On 7/15, learned that all new board members were ineligible because those who had voted had completed Funding but not Ethics. Votes subsequently changed to reflect ineligibility for all items.

On 7/28, HUNC was advised that B. Cockrell, M. Connolly, M. Marmolejo, and T. Meredith were ineligible due to lapsed training. Votes subsequently changed to reflect ineligibility for all items.

M. Marmolejo entered meeting at 7:15PM; did not vote on this item.

Welcome

6:37 PM start

1. Seating of new HUNC board

Lorenzo Briceno confirmed that 4 newly elected members have not completed any of their trainings, so they will be ineligible to vote in funding matters, but will count for quorum: Caroline Johnson, Estefany Pereya, Kasia Mays, and Marshall Cobb. Sheila Irani clarified that Marshall Cobb is HUNC Youth representative (permanently ineligible).

Mr. Briceno explained that because of another department transition, he will be the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for HUNC once again.

Caroline Johnson clarified that the City sent out the training email last Friday. Brandi D’Amore added that they have tried for months to put Ms. Johnson on the roster.

The meeting began at 6:37 PM. Mr. Briceno screen-shared the oath of office and swore in the new HUNC board.

Addendum: on 7/13/21 G. Horos could not vote due to expired FULL training.

Addendum: on 7/28/21, HUNC advised that B. Cockrell, M. Connolly, M. Marmolejo, and T. Meredith would not be eligible to vote due to lapsed Ethics training

Voting numbers/categories changed to reflect the change in status.

2. Roll Call

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Absent

Estefany Pereyra

3. Officer Elections

Article VI, Section 3: Selection of Officers

Officer positions shall be filled annually at the first official Board meeting following their election or selection in Board
Lorenzo Briceno explained the bylaws and asked for nominations and self nominations.

A) Election of the President

1. Approval of the election of President

Sheila Irani nominated herself as president. There were no other nominations or self-nominations.

Ms. Irani introduced herself, saying she has been on this board for 9 years and "it's been a joy to see the evolution of this NC from the leadership of Susan Swan to the leadership of George Skarpeles." She has worked with Councilmembers Ryu, Raman and Labonge, and will take pride in this leadership position.

Motion Made: Motion to elect Sheila Irani as President

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B) Election of the Vice President

1. Approval of the election of Vice President

Tom Meredith nominated himself as Vice President. There were no other nominations or self-nominations.

Mr. Meredith introduced himself, saying he is on his 10th year serving HUNC and delineated the significance of Vice President position. He thinks he and Sheila Irani have a really good relationship. While on the Bylaws Ad Hoc and Election committees, he has accomplished major bylaws changes on the ad hoc committee and on the elections committee. He worked with the councilperson as well as an outreach coordinator so he knows how downtown works. He added that he can bring a lot of experience and wisdom, and commits to not only providing that wisdom to the exec team and the HUNC board in general, but he is also politically impartial and dedicated to serving their stakeholders above all to the extent of his ability.

Motion Made: Motion to elect Tom Meredith as Vice President

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C) Election of the Secretary
1. Approval of the election of Secretary

Jim Van Dusen nominated Brandi D’Amore as secretary. MsJ’D’Amore accepted. There were no other nominations or self-nominations.

Ms. D’Amore introduced herself, saying she was one of the signators to create this NC. She helped obtain the Franklin Village designation for this neighborhood, has been on the board since 2017, and has worked in the area for 30 years. She is already maintaining records in a way that she can slide right into the role of secretary, and maintains communications with businesses and HOAs in the area as well as being up to date on legislation

Motion Made: Approval of Brandi D’Amore as Secretary

Yes
Sheila Irani
Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison
Sheila Irani

Abstain
Theresa Gio
Tony Zimbardi

Ineligible
Caroline Johnson
Greg Horos
Marshall Cobb
Shauna Frente

Bianca Cockrell
Brandi D’Amore
Jim Van Dusen
Michael Connolly

Vote: Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-7

1. Approval of the election of Treasurer

Michael Connolly nominated Robert Morrison, and Robert Morrison accepted. There were no other nominations or self-nominations.

Mr. Morrison introduced himself, saying he has been with the board since September 2020, and he is excited to continue that. He has served as treasurer for a local nonprofit in the past, and has also tracked all the expenses for the board since joining. He will have things to learn about working with the city clerk’s office, but knows he will have support with that.

Motion Made: Approval of Robert Morrison as Treasurer

Yes
Sheila Irani
Tom Meredith
Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison

Abstain
Theresa Gio
Tony Zimbardi

Ineligible
Caroline Johnson
Greg Horos
Marshall Cobb
Shauna Frente

Bianca Cockrell
Brandi D’Amore
Jim Van Dusen
Matt Wait

Vote: Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-7

4. Approval of Minutes

Sheila Irani took over chairing the meeting.

Ms. Irani corrected the spelling of Sarah Tanberg’s name in the June 14th minutes.

Jim Van Dusen said under item BB that the entire paragraph did not make sense so he rewrote it. He said there is no evidence to exempt this project from CEQA guideline, and was sent to PLUM for further consideration. The B&B said Holly Grove HPOZ held a meeting but did not have quorum and could not make a decision.

Brandi D’Amore noted in the June 14th minutes, while voting on the minutes from the previous meeting, she said that Coyote Shivers needed to abstain, and if he wanted to recuse himself he needed to leave the meeting. Ms. D’Amore said the way it is written implies that he left the meeting, but Atzi from DONE is still talking to him. As far as Ms. D’Amore recalls, he was not removed at that point. He should have removed himself from the previous meeting if he was going to recuse himself, not stay for the vote and vote.

Tom Meredith wanted to understand that on a technicality. Ms. D’Amore explained that it was voted as a “recuse”, and Mr. Shivers could not recuse himself because he sat through the entire item. She specifically asked him if he wanted to abstain or recuse, and he said he wanted to recuse. Ms. Irani asked Ms. D’Amore to send her the exact language she wants to have in the minutes, and suggested they motion to approve the minutes with Ms. D’Amore’s edits.

Matt Wait, referencing on page 5 under 10 B when he discusses the issue going nowhere, clarified that his point was that it was out of HUNC’s area, and Susan Swan corrects him later in the minutes that Griffith Park is a shared resource.

Mr. Meredith motioned to accept the minutes for the June 14th and June 22nd meetings with any edits according to Brandi’s language.
Outgoing Board member Luis Saldivar said to the current and outgoing board members that it was an honor and pleasure serving the community and working on projects like the Renter’s Fair, CPR event, and booth at the Farmer’s Market, and it has been an interesting 5+ years serving the neighborhood he was born in. He thanked everyone on the board, and Sheila Irani thanked him for his years of HUNC service.

Stakeholder Rob wanted to comment about HUNC’s meeting about the Old Zoo last month and asked why Matt Wait did not recuse himself from the issue. Rob said not only did Mr. Wait participate but he strongly pushed to remove language about Ground Game. Rob said Mr. Wait’s comments were biased and he put his own interests ahead of the community he was elected to serve. Rob has no trust in what he says going forward. He finds it interesting that the pledge HUNC’s new members just read said they would honor different opinions, and that is not the case. He does not think Mr. Wait should be on the board.

Stakeholder Eugene said that his comments are along the lines of the last one. He thinks the people of the public are considering a lot of the city government to be corrupt. Mr. Wait failed to disclose his connections with the issue, and it wouldn’t have even come to light without diligent investigation on social media. All elections use public money, and an official with a disqualifying public practice may not put a recommendation or vote before anybody on that issue. Mr. Wait serves as CFO of an entity whose very members were in question. This person should be removed and the entire issue be investigated.

Stakeholder David echoed the past few speakers that Matt Wait did not recuse himself in the June 22 meeting involving Ground Game LA for which he serves as an executive member. He was elected to serve the stakeholders, not a special interest group, and David finds his actions render him unfit to serve on HUNC. He would like to ask that HUNC censure Mr. Wait if not remove him from the board.

Caroline Johnson said that Ground Game is a stakeholder in HUNC. Sheila Irani added that she had to recuse herself from items or issues involving the non-profit boards she has represented. Ms. Johnson was also advised that board members may not address the public speaking during Items Not On Agenda. After Ms. Johnson tried to talk over Ms. Irani several times, Ms. Irani said she will have to understand the protocol if she wants to serve the public, and would move her comments to the agenda items covering conflicts of interest.

 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Brian White welcomed new board members and congratulated the new Executive Board members. He wanted to bring attention to this year’s National Night Out, a scaled-back version of it to get back in the swing of things. They are doing smaller segments for different communities throughout the Hollywood region. It will be August 3rd, the first Tuesday in August like every year. Sheila Irani asked if the Outreach Committee would want to participate in the National Night Out, and Tom Meredith said when they reassign committee members, they would absolutely like to participate in that and it is always rewarding.

Sarah Tanberg from CD4 announced that this will be her last HUNC meeting prior to going on maternity leave. She introduced her colleague Helene Rotolo who was formerly at the City Administrative Officer’s office and has stepped into her role as field deputy in this area. She’s been busy in the field and fielding a lot of constituent concerns. Ms. Tanberg explained that the council is in recess, but at the beginning of July a motion was presented by Councilmember Raman for relief options for commercial rent debt to support small businesses and protect them from eviction. The motion passed, and Councilmember Raman also introduced a motion for interim housing, and a motion for providing a sufficient number of regularly serviced trash receptacles to encampments around the city. They are looking forward to when the city council reenters session and they can have forward movement on those. Also on July 22nd, they are having an event with the councilmember about brushfire season, preparedness, evacuation plans, etc. Armando Hogan, LAFD chief, will be there as well as the leader of the LAFD brushfire clearance unit. Ms. Tanberg also wanted to share that homelessness and sanitation have been on people’s minds, and CARE and cleanup crews will again start 5-day service soon. They are still trying to get people into supportive housing, etc.

Sheila Irani asked if Ms. Tanberg was being permanently replaced, and she said she was and will be transitioning into the role of homelessness deputy and supporting their senior Homelessness Director once she is back from her leave. Ms. Rotolo will be HUNC’s new permanent field deputy. Ms. Rotolo introduced herself to the board, saying she worked with the city for about 4 and a half years, most recently with the City Administrative Officer. She is looking forward to learning from HUNC and working with this community,
Erin Seinfeld from Supervisor Kuehl’s office said that the Supervisor recently had a couple big motions: one was a motion to extend the eviction moratorium until September 30 for the county, not just the city. If stakeholders are having any issues when it comes to evictions, Kuehl’s office can assist. The other was a motion coauthored by Kuehl to create a jail closure team to help close down the men’s central jail. They will get a sense of how the implementation team will be structured and incorporate other bodies and departments of the city. Also Kuehl co-authored a motion that addresses how COVID affects women and women of color, establishes an entrepreneurship academy and helps stabilize women-grown businesses. Lastly, the assessor’s office is reviewing small business and commercial properties to see if they’re eligible for a decline in value review of property assessment and decrease in property tax. In addition, a lot of people have COVID fatigue; for the last 4 days now the county has had over a thousand cases and seen hospitalizations increase exponentially. 99% of people getting sick are unvaccinated. If stakeholders have people in their life who are resistant, reach out to the Supervisor’s office. Reach out if their business/religious organization wants a mobile unit, or if there are people homebound who need it.

Michael Connolly asked what the percentage of LA County folks who are vaccinated is. Ms. Seinfeld said for right now in all of LA County for residents 16 and over only 61% are fully vaccinated. Over 70% have at least one dose. And for seniors, only 70% are fully vaccinated. Ms. Irani said she will ask the Outreach Committee to perhaps do a vaccine clinic in the coming months. Jim Van Dusen said he knows 6 people who have died from COVID and emphasized how serious it is. Ms. Seinfeld pointed out that hesitancy in getting vaccinated is a lot of times about accessibility: not knowing how to get vaccinated, or dealing with tech or language barriers.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Rubalcava explained that he and Brandi D’Amore have been brainstorming over the last couple weeks about safety issues. Ms. D’Amore added that there are now open drug sales happening at the Tommy’s burger restaurant on Hollywood and Bronson. SLO Rubalcava has brought it to the attention of their narcotic unit and they are continuing to investigate. If they can get video documentation without someone putting themselves in danger, that would be great. Ms. D’Amore asked what the LAPD is doing to protect Larry White, a senior and handicapped unhoused stakeholder who has helped the LAPD with investigations. SLO Rubalcava said they know Mr. White, and that he qualifies for a bunch of services to aid the unhoused, but whether he will accept them or not is another matter.

Ethan Weaver, Neighborhood Prosecutor, introduced himself and said that thankfully in the last month it has been pretty quiet. There was one incident involving a large gathering on Weidlake Drive that caused significant gridlock, and he gave a huge shoutout to LAPD officer Brian White. Mr. Weaver explained that as soon as the call came out about the incident, Officer White sped over and had to walk a ways to get vehicles towed and gridlock cleared. He and Officer White are still working on this on the back end, since it was a chronic problem location in the past. With this incident they want to make sure it’s isolated since they have not had one in a year. Ms. Irani asked Officer White if he had to go through the Lake Tahoe side to deal with that incident, and Officer White said it started at the Deep Dell Place side. The main problem is that there were multiple illegally parked vehicles on Deep Dell. He said he will go over it in detail in The Dell’s HOA meeting. Ms. Irani added that their main concern is if that area gets backed up they cannot get fire and emergency responders into the area.

Sean Starkey from CD13 welcomed the new board and thanked the old board. He announced that this is his last NC meeting as HUNC field deputy and he will be exiting CD13 this Friday. He introduced his replacement, incoming field deputy Hannah Cho. Mr. Starkey updated the board, saying that last month Councilmember O’Farrell worked to name Hollywood Forever Cemetery as a city historical monument. This is the 27th building or property the councilmember has gotten named a historic property. CD13’s small theater grant program ended this month, and they are in the process of working with the Department of Cultural Affairs to disperse grants to small theaters since they will be one of the last things to return and reopen. The Hollywood Pool opened up last month as well.

Councilmember O’Farrell also introduced a motion to legitimize the community garden on Fernwood as community garden space. It has been operating as one for years now, but has had no paperwork to authorize that for that lot. They have also started laying the foundation for the Little Armenian gateway and their hopes are to get this open for a massive celebration in 2022. They are getting the final details in for their business grant program, and they were able to service 170 businesses with grants to bridge rent or payroll for another month. Looking at the data, the average size of those businesses were 5 employees, so they were definitely mom and pop businesses in the community. Lastly, July 1 was the first day of the new city budget, so now all covid deficits and hiring freezes have been made whole and departments are getting staff up to pre-COVID levels. Ms. Irani thanked Mr. Starkey for his many years of service, and asked if he was leaving City Council completely. Mr. Starkey said he was not, and has accepted a position as legislative deputy for CD14, which is where he came from before CD13.

Hannah Cho said that she will do her best to live up to Mr. Starkey’s legacy and cannot say enough nice things about him. She congratulated the newly elected board members and thanked them for their service, and looks forward to continuing the partnerships that Mr. Starkey has worked hard to build up. She added that his cell number has been transferred to her.

7. Community Updates
8. HUNC Committee & Liaison announcements on items not on the Agenda

Brandi D’Amore said that she met with Argyle Civic and they had a productive meeting inviting Carri Stevens, the FilmLA liaison who coordinates permits with police, etc. Ms. D’Amore said if stakeholders see filming they were not expecting, contact Ms. D’Amore so she can inform Ms. Stevens. If they have a problematic location, they have talked previously about how to deal with that; she added that this is in Shauna Frente’s area, so she should probably reach out.

9. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

No report.

B) Approval of Susan Swan as a stakeholder member of the PLUM Committee for a 1 year term

Jim Van Dusen explained that this was his motion, to appoint Ms. Swan as a stakeholder member of PLUM due to her many years of experience in PLUM issues. She’s been on PLUM now for the last several months as a board member and it has been very helpful and made for a stronger committee.

Stakeholder Susan Swan said it was great to see the board, congratulated the new board and executive committee, and said she was a founding member of this NC and past president emeritus after chairing the board for 12 years. She looks forward to continuing to serve the committee on PLUM.

Ms. Irani asked if Margaret Marmolejo was able to vote, and Ms. Swan said she could as a courtesy since she was a board member previously.

Note: As of 7/28, HUNC advised that M. Marmolejo was not eligible to vote due to expired trainings.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen Second: Sheila Irani Vote: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-11

Yes
Brandi D’Amore Jim Van Dusen Matt Wait Robert Morrison Sheila Irani Theresa Gio
Tony Zimbardi
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Marshall Cobb Michael Connolly Shauna Frente Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith

C) Approval of George Skarpelos as a stakeholder member of the PLUM Committee for a 1 year term

Jim Van Dusen explained that he asked stakeholder George Skarpelos if he could continue serving on PLUM since he was vice chair for a few years and like Susan Swan brings a depth and breadth of experience. It makes for a strong committee to have him on.

Mr. Skarpelos said that he was always very excited to be part of PLUM, as it is a big issue for him, especially overdevelopment in neighborhood, but at the same time he thinks they have a tone on PLUM to be accommodating to all different types and they are a fair and even-handed committee.

Brandi D’Amore pointed out that both Susan Swan and Mr. Skarpelos have the necessary PLUM training now required to be on the committee.

Stakeholder Kristina O’Neill wanted to say that it warms her heart to know that the people on HUNC that had left the board for this year are continuing on in other aspects of that group, and thanked them for stepping up to that plate.
D) Review of conflict of interest, serial communication of groups and need for transparency with DONE and the City Attorney.

Sheila Irani said that they had some comments regarding Matt Wait and Ground Game, and said some clarity needs to be given for new board members about conflicts of interest. She asked Ethan Weaver to comment, and Mr. Weaver clarified that he wished he could help on this issue, but he is not the attorney for Neighborhood Empowerment, so he cannot give legal opinions on this or any issue.

Ms. Irani said the board would discuss amongst themselves regarding the issue. She said that as many on the board have seen, she has had to recuse herself on anything related to A Million Drops or any board she sits on even if she does not benefit financially. It’s strictly there so she can present information, but then she steps out for the vote so people can vote without feeling beholden to her. These organizations are stakeholders, but there is still the conflict of interest and she does believe that the board needs to address that early so they do not get into these situations and have their credibility called into question. If there’s any question about that, the board should have a discussion about it.

Matt Wait said that he had a statement on this because he thought it was important to address this directly: he anticipated this and told George Skarpelos, board president at the time, that he was affiliated with Ground Game, but thought he could participate because he had no financial stake in Ground Game. Mr. Wait said his position with them was volunteer. Mr. Wait said that DONE representative Lorenzo Briceno referred him to Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin. Mr. Wait said that he stepped down as Ground Game treasurer before the board meeting, and stated as a board member that the purpose of the letter should focus on the fire measure. The letter was finalized without any further input from Mr. Wait and the letter was voted on without a vote from him.

Mr. Skarpelos contacted him that he was upset that Mr. Wait did not say he was Ground Game treasurer. Mr. Houchin was only able to offer conflict of interest guidance prior to meeting, and Mr. Skarpelos made the decision he thought was best with the info he had at the time. Mr. Wait said he regrets not disclosing his official title with them to Mr. Skarpelos, but his perspective is that participating with them is no different than participating with an HOA. Mr. Wait recognized that the perception of a conflict of interest is often the same as a conflict of interest itself, but does not think it is a good precedent to entirely bar people from speaking on issues with entities they were affiliated with in any way. He asked public to not hold the board in suspicion for his actions.

Brandi D’Amore emphasized that board members’ tone when speaking with other board members is critical, and said it is a code of honor violation to speak to people the way some have spoken to others tonight. She feels that Mr. Wait’s statement is disingenuous. Neighborhood Council training manuals indicate that you need to disclose if you are in an executive position with a group involved in an agenda item or if you have a friendship with people involved with the group. She said Mr. Wait was advised on June 9 to contact the city attorney, and Mr. Houchin would have gone through the list of questions prior to the June 14 and June 22 meetings. She said she has recused herself from many items because she lives across the street from a property in question with issues, and board members are still supposed to disclose to the public and the board and let the board determine if they should participate as a public person or board member. She also used his HOA example as an example of need for recusal as board members have had to recuse because of their affiliations with HOA’s when requests for said HOA’s have come before board. She added that board members who approach the City Attorney are approaching them for the board’s liability, not the individual board member’s liability. Ms. D’Amore said that it is critical for board members to read through the training documents, and hopes this never happens again. Nevertheless, an attempt to influence things was questioned, and board members’ integrity was questioned. Ms. D’Amore appreciated that board members have outside passions, yet emphasized that if board members’ personal interests and needs to pursue those are more important than the Code of Conduct and the laws, those members need to step down. She suggested everyone go through the NC training manual, and emphasized again that when board members go to the attorney, they are not the client and do not have attorney/client privilege. The board is the client.

Ms. Irani said that it seems Mr. Wait has observed a lesson from this whole escapade. She said, to be honest, that when she heard that he was the CFO of Ground Game and it did not dawn on him to reveal the info for this board, she found that hard to believe. She felt fooled, when she has had to disclose and recuse for something she has been on the board for 2 years ago. So she wants Mr. Wait to remember that he is a HUNC board member first and foremost.

Stakeholder Susan Swan wanted to say that she contacted Lorenzo Briceno, their DONE representative, and he will be emailing board members tonight re: conflicts of interest and the Brown Act. As brought up by stakeholders, the board is in charge of money, and it is more important that they are completely crystal clear about any biases they might have.
Ms. Irani wanted to make sure people understand, if someone speaks to one person on the board, and they speak to someone else, and that becomes a chain of communication over 5 people, that becomes serial communication and the board has now violated the Brown Act. The Act was created because of the backroom deals occurring throughout the government at various levels. The board needs to respect that so the public always has the chance for input. Ms. D’Amore added that it also applies to group events. Board members cannot have discussion amongst each other at group events like picnics, etc. Ms. Irani added that this is a difficult role, and board members can feel that their first amendment rights are restrained, but they are not. For new board members, these rules are designed so the public always feels that they have input in decisions made.

E) Discussion of new board members setting up HUNC email accounts, protocol for response, and restrictions for use (including serial communication)

Sheila Irani asked who will set up the new email accounts, and Matt Wait said he does not think he would be the right person to help, but can point someone in the right direction. Ms. Irani said that when board members are communicating with one another, they want to use the myhunc emails because at some point there might be a FOIA/PRA request, and if they are using their personal emails, they can be requested as public record. Brandi D’Amore added that board members also have to make sure that they do not take emails for HUNC business on other emails.

F) Discussion and possible motion to appoint no more than 9 board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021.

Sheila Irani said that she did this her first couple years on the neighborhood council, and found it very valuable to see what all the other NC’s are doing. She said the other NC’s are doing exciting things for disaster preparedness.

Brandi D’Amore suggested the new board members should definitely be part of the 9. Ms. Irani asked if there is the same coursework each day, and Ms. D’Amore said she did not think so, but did not know for sure. Ms. D’Amore said that she thought the classes are 3 hours, but is waiting on an answer on that.

Robert Morrison, Theresa Gio, Brandi D’Amore and Thomas Daniel Vallis expressed interest in attending the Civic University, and Ms. Irani said she would try to attend. Bianca Cockrell asked to be put on as a maybe. Ms. D’Amore suggested people wanting to go should put themselves on the list anyway.

Motion Made: Motion to appoint Sheila Irani, Robert Morrison, Theresa Gio, Brandy D’Amore, Bianca Cockrell, Thomas Daniel Valls to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021.

Motion: Sheila Irani Second: Tom Meredith Vote: Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-7

Yes
Bianca Cockrell
Robert Morrison
Ineligible
Caroline Johnson
Thomas Daniels Valls

Brandi D’Amore
Jim Van Dusen
Margaret Marmolejo
Matthew Wait
Michael Connolly
Theresa Gio
Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi

Kasia Mays
Marshall Cobb
Shauna Frente

10. Finance

A) Report by the Treasurer

Sheila Irani screen-shared the MER for the last month of last fiscal year. She explained that they have had a roll-over of $8,421 in addition to their $32,000 normal budget. Of these NPGs, they had 3000 last month but received the funds from community partners because they got that amount from Home Depot and they didn’t need money from HUNC anymore. HUNC now also has their plaques for the doggy waste stations and lending library.

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

Sheila Irani said that she cannot make the motion until August until Robert Morrison gets the adjustment for a rollover. Ms. Irani suggested that when Mr. Morrison has the time he should join her to let her give him some guidance and she can give him files and protocol for MERs, BACs, etc. HUNC will have to get Mr. Morrison’s signature and digitize it for future BACs. Mr. Meredith reminded the board to not forget to agendize deciding a second signer and tertiary signer.

C) Discussion and vote to approve June Monthly Expense Report for submission
11. Outreach Committee

Tom Meredith said that they did not hold an official Outreach Committee meeting, but he would like to share with the board that they do have 5 bus bench PSAs up and they’re sort of an “evergreen message” promoting HUNC. He added that they were able to get that paid for with fiscal 2020 money as well.

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Tom Meredith said that they did not hold an official outreach committee meeting, but he would like to share with the board that they do have 5 bus bench PSAs up and they’re sort of an “evergreen message” promoting HUNC. He added that they were able to get that paid for with fiscal 2020 money as well.

B) Discussion and possible motion for HUNC to be a sponsor of the Hollywood Dell Civic Association August Block Party and fund up to $850 for various outreach and event costs

Brandi D’Amore asked Tom Meredith if the board had already voted on this and the issue had just expired, and Mr. Meredith said that they did, more than six months ago, but because of the pandemic it basically expired. Tom Meredith announced his need to recuse because of association with Hollywood Dell and left meeting.

Stakeholder Alexa Skarpelos introduced herself as President of Hollywood Dell Civic Association (HDCA) and said she was very happy to have her husband back. Ironically, the last time she presented this request was literally the last public in-person meeting before Lockdown in March of 2020. Ms. Skarpelos said that her neighborhood has been doing an annual summer block party barbecue for 15 years. The last two have been canceled because of the Pandemic. She explained that they picked a random day, Saturday, August 7, and they will be scaling things down and not doing a barbecue buffet with communal food. Their big draw will be the band, the Hollywood Dell Tones, and they will still have their popular pet parade. They have invited local officials and reps from the police and fire department. So it’s really a true community get together. The HDCA has acquired a lot of the infrastructure for it, have the tents and a lot of the setup already established, but they do need to rent some things. Everything is going to be free, and they won’t be selling tickets.

Mrs. Skarpelos explained that they are asking HUNC for rental items which can be paid directly to vendors; They have applied to be 501c3, but they are currently a 501c4 so HUNC cannot just cut their organization a check. Mrs. Skarpelos said that items she has requested support for are items HUNC can pay vendors directly for like rental items and promotional materials.

Ms. Irani asked if Mrs. Skarpelos has spoken to CD4 for rentals, saying that Lake Hollywood did get tables and chairs comped to us from the office. Ms. Skarpelos said that she has done that in the past with past Council offices and the rental company the city uses, is she has realized the city rental company charges quite a bit. Ms. Skarpelos said that they are asking the City to waive the street closure permit and event insurance. Robert Morrison asked, when HUNC is sponsoring events, if they need to submit a packet 30 days ahead of time for proper review and approval. Jim Van Dusen said that they have supported this event for quite a few years, and it has been a very positive event. They try to encourage inclusion of all their neighborhoods and get their name out to folks throughout the district. LAFD and LAPD show up too, so it’s been a great use of community outreach money.

Ms. Skarpelos said that they have always provided a tent and table for HUNC to provide outreach for the event and included the HUNC logo on all promotional materials. Ms. Irani said that because they did not vote on this in the last fiscal year, they should move forward with voting on it as if the board can. Robert Morrison said that he is fine with proceeding as long as it gets approved by the city clerk’s office. George Skarpelos said that this is different from HUNC putting on an event, this is HUNC sponsoring or being a participant in the event. When HUNC would put on an event such as the CD4 candidate forum, it’s a much more involved kind of thing with people getting different insurance and other kinds of items. So to consider it in the same way as if it was a HUNC event.

Robert Morrison said that he hears Mr. Skarpelos, but what the guide says is if they are taking part in event planning or participation, the HUNC board must submit the event approval form. Ms. Irani said she understood, and that it is a legitimate concern. She thinks this event in August is safer than the event on July 24th. She will put in a question to Monica tomorrow since Mr. Morrison’s Treasurer training is on July 22nd.

Stakeholder Kristina O’Neil commented that it was her HOA’s understanding that if someone was applying and it was going through City Council, then the applicant needs to do all the paperwork and it had to be 30 days in advance. They are not going through City Council since they are both 501c4’s, and they are not submitting for a check by City Council, which requires a notice of
30 days. Ms. O’Neill said that they are charging the credit card of HUNC, and they can vote on this and it’s absolutely within HUNC’s right to vote on both of these. Brandi D’Amore said that is not quite true, and added that the board got schooled a couple summers ago about the National Night Out with Adam Miller. She said that if they are paying for food for live events, they do need paperwork submitted. They had someone from the funding department come to them and do the training with them indicating they have to submit different paperwork on the food. Ms. Irani also remembered HUNC charging for food on their charge card for stuff with no 30 day notice. She said they are going to involve them and submit the paperwork, it just might not be the 30 days.

Ms. Irani moved to approve HUNC sponsoring $850 for the block party, and Jim Van Dusen seconded. Robert Morrison suggested they amend the motion to say “with city clerk pre-approval”, and Ms. Irani amended the motion to reflect that.

Motion Made: Discussion and possible motion for HUNC to be a sponsor of the Hollywood Dell Civic Association August Block Party and fund up to $850 for various outreach and event costs subject to the city clerks approval.

Motion: Sheila Irani  Second: Jim Van Dusen  Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-1, Ineligible-7

Yes
Brandi D’Amore  Jim Van Dusen  Margaret Marmolejo  Michael Connolly  Robert Morrison  Sheila Irani
Theresa Gio  Tony Zimbardi
Abstain
Bianca Cockrell  Matt Wait
Recuse
Tom Meredith
Ineligible
Caroline Johnson  Estefany Pereyra  Greg Horos  Kasia Mays  Marshall Cobb  Shauna Frente
Thomas Daniels Valls

C) Discussion and possible motion for HUNC to be a sponsor of the Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association Annual Block Party and fund up to $750 for food and refreshments

Sheila Irani announced her need to recused herself because of her association with Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association (LHHA) and left the meeting. Tom Meredith rejoined the meeting to run it. Kristina O’Neil introduced herself as president of LHHA. She explained that because of COVID, this is still the second annual summer block party, designed to bring the city together and act as a thank you for the LAFD, LAPD, and city council. The block party is July 24 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, but it did not make the agenda in time because they did not hear back from Sarah Tanberg until June 19th, so it was too late to get it on the June agenda. They are asking HUNC to contribute to covering the block party’s taco truck. HUNC will be included with their pop-up canopy, and if they have any tchotchkes or giveaways, LHHA want to be able to hand those out. She said that they are not closing any streets and have paid for no-parking signs and event insurance. CD4 is picking up tables and chairs, and LHHA is renting tents, trash cans, etc. from a different rental company. Then they have 3 co-sponsors of which HUNC would be one, and their security company is contributing beverages. They will need a sound system with cordless mics so that’s at a cost to them. They do not know the price for tenting yet, but they might be looking at a cost of about $3,000.

Jim Van Dusen commented that the event is great outreach for HUNC. Brandi D’Amore said that the event has to be open to the public. Ms. O’Neil said that they are not promoting the event to the general public, but some people from other neighborhoods are coming from surrounding areas. Ms. D’Amore asked if LHHA has a graphic that HUNC can see before they put it up, and Ms. O’Neil said they will not be doing flyers for the event, but sending out invites electronically, so it does say that HUNC will be part of the event and is a co-sponsor. Tom Meredith asked to confirm if LHHA has done this in the past, and Ms. O’Neil said that they did in 2019. Mr. Meredith said that when an organization creates an event request, they have to show what sort of promotion they are doing. Ms. O’Neil said they did not do that in 2019, and that she can figure out a way to put HUNC’s logo on their invite. She said they are asking HUNC, like with the Dell, to vote on this now with the language in the motion about pursuant to approval. She added that she talked to the city clerk’s office, and there is no way around the 501c4 thing.

Robert Morrison explained that the board had this discussion on the last event that Mr. Meredith had to recuse himself from. It was unclear whether this would be approved, but Ms. Irani thought they should vote on this anyway. Mr. Meredith said there is precedent for something like this as well. He would be less concerned about that, but it could be a stumbling block. Ms. D’Amore said that lately credit card stuff has been a touchy topic. Ms. O’Neil said she put her credit card down for the entire amount, but because they are a 501c4 they cannot get reimbursed and HUNC would have to pay the vendor directly. Ms. D’Amore said that HUNC has gotten in a snafu trying to pay vendors directly.

Stakeholder George Skarpelos said, to clarify, the issue behind NNO was about getting liability insurance ahead of time and the city clerk didn’t have enough time to review the liability insurance. With the issue about using the HUNC credit card, they had given an NPG for the LGBTQ center and instead of going to purchase it themselves and cut a check, their treasurer just went and bought the stuff. So they are conflating two different things. Ms. O’Neil said they already have liability insurance and they have made sure they have the right insurance and no-parking signs that have been paid for.

Theresa Gio asked to confirm that the event is open to the public, and Ms. O’Neil said the invites went out to the homeowners and to people in the area who had interest in attending, but that they will not turn anyone away. Theresa Gio asked if they could see the invite, and Kasia Mays suggested that she email the invite to the meeting host who can share it. Mr. Meredith asked what
to $750 for food and refreshments pending inclusion of HUNC logo on all pages and city clerk approval.

Motion Made: Motion for HUNC to be a sponsor of the Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association Annual Block Party and fund up to $750 for food and refreshments pending inclusion of HUNC logo on all pages and city clerk approval.
D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to $500 to reprint Senior Services cards

_Brandi D’Amore explained that back in May she visited the Open House of Hollywood Hills Pacifica, a new senior housing facility on Gramercy. Staff indicated that their residents did not receive the mailing. HUNC does not have to mail the cards to them and can just drop them off. Because the request for order came after June 30th, HUNC has to approve the printing of the Senior Services cards for this fiscal year. Whatever stock they have extra can go back to the Community Room at the LAFD Annex._

**Motion Made:** Motion to approve up to $500 to reprint Senior Services cards

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12. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

_Matt Wait said that the committee had a good discussion about reaffirming how they handle both renters and housing, and especially housing issues that don’t fall neatly into the jurisdiction of PLUM. They had a lot of discussion on that, and he imagines that will continue to be their focus going forward._

B) Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board approve a CIS regarding council file 21-0658: Motion (Raman, Harris- Dawson) for the City Council to instruct the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of HCID and the Department of Building and Safety, to report back within 90 days with a strategic plan to streamline 100% deed-restricted affordable housing projects in the City of Los Angeles and resources required. (https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0658_misc_06-15-21.pdf), with assurances that environmental review still happens, sources of funding are identified focusing on affordable for low/extremely low permanent covenants, community input is preserved, and these projects are registered as RSO.

_Matt Wait read the CIS, and Bianca Cockrell explained it, saying that this is just requesting a report on something that’s already happening. There are some 100% affordable housing projects coming through the city, but they are 6% of all housing projects. They would like more of those projects to happen, so this is a report request on how the city can streamline that process. Sheila Irani asked if the shortage is a lack of resources, inspectors, or planners, and Ms. Cockrell said she thinks it is mostly that these projects don’t make a lot of money and aren’t as sexy as TOC properties for example. Brandi D’Amore said that these projects are akin to the housing in East Chinatown in Downtown LA, and that a much longer term than 50 years be considered. Ms. Cockrell said as a committee they thought this would be a good idea to support, but they had things to add to the CIS. Ms. D’Amore said they put in there to add it at different income levels. Jim Van Dusen asked what the definition of affordable housing was, and Ms. D’Amore said it is 60% of the Average Mean Income of the area. For their neighborhood, the AMI was about $68,000. Mr. Van Dusen asked if this affordable housing is really affordable, and Ms. D’Amore said that she thinks “affordable” is 50% of the AMI, but that what is functionally affordable has always been up to debate._

_Ms. Irani said that the biggest impediment to build anything is the cost of construction has gone up 30%. This doesn’t address that, it makes the planning process a little quicker. She is fine with this, but does not think it will solve the problem. It is a small step in the right direction. Ms. Cockrell agreed and said that these properties are already happening on a small scale, so anything HUNC can do to grease the wheels is important. They want to ensure environmental review still happens. Ms. Cockrell said they are also asking all of these be protected and registered as RSO’s as well. Right now when TOC’s are built, developers are only required to keep rents at that level for 50 years, and this changes that. Because otherwise it’s only a temporary resource._
Motion Made: Motion that the board approve a CIS in favor of council file 21-0658: Motion for the City Council to instruct the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of HCID and the Department of Building and Safety, to report back within 90 days with a strategic plan to streamline 100% deed-restricted affordable housing projects in the City of Los Angeles and resources required, with assurances that environmental review still happens, sources of funding are identified focusing on affordable for low/extremely low permanent covenants, community input is preserved, and these projects are registered as RSO.

Motion: Bianca Cockrell  Second: Matt Wait  Vote: Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-7

Yes
Bianca Cockrell  Brandi D'Amore  Jim Van Dusen  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison  Sheila Irani  Theresa Gio  Tom Meredith  Tony Zimbardi
Ineligible
Caroline Johnson  Estefany Pereyra  Greg Horos  Kasia Mays  Marshall Cobb  Shauna Frente
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13. PLUM Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Jim Van Dusen said that PLUM did not meet, so there is no report.

14. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Brandi D'Amore said that they did not meet, so there is no report.

15. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Sheila Irani said that they did not meet, so there is no report.

16. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Brandi D'Amore said that the committee did not meet, but gave an update on the illegal restaurant on Wilcox and Cahuenga which has been a traffic hazard. They were given citations by LAFD and Bureau of Engineering, and LAPD Senior Lead Officer Brian White had to make some arrests, but they're still working on removing stuff and taking down vegetation.

17. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Margaret Marmolejo said that the committee did not meet, so there is no report.

18. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Brandi D'Amore said that this is where they discuss committees. Sheila Irani said that many of the new board members know what committees are and probably have ideas on which ones they would like to join, chair, or co-chair. She asked them to send her an email with their top 3 committees they want to be on. She added that most of the board members are on 2 committees, but they are only required to be on 1.

Matt Wait announced that he recently learned that his responsibilities at work will double in August due to staffing shortages, and he will be working late more frequently and have more limited social time. He has decided to scale back commitments, and will not have time to commit to NC's, so he is resigning from HUNC after this meeting, and has reached out to Angel Izard to take his place on the board and as Renter’s Committee chair and self-nominated her. He said it has been an honor to serve on this board and hopes his accomplishments and actions on this board have been a net positive for this neighborhood. Sheila Irani indicated that she knew he had won a seat at Palm NC, and wished him well at that new position.

19. Old/Ongoing Business

None
20. New/Future Business

None

Adjournment at 10:14 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.