



**Approved Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 26, 2012
Hollywood City Hall, Large Conf Room
6501 Fountain Avenue (at Wilcox), Los Angeles, CA 90028**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:20pm. Board members present: Scott Campbell, Alwin Sumirat, Debbie Wehbe, Tricia LaBelle, Scott Campbell, Laurie Goldman, and David Carrera. Denise DeCarlo and Grant Linscott arrived at 6:30. William Alvarez was not present.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT.

Oliver Netburn reported that the City of Los Angeles is seeking comments from Neighborhood Councils regarding the proposed update to the Mobility Element of the City's General Plan. Mr. Netburn advised that an ad hoc committee has been formed to address the requested response from CHNC.

David Ambroz stated that thefts of copper wiring have been reported from street lights on Willoughby and on Seward, and advised that there will be an update at the next CHNC Board meeting on the Highland Avenue medians.

Octavio Pescador, candidate for Council District 13, introduced himself, discussed his candidacy and asked stakeholders to sign any petitions they may be asked to sign for all candidates. Dr. Pescador referred briefly to the platform on which his campaign is based, full integration and tolerance of gay youth, support for sustainability, for the Hollywood community, and creation of green jobs. Dr. Pescador also provided his contact information.

Raoul Mendoza spoke in support of John Choi's candidacy and requested that meeting attendees sign a petition in support of Mr. Choi's desire to serve as Los Angeles City Councilman for Council District 13.

Herb Koss complained of meeting order.

Scott Campbell circulated a petition for Mike Feuer's candidacy for City Attorney.

Patrick Allen, Housing Coordinator for Kings Colleges, which provides educational services to international students, asked for assistance identifying host families for Kings Colleges students and discussed the advantages offered to hosts.

3) MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A) September 2012

Postponed.

4) REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Sharon Shapiro, Field Deputy for CD4 Councilman Tom LaBonge, reported that Rory Fitzpatrick, Director of Constituent Services for CD4, passed away recently.

Nicole Carcel, Field Representative for 42nd District Assemblyman Mike Feuer, presented certificates of recognition from Assemblyman Feuer and thanked CHNC for its support during Mr. Feuer's terms in office. Ms. Carcel will begin serving as Mr. Feuer's campaign manager for the City Attorney race, as of January 2013.

Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Paula Davidson provided an update on police activities in the Hollywood area, invited stakeholders to attend the upcoming December 8, 2012 Christmas party for community children, reported on community statistics, which were lower for violent crime year over year, property crime rates have risen, burglaries and assaults have declined year over year. SLO Davidson provided flyers regarding the campaign to remind stakeholders to lock away their valuables.

Debbie Wehbe reported increased transgender prostitution activity.

Tricia LaBelle complained about public urination, and advised of unsafe valet activities on Wilcox at closing hour, around 1:30am. There was discussion of Captain Grimala's opposition to a liquor license for Sound. Laurie Goldman advised that LAPD has stated opposition to Sound having bottle service.

Denise DeCarlo asked about transient activity in the Dell area; SLO Davidson advised what to do if transients are seen going onto private property and discussed the effect overcrowding in the jails has had on keeping criminals off the streets.

David Carrera reported that he had been contacted by a group of residents that were concerned about nuisance activities at a parking lot located at the northeast corner of Selma and Schrader; Mr. Carrera advised that no response had been received by the residents from LAPD about the problem. SLO Davidson asked that stakeholders follow up with her if no response from complaints to LAPD is received in the future

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

- A) Review and Approval of recent transactions on the purchase card and purchase card statement.
- B) Funding Status
 - i) Budget status, what are our remaining funds?

(Taken out of order) Debbie Wehbe provided copies of the most recent Treasurer's Report; there was discussion about how funds can be approved and disbursed. Ms. Wehbe reported that CHNC funds are frozen and unavailable until Denise DeCarlo is approved by DONE as Treasurer.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the following resolution: That the CHNC nominated and elected Denise DeCarlo as CHNC Treasurer, and as Treasurer Denise DeCarlo will have custody of the CHNC purchase card, and that Scott Campbell be the second signatory; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

David Carrera moved to amend the motion to approve Debbie Wehbe as second signatory; seconded by Grant Linscott

VOTE: Four in favor; two opposed.

VOTE: Five in favor; one opposed.

C) New Funding Requests

- i) Mansfield Garden Funding Request for 2885.00 to form a self-sustaining community garden

Debbie Wehbe moved to allocate \$2825 to Shapiro Gardens for improvements to the garden; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

Denise DeCarlo suggested that a permanent record be kept regarding garden repairs or changes to the shed.

David Carrera suggested that the community message board be placed in such a way to allow for posting information of interest to the community, including CHNC meeting notices.

Laurie Goldman moved to amend the motion to include provision of a community message board; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Carrera asked about the master gardener, Bill Shapiro.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- ii) Purchase of software for website management, \$450.00.

Laurie Goldman moved to purchase Adobe CS4; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.

VOTE: Five in favor; one abstention.

6) PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A) CHNC participation in the January 24, 2012 Mayoral Forum co-hosted by the League of Women Voters to be held at Forest Lawn.

Michael Meyer reported on activities his varied affiliations have undertaken recently, advised that four major candidates have been invited to the January 24, 2012 Mayoral Forum, and discussed how the forum will be conducted. Mr. Meyer referred to possible sponsorship options. Responding to Laurie Goldman's question, Mr. Meyers advised \$250 from NCs is being requested.

Laurie Goldman moved to support the January 24, 2012 Mayoral Forum as a co-sponsor; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7) COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- A) Director of Animal Welfare

Oliver Netburn invited stakeholders to attend the meeting scheduled for November 27, 2012.

B) Standing Committees:

i) Planning Committee - David Carrera

- a. **1411 Highland Ave.:** CPC No. 2012-2405-VZC-ZAA-SPR, previously presented as a residential only 5-story development, with 76 apartment units, and a height of approximately 68'10". The new revised project is proposing the addition of 2,500 sq. ft. of retail space, code parking for commercial and residential, with 18 additional guest spaces, and increased height of 10 extra feet. Applicant is requesting a Zone Change to modify the "Q" condition and a variance is being sought for setbacks.

(Taken out of order) Scott Rynders introduced himself and discussed considerations raised by stakeholders at previous CHNC meetings for this development project, advised of the inclusion of 2500 square feet of small retail space, plans for ingress/egress, changes to circulation, with the proposed fitness space moved from ground level and the building height raised 6 feet overall to incorporate the larger retail space and a loading dock. Regarding parking, an additional subterranean level of parking was added. Joel Miller clarified for David Carrera that an additional 8 feet in height was added; Mr. Rynders responded to Scott Campbell that an additional 18 parking spaces were added, to bring total parking to 145 spaces for commercial and guest parking.

Scott Campbell asked for specifics regarding where the additional 8 feet in height were applied. Oliver Netburn stated there was no real justification for the additional height.

Laurie Goldman stated her appreciation of the changes made to include commercial space. David Ambroz also stated his appreciation of the project. Mr. Ambroz asked how the project will be lit and suggested downlighting; he then requested integrated trash cans be provided on site and asked when construction will begin on the site. Scott Rynders stated that third quarter of 2013 is the goal date. Albert Massachi was advised that the total height of the project is 74 feet to the top of the fitness room.

There was further discussion about the height of the project. David Carrera expressed his preference that the structure have less height and asked if removing loading dock would allow for lesser height. Scott Campbell stated that having a loading area is better than not having one. There was discussion about tenants for the retail space. Oliver Netburn suggested changing the commercial space to northern end of the development to take advantage of slight slope; there was discussion about why this will not work.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board approve the project at 1411 Highland with the change in the project description that the project is 8 feet higher instead of 10 feet, conditioned on the provision of a minimum 2500 square feet of commercial space; seconded by Scott Campbell.

Albert Massachi asked about the Highland Avenue median; Donna Kelly pledged that Lennar would contribute \$2,5000 to the Highland median project to improve the medians.

Scott Campbell amended the motion to include mention of Lennar's \$25,000 voluntary contribution to the Highland Avenue medians. Oliver Netburn agreed to the amendment and seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Carrera briefly reprised the agreement reached at the November 12, 2012 PLUM meeting.

David Carrera moved to accept the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

At Laurie Goldman's request, Scott Rynders discussed a 5-foot dedication on DeLongpre at Leland, and explained Lennar's request that the additional 5 feet be incorporated into the sidewalk.

David Carrera moved to amend the motion to include that there be no left turn out of the project, no left turn into the project eastbound on DeLongpre, and that the developer will provide doggie waste stations; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

Laurie Goldman moved to amend the motion to support the addition of a 5-foot dedication to the sidewalk on DeLongpre at Leland; seconded by Tricia LaBelle

VOTE: 6 in favor, 1 opposed

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- b. **1138,1142,1146,1150,1154 Orange Dr.:** ZA-2012-2464-CU, construction of a surface parking lot of 48 parking spaces (19 subcompact, 29 standard) at the rear of the current homes, which will not be affected and are currently unoccupied and will remain so.

David Robbins advised that a conditional use permit (CUP) is being sought by Movieola for parking to allow construction of a surface parking lot. The lot will be created by altering the rear yards of five historically-recognized homes off of Lexington owned by Movieola. There was discussion about landscaping, walls/fences, and what may occur with regard to an EIR sometime in the future.

David Carrera asked about plans to provide permeability for the parking lot surface.

Oliver Netburn stated his primary concern was the historic preservation of the homes, and noted pavement to allow parking could diminish the historic quality of the properties. David Robbins stated that the Environmental Unit had reviewed the issue of historic quality and opined that a setback between the homes and the parking lot would resolve the question. A CEQA exemption was provided.

Oliver Netburn suggested that periodic efforts be made by Movieola to maintain the condition of the historic buildings.

David Carrera noted the need for a landscape plan. Mr. Robbins stated this could be done and agreed to conditions: permeable surface, landscaping for the next door neighbor to the south, maintain and improve the front yards of the five houses, hours of operation from 6am to 12am, parking not accessible to the public, signs advising the need for quiet, the provision of shielded downward focused light standards and maintenance of the parkway was discussed as well.

Scott Campbell moved to recommend that the CHNC Board approve construction of a surface parking lot of 48 parking spaces (19 subcompact, 29 standard) at the rear of 1138, 1142, 1146, 1150, 1154 Orange Dr. conditioned on voluntary inclusion of these conditions of the project description: permeable surface, landscaping for the next door neighbor to the south, maintain and improve the front yards of the five houses, hours of operation from 6am to 12am, parking not accessible to the public, signs advising the need for quiet, the provision of shielded downward focused light standards and maintenance of the parkway, with a ten year term; seconded by Oliver Netburn.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

David Carrera briefly reprised the discussion of this development project at the November 12, 2012 PLUM meeting.

David Carrera moved to accept the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

Oliver Netburn advised that there is an active EIR and discussed the appropriate procedure should the developer decide to terminate the active EIR or modify the project description, and clarified the PLUM Committee's intent to ensure that the condition of the five houses be maintained and not allowed to fall into disrepair. There was discussion of Board members' preference that there be no overnight parking allowed, no leases to third parties, and no parking for mobile homes.

There was discussion about whether to amend the motion.

David Carrera amended his motion to include the requirement to “maintain the façade and improve the front yards of the five houses to the satisfaction of the Office of Historic Resources” and to send a copy of the ZA letter to Ken Bernstein; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

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Alwin Sumirat left the meeting at 8pm.

ii) Outreach Committee

Laurie Goldman advised that she has been nominated to the Hollywood BID.

Web Site

Linda Lee agreed to follow up to ensure that the new CHNC By-laws are posted to the website.

There was discussion of the requirement for a new Beautification Chair.

Posting locations are changed as follows: remove St. John's Armenian Church and Hollywood School House. Denise DeCarlo offered Grub and Jenny's Kitchen as replacement posting locations.

There was discussion about December meeting dates.

iii) Beautification Committee

a) De Longpre Park

Oliver Netburn referred to plans to hold a meeting in the next week.

iv) Public Safety Committee - Oliver Netburn

Oliver Netburn referred to plans to hold a meeting.

8) BOARD RETREAT PLANNING DISCUSSION

The Board Retreat was postponed.

9) COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Laurie Goldman advised that the Friends of the Hollywood Central Park released an RFP for the proposed park the week before.

10) ADJOURNMENT