assembled by the Mayor and City Council. They also had a presentation of a county master plan for the LA river, and there were concerns that there has been a lack of community engagement and discussion about widening and greening the river in a way that won't displace people. HUNC together with the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council and NCSA are co-hosting an electric vehicle workshop. To sign up to attend, go to [NCSA.la](https://www.ncsa.la) and go to "events". Finally, something that they might want to discuss, NCSA is discussing how to take positions as an alliance. About 60 NC's are part of it, and they want to discuss whether members are empowered to take a position, or whether it should be sent back to every NC.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

George Skarpelos said he had a very interesting discussion about the forthcoming CIS, as well as best practices HUNC should weigh in on. Issues like the Green New Deal and Medicare for all are not something the city is considering but are part of their lobbying package for the federal government. Oftentimes councilmembers will use the motion process and the council file process to gin up publicity. There was an idea to make sure the CIS's and council files are purposeful and informative. He will no longer be on the board come July, and the board has to transition some of the things he does, including the website, the newsletter, and the system of agendas and minutes. He is willing to transition these things to somebody else, and Robert Morrison has expressed interest in that. Brandi D'Amore has expressed interest in taking over the website. They want to make sure HUNC is sustainable and there is not just one person doing things. They talked about after the NPGs purchasing computers in case people want to do some of this work on a computer provided by HUNC. And finally, they discussed the possibility of moving back into the Annex in-person. Erin Penner, Sheila Irani, and Mr. Skarpelos discussed going back into the Annex to see what it's like and explore moving back in person.

B) Discussion and possible motion regarding CF 20-0990: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training / Anti-Bias Training / Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Members https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0990_mot_01-19-2021.pdf

George Skarpelos shared his screen of the council file. Matt Wait explained that the idea behind this council file was inspired by an

incident in Blumenfeld's district in one of the NC's there. It was seconded by HUNC's Councilmember O'Farrell. One of the members of the NC board made some disparaging or offensive remarks to a board member who was transgender. So this council file attempts to remediate this situation by requiring DONE to develop a plan to address gender disparity and transgender people by training NC members. This is already a part of training of corporate America and should be a component of NC training.

Brandi D'Amore clarified that it was during the Reseda NC, and the president of the council kept deadnaming the transgender person. There was a lack of acknowledgement of the person's identity. As someone who's worked in corporate HR, this CIS seemed very specific, which seems problematic: there should be other motions on ageism, etc. Mr. Skarpelos said that in the exec meeting, they said this should include age, sex, and other areas of bias. So, the anti-bias training would include that.

Mr. Wait thanked Ms. D'Amore for the clarification of the details of the incident and added that the CF was passed earlier this year in February that called for diversity equity and inclusion training; it may be that the previous motion didn't include transgender training, but he supports other training about race, age, and gender training.

Michael Connolly asked why Councilmembers O'Farrell and Blumenfeld put forward a motion only addressing one group of people, and said it seems like a reactionary PR move and makes no sense to him. With funding and ethics, they should have diversity training in the workplace,. And that's what they should pass as a board. There are members of this board on a beach right now who could use this training, who are sick of the band aids and chasing the band aids. Mr. Skarpelos clarified that the exec board suggested expanding this as well.

Ms. D'Amore said that part of it was because of the extreme outrage from NC members, and part of it is the liability issues on EmpowerLA's part. There's also been a court case ruling that you cannot dictate someone's use of pronouns. So this is probably a response to that. Andrew Chadsey said that there is a lot of money and political push to control speech and what can be talked about. This can be a step to control speech, and they're using something that any decent person should be for, but it could be a trojan horse.

Motion Made: Motion to support CF 20-0990: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training / Anti-Bias Training / Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Members with a proviso that it includes racial, sex, religion and age bias training.

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Bianca Cockrell **Vote:** Yes-12, No-3, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo
Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi

No

Andrew Chadsey	Fouzia Burfield	Michael Connolly
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Abstain

Brandi D'Amore

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

8. Finance

A) Report by the Treasurer

Sheila Irani explained that every month they spend around \$300 for web hosting, the Google suite, and AppleOne, so they need to make sure they have money allocated for that.

B) Discussion and motion to approve the March monthly expense report.

Motion Made: Motion to approve the March monthly expense report.

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

Yes

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Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

C) Discussion and possible motion to adjust the current budget by moving the \$5,000 allocated to Community Improvement Projects to NPGs

Sheila explained that she just calculated all the NPG requests in the last month, and by moving 4000 they will have 15000 for NPGs and community improvement; they need at least \$2000 to cover things they are going to discuss today. George Skarpelos said he thinks they should move this over now and next month go through the same rigamarole because it's not on the agenda. Ms. Irani

asked people who think they might want to do a project to make her aware of it.

Motion Made: Motion to adjust the current budget by moving \$4,000 allocated to Community Improvement Projects to NPGs

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Matt Wait **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi			

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

9. PLUM Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

No Report.

B) Review and motion regarding the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance letter for Support for Increased tree protection in Los Angeles

Jim Van Dusen explained that this was brought before PLUM by the NCSA. They had an extensive meeting on it, then another on the language of the letter. There's a lot in here, but it's basically to support more trees in LA, and to increase the tree budget to match what other cities have. PLUM unanimously voted to move this forward.

Rosalind Helfand added that his comes at a great time, since HUNC has a history of supporting urban forest in LA and now the city is at a stage where it needs to look at how to expand its tree canopy and protect it.

Motion Made: Motion to write a letter to support for Increased tree protection in Los Angeles

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

Yes

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi		

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

C) Discussion and possible motion on 6021 W. Hollywood Blvd: Project Use: Nightclub. Review and motion re.: A Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued on-site sale and dispensing of a full-line of alcoholic beverages for an existing nightclub of 20,502 sq. ft. with a 6,052 sq. ft. patio, 404 interior seats and 136 exterior seats, live entertainment & patron dancing with hours of operation 11am to 4 am daily. Proposed motion to approve with the condition that outdoor patio sound levels are maintained at a 10% reduction of currently allowed outdoor sound levels city code.

Tabled: Jim Van Dusen explained that this was a prior nightclub, the applicants are taking over the CUP, and doing it as an event center, so they'll have more events. PLUM had discussion about the patio out back, and they will have DJs for special occasions, and PLUM was insistent that they would monitor sound levels. He still has some concerns about noise from the patio. George Skarpelos said that they have a video from the villas on Gower. Brandi D'Amore said the video is from an oblique angle, but it's from the corner of the 7-11. The community indicated problems in 2019 according to Officer Thompson.

Nick Claudie introduced himself as representing the applicant, and he was joined by Zach Alpern as well. He said this is the first he is hearing of any video, so any context would be helpful.

George Skarpelos screen shared the video, which shows residents being unable to sleep because the music goes until 2 AM. Robert Morrison explained that the people who submitted it are here as HeartForward LA.

Mr. Claudie said that it is hard for him to address the video, not being able to tell when the video was taken or where the sound came from. PLUM heard from Officer White last week that they've been exemplary as an establishment. Officer White said calls for service have declined, and Mr. Claudie said he cannot tell from a grainy video where that sound is coming from. The applicant is a really responsible operator, and it's about ticketed live events.

Mr. Alpern said that he had monitored everything over the past few weekends, and there was no notice that there was a noise issue; this video never made it to them as an issue. He said that they have a great relationship with law enforcement; had there been a call about this instance they would have been in a position to act, but since this never made it to them, they were not able

to. They mentioned at the PLUM meeting that they cast out sound monitors to take readings of anything that might disrupt the community, and they also give their contact info to the community to call them directly and ask questions. They try to be very proactive, and address issues with the community. They are here to be a well-run group for the community.

Brandi D'Amore asked, if the applicants get a call at 10:00 at night that noise is an issue, what they are going to do. Mr. Alpern said they will instantly dispatch someone with a sound monitor and take sound readings, and they can lower sound if needed. They can employ directional changes and structural changes: regarding an event in Grand Park, a building called in the middle of the park, they dispatched a sound monitor to them, and found that the building basically acted as a speaker, so the applicants were able to adjust their sound. Brandi D'Amore asked if they would be reaching out to the group on this call.

Erin Penner added that The Villas at Gower sometimes has residents that are formerly unhoused people who are used to noise. And the fact that they are complaining about this before sundown is one thing, and how are people lining up in club clothing this past week during COVID? How is this even allowed to have people coming into a CLUB? Mr. Alpern said that they are not operating as a club, they are open as a restaurant. There is meant to be enforcement and signage operating for distance for people getting in there. Also, LAPD Vice came through and observed their venue and determined it was within COVID regulations. Ms. Penner said she will make a point to take pictures next time: these were people in full nightclub attire getting their IDs checked before the sun went down. Mr. Alpern reiterated that they are not operating as a nightclub, and the fact that people are dressing up nice is not something people should judge on, and they are in communication with law enforcement every week. For those who sent the video, he urged them to get in touch and start a dialogue. And their CUP is only a revision for live entertainment on the patio.

Stakeholder Carrie Morrison from HeartForward LA introduced herself and explained that she has been working with The Villas at Gower residents and used to manage the Business Improvement District in Hollywood. She was there at a meeting with residents on March 25th and all of a sudden music started to pound. The residents said it was the nightclub that has been operating for the past year. I took a video about the noise and the light and the back patio being opened for patrons. Her intent was to work with the residents to speak their voices. She has statements that the music is so loud they can't sleep even with their windows closed, that people stay in the parking lot and drink until 3:00 AM. She managed the BID for years, and she does not think she could handle this. If they could have residents on this call (who were formerly homeless), they would have 17 people on the call. She thinks the applicant should come to the site and hear the music, and they should delay until that happens.

Jim Van Dusen asked if this property will be open until 12 midnight, and Mr. Claudie said it is open until 2 AM, midnight outdoors, and the existing CUP is until 4 AM. They will not provide food service until then. The long-term goal is to be a nightclub and entertainment building. Mr. Alpern added that the plan is to turn the outside patio into a lounge space and smoking section. They are looking to solicit a lot of opportunities for special events, and in those instances, they may have the opportunity to engage catering services. And serving alcohol is illegal after 2:00 AM. They do not serve alcohol after then.

George Skarpelos asked Stakeholder Morrison why the Villas haven't called in a noise complaint. Stakeholder Morrison explained that the residents are not used to doing that being formerly homeless, some don't have cell phones or access to computers, and civic engagement is not something they're used to. This was going to be one of the first things they're going to tackle, but they feel disempowered.

Mr. Skarpelos asked if they could hear this again in PLUM, since there are a lot of people who were not able to make it or did not know about this. Mr. Van Dusen agreed since they are hearing a lot of new information. He thinks it would be for the applicants' benefit to hear that new information and have a new hearing. The current owner may be responsible, but the next may not be, and the CUP will carry over.

Mr. Skarpelos said that they are going to send it back to committee, the next meeting of which will be May 6. Mr. Claudie asked what happens to the previous PLUM motion, and Mr. Skarpelos explained that all committee motions come before the board. It is better to get everybody to talk about it, to get everything worked out, do studies, and there needs to be a full hearing.

Mr. Van Dusen said as chair of the committee, he agreed with sending it back to the PLUM committee. Mr. Skarpelos added that to be fair, they represent the entire community, including night club owners and patrons, and they want to make sure everyone is heard. It's very possible that the answer comes back in support, but it would be unfair to ignore them. Mr. Claudie said that this project will go before a zoning administrator, and they want support from this NC. So he wanted to make sure he understood the mechanics of it. At PLUM they heard overwhelmingly positive support from Officer White, and new issues have come up, but he respects the need for more discussion. Mr. Van Dusen added that this is not a one-off decision with the applicant alone: the board has had to do a fair amount of going back to PLUM with big projects as new info comes up.

Mr. Skarpelos said that the only other thing would be to have a special PLUM meeting to address this in this week. Mr. Van Dusen said that unless there is a city hearing scheduled, they should leave it at the normal time scheduled. Ms. D'Amore said that this is not a gotcha moment, but she does want to know how they are going to address the OD rate at that club.

Ms. Penner said that she has many more things to say, and she is glad Stakeholder Morrison brought things up.

D) Discussion of a possible Standing Rule that all board members obtain DONE Planning 101 training.

Jim Van Dusen said that everyone has to go through this training, and the suggestion was made that the board should have to go through it again. It's more of a lecture that goes into city planning, since they spend a lot of time on planning issues, and it seems like they end up having to have another PLUM meeting at board meetings. George Skarpelos suggested bringing it up at the next Exec meeting to make it a standing rule.

- E) 5600 Hollywood Blvd. project: Discussion of possible joint Town Hall meeting with Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council (HSDNC) with individual HSDNC and HUNC board meetings afterward to review the project with possible motions

Jim Van Dusen explained that the item came up in PLUM, and they couldn't discuss it due to Brown Act issues. 5600 will be a large building going up, there are questions about sustainability, and it will be done almost as a by-right project. It is on Hollywood Blvd, and the NC's south of that got involved in the Hollywood Center Project. The project will affect all of Hollywood. They were exploring with the Studio District NC to have a town hall for both NC's and their stakeholders to attend. If the project is contentious, both constituents on each side of the street have a chance to weigh in. There are Brown Act issues, but they didn't feel comfortable taking the lead.

Brandi D'Amore said that she talked to Doug today, and because this is a sustainable community project, it will be held by city council next month. So, the only time to discuss it will be in April, and the only way to discuss it will be to have a joint PLUM meeting with them. The diagram is inaccurate; the project is almost 19 stories. What they cannot see is the project will also be taking up all of St Andrews from Hollywood to Carlton Way. That's why Studio District NC asked HUNC to weigh in. They will not be able to have the town hall, they need to have a joint PLUM meeting.

Erin Penner said that the school Citizens of the World is feet from that construction. George Skarpelos said that this is simply an informational issue. Ms. D'Amore said that the HSDNC asked them to weigh in on this, and she believes it is significant. Mr. Skarpelos said he thinks they all agree it needs to be discussed, but that they need to have a potentially extended committee meeting about it. It is also not in HUNC's area, and they will have to weigh in on whether HUNC wants to address issues that are not in their neighborhood. Susan Swan added that there may be instances where their stakeholders are affected by a project even if their NC is not.

10. Outreach Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

No Report.

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$200 for a directed mailing list to be used for the Senior Resources direct mail campaign.

Matt Wait explained that they had a vendor that they had identified that had come back with an estimate of people who met the criteria over 65 and making less than 65,000 a year, and it seemed low, so they reached out to a different vendor that came back with a much higher estimate of the number of residents. The estimate they came back with was comparable to what HUNC had originally been quoted.

Sheila Irani said they allocated \$1400 for the senior postcard mailer, and with this they are \$100 over that, so it would be good to vote on this.

Brandi D'Amore said that HUNC's recent direct mailer was a disaster and asked what they are doing to make this better. Ms. Irani explained that they have switched to a new company.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$200 for a directed mailing list to be used for the Senior Resources direct mail campaign.

Motion: Matt Wait

Second: Sheila Irani

Vote: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell

Brandi D'Amore

Erin Penner

Fouzia Burfield

George Skarpelos

Jim Van Dusen

Luis Saldivar

Margaret Marmolejo

Matt Wait

Michael Connolly

Robert Morrison

Sheila Irani

Susan Swan

Theresa Gio

Tony Zimbardi

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

- C) Discussion of new member welcome packages and planning of an in-person retreat and a possible motion to approve up to \$500 for associated costs.

George Skarpelos explained he was assuming sometime in July, either before the first board meeting or after it, there is a retreat

and a welcome package. And some materials about the bylaws, etc. So, the idea was to have something of that nature so that the new members are welcome. They are hoping the retreat/welcome package presentation can be in person.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$500 for associated costs related to new member welcome packages and planning of an in-person retreat.

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi			

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

- D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$200 for a general outreach HUNC banner to be located on the Cheremoya fence

George Skarpelos put this item and the next together, explaining that the bus bench was one of the best outreach methods they had for the election, and Tom Meredith suggested taking over those benches for general outreach signs.

Mr. Skarpelos motioned to pass items D and E by consent. Michael Connolly seconded. Mr. Skarpelos added that if they wanted to guarantee their posters would be up, that would be more, they would have to look into it.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$200 for a general outreach HUNC banner to be located on the Cheremoya fence

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Michael Connolly **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi			

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

- E) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$500 for a general outreach HUNC bus bench PSA.

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Michael Connolly **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi			

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

11. Ad Hoc Election Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

Michael Connolly reported that the committee has a letter, George Skarpelos sent the board the bullet points. It expresses their disapproval of this election, how it went in terms of participation from the city, things that were promised and not delivered, things like SMS texting, things that were supposed to be timed, vectors of the process. Region 5 has to get the ball rolling when city services are shut down, compounded by the pandemic, and HUNC's vote ends up first. The group did a great job with the candidate forums, but he thinks the actual number of people who turned out was extremely low. HUNC did the best they could with what they had. They are going to have a bunch of new board members, and it's so convoluted he does not even know what's going on. In the committee's opinion, the process should be more streamlined.

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve a HUNC letter to DONE identifying issues negatively impacting candidate and voter experiences throughout the 2021 election process including, but not limited to, policies, timing, vote-by-mail ballots, technical challenges and overall electronic governance.

George Skarpelos screenshared the letter since the committee did not have the letter ready to have with the materials.

Michael Connolly explained that the letter was broken into 3 big ideas. It's sort of like, if you get a bad meal at a restaurant, do you have to talk to the chef? Yes, they need to know if it's over salted. He would like to know what it was like being an actual candidate.

Matt Wait registered as a stakeholder for an election in another NC, and they had to ask for his driver's license; he thinks there are a lot of opportunities to improve this in the future.

Jim Van Dusen said he thought the letter is a good idea. He received a lot of volunteered complaints from a number of sources about this election. Also, from other people trying to register, the city clerk made it so complicated and confusing, that he knows at least 5 people who just gave up trying to register to vote. He was surprised that so many unrelated people had the same issue.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil agreed with Mr. Connolly and is hoping they never have to do this again. She got wind of the fact, rumor or not, that they had 500 voters last year, and 100 this year. She had to personally register 5 people and people will not always have someone to help them. Mr. Connolly added that that is important, and if anyone misses any of these many myriad steps to vote, it's unfair.

Mr. Skarpelos said that when he ran in 2017/2015, they had over 500 voters. This time it is a little over 100. And he will make a point, he thinks the candidate filing times are the worst time for candidate filing over the holiday season. If they can move it to the start of the year, they might get a greater turnout of candidates. Brandi D'Amore said that they did not take into account voter burnout either.

Robert Morrison would encourage them to acknowledge in the letter the hope that this was in the pandemic and it's important to start with appreciation for people running the election and suggestions to improve it in the future. Everyone was trying to figure out life anew over the past year. Mr. Connolly said that to that point, he begins the letter with kindness and ends it with kindness.

Motion Made: Motion to approve a HUNC letter to DONE identifying issues negatively impacting candidate and voter experiences throughout the 2021 election process including, but not limited to, policies, timing, vote-by-mail ballots, technical challenges and overall electronic governance.

Motion: Michael Connolly **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-16, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi		

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

12. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Erin Penner said one of the things is already on their agenda as far as RYLAN. The other thing is they had discussed writing a letter to CD4 and CD13 to request outreach regarding local encampments, sanitation, criminal activity, etc. While the board was talking about the nightclub tonight, someone was actually stabbed on Gower. Brandi D'Amore and she want to work on a letter; she does not know if this warrants a special meeting, just with gang activity that changes every day. Gangs taking over homeless encampments, etc.

Matt Wait said regarding having a special meeting, in their previous history of dealing with this, when they had the church that was asking HUNC to approve blocking out the area around for sitting and sleeping, they had meetings with Public Safety and Homelessness. He does not believe this should only go through the Public Safety committee; he thinks this should be a special meeting. George Skarpelos said maybe that's what they have to do and said they should consider that, and he will entertain all suggestions.

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve an upcoming RYLAN event with possibility of partnering with LFNC and HHWNC.

Brandi D'Amore said that she understands what Matt Wait is saying. But the problem is different from what it was. On RYLAN, they have not been able to do any kind of emergency preparedness for over a year now, and RYLAN is an emergency preparedness program. It wouldn't be an ask from HUNC, they would handle the planning and resources. It's the next step from CERT. It's so people can form pods in their neighborhood to immediately mobilize in the event of an emergency. Hollywood Hills West NC would be on board. Los Feliz NC would be on board pending HUNC's approval. They just got Annabel Eubanks to commit to a date and a graphic, and it would be their Zoom link.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil wanted to let HUNC know that Sheila Irani organized that a couple years ago, and they need to do a

refresher for the Estates, it's about an hour, kind of self-explanatory, and they have broken their area into pods. It's definitely worth it.

Motion Made: Motion to approve an upcoming RYLAN event with possibility of partnering with LFNC and HHWNC.

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Bianca Cockrell **Vote:** Yes-16, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi		

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

13. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Sheila Irani said that they have the NPGs to consider. They have been in discussion with Sean Starkey with regards to putting a bin out there for people to throw their trash in; there seems to be a more aggressive, violent environment in the Carlos Way/Bronson encampment, so she is tabling that idea.

B) Discussion and possible motion that the board approve an NPG for up to \$750 for Three Months (April through June, 2021, \$250 a month) for Laundry Vouchers provided by A Million Drops through encampment outreach and shower program at Adventist Church – presented by Maiké Both, AMD.

George Skarpelos read the motion. Sheila Irani asked that the minutes reflect that she was recusing herself and would not be part of this discussion.

Mr. Skarpelos said it is the same concept of a laundry voucher program they have done before.

Robert Morrison noted that the start date for the project is listed as April 1st on the NPG application. Mr. Skarpelos saw that too: what they are saying is they are going to do \$250 a month for April, May and June, and they get paid via check from the city. He was thinking about that and was wondering do we say it is starting April 14th. Mr. Morrison said the only reason he brought it up was there were concerns about whether the City Clerk would process this in previous situations. Erin Penner said that they asked Laika to change that. Mr. Skarpelos suggested they approve with the premise that the start date is changed to April 14th.

Ms. Penner said that she asked Laika; she knows that the unhoused community finds it easier to buy new clothing than wash old clothing. She asked her if there are any leftover vouchers, and she said there are almost never any.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neill suggested they adjust the end date as well if they are adjusting the start date.

Motion Made: Motion that the board approve an NPG for up to \$750 for Three Months (April through June, 2021, \$250 a month) for Laundry Vouchers provided by A Million Drops through encampment outreach and shower program at Adventist Church.

Motion: Bianca Cockrell **Second:** Matt Wait **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-1, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Susan Swan
Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi				

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey

Recuse

Sheila Irani

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

C) Discussion and possible motion that the board approve an NPG for up to \$1500 for Hollywood Food Coalition to purchase biodegradable supplies for to go meals for up to 300 unhoused at Salvation Army and food bank that serves 80 non profits.

Sheila Irani explained that the NPG is also to purchase 20 pairs of shoes. This year they did \$500 dollars so they could purchase large alcohol towels to pass out, and this is the only other thing they've asked for.

Brandi D'Amore said that she did research and they aren't really biodegradable unless they're thrown away properly. She asked if they are not amenable to finding biodegradable solutions. Ms. Irani said she talked to Maiké, and they found new containers that will break down in a landfill.

Asher Landau said she wanted to raise his hand to answer questions or concerns. The reason they don't provide reusable items is because of the COVID risk. It's not their preference as well. That being said, they would be happy to do biodegradable items in this case and if there is a way to better dispose of these items, they would be happy to field those recommendations.

Erin Penner said she is 100% for helping the HFC: they have had discussions about helping First Presbyterian, and people yelling at us for spending 500 bucks on socks; will those stakeholders be okay with spending \$1500 on a to go box? Is there some way to get something they can reuse on hand? Mr. Landau clarified that only \$1000 is for the to go box, there is also a request for shoes. Ms. Penner asked if that request was just for the month of May. Mr. Landau said that they serve a much larger proportion of people than other meal programs. During normal times, they are very sustainable. They do not use any to-go supplies and compost everything. It's only during these times that they cannot afford the luxury of doing these things. They cannot have people congregating, so people have to leave when they get their meal. So he agrees, it's unfortunate, HFC does not like this, and they are looking forward to a time when they can return to their seated dinner.

Liaison Rosalind Helfand said she really appreciates that the council is including sustainability in this discussion; it's a myth that reusables are dangerous in the time of the pandemic, but she thanked Mr. Landau for clarifying that it's about people not having to congregate. So it's not ideal to have compostable items that aren't truly compostable, but at least they are not using petroleum products.

Motion Made: Motion to approve an NPG for up to \$1500 for Hollywood Food Coalition to purchase biodegradable supplies for to go meals for up to 300 unhoused at Salvation Army and food bank that serves 80 non profits.

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

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan
Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi				

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey Fouzia Burfield

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

14. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Brandi D'Amore reported that they met this month and confirmed the dates of the EV presentation they will be sponsoring for the NCSA. They got participation of the Central Hollywood NC; the date will be April 28th. George Skarpelos shared the graphics. They also discussed the Metro plan to give free fares to people with certain income brackets. The city makes a very small percentage of its budget from fares. They cannot offer fareless rides for more than 18 months even with federal funding. She and Sheila Irani have been working from opposite ends on the 101 Vine offramps. Ms. D'Amore added that they are postponing Erin Penner's proposal but will be hearing it next month.

B) Review and possible motion regarding a tree removal at 5500 Franklin (Mexican Palm) and possible letter to the Urban Forestry Division.

Brandi D'Amore said on April 6th, they received a notice dated March 9 regarding tree removal. NC's can request 30 day notice. The huge construction project on the mixed-use property on Western was to be responsible for a dedicated left turn, and they've requested the Mexican fan palm be removed. They believe the crane will not be able to put the new signal head in without moving the tree. She is not sure she necessarily believes that: the tree was planted in the 30's and the signal head is right there. Mexican fan palms don't provide much shade, but they do provide habitat. So the letter requests that they reassess the need to remove this tree. Because it's a dedicated left, it'll have the huge arm to go over Franklin to show the turn.

Sheila Irani noted that Mexican fan palms don't photosynthesize and the major animal that habitats there are is rats. Ms. D'Amore noted that some high-flying rats also nest there. There are two trees they're going to plant, but they won't be mature trees and they may not live.

Susan Swan added that Mexican fan palms are considered iconic in Hollywood, and Highland down to Sunset is one of six protective areas for Mexican fan palms. Ms. D'Amore noted that she did indicate the historical significance in the letter.

Robert Morrison said he spoke to an arborist who said that African Fern Trees would be better for carbon sequestration, but there are other issues to consider. Ms. D'Amore said that the new trees might not receive enough moisture to grow to maturity.

Motion Made: Motion to oppose the tree removal at 5500 Franklin (Mexican Palm) and produce a letter to the Urban Forestry Division.

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

Yes

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Michael Connolly	Susan Swan	Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi

No

Sheila Irani

Abstain

Matt Wait Robert Morrison

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

- C) Discussion and possible adoption of a method to respond to immediate tree removal notifications when timing does not permit a full board decision.

Tabled: *Susan Swan said that the board could take a position on a board member speaking to a position, but Brandi D'Amore would have to bring to the board a position about the trees covered by the city, and they would need a list of trees HUNC would support.*

15. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

No Report.

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve a \$500 NPG for PATH for library books for 20 children ages 7 - 13, who live at Villas on Gower and are unable to go to the library due to COVID restrictions. The project which would be completed May 1st.

Margaret Marmolejo explained that there are children at that complex who are not allowed to go to the library to get books because of COVID. The project would be set up like a library, and the people running the project would be PATH people. They requested it. There's a list included of all the books.

Bianca Cockrell asked if it was possible not to buy the books on Amazon. Ms. Irani said in order to do the NPG it has to have an attached invoice, and it's just impossible to do it with an independent bookseller. She does not think they have to buy it from amazon ultimately, but there had to be an invoice attached. Michael Connolly noted they talked about that in the meeting, and they were way down to buy it from other bookstores.

Motion Made: Motion to approve a \$500 NPG for PATH to purchase library books for 20 children ages 7 - 13, who live at Villas on Gower and are unable to go to the library due to COVID restrictions.

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

Yes

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan
Theresa Gio	Tony Zimbardi				

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey Fouzia Burfield

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve a \$500 NPG for The Electric Lodge Theater's Ben Gown's Puppet Show for materials to make marionette type puppets.

Tabled: *George Skarpelos said he never received the NPG for this one, and that Ms. Marmolejo said it was a little messed up. Ms. Marmolejo had sent it anyway, and Ms. Irani clarified that the applicant had not gotten a second signature. Mr. Skarpelos clarified that they cannot consider NPG's unless they are filled out and submitted. Ms. Marmolejo said that the applicant Ben Gown does have a 501c3 group supporting him, and he had everything but their signature.*

Mr. Gown said that the group's director is out of town and he can get the signature on Friday from him. He knows that's not adequate for this meeting but thought he would say hello.

Brandi D'Amore asked how the show will benefit HUNC's area, and Ms. Marmolejo said that Mr. Gown will be providing the puppet show for school children and underprivileged children, even like the children at the Villas at Gower. Ms. D'Amore asked if HUNC should not be giving money for events that they cannot confirm are being done.

Mr. Gown explained that the Electric Lodge is in Venice, but they are donating their space for his puppet show to rehearse there and the show is portable so they can bring it to venues in Hollywood: schools, libraries, and underserved communities. Ms. D'Amore noted that all those things are closed right now and asked when he is planning on doing that. Mr. Gown said whenever live theater opens, and they are doing a video version as well. They can also have advertising; they are filming a promo for it in May. Ms. Irani noted the start date states February 1, 2020 and asked if Mr. Gown was doing this already. Mr. Gown clarified that was when they started building and creating. Ms. Irani said this might be a good NPG for the next fiscal year that starts in July.

Ms. Marmolejo said one of Mr. Gown's first steps is to create the puppets and asked when he was going to start on that. Mr. Gown said that was what this funding is for: to start producing and get it ready to go for when live theater opens up. Susan Swan asked if other NC's are contributing to this, like Venice NC, and Mr. Gown said no. He lives in Hollywood.

Brandi D'Amore said she was assuming this will be Mr. Gown's permanent setup and she is uncomfortable with providing a permanent asset for him.

Mr. Skarpelos thought this needs to be clarified, and they need a more streamlined and complete NPG. Ms. Irani said that she could work with Mr. Gown to correct the NPG, but it cannot be voted on.

16. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Matt Wait said that during this month's past committee meeting, they were supposed to have a presentation from the Hollywood Tenants Union but they weren't able to attend. The rest is on the agenda.

B) Discussion and possible motion for the board to submit a CIS regarding council file 20-0200: Motion (Bonin) for HCID and City Attorney to draft an ordinance modifying RSO to limit rent increases to 60% of Consumer Price, eliminate 3% floor for allowable rent increases, and provide recommendations for freezing rents for tenants whose rents have increased faster than inflation in previous years. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0200_mot_02-12-2020.pdf

Matt Wait explained that this is a kind of wonky adjustment to how RSO is calculated. Rental properties in LA are capped to the total market price. Typically it's only about 2%, less than the minimum rate allowable for rent increase under RSO because rent is allowed to increase. So this tweaks the formula for estimating that maximum and minimum rent, gets rid of minimum rent and caps maximum at 60% of consumer price

Sheila Irani asked, knowing that property taxes and insurance go up, how does that compare to a 60% increase in a CPI? Brandi D'Amore explained, what's been happening with current rent increases, when there's been no CPI increase at all, tenants have experienced yearly increases of 3-5% when there's been no inflation to back it up. And a concern is that this would not be beneficial if inflation jumps dramatically. But this mitigates years of rent increase when it hasn't been backed up by the economy.

George Skarpelos asked if the max rent increase is 8%, and Ms. D'Amore explained that it is actually going to be more like 10% because you add a percent for each utility. She explained that this was written by Brandi: This was written by Bonin because it's been successful in other cities. And rent increases have exceeded cost of living increases.

Robert Morrison noted in response to Ms. Irani that the CPI over the last four years, the twelve-month average was 2.2, 4, and 1.4 over the last few years.

Ms. Irani summarized that this file is recommending 60% of this. But if it goes up minutely, it doesn't keep up with the cost of land ownership and property ownership. Ms. D'Amore talked to Elain about that, and she had found that what landlords indicate they can do and what they can actually do are two different things. Landlords have been making significant increases in the value of rents.

Motion Made: Motion for the board to submit a CIS in support of council file 20-0200: Motion (Bonin) for HCID and City Attorney to draft an ordinance modifying RSO to limit rent increases to 60% of Consumer Price, eliminate 3% floor for allowable rent increases, and provide recommendations for freezing rents for tenants whose rents have increased faster than inflation in previous years.

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-9, No-3, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Matt Wait
 Robert Morrison Susan Swan Theresa Gio

No

George Skarpelos Michael Connolly Sheila Irani

Abstain

Fouzia Burfield Margaret Marmolejo

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

- C) Discussion and possible motion for HUNC to host a Renter's Rights Presentation co-sponsored with other Hollywood Neighborhood Councils in May.

Matt Wait said there have been a lot of changes to COVID protections to renters and the emergency rental assistance fund and therefore a need for new information. The previous presentation was successful and relatively easy to do. It was at no cost to HUNC, and they would like to get other NC's in the Hollywood area to promote and maybe jointly sponsor it together. There was a complicated timeline laid out in the committee meeting to have it in late May. So they want to get it out before the May general meeting.

Bianca Cockrell said that Los Feliz NC and the Hollywood Hills NC are happy to help already, she has talked to them.

Sheila Irani asked if there will be any expense related to this, and Mr. Wait said they are not anticipating any. They want to just promote it on HUNC's social media.

Motion Made: Motion for HUNC to host a Renter's Rights Presentation co-sponsored with other Hollywood Neighborhood Councils in May.

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Bianca Cockrell **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Bianca Cockrell Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner Fouzia Burfield George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen
 Luis Saldivar Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Michael Connolly Robert Morrison Sheila Irani
 Susan Swan Theresa Gio Tony Zimbardi

Ineligible

Marshall Cobb

17. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Matt Wait asked if anyone has volunteered to run in the July exec elections. George Skarpelos said they had one, but that's up to the next board.

Brandi D'Amore said that the board elects are subject to the same regulations the current board is as far as the Brown Act, dictating their communications with them. They did not attend tonight, but they will not be able to participate at board meetings with quorum.

Ms. D'Amore said that she is staying, but there are conditions happening on this board that are making it difficult to stay. There are board members trying to engage in gotcha moments with community members, with snark, and comments with board members treating attendees as less than people. City employees should be treated with ultimate respect, and they are generating an attitude that makes it uncomfortable for them to come to these meetings.

18. Old/Ongoing Business

Luis Saldivar asked if he could make a motion to remove Coyote Shivers from the board. George Skarpelos clarified that the bylaws say if three board members agree they can submit a letter to remove. Michael Connolly seconded. Mr. Skarpelos clarified that they need it in writing, and if anyone else is interested in being part of it, they can get together with Mr. Connolly and Mr. Saldivar.

19. New/Future Business

None.

Adjournment at 11:04 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.