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MINUTES

Monday, October 20th, 2008
Executive Committee Meeting 5:30pm
Full Board Meeting at 6:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Community Room – Upper Terrace, 6054 Yucca St.

AGENDA ITEMS: ALL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Present were Andrew Ettinger, Bechir Blagui, Robert Abrahamian, David Schlesinger, Erik Sanjurjo, Jordan Birnbaum, Charles Suhayda, Ryan Hass, Susan Swan

Excused: Debbi Aldahl, Bree Long, Scott Larson, Jamie Rosenthal

Absent: Hilary Royce, Rodney Hargrove

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Erik Sanjurjo

SECOND: David Schlesinger

VOTE: 8- Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain

3. LAPD and LAFD Updates

4. Los Angeles City and County Updates including but not limited to:

A. Mayor's Office Updates

B. City Council Office Updates

Printed update from CD13 was distributed

C. DONE Updates: Grayce Liu, new Central Area Senior Project Coordinator

Grayce was introduced by DONE representative Naheed Qureshi

The board was reminded about the mayor's budget survey.

Grayce spoke briefly to the board and told them about her background as an attorney. She said her contact info is provided online but provided her phone number at the meeting: 323.972.7805. Grayce told to the board to expect a lot of changes regarding DONE including changes to the website and educational videos and Power Points. She asked for patience during this transition period.

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

Jorge Guzman reported on PATH HERO and provided the board with a hand-out with statistics for the month of September.

David Schlesinger mentioned the CRA Community Re-development Agency and an invitation to a meeting tomorrow at Durant Library, stressing that the more board members that went, the better. He said it's the second meeting about signage in Hollywood. He mentioned the proposed change to the signage ordinance in Hollywood, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. at Selma Elementary. The ordinance is on the LA City Planning Dept. website.

Susan Polifronio notified the board of a protest taking place on Franklin and Wilcox the next Saturday regarding turning 900 signs into automated digital signage at 5:15 p.m.

6. Nominations for HUNC Executive Committee positions, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and vote by Board to fill

The board will be up for reelection in the spring of 2010

Ryan nominated Susan for president.

MOTION: Ryan Ole Hass

SECOND: Erik Sanjurjo

VOTE: 10- Yes, 0-No, 0- Abstain

Susan then nominated Maurece for vice president.

Ryan said the next logical step is for HUNC's vice-president to become president and expressed that his big concern was that the committee members share responsibilities, noting that as an executive committee member, Susan does a lot more than the board can recognize. He said that moving forward, whoever is to take the role of president should try to share - or at least have the knowledge of - executing those tasks.

Susan said that her goal in the next year is to transition to a place where those tasks can be done by fellow board members and for the board to also think about how the role of treasurer could be made easier.

Ryan described the components that he thinks are the key to success: 1. systems 2. support. He said that the board will be working on systemizing things a little better and that his goal is to highly systemize the treasury, v.p. and presidential roles.

Susan said that the board should be structured in such a way that there's a real routine in the way the different board roles are carried out.

Ryan reminded the board that when he took on the role of treasurer one of the caveats was that he would have a vice-treasurer.

Susan agreed that the board members should try to systemize HUNC's operations as much as possible over the next year.

Bechir said that by 2010, HUNC should have a team established for "going forward."

Erik mentioned the idea of continuing the current leadership until spring of next year and then trying to encourage newer leadership and therefore suggested extending the term limit by 6 months.

MOTION: To keep the current Executive Committee members in their respective positions to April 2009.

Susan Swan

SECOND: Jordan Birnbaum

VOTE: 10- Yes, 0-No, 0- Abstain

Charles said that the board needs to think about what they can do about "renewal," suggesting that participating in a workshop would be worthwhile.

After some discussion, it was decided that the December board meeting would be a combination workshop/holiday party. Charles is in charge of putting together the workshop component.

7. Update on current vacant Renters seat (areas 1,2,3,and 4, as outlined in HUNC Bylaws, online at www.MyHUNC.com), requirements/responsibilities, possible nominations for eligible stakeholder to fill seat (and vote by Board to fill). As no invitees attended the Renters Committee meeting on 10/13, possible motion to delay Board vote to fill the vacant Renters seat to the November board meeting.

Ryan said it's been very challenging to get any support/participation with a renters meeting and that zero people showed up at the last Monday meeting. He said that his feeling is that before someone should be nominated as a co-chair they should at least have to show up for one meeting.

Don Paul (who lives in Villa Carlotta since May of 1985 and is the assistant manager there) was present and said he's interested in this spot and will be going to the next Monday meeting. He said that he's been involved in some community issues.

Susan asked him about what concerns him the most from a renter's standpoint?

Paul said that the issues that concerned him most include parking, the disturbance by kids outside the theater and the blockage of the sidewalk – in general, how business has affected people's "daily going about their business." He also said that the parking situation has been at the forefront of concern for most anyone residing in the area and that another prevalent concern in the neighborhood concerns the streetlights that are out.

Ryan stressed that whoever were to take the spot is allowed two excused absences and is expected to really participate, adding that he would love to see someone who could get renters to come to these meetings.

David proposed that the board only vote on those renter board member candidates who are present at the next meeting.

Susan said that all the candidates were contacted through email about the meeting.

David requested postponing any voting on this position until the November meeting and that when the board does vote , that it be based on a person's presentation to the board.

Susan said the vote will be tabled to November.

8. Update, if any, on Council File 08-0351, a proposal to require Neighborhood Council board members to submit a financial disclosure form in advance of opening a Council File. New HUNC Standing Rule established last month: "Motion that financial information specifically to the Agenda Item before the Neighborhood Council be disclosed."

Eric informed the board that they're focused on coming up with some sort of board of ethics and that there could potentially be penalties if people don't take the Code of Ethics.

Susan asked what they could do if the board doesn't comply. Eric said that they could take away funding, or anything related to funding or land use.

A. Update on Board completion of Ethics Training course available through DONE (completion requested every 2 years)

The conclusion was that everyone should take it by the January board meeting.

Susan said that she will send the link out.

9. Executive Committee Reports including but not limited to:

A. President

1. Committee effectiveness, Chairs, Committee Minutes/Notes, Assignments/Liaisons

2. Office functionality, needs

3. Outreach: update on bags, possible opportunities over Holiday season

It was announced that HUNC will have bags in two months.

Ryan gave an update on the bag, describing it as an "all campus bag, with a 5x7 image on both sides and nearly the same price as last year's."

B. Vice-President

1. Update on NBC/Universal Project Working Group, approval of up to \$1000 to assist with costs (similar to HUNC supportive funding regarding proposed Autry expansion)

Susan asked if this needed to be re-allocated. Money (\$2000) is already encumbered so not necessary.

C. Treasurer

1. Budget update

Ryan said he will get the board a full report and that some funds had been re-allocated. He mentioned that \$450 had been spent on school buses and some additional for office supplies for the teachers, which makes up \$2,000. He said it's looking like there will be \$26,000 in the budget for this year.

Some additional items he mentioned were \$2,000 for NBC Universal, \$4,000 for emergency kits, \$5,000 for HPOZ

2. Reallocation of previously approved \$1000 for Hollywood Senior Center (unable to use for Big Sunday) to assist with their Health Fair Day in November. We would help pay for party furniture rental and food.

MOTION: Ryan Ole Hass

SECOND: Maurice Chesse

VOTE: 10- Yes, 0-No, 0- Abstain

3. Approval of up to \$350 for Garfield Watch Community Halloween Party for purchase of pumpkins/carving items, food, bags, other associated items

MOTION: Susan Swan

SECOND: Maurice Chesse

VOTE: 10- Yes, 0-No, 0- Abstain

Ryan mentioned using money to facilitate a very solid holiday outreach to the homeless community with bags and turkeys.

Charles brought up the point that a lot of people that come here are low-income seniors and that it should be clarified that the homeless won't be getting turkeys to cook.

Susan said that the money for holiday party will be agendized for next month.

10. Committee & Liaison Reports/Updates including but not limited to:

A. PLUM

1. Little Country Church of Hollywood, possible update

Robert noted that at this particular Plum committee meeting nobody showed up.

2. Update on Billboard removal, request to take position on City approval of Supergraphics and Billboards. The board's position was to support all efforts to place a moratorium on billboards and supergraphics in Hollywood.

MOTION: David Schlesinger

SECOND: Bechir Blagui

VOTE: 7- Yes, 0-No, 2- Abstain

3. Proposal to support building height cap on buildings in Hollywood

David said that they need to come up with a plan for locality and that the board needs some data that it doesn't have such as what the ultimate height of the W Hotel will be.

Susan said that this issue cries out for a Coalition meeting or a town hall meeting.

It was suggested that the board approaches the coalition in November to talk about all these things that are going on that nobody seems to know about.

B. PS&T

1. Updates from CPAB reps

CPAB did not meet.

2. Updates, if any, regarding Pending PPDs and TPPDs, issues related to formation of Preferential Parking Districts (including Temporary) and options available to community

3. Update, if any, regarding timetable for removal of No-Parking signs on Bronson north of Foothill

Susan asked about the signs that were still there and inquired as to what the board could do to assist CD4 in getting the letter of approval from LAPD.

Eric asked if the board should call Mike Shay.

4. Outline of HUNC position regarding Street Closure Committee, BID, etc to facilitate HUNC liaison operation. Current Standing Rule states: "Any person or Board member officially appointed to represent HUNC on any body shall not voice personal opinion as being the opinion of HUNC. Any representations made on behalf of HUNC or appearing to be from HUNC shall have been voted upon by the Board of Directors of HUNC. Representatives are then free to present HUNC's position on those matters within the parameters given by the Board. Any written communication representing itself to be an official communication or position of HUNC must be approved by the President. HUNC representatives must ensure that verbal representations accurately reflect the official position of HUNC."

Erik noted that Eric Garcetti decided last fall that it would be good to come up with some formal set of rules, sat on drafting committee with colleague Wayne and the committee came up with what they thought was a good way of handling street closures. That draft was rejected.

Eric went on to mention the recent Kung Fu Panda DVD release party should not have warranted a street closure.

He proposed a HUNC street closure policy.

Charles noted that the neighborhood councils are the weakest voice in these communities and that he would like to see all the neighborhood councils represented here.

Erik added that it wasn't appropriate to just have theaters have a vote, but that all churches should have a vote as they are also equally affected by these street closures.

Robert noted that he would like additional language in the HUNC Street Closure Policy to assure compensation for businesses affected by street closures.

MOTION: Erik Sanjurjo

SECOND: Ryan Ole Hass

VOTE: 9- Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain

5. Update on Emergency Preparedness efforts, purchase of kits, other items

6. Update on status of Park at Ivar/Franklin

7. Hollywood BID: NavigateLA website. proposal for HUNC to assist with funding up to \$1000

Tabled 'til Nov. may want to consider giving money because other NH's have

11. New Business/Announcements

Robert asked for a letter of recommendation for Joseph's Café because he needs 35 car spaces mandatory for the café for the year.

David: asked what the deadline was for this letter. Referred to PLUM Committee.

12. Old Business

13. Submission of proposed Agenda items for November

ADJOURNMENT

Process for 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.