



**Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council  
Approved Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 25, 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, Alwin Sumirat, and Scott Campbell

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Craig DeSilva voiced concern about drug trafficking, smoking and public nuisances occurring in DeLongpre Park.

John Whittaker, representing the LA City Coalition to Ban Alcohol Ads, asked for CHNC support of City Bill 11-1429. Mr. Whittaker was referred to Oliver Netburn, Public Safety Chair.

Margaret Lipton advised she was present to report on public nuisance and safety hazards she noticed while visiting her mother's home near DeLongpre Park.

(Taken out of order) Videos of Public Service Announcements regarding voting created by high school students supported by CHNC were reviewed.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

A. May 2012

Scott Campbell advised of the appropriate spelling of Devin Strecker's and Michael Gonzales' names and for Schrader St. Laurie Goldman wanted "CHNC website to the Outreach Committee" substituted for "CHNC website to her" in item 6, noted a letter was missing from David Carrera's name on item 6.A.iii.b, and requested that Chief of Staff Anna Guerrero's name be added to item 6.D.i. Ms. Goldman also advised of her reference to the Historic Preservation Overlay zone.

**Laurie Goldman moved to accept the Minutes for May 2012 as amended; seconded by David Carrera.**

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

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

Nicole Carcel, representing Assemblymember Mike Feuer, advised of a free Community Health Fair to be held on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm at the Hollywood United Methodist Church, sponsored by Assemblyman Feuer, Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge and Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council. Ms. Carcel advised that

the budget will be passed on time, that the same-day voter registration bill may be in place by November 2011, and discussed the Measurer R extension bill's progress. Ms. Carcel also reminded stakeholders that Assemblyman Feuer will leave office by November 2012.

Laurie Goldman commented on the committee being formed by CD13 to review proposed changes to parking meter hours for the area.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

(Taken out of order) 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

Debbie Wehbe advised that there were no recent charges and therefore no transactions on the purchase card.

- A. Funding Status  
Review and approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013

Debbie Wehbe provided copies of a report listing allocations for 2011-2012 and advised how funds were spent. There was discussion of possible allocations for 2012-2013. Ms. Wehbe stated her preference that CHNC provide funding specifically for dog waste stations.

The Board reached a consensus on a proposed budget, allocating

\$6,000 for operations - OFF \$300; POS \$400; TAC \$5000; MIS 1 \$300  
\$8,000 for outreach - ADV \$2,500; NEW \$1,500; WEB \$1,500  
\$15,000 for community improvement  
\$8,000 for Neighborhood Purpose Grants  
Total of \$37,000

Nothing was allocated for elections

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the budget for 2012-2013; seconded by David Ambroz.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor.**

- B. Funding Requests

- i. Hollywood Arts Council

Nyla Arslanian provided copies of a brochure from the 2011 Children's Arts Festival, to be held at Paramount Studios and discussed the benefits to the community that this event has provided over the years.

Laurie Goldman recused herself, but remained seated to maintain a quorum.

**David Carrera moved to allocate up to \$2500 to support the 2012 Hollywood Children's Arts Festival; seconded by Scott Campbell.**

David Ambroz voiced concern about support offered to only a few community organizations year after year. Debbie Wehbe echoed Mr. Ambroz' concern, and

discussed the process by which NC funds can be allocated to non-profit organizations. Ms. Wehbe also voiced concern about allocating funds when CHNC does not have an approved budget.

Ziggy Cruse lectured about how this agenda item was listed.

Bob Blue also provided advice regarding how the CHNC Board should vote.

There was further discussion about the appropriate way to proceed

**VOTE: 1 in favor; 1 against; 3 abstentions.**

David Ambroz moved to authorize \$1000.00 for the Hollywood Children's Arts Festival. There was no second.

David Carrera moved to authorize \$2000.00 for the Hollywood Children's Arts Festival, incumbent on a reaffirmation of the amount at the next CHNC Board meeting. There was no second.

## 2. Presentations

### A. Presentation to support creation of stamp to honor Ricardo Montalban.

Scott Campbell advised of the request made at the May 2012 CHNC Board meeting to support creation of a stamp honoring Ricardo Montalban.

**David Ambroz moved to support creation of a stamp honoring Ricardo Montalban; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

David Ambroz asked if the stamp is a Forever Stamp.

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

Debbie Wehbe arrived.

### B. Friends of the Hollywood Central Park.

Laurie Goldman presented a short video regarding the proposed Hollywood Central Park, which will be uploaded to the Hollywood Central Park website in the near future.

### C. Community Care Facilities proposed ordinance.

Mark Parra, who works for the LA County Department of Mental Health, presented a packet of letters of support from various stakeholders listing their objections to the proposed ordinance and discussed those objections.

John Whitaker advised of the 77 years sober living programs have been in place in Los Angeles, advised that more than 800 residents will become homeless, listed objections to the ordinance and asked that the CHNC submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) opposing the proposed ordinance.

Laurie Goldman questioned the need for a CIS and suggested that the CHNC Board draft a letter stating its position on this issue.

Jennifer Millar, a resident of supportive housing, stated her objections.

Paul Dumont discussed a list of sober living houses that identified an address that was not a sober living home and advised of efforts to garner support for the proposed ordinance.

Kerry Morrison discussed her participation in efforts to end homelessness in the Los Angeles area, stated that the proposed ordinance's broad focus can harmfully affect a broad swath of the population, advised that legal action will result if the ordinance is passed and asked that the CHNC Board vote to oppose the proposed ordinance.

Laurie Goldman stated her opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Scott Campbell advised that he has not read the entire ordinance, and questioned whether the existence of an enforcement protocol would make this ordinance more enforceable.

David Ambroz stated his preference that the issue be referred to the CHNC PLUM Committee for a proper vetting.

David Carlat provided his perspective on why the issue is being presented to the City of Los Angeles.

**David Ambroz moved to refer this issue to the PLUM Committee; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

**VOTE: 4 in favor; 2 opposed.**

Alwin Sumirat left the meeting.

3. Committee Reports/Presentations:

A. Election Committee

**David Ambroz moved to authorize the Election Outreach Chair to complete the Stipulation Guideline on behalf of the CHNC Board; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor.**

B. Standing Committees:

i. Planning Committee - David Carrera

1. The Happy Ending, 7038 Sunset Blvd.: ZA-2012-1045-PAB, increase interior floor space by 337 sq. ft. and the addition of a 1445 sq. ft. patio at an existing restaurant/bar/banquet room with retail sales, and café entertainment/show.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board not support the request for a plan approval at 7038 Sunset Blvd for the expansion of an existing restaurant/bar/banquet room, for the reason that the restaurant currently operates in a manner that creates a nuisance for the surrounding residential neighborhood including the hotels across the street, and until such behavior has been demonstrated to be corrected to the satisfaction of the community, no expansion should be supported; seconded by David Carrera.

Scott Campbell listed his objections and stated that he would not support the motion.

VOTE: Oliver Netburn in favor; David Carrera and Scott Campbell against.

Scott Campbell moved to recommend that the CHNC Board write a letter outlining some of the problems that residents have with the Happy Ending, that the Board request the owners postpone their hearing at least two months and return to CHNC PLUM for further review, that the owners work with DWP to get the proposed street lights installed on Sycamore, that the owners have the security said to have been initiated meet with residents, that there be no music on the exterior

patio, that the landscaping be kept up so it does not block the sidewalk, that a telephone number be immediately established that guarantees immediate response by an on-site manager to neighbors' concerns and phone number is posted on the property where it can be seen by someone walking into the front door; that phone number must be provided to neighbors; seconded by David Carrera.

Oliver Netburn suggested amending the motion to include mention in the letter requiring that the lower driveway be closed permanently, the southern patio wall be raised to 8 feet wall, that there be a 5 year term limit for this grant with a one year (from the opening of the expansion) plan approval, and that broken glass on Sycamore be removed. Scott Campbell and David Carrera agreed to the amendment.

VOTE: Two in favor; Oliver Netburn against.

Scott Campbell read the PLUM Committee's recommendation.

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the PLUM Committee's recommendation; seconded by David Carrera.**

David Carlat provided additional letters of support from adjacent property owners as well as a petition signed by more than 50 LAPD officers as well as one signed by patrons of the venue. Mr. Carlat stated that the zoning administrator does not have authority to impose some of the conditions stated in the motion, and discussed efforts made by the owners to comply with the conditions with which they agreed.

At David Carrera's request, Oliver Netburn commented on the conditions applied to the expansion, and stated that term limit conditions are enforceable with reference to the expansion.

Laurie Goldman stated that it was important for the community's concerns to be heard,.

Debbie Wehbe stated that it was a shame that concerns voiced by the community were not addressed.

David Carlat stated his belief that a 5 year term limit with a one year review would not be sustained by the Zoning Administrator, and advised that only one person out of the dozen who attended the community meeting actually came to voice a complaint.

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

2. Harmon Press, 1229-1237 N. Highland Ave: DIR-2000-1553(RV)(PA3), Plan Approval to show condition compliance. Harmon press will continue to operate with hours from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, daily. At 1227 N. Highland, the 8,160 square foot art gallery, the "Michael Kohn Gallery" will operate with hours from 10 am to 9 pm, daily. Requesting removal of condition 3 and 4. Requesting condition 3 to be removed in conjunction with the Kohn Gallery, which will offer art sales incidental to gallery displays. Requesting condition 4 to be removed because it is contradictory in its nature, stating that the property shall not be used as a commercial parking lot, then continuing to state that the property shall be maintained to primarily serve employees and customers of adjacent commercial property. Rachel Finfer, EPG presenting.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend CHNC Board support of the modifications to the CUP revocation to 1229-1237 N. Highland Avenue with the added condition that the parking lot be closed to all uses between the hours of 10pm and 7am and with a change to condition 4 that in no event shall the property involved be operated as a commercial parking lot, except that such property shall be maintained primarily as a parking facility to serve the employees and customers of adjacent commercial property; other surplus parking spaces can be made available for other area businesses; seconded by Scott Campbell.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Laurie Goldman read the PLUM Committee's recommendation.

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the PLUM Committee's recommendation; seconded by David Carrera.**

Laurie Goldman asked for clarification of whether the new gallery is open for events; Elizabeth Peterson stated that the event noticed by Debbie Wehbe was for an adjacent gallery, not the proposed venue. Ms. Peterson provided a flyer for the event that actually took place.

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

3. Lure Nightclub (formally Cabana Club), 1430 Cahuenga/1439 Ivar:ZA-2004-5422-CU-ZV-PA1, ZA-2012-1410-CUX, Plan Approval for review of conditions and to modify conditions No. 6, 7, 8, 13, 15 and 22. Project Description; add dancing to an existing nightclub with food service.

Scott Campbell moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the requested plan approval-to support the requested 10 year (from this approval) grant, to support the additional hour of operation per Condition 6, allow operation until 3am per Condition 8, allow the change in language in Condition 13 from "upscale restaurant" to "nightclub with food", support change of Condition15 to allow \$10 valet with dining to 11pm and \$20 after 11pm, remove Condition #22 entirely and support the change to add CUX in addition to the requested CUB to this current approval and to add the CHNC standard condition regarding a requirement to appear before CHNC when there is a change of owner/operator; seconded by Oliver Netburn.

David Carrera advised that two case numbers should have been included in the agenda notice. Mr. Carrera stated his objection to the 10 year plan approval.

VOTE: One in favor; one against; one abstention. The motion failed.

David Carrera moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the requested plan approval-to support the requested 7 year (from this approval) grant, to support the additional hour of operation per Condition 6, allow operation until 3am per Condition 8, allow the change in language in Condition 13 from "upscale restaurant" to "nightclub with food", support change of Condition15 to allow \$10 valet with dining to 11pm and \$20 after 11pm, remove Condition #22 entirely and support the change to add CUX in addition to the requested CUB to this current approval and to add the CHNC standard condition regarding a requirement to appear before CHNC when there is a change of owner/operator; seconded by Oliver Netburn.

Vote: two in favor; Oliver Netburn abstained.

Scott Campbell read the PLUM Committee's recommendation.

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the PLUM Committee's recommendation; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.**

David Carrera advised that nearby residents were present to air their concerns.

David Ambroz asked for clarification for the reason for the presentation.

Faith Jackson stated that noise generated by the bass level from this nightclub has affected her quality of life, and discussed her efforts to have her concerns addressed to no avail.

Bruce Lassen advised that he can hear noise from the subject venue at his home several blocks away and discussed public nuisance created by nightclub patrons.

David Carrera called for an amendment to the motion to include a condition that, after 2am, the music become ambient and no amplified music on the patio. Laurie Goldman stated she could not accept the condition regarding amplified music on the patio. Ms. Goldman did agree to amend her motion to include a requirement to have ambient music only, after 2am. Debbie Wehbe did not object to the amendment.

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

C. Ad Hoc Committees:

i. Hollywood Community Plan update

Laurie Goldman advised that the Hollywood Community Plan was passed.

4. Comments by Board Members on items not on the agenda

Laurie Goldman advised that a table will be made available to area NCs at the next Hester Street Fair.

5. Adjournment