

**Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Full Board Meeting
Monday August 17th, 2009 at 6:30 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood Community Room – 6054 Yucca St. (East of Gower)**

1) Welcome and Roll Call

Present: Don Paul, Charles Suhayda, David Schlesinger, Debbi Aldahl, Erik Sanjurjo, Margaret Marmelejo, Maurece Chesse, Robert Abrahamian, Rodney Hargrove, Susan Polifronio, Susan Swan.

Excused: Jamie Rozenthal, Ryan Hass. Absent: Bechir Blagui, Jordan Birnbaum, Scott Larson.

2) Approval of Minutes for July 20 Board meeting and Minutes from August 11 Special Board meeting

Motion: David Schlesinger—To approve the minutes of the HUNC July 20th board meeting.

Second: Don Paul

Vote: Yes—8 No—0 Abstain—3 Absent--2

Motion:: Robert Abrahamian—To approve the minutes of the HUNC special board meeting of August 11th.

Second: Don Paul

Vote: Yes---10 No—0 Abstain—1 Absent--2

3. LAPD and LAFD Updates

A. Captain Beatrice Girmala, Hollywood Division

Bea Girmala Captain Hollywood Division – born and raised in Hollywood, Immaculate Heart alumni. Here to give update, new challenges. In April asked for 20 additional officers – was given 40 by Chief Bratton. Over 35% of crimes in Hollywood occur in the 'entertainment district – deploying foot beats day and evening. La brea gower yucca sunset = Hollywood entertainment corridor. 20% decrease in part one crimes. Hollywood youth conference – w/ children's hosp. Challenges – street robberies, burg from vehicle and crimes of opportunity. Don't make yourself a target. PAL fundraiser Sept. 10th at music box theater. Limited resource for us – out of metro. In summer assigned to Venice, sometimes skid row mostly for special events for us
Beatrice Girmala's email = 24916@lapd.lacity.org

No reports from LAFD

4. Los Angeles City and County Updates

A. Haeyoung Kim, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Mike Feuer, 42nd District

Haeyoung Kim, field rep for Mike Feuer – intro to NC, resource for NCS, Mike would like to attend – in the fall sometime.

B. Mayor's Office Updates

B. City Council Office Updates

GG w/ LaBonge, repairs ongoing at dam, Franklin Village Street Fair – big success!

Autumn hike – sept 21 tentative date

10-4 day FS27 to Hollywood to Holly and Highland

Julian Harris Calvin now Tom's exec assistant (+ Griffith Park)

C. DONE Updates: Mark Lewis

since 2002, October 10th Congress of Neighborhoods – encourage to attend. Survey is out. Budget cuts. Would like NC input – paper or online

Sept 1st deadline for Bylaw changes unrelated to elections

Sept 10th congress planning meeting

Sept 12th round table (3rd) rep from GRID program (Mayor's office), City Attorney, in Valley

Sept 19th – LA Parking day –

ML has 2 NCs on same night

Sex Harrass video all City employees have to view – also required of all NC board members. NC can duplicate it or review it as a group – 22 minutes long

Ethics training required by state law

5. DWP/DOT updates

Rick Silva – Cut allotments by 15% - now on tiered payments. Concessions made for medical needs with proof and horses Watering still limited to Monday and Thursday – before 9am and after 4pm. New developments go through water estimation process. One dollar per square foot - Turf removal application right on LADWP website. Requirements are – mulches, rocks, or permeable surface, decomposed granite DWP suggests drip irrigation instead of spray head nozzles. Variant Procedure for hillside properties to maintain buffer - Fire department will assess properties if you need to water more often to get DWP deferment.

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

Raymond Yu, Wednesday – LA Young Democrats meeting 6pm in mid-wilshire area, Nisei week closing ceremony City announcements.

Jim Mcquiston on sidewalks committee – Thursday meeting Public Works building -

For 30 years no assessing for repairs of sidewalks etc

Informal decision is that NC should check their Neighborhoods – if you see ¼ inch difference you should report it at 311 (vrooman act 1911). City Budget has money for paving alleys – Vrooman Act says different. Property owners may be assessed for repairs. If repairs aren't made, City can charge property owners to make these repairs. Clarification – ES – City council cut all funding for sidewalks – (even if tree causes) Jim with advisory group not decision making group. Jose Huizar Public Works Chair. Speed Hump program also cut. Can individuals pay for it themselves? Being looked into.

Jim wants to stress meeting at 10 am . Hardly anyone else shows up at these meetings – opinions are wanted. Permit is free, can get a contractor to do work. Agendize for SEPTEMBER with update

Relay for life update

7. Update on "Neighborhood/Community Walks" initiated and promoted by Hollywood Seventh Day Adventist Church

Ryan Bell re: community Walks – about a mile, come see your neighborhood and neighbors. This week begins 6:30 pm on NE corner of Hollywood and Western with drinks provided by Starbucks. Walks held every Wednesday. Charles and Eric went on Argyle walk.

Franklin Village event considering moving to Canon (no street closure fee if not on Franklin) then it could be inside and outside – could time with open house of new fire station (at Seventh Day -)

8. Request by Cindy duHaime/Garfield Neighborhood Watch for letter in support of their efforts to get CIM to secure their properties at the NW corner of Hollywood & Western, and include eight foot fence w/lighting that does not affect the quality of lives for the people that live nearby.

Will Rivera, Neighborhood Prosecutor, reported that a Demo permit issued for the site, scheduled to start tomorrow, Tuesday, August 18th. Senior Lead Officer Armen Sevdalian to clear property at 8am and bulldozing to take place Thursday. If neighborhood problems – speak to your senior lead officer first. Dispute resolution www.lacity.org/mediate/ 213 485 8324 Maurece Chesse noise ordinance.

Captain Girmala asked to comment on developments can put info on newsletter that comes out 2nd Monday - Recently made comments on Columbia Square project will email additional information.

Bad communication – NC – CRA – might want to invite CRA to dialogue with NCs from Erik Sanjurjo – wants to collaborate with other NC's and Garcetti's office

Motion: Erik Sanjurjo - that the CRA and both council offices be requested to notify NCs and other interested groups on developments as it pertains to properties in the periphery of Hollywood and Western – 4 corners intersection and provide monthly updates.

Second: Rodney Hargrove

Vote: Yes—11 No—0 Abs---0

9. Update on Newsletter / Outreach, best use of available office hours to enable effective outreach and build newsletter

Maurece Chesse – invoice received for template from office manager, graphics by end of week. One thing missing is approval of invoices. Elizabeth Massari invoice for \$200.00 not yet approved.

A. Approval of funding to transfer email mailing list from Yahoo to Constant Contact, estimated cost \$30 month/ 501-2,500 email addresses

Motion: Susan Swan—To approve funding for e-mail transfer.

Second: Erik Sanjurjo

Vote: Yes---9 No---0 Abs---0

B. Proposal to disconnect Hollywood United telephone line

Motion: Erik Sanjurjo

Second: Susan Swan

Vote: Yes---11 No---0 Abs--0

10. PLUM: Update on proposal for 6253-65 Hollywood Bl. Appellant: Green Guys LLC. Rep: Elizabeth Peterson Group. CUP for proposed "Dillons" restaurant with 302 seats, hours of operation 11 am to 2 am daily, full liquor service license being sought.

PLUM - Brandon Finch with Elizabeth Peterson Group – dillon's

David Schlesinger outlines 3 issues – chocolate color on outside of business and parking not finalized. Letter of no objection from Bea Girmala submitted.

Robert Abrahamian went to ZA hearing – ZA wants to approve project but is waiting for NC decision.

Brandon – restaurant does not need parking, Applicant is providing off site parking for customers and NC request. Business is important to that intersection.

Valet parking agreement is there and solid. Would be willing to have parking stipulated into conditional use permit

Robert Abrahamian – parking starts at 6PM, what about lunch hours?

Brandon Finch – parking not needed for code.

Dillon's applied for conditional use permit for serving alcohol – parking is not a requirement.

David Schlesinger feels this is our only opportunity to try to see that some reasonable sort of parking is included.

Motion: David Schlesinger—That HUNC support the applicant conditioned on the language supplied by the applicant as follows: "Non-required parking shall be maintained off-site at the property located at 1500 N. Vine St. through lease instead of recorded covenant for the period and life of this grant herein."

Second: Don Paul

Public comment Jim McQuiston – board members should become familiar with City Code, he suggests removing parking restraint.

Charles Suhayda believes that at this point in the redevelopment of Hollywood, the City should require parking for a business with the capacity to hold up to 300 patrons.

Vote: Yes---9 No—1 Abstain--1

11. Executive Committee Reports

A. President

1. Update on 2010 Elections Hollywood United: Region E, Election May 13

2. Update on requirements for Post Office Box 3272 at the Hollywood Wilcox Post Office

3. Proposed adjustment of official posting places to add Hollywood Rent a Car at 5619 Hollywood Blvd and adjust Sabor & Cultura Cafe at 5625 Hollywood Blvd to voluntary posting.

4. DONE training, requirements, and rules for NC Boardmembers (Mark Lewis)

5. Fall Workshop: dates? Topics? Location?

B. Treasurer:

1. Update on budget, and finance rules

2. Call for assistance with and necessity of assigning Treasurer to replace Ryan Hass

12. Committee & Liaison Reports/Updates

A. PLUM:

1. Update on Draft Copy of Hollywood Community Plan, 200+ pp. (L A City Planning Department) PDF available at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org>.
David Schlesinger – scheduled meeting at his house offered two dates –rescinded the invitation today for lack response – must be hosted by someone else

A. Proposed Town Hall re: Hollywood Plan, both joint Coalition and Hollywood United, and funding for it up to \$1000

Motion: Don Paul---That HUNC approve up to \$1000 for a Town Hall on the Hollywood Community Plan.

Second: Erik Sanjurjo

Vote: Yes---11 No---0 Abs---0

B. PS&T

1. Update on ongoing request for left-turn signals at Vine & Hollywood
DOT turned down request as not a priority

2. Update on construction of Fire Station 82 (Van Ness lot and Bronson site).
FS 82 goal is on track. Next Public Safety and transportation Committee meeting will be at Fire Station 82 on Bronson Ave on September 11th.

3. Update on proposal to hold committee meetings outside of HUNC boundaries (in short term as joint meetings with other Hollywood Coalition of NCs committees and possibly by selves in long term) at government facilities that are within one-half mile of HUNC boundaries and one mile of Neighborhood City Hall.
HUNC would like office at Hollywood City Hall even though outside of boundaries – CD4, Mayor, City Attorney, LAPD, and others are already there.

4. Update on proposal to surveying of public streets for tree planting, sidewalk, street paving opportunities.

5. Status of City's effort to rethink preferential parking program and local proposals

13. Old Business

14. Submission of proposed Agenda items for September meeting

Adjournment