



Adopted Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2009

6501 Fountain Avenue at Wilcox
Los Angeles, California 90028

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Debbie Wehbe called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Board members present Laurie Goldman, Elizabeth McDonald, David Carrera, Scott Campbell, Lydia Milars, and Alwin Sumirat.

2. CHNC 101 - Code of Civility, Roberts Rules of Order, Committees and Brown Act Update. What legalities control the operations of your neighborhood council; are intended to make things run smoothly; and outline how the board and the stakeholders can to work together to Improve Quality of Life Issues in our community.

Debbie Wehbe's presentation provided details on CHNC history, an explanation of the Neighborhood Council function and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)'s expectations regarding NCs; Ms. Wehbe then stated the intent to provide additional information at future Board meetings and asked stakeholders to advise if there is information that could be provided at future meetings. A brief summary was then made regarding Board member responsibilities, the Brown Act, training, seminars and updates offered by DONE and various City agencies, and CHNC standing committees; hand-outs were provided.

3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Laurie Goldman clarified that her reference at the February 2009 regarding the Hollywood Freeway Central Park was to surplus land owned by the Department of Transportation, that the MOU referred to is between the CRA and the Friends of the Hollywood Freeway Central Park and that the CRA's \$500,000 is included as a 2009 budget item; Debbie Wehbe reported correct spelling of David Nix's name.

4. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM ANY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE,

Stacy Marble, representing CD 4 and Councilman Tom LaBonge, advised of the upcoming quarterly Community Congress meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6pm, and encouraged stakeholders to attend, asked stakeholders to take a survey regarding the 2009 City budget,

advised of the recent successful Spring Equinox hike, and reported that Councilman LaBonge co-chaired the St. Patrick's day parade. Ms. Marble announced that Griffith Park was designated as an historical cultural monument last week and that a new stop sign at was installed at McCadden and Fountain. Debbie Wehbe reported on Ms Marble's efforts and thanked her. Lydia Milars remarked on pocket parks she had observed in Council President Eric Garcetti's council district and asked how similar areas could be installed in Council District 4. There was discussion about the emphasis Councilman LaBonge has placed on other community issues such as traffic calming and renewable energy resources, and about Council President Garcetti's first campaign platform, which emphasized creation of green areas.

Greg Baritz, DWP NC liaison, reported on items discussed at a previous meeting, including the connection of solar paneling at the Noguera Garden. Mr. Baritz stated that a work order was initiated a week before, and provided an explanation for the delay in getting the Noguera Garden's solar paneling connected to the grid. Mr. Baritz stated his intent to make at least quarterly presentations to CHNC. Mr. Baritz gave copies of material recently published by DWP on its two primary infrastructure upgrade programs (for water and electric). Mr. Baritz discussed the DWP's March 14th workshop, which provided information on the City's water supply and the DWP Strategic Plan, available on the DWP website, www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com. Mr. Baritz encouraged stakeholders to visit the website. Mr. Baritz also discussed water rates briefly and suggested that a future presentation can be made.

Lydia Milars questioned sanitation charges for her property and asked for assistance and information about how to address the issue of higher rates for sanitation pickup applied to properties with grandmother houses. Mr. Baritz stated that the governing agency for this issue is the Department of Public Works. Lorena Sanchez, representing the Department of Public Works, offered to forward Ms. Milars' question to the appropriate office.

Mark Lewis, DONE Representative, relayed BongHwan Kim's request for input from the CHNC Board regarding projects funded by CHNC, reported on by-laws changes that must be made to allow NC elections to be administered by the City Clerk's office, provided copies of material regarding a DONE orientation that will take place on March 31, 2009. Mr. Lewis advised that a location has yet to be determined for the planned April 29, 2009 DONE ethics training; similar training will be offered in South Los Angeles on April 25, 2009. The first in a series of Town Hall meetings conducted by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to discuss budget concerns will take place on April 7th; Mr. Lewis encouraged stakeholders to provide input. Responding to Debbie Wehbe's question, Mr. Lewis advised that stakeholders should be able to view the new DONE newsletter; he will follow up to make sure that this is possible. Ms. Wehbe advised of Mr. Lewis's absence for the next two

months. Mr. Lewis stated that he will be bedridden following surgery for 8 to 12 weeks.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA WITHIN THE BOARD'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION.

Frank Valenti, representing the Hollywood Studio District NC (HSDNC), spoke about an upcoming event, the Relay for Life, to benefit the American Cancer Society, that will take place August 22-23, 2009, encouraged CHNC stakeholders to participate, and discussed the ways stakeholders can contribute. Mr. Valenti asked for CHNC Board members to participate and for support.

Israel Stepanian, representing East Hollywood NC (EHNC), announced a Census 2010 event that will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 10am at Barnsdale Theater, and asked CHNC members and stakeholders to attend.

Debbie Wehbe asked if the two stakeholders from other NCs are aware of or use Community Hollywood, a link to share information between NCs.

Lydia Milars reported plans to allocate funds for a large community clean-up and reported her intent to ask both HSDNC and EHNC to participate. Mr. Stepanian advised of the planned East Hollywood Earth day on April 25-26, 2009, and the April 22nd dedication of a tree to Armenian martyrs.

Wendy deLeon, Community Worker, Outreach and Engagement team, and Ruby Quintana, Coordinator, discussed the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health's services, encouraged stakeholders to use the Department's services and provided copies of contact information for the Department, discussed the mental health services affects stakeholders with regard to funding, discussed outreach efforts, and asked stakeholders to complete an evaluation. Debbie Wehbe asked if a presentation can be made to the Hollywood Coalition.

6. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. The CHNC is required to post its meeting agendas in five locations per the City Charter in accordance with the Brown Act. Motion to request a board member to research two alternative posting sites within the CHNC boundaries in place of Hollywood Schoolhouse, 1233 N. McCadden Pl., LA, 90038, and St John's Armenian Church, at Vine and Lexington, and to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Laurie Goldman suggested Borders at Sunset and Western, or any of George Aboudad's (sp?) three Central Hollywood restaurants. David

Carrera suggested DeLongpre Park, however, it lacks a bulletin board. Debbie Wehbe stated that permission must be granted to post at certain locations. Devin Strecker offered to post the agendas at the Musicians Union and the security office at Santa Monica and Highland. Lydia Milars suggested posting at the Community Board kiosk at Seward and Willoughby. David Carrera suggested Grub Restaurant. Elizabeth McDonald suggested the Musicians Institute; Ms. Wehbe mentioned the Green Room.

Laurie Goldman volunteered to research the locations suggested. Karen King volunteered the Hollywood Recreation Center as a posting site.

- b. Motion to add the following standing rule to those that already exist regarding funding: Funding requests that have not been completed and documented for processing with DONE within six months of the date of the board allocation will be void. Existing standing rules regarding funding follow:

The City of LA Charter requires that each Neighborhood Council expenditure be properly documented and that materials purchased with allocated funds be clearly identified with the name of the neighborhood council. To that end, the Board of Directors of the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council adopted the following standing rules regarding funding allocations, to wit:

1. Any item paid for by CHNC must have CHNC's name clearly printed on it.
2. Anyone that receives any monetary allocation from CHNC must also provide all of the required documentation in a timely fashion.

Debbie Wehbe explained the need for an additional standing rule, because there are outstanding items for funding that have been carried for an inordinate amount of time.

Elizabeth McDonald moved to replace Standing Rule #2 with the suggested language: Funding requests that have not been completed and documented for processing with DONE within six months of the date of the board allocation will be void; seconded by Lydia Milars.

Scott Campbell spoke in favor of including an additional rule rather than amending the existing rule. There was discussion regarding how to accomplish the goal of ensuring that allocations that have been made are paid out in a timely fashion and that appropriate documentation is provided to DONE as required.

Elizabeth McDonald withdrew her motion; Lydia Milars agreed.

Elizabeth McDonald moved to add the following standing rule: Funding requests that have not been completed and documented for processing with DONE within six months of the date of the board allocation will be void; seconded by Scott Campbell.

Laurie Goldman voiced concern about funding support authorized by the Board for the proposed Hollywood Freeway Cap park; there was consensus

Elizabeth McDonald amended her motion to add the following standing rule: Effective March 23, 2009, funding requests that have not been completed and documented for processing with DONE within six months of the date of the board allocation will be void; seconded by Scott Campbell.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

c. Hollywood Coalition of Neighborhood Councils

As per our agreement with the other five neighborhood councils that comprise the Hollywood area, the idea of a Coalition Presentation that addresses systems of notification in the case of emergencies or major disasters is being brought to the board. If the Board is in favor of such a presentation, along with at least three other NC's, the coalition will go forward in pursuing this idea.

Motion for CHNC to support the Hollywood Coalition of Neighborhood Councils to move forward in researching and pursuing a presentation on safety notification systems.

Debbie Wehbe explained that the Hollywood Coalition is considering a safety notification system and discussed the system's usefulness and effectiveness.

Laurie Goldman moved to support the Hollywood Coalition of Neighborhood Councils to move forward in researching and pursuing a presentation on safety notification systems; seconded by Elizabeth McDonald.

Unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

In Jacques Massachi's absence, Debbie Wehbe provided copies of an update on allocated funds, expenditures, available funds and current requests for funds.

Debbe Wehbe advised that updated information on CHNC funds is presented on the DONE website.

Laurie Goldman moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Lydia Milars.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION ON EACH ITEM

- a. Bylaws Committee report with the changes suggested in the Neighborhood Council Review Commission needed.
Motion to give committee authority to make adjustments appropriate for CHNC as recommended by DONE and the review commission to present to the board at the April meeting.

Postponed.

- b. 2010 Neighborhood Council (NC) Election Procedures Stipulation Language Worksheet – Draft is available now. This is the means by which a Neighborhood Council Board can participate in the development of their 2010 Election Procedures. Must be reviewed and adjusted for CHNC. Need volunteers to make recommendations as to how to adjust for CHNC, and to report back at the April board meeting. Must have finished version for final board vote at May board meeting.

Discussed during Mark Lewis's earlier presentation.

- c. Funding Requests
 - i. Hollywood Farmers Market, Signage Project

Alexandra Agajanian thanked CHNC for its support, reported two quotes in the range of \$23,000 obtained for all of the work proposed to be done, stated that HUNC promised \$1000, support promised by Hollywood Hills West, and stated that the Farmers Market director plans to speak with Hollywood BID and CRA. Ms. Agajanian stated that \$4000 of the \$8700 needed by March 31, 2009 has been promised. Items discussed were plans to opening a farmers' kitchen, and how to acknowledge CHNC contribution.

Scott Campbell moved to allocate up to \$5,000 to purchase signage for the Hollywood Farmers Market; seconded by Elizabeth McDonald.

Laurie Goldman asked if a presentation was made to Hollywood Studio District; Alexandra Agajanian explained the reason no request was made, because of a small farmers market already in the HSDNC area that is in need of funding. Scott Campbell asked for clarification of how to pay for the plaque acknowledging CHNC support. A stakeholder asked if the Hollywood Coalition has a logo; Debbie Wehbe suggested that question be posed to the Coalition.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- ii. Beautification Project – Dog Sanitation Stations

Postponed.

- iii. YIMBI Connect Day

Devin Strecker, presented material on last year's YIMBY Connect Day, and discussed plans for the planned June 25, 2009. Mr. Strecker asked for funding support for the 2009 event and requested \$1000. There was discussion about past support; Mr. Strecker advised that a proposed budget will be forwarded to the Board.

Lydia Milars moved to allocate \$1000 out of the Community Event budget line to support YIMBI Connect Day; seconded by Elizabeth McDonald.

Laurie Goldman and Alwin Sumirat left the meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

- iv. Hollywood Police Support Association

Debra Bordeaux asked for CHNC support for the planned event, which is intended to beautify the Hollywood Division in time for the May 7, 2009 City inspection of the station by Chief Bratton and the LAPD Command Staff.

Lydia Milars moved to allocate up to \$2500 to support the Hollywood Division beautification event; seconded by Scott Campbell.

There was discussion about how the request for funding can be presented. Mark Lewis advised that the Neighborhood Purposes grant is one that can be used in the future to fund similar requests. Lydia Milars contended that the amount requested is excessive and suggested that the event be considered as an annual Clean Sweep event, because everything is already in place. Ms. Milars discussed

plans she has formed for a clean sweep that could be put into effect for the purpose of beautifying the station, which include HBT, the Hollywood BID and other volunteer organizations. Scott Campbell suggested that Ms. Milars coordinate with HPSA. There was further discussion about what can be done. Ms. Milars will follow through with regard to CHNC support.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

d. Planning Committee Report

Tender Greens - Tender Greens, new restaurant proposed at Sunset & Vine Tower; Beer & Wine CUP. Ryan Harter/CIM Group, Erik Oberholtzer, owner/operator.

David Carrera moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support Tender Greens' CUP application for a Type 41 liquor license, with hours of operation from 11:30am to 12:30 am, and the removal of CHNC-provided Condition 5, Condition 25, Condition B; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Erik Oberholtzer briefly reprised the presentation made to the CHNC PLUM Committee for the proposed restaurant to be located at the CIM Group's Sunset & Vine Tower. Scott Campbell spoke in favor of the project.

Lydia Milars moved to approve the PLUM Committee's recommendation; seconded by Scott Campbell.

Dege Coutee asked if beer and wine to be offered will be organic. Mr. Oberholtzer discussed the liquor that will be provided for sale.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

8. PRESENTATION: Bureau of Sanitation – Alternative Technologies

Phasing Out Urban Landfills
Converting Solid Waste (from the black trash bin) into Renewable Energy
Environmental Benefits
Information on Stakeholder meetings coming up

Lorena Sanchez reported on the City's efforts to reduce landfill use and generation of solid waste. The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation is considering alternative technologies for processing post-source separated municipal solid waste. Ms. Sanchez explained what is meant by the term

alternative technologies and discussed how the City will evaluate the proposals currently under consideration. Ms. Sanchez stated that the City's goal is to achieve 80% diversion from landfill. Ms. Sanchez offered to have a City Project Manager provide an in-depth explanation of the work proposed, listed the benefits to be accrued, advised that a study of the issue will be available in the summer of 2009. Responding to Debbie Wehbe's question, Ms. Sanchez reported on the SWIRP workshops. Karen King, a stakeholder, asked about recycled clothing.

9. COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Night Life Issues – Information and Reporting Committee

In an effort to promote the successful coexistence of all stakeholders by providing thoughtful and beneficial support to resolve issues and concerns that affect each of us, a representative of Kress will be in attendance to address the following stakeholder complaints:

1. Rooftop noise/CUP non-compliance
2. Third floor CUP non-compliance

David Carrera thanked Louis Pelliccia, Kress Director, representing Kress, and asked if Mr. Pelliccia was familiar with the CUP conditions for his establishment; Mr. Pelliccia stated that he was familiar with the CUP. Mr. Carrera asked if dancing was allowed on the rooftop of the venue, Mr. Pelliccia stated that dancing was not allowed and discussed efforts made to discourage dancing on the rooftop. Mr. Carrera asked about noise; Mr. Pelliccia discussed his efforts to determine noise levels, reported on his efforts to satisfy the only stakeholder that has complained about noise, Mr. Carrera asked if the third floor operates as a nightclub; Mr. Pelliccia responded that the third floor is used for sponsored events only. Mr. Carrera asked if restaurant is open for lunch; Mr. Pelliccia stated that the restaurant is not open for lunch. In response to Mr. Carrera's questions, Mr. Pelliccia stated that the restaurant is open for dinner Thursday through Saturday, from 6pm (to 1:30am on Saturdays), valet charges between \$10 and \$20, that the proposed mechanical lifts have not been installed (given the current state of the U.S. economy, the venue has lost more than \$500,000). Mr. Carrera asked if alternative forms of transport to the club have been advertised in newspapers and was told that no advertising has been done in newspapers. Mr. Pelliccia advised that there is no cover charge and discussed further how sponsored events are conducted.

David Carrera vented his concerns, stated that the CUP required the restaurant to open for lunch, and asked for cooperation regarding the noise generated by the rooftop operation. Scott Campbell discussed problems that have occurred in the past with other venues, thanked Louis

Pelliccia for appearing, and expressed hope that cooperation will follow. Debbie Wehbe echoed comments made earlier and thanked Mr. Pelliccia for his response to concerns voiced. Mr. Pelliccia stated his intent to work with Mr. Carrera regarding stakeholder complaints. Herbert Koss, stakeholder, discussed his concerns, and stated that, in fairness, his concerns were addressed by Mr. Pelliccia. There was discussion about noise and other concerns sparked by activities at LeDeux. Tricia LaBelle discussed the conditions under which her business is being operated.

Scott Campbell left the meeting

10. COMMENT BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Roman, a stakeholder, complained of a supergraphic that has been installed next to his home.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by common consent