



**Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council  
Approved Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 23, 2012  
Hollywood City Hall  
6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:25pm. Board members present: David Ambroz, David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, Grant King, Tricia LaBelle, Alwin Sumirat, and Scott Campbell

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Congressman Adam Schiff, Representative for California's 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, introduced himself, discussed how the redistricting effort was done, and offered his staff's assistance where appropriate.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

A. November 2011

**Laurie Goldman moved to accept the Minutes for November 2011; seconded by David Carrera.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

B. February 2012

**Grant King moved to accept the Minutes for February 2012; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

C. March 2012

Laurie Goldman noted that Tricia LaBelle was not at the March meeting and could not have seconded a motion. After discussion it was determined that Noel Hyun could have made the second.

**Laurie Goldman moved to accept the March 2012 Minutes; seconded by David Carrera.**

**VOTE: 5 in favor; David Ambroz abstained. The motion passed.**

**4. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE**

Tim Hysom, deputy district director for Congressman Adam Schiff, introduced himself and provided contact information.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the most recent Treasurer's report were provided.

- A. Review and Approval of recent transactions on the purchase card and purchase card statement

Scott Campbell advised that there were no recent charges and therefore no transactions on the purchase card.

- B. Funding Status

- i. Budget status, what are our remaining funds. Budget action needed to align budget categories with available funds?

Laurie Goldman questioned how the calculation of remaining funds was done.

- ii. Status on Funding Requests and Allocations from March 2012 and prior, such as RACO

There was a brief discussion about the amount of funds remaining.

- iii. Election Funding

- a. Encumber funds for Sept 10-16, 2012 elections. May 16 is last date to encumber. If so, provide list of vendors and resolution reading "Dollar amount not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for election outreach."

Scott Campbell reiterated BongHwan Kim's instructions regarding encumbering any remaining funds.

- b. Create Election Committee

Laurie Goldman and Linda Lee volunteered to serve on the Election Committee.

- c. Create Nominating Committee

David Carrera volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for elections; Oliver Netburn stated his interest. Tricia LaBelle advised that she would consider volunteered.

- d. New Funding Requests

- a) AIDS Ride Sponsorship, \$1,500 request – Oliver Netburn

Oliver Netburn advised that he will participate in the 2012 7-day bike ride benefit for the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and discussed the value of the bike ride benefit. Mr. Netburn requested \$1500 in support from CHNC

**Laurie Goldman moved to support Oliver Netburn's request for \$1,500 to participate in and represent CHNC in the 2012 Gay and Lesbian Bike Ride; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.**

David Ambroz stated that a policy should be put into place about funding efforts from stakeholders familiar to CHNC. This topic will be discussed at an upcoming Board retreat.

**VOTE: 5 in favor; David Ambroz abstained. The motion passed.**

b) Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) Presentation

Katherine Mason discussed the HCHC request for \$1,500 to purchase supplemental food for the HCHC food pantry. Ms. Mason presented copies of documents listing HCHC's emergency food pantry statistics and needs, as well as copies of HCHC's operating budget.

**Laurie Goldman moved to provide \$1,500 to HCHC to purchase food for the HCHC food pantry; David Ambroz seconded.**

Laurie Goldman asked where the food is being distributed and how HCHC's service is advertised; Katherine Mason advised that the new location is at Santa Monica and Mariposa and discussed the use of referrals, word of mouth, social media and the Internet. Ms. Goldman asked if East Hollywood NC provided funds and was told that \$2000 had been donated.

David Ambroz advised that the East Hollywood BID should be contacted for a donation and stated that a complaint had been voiced about queueing at this location. Mr. Ambroz asked if any of the requested funding will be used for housing rather than the food bank.

Tricia Labelle asked about the line item in the budget referring to the Volunteer Coordinator position; Katherine Mason advised that she filled this position and explained how her salary is broken out and what her position entails.

Scott Campbell asked for specific information regarding the Service Provider Areas (SPAs) referred to in the material provided by Katherine Mason; Ms. Mason advised that the areas of concern were in zip codes 90007 to 90038.

David Carrera asked about funding deadlines; Scott Campbell advised that all Neighborhood Purpose Grants must be submitted to DONE by May 16, 2012.

Ms. Mason advised that CHNC logo will be featured on all food bank signage.

**Laurie Goldman amended her motion to require signage advertising CHNC support for the HCHC food bank at the distribution center on Thursdays and Fridays; seconded by David Ambroz.**

Michael Popwell asked what bathroom facilities are available for those stakeholders that queue for food distribution. Katherine Mason advised that there is only one bathroom. Mr. Popwell advised that this is an endemic problem.

Herbert Koss asked what sources of food donations have been contacted; Katherine Mason discussed the area food vendors that have been solicited for donations.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Friends of the Hollywood Central Park. Status and short presentation.

Laurie Goldman provided a brief update on the "Build Your Own Dream Park" page available on the Hollywood Central Park website.

- B. CRA dissolution and status. What does this mean for Central Hollywood? What projects will not be moving forward? Do we have ideas on what should be done with any available funds?

Neelura Bell, Project Manager for the CRALA, successor to the former Community Development Agency, provided a detailed overview of projects accomplished in Hollywood and advised of what the community can do to continue the legacy provided by that agency.

There was discussion about forming an ad hoc committee to follow up on recommendations to the Board and to lobby for completion of the CRA projects. Tricia LaBelle, Laurie Goldman, David Ambroz and Grant King

- C. High Speed Rail update

A general overview of the high speed rail project was presented; project milestones, anticipated job creation as well as other benefits were discussed.

Oliver Netburn asked if the project includes improvements to MTA and was told that a memorandum of understanding is in place between the project, MTA, SKAG and the other agencies that currently provide local transportation.

Tricia LaBelle asked if the project can be derailed; Ms. LaBelle was advised of the advantages provided by the new business plan, a blended approach.

**David Ambroz moved to support the high speed rail project; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

Oliver Netburn suggested that build-out of the Los Angeles transportation system should be included.

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

Grant King left the meeting.

- C. Director of Animal Welfare - status? Volunteers?

Scott Campbell advised of the need for a CHNC Director of Animal Welfare and called for a volunteer.

Oliver Netburn volunteered to serve as Director of Animal Welfare.

- D. Non-profit/501(c)3 authorization, funding allocation may be needed from current funds or next years' -- up to \$1,000?

Laurie Goldman volunteered to do the necessary paperwork to form a charitable trust and to begin the process in July. Ms. Goldman advised that the fees would amount to no more than \$840.

**Laurie Goldman moved to create a 501(c)3 called Friend of Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council; seconded by Tricia Labelle.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor.**

- E. P.O. Box allocation. Change permanent address of CHNC to P.O. Box? Cherokee or Wilcox Station? Cost approximately \$250/year.

Scott Campbell advised that post office boxes are available at both the Hollywood and Sunset postal stations, suggested an 11"x5.5" box be considered, at a cost of approximately \$250.00 per year.

**David Carrera moved to change the CHNC permanent address to a post office box at the Sunset station at a cost of up to \$250.00 per year; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.**

## 7. Committee Reports/Presentations

### F. Standing Committees

#### i. Outreach Committee - Laurie Goldman

Laurie Goldman advised that the Outreach committee will meet via conference call on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Goldman discussed the turnover of responsibility for the website to her committee.

#### ii. Beautification Committee

##### a. Committee Report

David Ambroz advised of support given to stakeholders outside the CHNC area regarding sign permit issues, and that parking permit issues have been resolved on Selma and Franklin. Collaboration with the BID has resulted in parking restrictions in various areas. Mr. Ambroz reported on meetings held regarding the feeding program on Sycamore and noted support received from Councilman Paul Koretz in this regard. Mr. Ambroz indicated that discussions with UCLA are in process regarding a poorly-planned needle exchange program, and discussed a focus on beautification for a particular area, specifically for tree planting.

Scott Campbell commented on beautification efforts that have taken place in the past that have gradually diminished over time.

##### b. Highland Ave Committee

David Ambroz suggested eliminating this committee, and was advised of the work done and yet to be done.

- c. Mansfield Garden - \$40 refund due to gardener?

Scott Campbell reported that Debbie Wehbe will research the complaint received from one of the gardeners whose plot was pulled because he could not attend mandatory meetings.

- d. De Longpre Park - Oliver Netburn

Oliver Netburn advised trees had been planted and that Recreation and Parks has removed graffiti at the park. Mr. Netburn advised that discussion has occurred about changes that could be done at the entryway to discourage inappropriate use of the area.

David Ambroz left the meeting at 8:30pm; there was no longer a quorum.

- e. Discussion of Joint Beautification and Public Safety Committee Meetings

(Taken out of order) Scott Campbell discussed coordination of efforts between the Beautification and Public Safety Committees, and noted encouragement offered by other NCs to form issue and area committees. Oliver Netburn referred to the value of coordinating efforts on a case-by-case basis.

- iii. Public Safety Committee

Tricia LaBelle advised that nightclub owners have stopped attending CPAB. Laurie Goldman reported that Officer Piscado had erroneously reported that CHNC voted to support Club Element.

## 8. **AD HOC COMMITTEES:** Possible Motions on Ad Hoc Committee Report Items as needed

### G. Hollywood Community Plan update

(Taken out of order) Scott Campbell advised that there have been questions about CHNC support of the Hollywood Community Plan update. Based on the discussion and comments that ensued, the decision was made to continue to support the Community Plan.

### H. Emergency Preparedness

Linda Lee outlined plans for providing information to stakeholders regarding emergency preparedness and provided copies of information easily obtainable from the City's Department of Aging that are especially of value to older stakeholders.

## 9. **COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None noted.

## 10. **ADJOURNMENT**