



**Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Approved Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 26, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:25pm. CHNC Board members present: David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, Noel Hyun, Scott Campbell, Grant King. Debbie Wehbe arrived at 6:35pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Oliver Netburn requested CHNC consider funding his participation in an upcoming Bike Ride to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Center.

Ken, a stakeholder, referred to problems he experienced gardening at the Mansfield Garden, asked if there were vacant lots in the area that can be used for the purpose of gardening and asked where he can dispose of batteries. Scott Campbell referred him to the City's 311 phone service; David Carrera advised that Home Depot has a similar service and provided the address for the local store.

(Taken out of order) Mitch O'Farrell introduced himself and discussed his candidacy for the CD 13 Los Angeles City Council seat; Mr. O'Farrell provided copies of a statement of his qualifications and referred stakeholders to his website: www.mitchforcitycouncil.org.

3. MINUTES REVIEW

Postponed

4. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Bong Hwan Kim, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, provided an update on items affecting DONE, reporting that DONE's budget has been submitted to the Mayor, who will be submitting a budget to the City Council by April 20, 2012, and that DONE was asked to present both a 12% and a 6% cut scenario. Regarding elections, Mr. Kim advised that DONE is planning to hold NC elections in September 2012 and that the needed ordinances to make this happen are under review by the City Council. Mr. Kim advised that CHNC organize elections committees as soon as possible and discussed how the elections can be conducted within the proposed two-month timeline. There was discussion about the delay in approving the CHNC By-Laws. Mr. Kim referred to workshops being held around the City, and recommended that a CHNC representative contact the LAFD to request participation. Mr. Kim noted plans for outreach to stakeholders

including plans for re-branding – to Empower LA, discussed the core purposes of the Neighborhood Council system—to engage more people in City government and to have government be more responsive to local concerns, and discussed the origin of the NC system and what the NCs can do.

At Laurie Goldman's request, BongHwan Kim discussed language in the ordinance that allows NCs to create non-profit organizations. Responding to Debbie Wehbe's questions, Mr. Kim discussed what by-laws would regulate the upcoming elections and advised that mandatory training requirements were considered by Councilmember Krikorian as chair of the committee that administers DONE, but the draft language is now the responsibility of Councilmember Bernard Parks.

Nicole Carcel, representing Assemblyman Mike Feuer, provided copies of Mr. Feuer's legislative package listing efforts on which the Assemblyman is currently working, discussed in particular the foreclosure bills and a helicopter ordinance that just passed earlier in the day, and referred to proposed SEQA changes and Measure R extension legislation for large infrastructure/transportation projects. Ms. Carcel provided an update on proposed healthcare legislation (Assembly Bill 52) and referred to the Assemblyman leaving office in December 2012. Ms. Carcel asked stakeholders to advise of problems the Assemblyman's office can assist in resolving.

Scott Campbell asked if it is still appropriate for CHNC to take a position on the helicopter ordinance and was advised that it is. Laurie Goldman asked if the Assemblyman is sponsoring a SEQA bill that is patterned on any current proposed legislation from other government officials and was told that the Assemblyman's proposal is modeled after SB900. Oliver Netburn asked if the proposed helicopter ordinance would address specific issues such as hovering; Ms. Carcel stated that the ordinance addresses more general conditions.

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE—HOLDOVER FROM LAST MEETING

- A. Walgreens, 1504 N. Vine: ZA-2012-117-CUB, proposed off-site sale of a full-line of alcohol in a new Walgreens retail store located in the C4-2D-SN zone.

Matt Dzurec introduced himself and Tri Lieu, and began the presentation by discussing the location of the proposed development, located in the Sunset and Vine mixed use project (the former Borders Books site). The prototype high-end, modern contemporary project is currently in plan check, with a series of interior renovations ongoing, and plans to go on-line by the end of the year. Mr. Dzurec, described services and products to be offered at the proposed high-end retail health and living destination; hours of operation will be 8am to 10pm daily; there will be full security. Mr. Dzurec pointed out that the proposed use is in line with the original development plan for Sunset and Vine. Mr. Dzurec provided a floor plan; David Carrera suggested bike racks on the sidewalk could be provided.

Oliver Netburn suggested that the courtyard area be maintained for outside dining and suggested there be no visual obstruction along the Sunset side; David Carrera suggested landscaping the small parkway along Sunset. There was discussion of provision of store security; Matt Dzuric advised that Sunset and Vine already provides security.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support conditional use at 1504 North Vine for the sale of alcohol with the added condition that upon change of owner/operator the applicant return to CHNC for plan approval; seconded by Scott Campbell.

Laurie Goldman moved to support the Planning Committee's recommendation; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

Scott Campbell briefly summarized the presentation made at the February 2012 Planning Committee meeting. David Carrera pointed out the differences between the proposed development and other, nearby drug stores. Laurie Goldman and Grant King commended the proposed development; Craig De Silva expressed opposition to the proposed development. Capt. Beatrice Grimala advised of LAPD concern regarding empty storefronts in the Hollywood area.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Debbie Wehbe provided copies of the most recent CHNC bank statement to Board members.

Laurie Goldman moved to accept the statement; seconded by Noel Hyun.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- B. Funding Status

Debbie Wehbe discussed expenditures to date (a total of \$7693.12), with a balance remaining of \$32,806.88.

Laurie Goldman moved to accept the statement; seconded by Noel Hyun.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- C. Funding requests

Debbie Wehbe summarized the funding requests submitted; Laurie Goldman reminded the Board that May 15, 2012 is the deadline for submissions to DONE for funding.

BongHwan Kim discussed how funds can be encumbered for election expenses and advised that a list of possible vendors and a dollar amount must be submitted to DONE by May 16, 2012.

- i. LACERS—Funding requests for programs at middle and high schools

- a. Bancroft Middle School: \$1075.80 to purchase 30 chairs for Homework Club Computer Room

Linda Horner described the LACERS afterschool program and the requests, for \$1075.80 to purchase 30 sturdy chairs for the homework club at Bancroft School.

Laurie Goldman moved to support LACERS request for Bancroft School for \$1075.80 for 30 chairs as described in the funding application; seconded by Grant King.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- b. Hollywood High School:

Linda Horner discussed the benefit to students that Hollywood High School's marching band provides and advised that a tenor drum is needed, at a cost of \$1439.90.

Laurie Goldman moved to support LACERS request for \$1439.90 to purchase a tenor drum for Hollywood High School; seconded by Grant King.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- ii. Boys and Girls Club, \$5,000 request for music program

Debbie Wehbe advised that the request for funding from Boys and Girls Club has some items that cannot be funded by a Neighborhood Council, but listed those items that can be funded. Melba Culpepper described the opportunity offered by UCLA masters level students to teach at-risk youth at the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Culpepper discussed why seeking additional funding was necessary and listed benefits to area youth. Scott Campbell noted those items that are appropriately supported by CHNC funding: hall rental and food (\$3000), repair and maintenance of music instruments (\$500).

Laurie Goldman moved to approve \$3500 for the Boys and Girls Club funding request, to include \$3000 for the hall rental and food, and \$500 for repair maintenance of pianos and music instruments; seconded by Noel Hyun.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- iii. Hollywood Recreation Center: approximately \$5,000 request

Steve Finley discussed the Hollywood Recreation Center's \$4500 request for funds to purchase uniforms, trophies and sports equipment, and reported the benefits and services provided to 300-400 area youth from age 3 to age 17.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the Hollywood Recreation Center's funding request for \$4500 to purchase uniforms, trophies and sports equipment; seconded by Noel Hyun.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

- iv. Hollywood High School Film Project: \$4,400 to develop a PSA regarding voting

Mark Workman introduced himself, discussed the workshops and advised that this is the first time the program will be offered to students in the Los Angeles area.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the request for funding; seconded by Grant King.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

- v. LAPD Request for Tactical Vests for Gang Unit: up to \$5,000

Captain Beatrice Girmala advised that the amount requested was considerably higher than previously advised, reported that crime in the Hollywood area is down 33% over last year, and stated that Hollywood is one of the few geographic areas that has a full uniform gang intervention component and gang officer component as well as a detective component. Capt. Girmala described the need for the tactical vests for which funding is being requested, and stated that the City cannot provide the equipment reported.

After significant, considerable discussion regarding how reallocation could be done to cover the funding requests being considered, it was decided to move \$7000 from the Neighborhood Purpose Grants line item to a line item created for LAPD funding requests, and to move \$250 from the miscellaneous supplies line item, \$250 from the office equipment line item, \$125 from postage, \$125 from advertisement outreach, \$1000 from election expense, \$375 from material distribution, \$500 from event expense, \$600 from meeting expense, \$800 from the Constant Contact line item, and \$500 from the website line item, totaling \$4525.00.

Laurie Goldman moved to put \$7000 from the NPG line item and \$3250 from the amounts discussed above into a new LAPD line item; seconded by Noel Hyun.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

There was additional discussion regarding the Youth Programs line item funding for allocations made earlier in the meeting: \$2000 from the Delongpre Park cleanup, \$1275 remaining from the reallocation discussed, \$2000 from the dog waste station refund, \$60.72 remaining in the Neighborhood Purpose Grant line

item and to move \$2079.98 from the Mansfield Garden line item to the Youth Program line item.

Laurie Goldman moved to put \$2000 from the Delongpre Park cleanup, \$1275 remaining from the reallocation discussed, \$2000 from the dog waste station refund, \$60.72 remaining in the Neighborhood Purpose Grant line item and \$2079.98 from the Mansfield Garden line item into the Youth Program line item; seconded by Noel Hyun.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

D. Budget Representatives

Noel Hyun reported that the February fiscal status report eliminated the projected \$72 million deficit because of expenses, but that next year a \$200 million deficit is projected.

7. PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Friends of the Hollywood Central Park

Postponed

B. Helicopter Bill Support—Encourage FAA to regulate helicopters in Los Angeles

(Taken out of order) Nicole Carcel discussed the legislation proposed by Assemblyman Mike Feuer.

Laurie Goldman moved to support AJR 25 by writing a letter to Assemblyman Mike Feuer, President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and Governor Jerry Brown; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Planning Committee

- i. Shin Korean Barbeque Shin Korean Barbecue, 1600 N. Wilcox: ZA-2012-39-CUB, new Conditional Use Permit per condition # 42 of the expiring case #ZA-2005-8661(CUB) to permit the continued use and operation of an existing 3,220 sq. ft. bona-fide restaurant bar/lounge, for the continued sales and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, 120 seats, live entertainment in conjunction with special events, hours of operation and alcohol sales from 10:00 am to 2:00 am, daily. EPG, Rachael Finfer presenting.

Motion of non-opposition, require a plan approval 1-year after start of operation, plan approval for change of owner/operator, no bottle service.

Discussion about granting a CUP with no new operator at this time.

Motion approved, two in favor, one opposed.

David Carrera reported on the presentation and subsequent discussion, advising that there was not a unanimous decision in the face of concerns raised about not having an operator.

Rachel Finfer advised that the restaurant closed in 2011, and that the previous CUP had expired in June 2011. There was discussion about the previous operation.

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

Laurie Goldman advised that she could not support the motion. Grant King stated his intent to support the PLUM Committee recommendation, as did Debbie Wehbe.

Oliver Netburn advised that there is no way to enforce an agreement to return for a plan approval. Debbie Wehbe asked if there was a parking requirement; David Carrera advised that a minimum of 6 spaces is required.

VOTE: there was a tie vote; Scott Campbell voted against. The motion did not pass.

Laurie Goldman moved to oppose the owner's CUP application because there is no tenant/operator; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- ii. Fabiolus Café, 6270 Sunset Blvd.: ZA-2011-2835-CUB, addition of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption to an existing restaurant; Remodel existing restaurant to create new bathrooms, convert existing driveway into outdoor seating, create additional outdoor seating at rear, increase occupant load from 58 to 99, provide additional required parking at rear with entrance from rear street.

Motion to support full line of alcohol, hours of operation until 2:00 am, non-amplified live entertainment, plan approval required with change of owner/operator.

Motion approved unanimously.

David Carrera moved to accept the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

B. Public Safety

- i. Tree-trimming discussion, particularly around LAPD Hollywood Station, funding request possible

Oliver Netburn reported that although there is a need to trim the trees located around the LAPD property the task can be put off, and suggested that the BIDs should be solicited for funds. Laurie Goldman advised that BIDs cannot fund projects outside their geographic areas, and suggested that developers be solicited for funding this project. Debbie Wehbe reported that another similar project was funded by the Police Support group. Mr. Netburn asked for CHNC authorization to explore possibilities. Nicole Carcel advised that each Senior Lead Officer is required to take on a beautification project.

David Carrera moved to authorize Oliver Netburn to discuss the tree trimming project for the LAPD Hollywood Station; seconded by Grant King.

Scott Campbell suggested that CHNC support be conditioned on it becoming a SLO project.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

- ii. Recommendation to submit a letter to our three councilmembers, Garcetti, LaBonge, and Koretz, and the Dept of Public Works to begin conversion of post-top lamps from conventional lighting to LED

Oliver Netburn discussed the advantages of changing the post top street lights to LED and suggested that a letter be written to request this project be initiated.

Debbie Wehbe moved to authorize that a letter be written as requested; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- iii. Funding Request: \$350 for graffiti cleanup, Guardian Angels

Oliver Netburn introduced the Guardian Angels, who discussed their efforts to prevent crime in the Hollywood area, including graffiti cleanup, and advised that support has been obtained from a company that produces graffiti cleanup products at a reduced cost. David Carrera asked if the Guardian Angels can include DeLongpre Park in their patrols.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve \$350 for graffiti cleanup; seconded by Grant King.

Debbie Wehbe reminded the Board that there is a form that must be submitted for funding requests. Laurie Goldman advised that \$250 can be reallocated from the miscellaneous supplies line item, and \$100 from the website line item.

Laurie Goldman moved to reallocate \$250 from the miscellaneous supplies line item and \$100 from the website line item to fund the \$350 Guardian Angels request; seconded by Grant King.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

C. Outreach Committee

Laurie Goldman stated that she would pose Oliver Netburn's tree-trimming project to the outreach committee at its next meeting. Ms. Goldman also advised that she had proposed the idea of posting CHNC banners to Councilmen Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge.

D. Web Site Committee

Laurie Goldman and Grant King agreed to coordinate the handoff of the Web Site Committee to Ms. Goldman.

E. Hollywood Community Plan Update

Laurie Goldman advised that this item will on a City Council PLUM meeting agenda on March 27, 2012, and that CHNC supports the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.