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Hollywood United Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
Minutes for May 15, 2006
6:30—8:30 PM
Community Room
First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood

Agenda Item 1---Roll Call & Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2006 Meeting.

- **Roll Call: Present:** Robert Abrahamian (L), Jordan Birnbaum, Ann DeBello, Russell Brown, Maurece Chesse, Andrew Ettinger, Joel Fisher, Norma Foster, Scott Larson, Susan Polifronio, Hilary Royce (L), David Schlessinger, Gary Slossberg, Charles Suhayda, Susan Swan. **Excused:** Viktoria Gaw.
- Minutes from the April 18, 2006 board meeting were approved after review and corrections. **Motion:** Joel Fisher: To approve the minutes. **Second:** Russ Brown.
VOTE: Yes – 12 No – 0 Abstain--0

Public Comment—Items not on the Agenda:

- 1) **Mike Feuer**—Mike is a candidate for the California State Assembly. He is an attorney in private practice and is currently teaching at UCLA. If elected he will focus on the following core issues: transportation, healthcare, education, and the environment. He has campaign literature for distribution.
- 2) **Bill Hooley**—Bill reported that the Florentine Gardens successfully fought against fighting eminent domain. The owner of FG wants to convey his thanks for support from HUNC board members.

Agenda Item 2—Police Dept Lead Officers Hollywood Crime & Safety Report.

The report was given by Joel Fisher. Summary of concerns & crime statistics for the period April 2—29, 2006:

- There is an increase in prowlers in the Beachwood area. Please report any incidents to your neighborhood watch.
- There is an increase in car thefts near Hollywood Blvd.
- Total violent crime—no change
- Total property crime—up 11%.
- Homicides—1 in this period (4 YTD)

Agenda Item 3—Presentations & Discussions.

1) **Sharyn Romano (Hollywood Beautification Team—HBT)**---Since 9/11, HBT has planted 2,300 trees. In this next phase, they'd like to plant trees around fire stations—one for each fallen fire fighter killed in the 9/11 tragedy. There are 104 fire stations in Los Angeles. The trees will be named for the fire fighters who lost their lives and will be given a GPS location. Should family members of the deceased visit Los Angeles, they will be able to visit the tree dedicated to their loved one. HBT was started in 1994 and their initial mission was to paint-out graffiti. Three years ago, they purchased the 1707 N. Cherokee property which now serves as their headquarters. HBT would like to build a new building—a modernistic, schindler design—that is sustainable and employs green technology. The proposed building would have 4,000 sq. ft. with additional covered

storage. Fifty percent of the property would be dedicated green space. The site would also hold an amphitheater where a variety of meetings would convene—emergency preparedness, conservation classes, and afternoon programs for kids from Hollywood High School. HBT is not asking for support for this building project tonight. But HBT is asking for support for their fundraiser on June 14th. HUNC can support HBT by buying an advertisement. **Motion:** Jordan Birnbaum, “That HUNC buy an advertisement for \$1,000 in the HBT pamphlet.” **Second:** Norma Foster. **Vote:** Yes—14 No—0 Abs—0.

Agenda Item 8B—Presentation on the eastern boundary of HUNC.

Susan Swan recapped the history of the establishing the eastern boundary of HUNC in the region of the Oaks. The Oaks Homeowners Association has repeatedly chosen to stay with the Franklin Hollywood Hills (initially) and now with HUNC rather than Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC). The Oaks is asking for a by-laws for HUNC. The Oaks seeks to set the HUNC boundaries as set forth in the **HUNC Board Meeting Agenda of Monday, May 19, 2003; Item 7b.** Item 7b reads: *Boundary description removed and replaced with: “The HUNC will include the following geographical areas: Eastern boundary: Western Ave north to Los Feliz Blvd, then East to Griffith Park at Fern Dell, to go up Fern Dell along the natural Eastern boundary of Griffith Park to the North and East to include all of Griffith Park. Southern boundary: Hollywood Blvd. Western boundary: Cahuenga Ave. at Hollywood Blvd. to the 101 Freeway north along the eastern side of the John Anson Ford Theater property line, through Lake Hollywood to include the Lake Hollywood Neighborhood Association and north to the Hollywood Sign. Northern boundary: To include all of Griffith Park including the Hollywood Sign and adjacent area.”* On May 19, 2003, HUNC voted to approve this set of boundaries. On May 20, 2003, GGPNC rejected this HUNC boundary. **Motion:** Susan Swan, “The Oaks is asking that the HUNC boundary change application be re-submitted to DONE, with boundaries as defined in item 7b.” **Second:** Joel Fisher. **Discussion:** Russ Brown: When HUNC approved these boundaries, they were our boundaries. Later, we discovered that GGPNC had claimed this area before HUNC was certified. His concern now is that this issue will again gum up our election process. Christine Jerian (DONE): She’s unsure as to whether this issue will impede the upcoming HUNC elections. **Friendly amendment:** Joel Fisher, “Resubmit the HUNC boundary application after the 2006 HUNC elections or sooner if it doesn’t impede the elections. **Vote:** Yes---15 No—0 Abstain—0.

Agenda Item 6C—HUNC By-Laws: For Discussion and Action.

• Amendments to HUNC Bylaws, Approved at 4/29/06 Bylaws Committee Meeting:

A. Amendment to Article III, Section B(4) regarding Board and Special Meeting Notification

B. Amendment to Article III, Section D(1) regarding Date of Election Day

C. Amendment to Article III, Section D(2) regarding Election Day Notification

- D. Amendment to Article III, Section D(3) regarding Election Balloting System
- E. Amendment to Article III, Section E(2) regarding non-Board Member Voting Rights
- F. Amendment to Article IV Title to change "Neighborhood Council" to "HUNC"
- G. Amendment to Article V Title to change "Neighborhood Council" to "HUNC"
- H. Amendment to Article V, Section A(2) regarding Board Member Seats
- I. Amendment to Article V, Section A(4) regarding Prohibition on Board Members in Same Stakeholder Category Representing the Same Geographic District
- J. Amendment to Strike Article V, Section A(5) regarding Stakeholder Voting
- K. Amendment to Strike Article V, Section A(6) regarding Absentee Votes and Votes by Proxy
- L. Amendment to Article V, Section B Title to change "Areas" to "Districts"
- M. Amendment to Article VI, Section 2 regarding Stakeholder Voting
- N. Amendment to Article VI, Section 3 regarding Beginning of Newly-Elected Board Members' Terms of Office
- O. Amendment to Strike Article VI, Section A regarding Initial Board Election
- P. Amendment to Strike Article VI, Section B regarding Staggering of Seats
- Q. Amendment to Article VII Title to change "Nominating" to "Candidate Filing"
- R. Amendment to Article VII, Section 1 regarding Candidate Filing Procedure
- S. Amendment to Strike Article VII, Sections 2-4 regarding Candidate Filing Procedure

T. Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 regarding Casting of Ballots

U. Amendment to Article VIII, Section 2 regarding Candidate Verification

V. Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3 regarding Monitoring of Elections

W. Amendment to Strike Article VIII, Sections 4 and 5 regarding Monitoring of Elections

X. Amendment to Article VIII, Section 6 regarding Absentee Voting, Votes by Proxy, and Write-in Voting

Y. Amendment to Create Article VIII, Section 5 regarding Minimum Voting Age

Susan Polifronio requested a motion to approve the HUNC By-Law amendments as a block, A through Y. Gary Slossberg requested a change to: B. Amendment to Article III, Section D(1) regarding Date of Election Day. The change would read: *An election day will be held between September 1 and December 31 once each calendar year.*

Motion: By Joel Fisher, "That the HUNC By-Law amendments be approved as a block A through Y and that the revision to Article III, Section D(1) requested by Gary Slossberg be approved."

Second: Susan Swan

Board Vote: Yes---13 No---0 Abstain---0

Stakeholder Vote: Yes---5 No---0 Abstain---0

Question on vacated seats: The President can fill vacancies by appointment. Those appointed only fill the seat for the remainder of the term.

Agenda Item 6B--- Motion to send Elections Procedures as Previously Submitted to the Board to the Election Committee and to Empower the Elections Committee to Make Changes Necessary to Comply with the Amended HUNC Bylaws and the City Requirements and To Submit the Final Elections Procedures to DONE for Final Approval (For discussion and action).

Public Comment: Stephen Box—The Election procedures approved by the Board were illegal. It didn't follow the mandate of the By-Laws.

Motion: By Joel Fisher, "That the HUNC Board empower the election committee to meet and come up with procedures that meet HUNC By-Laws and DONE requirements and that this come back to the Board for a vote."

Friendly amendment: By Russ Brown, "That the work of the election committee come back to the Board as soon as possible, even if it requires a special meeting of the Board."

Second: Susan Swan.

Discussion: The election committee is Gary Slossberg, Norma Foster and Stephen Box.

Vote: Yes---13 No---0 Abstain---0

Item 5C—Delegate for the CRA/Gower Working Group.

Nominees were taken to fill the seat on this selection panel. Joel Fisher—nominated Terry Gerger. Norma Foster—nominated Anne DeBello. Discussion ensued.
Vote on Anne DeBello: Yes---15 No—0

Agenda Item 8D—Increase in Trash collection fees to fund the hiring of more police officers

This was already approved by the LA City Council. No action taken.

Agenda Item—5—Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Maurece Chesse reported on HUNC finances. Stephen Box disagreed with the proposition that the Board approve a 3rd qtr budgeted in the 4th qtr. He presented 2 items: (1) A balance sheet for HUNC as of May 1, 2006 showing total liabilities and equity at \$117,676.91. (2) A budget comparison. He stated that HUNC needs to get ahead of the curve rather than lag behind; prepare a budget and set up an audit committee. Anne DeBello: Stephen has a good point. The City of LA may impose some strong controls on money and how it is spent. Some NCs have overspent and some have not spent. The City will look at any improprieties and has the option of de-certifying NCs. Robert Abrahamian: We don't need an auditor. Our finances are simple, we have 3 accounts: (1) credit card, (2) checking, (3) ATM. This is not Joseph's Café. Susan Polifronio: The finance committee needs to meet and return with recommendations. Charles Suhayda: We can compile ideas for projects from stakeholders that will benefit our community. Norma Foster: The Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Event has a \$10,000 deficit. She is meeting. Maurece Chesse: DONE's response to this has been that this is a matter of church and state; what is needed is a determination from the City Attorney's office. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Charles Suhayda reported that a letter stating HUNC's support of the Hollywood Hospitality Association's motion calling for a moratorium on conditional use permits for dance hall licensed establishments was sent to the presidents of Neighborhood Councils in Hollywood and to the field reps and offices of Councilmembers Garcetti and LaBonge.

Item 5B—Community Impact Statement: Authorize the President and Vice President to write a CIS

Motion: Anne DeBello, "That HUNC Authorize the President and Vice President to write a CIS." **Second:** Susan Polifronio. **Vote:** Yes---10 No---0

Item 6—Committee Reports

- Hilary Royce reported on LA River/Folar & The Mayor's Day of Service. Both of these events went well. The Day of Service was held at Cheremoya Elementary and Viktoria Gaw did a magnificent job with mural painting.
- Andrew Ettinger: The DWP/CPOR MOU will now proceed through the other NCs and homeowner groups in Hollywood.
- Gary Slossberg: Has focused his energy on elections and by-laws and will continue to do so. Christine Jerian: Tonight is considered the second reading of the by-laws because it has been submitted and voted upon previously. There are simply a few minor changes.
- Russ Brown: PLUM met last week. There was a presentation on the Gramercy Ave condos. There are guidelines from the City on traffic and design. This was a

listening session. The Hollywood Community Plan Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting in conjunction with other NCs in Hollywood. The Hollywood Community Plan presentation by the Dept of City Planning will be on May 31st at the Mears Center of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. This plan is important because there is slated to be a huge amount of residential and commercial development in Hollywood and this will have a big impact on Hollywood Blvd and the 101 freeway.

Agenda Item 9—New Business

1) Walter Blackman passed along a handout to the HUNC Board on "Recommendation to the Board of Information for Technology Commissioner (BITC)." David Schlessinger briefly spoke on the matter. **Motion:** Russ Brown, "That David Schlessinger represent us on the matter of BITC." **Second:** Norma Foster. **Vote:** Yes---9 No—0

Agenda Item 8A, C

- 1) John Farion: Spoke on behalf of item 8A—proposal to establish a program to provide bus tokens to homeless. This has been referred to the Social Service & Faith-based Committee.
- 2) 8C: A meeting of the committee working on the June 22nd NC outreach event at Hollywood and Highland will meet after this Board meeting.

Announcements:

Norma Foster: (1) Regarding the Commission on the Status of Women, one position was saved by her testimony before the City Finance Committee. (2) She is circulating a petition on the Griffith Park Observatory. Please get one from her and collect signatures.

Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Prepared by:

Charles Suhayda
Recording Secretary, HUNC
June 16, 2006