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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Transportation & Works Committee
Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00 PM
Webinar ID: 837 2732 2434
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83727322434>

Asher Landau is proxy alternate.

Review minute notes for accurate vote count.

Order 1-4, 6-9, 5, 10-14

Welcome

7:01 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Brandi D'Amore Annika Guterman

Absent

Lara Zvirbulis

2. Approval of Minutes

Asher abstained.

Annika Guterman - yes

Brandi D'Amore - yes

Asher Landau - abstain

yes 2 no 0 abstain 1 absent 0 ineligible 0

Motion passed.

Motion: Annika Guterman

Second: Brandi D'Amore

Result: Yes-2, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Annika Guterman

Brandi D'Amore

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

None

4. Comments from any city, state or local officials in attendance

No officials in attendance. Committee went to Item 6.

5. Chair updates

Committee moved here from Item 9.

Chair reminded board members of the need to get in headshots for website completion especially as with the elections, more traffic is expected to the website.

Brandi D'Amore also asked Annika Guterman to consider scheduling through June 30, 2023 for the end of the term. Ms. Guterman did not have any ideas, and when asked to please consider to discuss indicated that she couldn't do that now. Ms. D'Amore asked her to

think about this as the committee must meet once next quarter, and with probability of meeting in person.

Committee moved to item 10.

6. Presentation, discussion, question & answer, and determination of any necessary action with Bureau of Engineering-StreetsLA of Hollywood United's 2022 Tree Survey
<https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Hollywood%20United%2020220812.pdf>

Moved to Item 6 after item 4.

Elias Najjar and Stephen Duprey from Urban Forestry Division (UFD) /Streets La gave a presentation of the Tree Survey completed 8/22 for HUNC borders. Mr. Najjar explained that no inventories have been done since 1990's. He showed how to explore tree inventory in streets take to inventory site. Walked committee through the website navigation. He also walked committee through how to find tree by address and everything about the tree.

Stephen Duprey discussed the UFD plan on how they plant trees, about the trees, problems UFD is facing on tree health, etc.

** plant broad tree between palms*

** 28% in this area; bird nesting*

** mission to move out the agiperm to allow tree to grow.*

Inventory lets City know what we have and get grant money (funded by GF)

5-7 years

30-40 years way too much

Discussed planting strategies, which takes more money and irrigation, benefits health of community. Respiratory illness

Mr.'s Najjar and Duprey were invited to stay so that they could be present and possibly dialogue with agenda Item 7 and Casey Madden.

7. Presentation, discussion, question & answer, and determination of any necessary action with United Neighborhoods 4 LA and/or Angelenos For Trees on its successful lawsuit that partnered to sue the City Sidewalk Repair Program for an inadequate Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and neglecting impact on trees and environmental negligence in conducting sidewalk repairs
<https://www.un4la.com/news/un4la-news-june-2021?rq=sidewalk>

Casey Madden made a presentation, and started by thanking UFD for efforts with small budget that it receives from City. He discussed the inadequacies of the Environmental Impact Report. The purpose of the lawsuit wasn't to criticize UFD efforts; it was to have something in writing to which the City can be held for some accountability.

Mr. Madden's group supports the program; wants UFD to know. He notes that sidewalks are more important and if trees have to go, they have to go. The feeling is that one does not have to be compromised for other. Wants to work with UFD to assist in saving trees and appreciates the efforts. Knows the count is lower than what was anticipated and appreciates the continued efforts. Lawsuit is to address what is perceived to be a more on inadequate assessment. He acknowledges that UFD has a huge job, shortfalls, UFD has not enough voice. If not in writing or binding, then City Council will just cut whatever they can to save money. Puts project on hold, and wants a way to move forward with it, not stop it. Wants to see it move forward so that sidewalks are in condition anyone ne can use.

UFD wants to do more bumpouts \$150k for one tree; needs to be valid tree to get that money, drainage, signage, etc. Discussed the problems of tree planting, etc. has caused problem. Issues of bridging.

Other best practices and federal funding were discussed.

Mr., Duprey of UFD/SLA did stay, and a dialogue briefly ensued to lower the animosity that has been occurring. Mr. Madden thanked Mr. Duprey for attending as it brought information that Mr. Madden could disseminate to prevent misinformation and negative inaccuracies from spreading.

8. Discussion and possible motion to recommend board send letter to Hollywood's Village partnership and associated organizations (hollywoodvillagemural.org/) seeking more information about the approval of the mural at the intersection of Yucca and Tamarind and referring the organization to CALTRANS policies

Brandi D'Amore made a presentation to the committee to demonstrate through photos and video a mural at the curve of Tamarind and Yucca, 90028. She went on to address how the mural has been formerly there since the Summer of '21 (erection started I Spring), and how CalTrans and Council District 13 have confirmed that the mural was not erected legally or in compliance with State regulations on "transportation art". The examples, including the placement of unauthorized intellectual property of several studios, text, links, signage, etc. were presented. A picture showing that the placement of Hollywood United was originally on the mural, implying board approval or consent which was not the case. Chair indicated that CalTrans order Church of Scientology/Hollywood Village to remove that and the placement of CD13 immediately.

A representative asked to attend by Church of Scientology Hollywood Village, Amelie Pimont 323-603-7122, expressed that while she is not directly working with the mural, she was asked to come and present that the organization is in attempts to get the mural approved or a new design approved. Committee advised that according to CalTrans, if CD13 does not take sponsorship then the mural cannot stay. Ms. Pimont also acknowledged that the erection without proper procedure and placement of intellectual property was wrong and hopes that the organization can fix. She left for another engagement.

Committee addressed the issues. Annika Guterman confirmed that she found out about the mural due to geotagging and assumed that HUNC had approved because of the listing of the neighborhood council on the wall, and had her own questions on the intellectual property listed.

Committee first believed that as CD13 is in talks with CalTrans that CD13 needs to assess its liability having this mural up or allowing it to stay up in current form if a new one is approved by consulting City Attorney. Both CD13 and CalTrans would be contacting chair as last communication was that it was unclear that CD13 could sponsor at this time.

9. Discussion of my311 project material submissions

Discussion ensued on Annika Guterman's graphics as in November '22 meeting she confirmed in that meeting, specifically to visiting Vice President who was assessing goal completion, she would complete two items in November and December '22. Ms. Guterman denied that confirmation, and Ms. D'Amore indicated that she did and that Ms. Guterman had confirmed November's minutes as accurate. Ms. Guterman said she was told by other board members to not complete anything. As there was no progress forward, and no way to confirm at meeting, Ms. D'Amore expressed hope that this project could move forward and in interim, she would do stock photography for topics on her own.

Committee moved to item 5.

10. Update on any Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance activities and possible motion for recommendations for board to consider for liaison vote

There were no items to discuss.

11. Review of Legislative Report for any applicable Council Files that may need to be considered

Review prior to meeting showed no relevant topics for committee.

12. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Chair discussed that the committee will need more board members to continue.

13. Old/Ongoing Business

None.

14. New/Future Business

None.

Adjournment at 8:54 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.