ADOPTED CHNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 22, 2013  
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 6:25pm. Board members present: David Carrera, Denise DeCarlo, Laurie Goldman, Scott Campbell, and Alwin Sumirat. Grant Linscott and Tricia LaBelle arrived at 6:30pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Hunter discussed her concerns regarding GBL (gamma-Butyrolactone), a drug sold online from Chinese and European manufacturers that she stated is being used with increasing frequency in Hollywood to drug and sexually assault victims. Ms. Hunter stated the drug had been put in her drink at a Hollywood bar. There was discussion about what has happened, how the drug is being imported; Scott Campbell advised that GBL will be discussed at the next Public Safety meeting.

Herb Koss asked about CHNC discussions regarding Vice and the Taft Building; Scott Campbell explained CHNC’s role as an advisory body to the various Los Angeles departments and City Council.

3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Laurie Goldman moved to accept the May 2013 CHNC Board meeting minutes; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

VOTE: 6 in favor; Scott Campbell abstained.

4. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Sharon Shapiro, Field Deputy for Councilman Tom LaBonge (CD4), advised that an event to create IDs for children 14 and under will take place on Saturday, July 27th, from 12pm to 3:30pm at Belmont Village and invited interested stakeholders to have their young relatives fingerprinted. Ms. Shapiro also advised that the Mayor’s office will offer “City Government 101”, on Friday, July 26, 9am to 1pm at City Hall and at various field office locations. Ms. Shapiro also discussed the Bike Rides Councilman LaBonge sponsors.

Mike Aguilera, representing Congressman Adam Schiff, introduced himself and discussed the Congressman’s efforts on behalf of the reassigned district. Mr. Aguilera provided contact information, described the recent Energy Water appropriation that includes additional funding for the Advance Research Project Agency for Energy, declassification of opinions given judges on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), and legislation that would require that the 11 judges be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Mr. Aguilera listed committees on which the congressman sits, and provided copies of a constituent services guide as well as a legislative update “cheat sheet”. Mr. Aguilera also noted increased funding the congressman has been working on for the Housing for People With Aids program, work done on behalf of sunsetting the authorization to use military force and noted a question regarding a bill the congressman has introduce for legislation to reduce helicopter noise in residential areas. Mr. Aguilera responded to
Laurie Goldman’s question regarding a bill to create new parks and rehabilitate existing parks. Mr. Aguilera provided his email address: michael.aguilera@mail.house.gov. Tricia LaBelle advised that Congressman Schiff will be attending a “meet and greet” at Bon Vivant in Atwater Village on Saturday, July 27, from 2pm to 5pm and invited interested stakeholders to attend.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

A. Motion for reimbursement to Scott Campbell of $45.00 paid to Constant Contact while purchase card was unavailable.

Laurie Goldman moved to reimburse Scott Campbell for $45.00 paid to Constant Contact; seconded by Grant Linscott.

VOTE: 5 in favor; Scott Campbell abstained.

B. Motion to contribute to the purchase of paver bricks for the LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial, cost per brick is $150.00 (see attachments).

Laurie Goldman moved to contribute $500 to the purchase of paver bricks for the LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

With the Board’s agreement, an emergency meeting was convened for Board decisions on time-sensitive issues—the approval of the purchase card expenditures and discussion of the 2013-2014 budget.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the purchase card expenditures to date; seconded by Grant Linscott.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

There was discussion of appropriations made for the 2013-2014 CHNC budget.

Special meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

C. Name of Vendor or Organization Requesting Funds: Hollywood Arts Council; amount being requested: up to $2500 (see attachments).

Purpose for this request: Funding requested for partial support of the Hollywood Arts Council's 28th Annual Children's Festival of the Arts to be held at Paramount Pictures on August 11, 2013. The non-commercial event is free and open to the general public. CHNC will be acknowledged on all printed materials including 12,000 festival brochures (printed in 4 languages) and 2,000 copies of Schedule of Activities as well as appear on the festival site banner and on all press materials.

Payment to be made by Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

Nila Arslanian provided copies of schedules for the 2012 festival and discussed plans for the 2013 event, noting that this is the 28th year the event is being offered; the event will be held on August 11, 2013. Ms. Arslanian stated that the cost of rental for tables and chairs being requested is $3000, and that $2500 is being requested from CHNC. Laurie Goldman advised that DONE requires

Denise DeCarlo moved to authorize $2000 to Hollywood Arts Council; seconded by Laurie Goldman.
VOTE: 5 in favor; 1 opposed (Tricia LaBelle).

Nila Arslanian advised that CHNC is welcome to have an outreach table for the event.

D. Vendor or Organization Requesting Funds: Friends of the Hollywood CAP Park; amount being requested: up to $5,000
Purpose for this request – The Hollywood Central Park is aligned with the specific CHNC identified needs that include, but are not limited to, Community Beautification, Community Improvement, Community Engagement, Education and the Arts. The objective of the grant is to engage the community in the Hollywood Central Park civic improvement project through two Hollywood Community-wide ½ day workshops, open to the public, gaining information from stakeholders about the programs desired for the park. These workshops are of demonstrable benefit to the community and will help build community cohesion during implementation and enhance the neighborhood once implemented. Among the chief outcomes to be achieved is a more informed and involved community that will be measured by the community input received at the workshops. The workshops will be held within the CHNC boundaries.
To be video taped and placed on CAP Park website.
Payment to be made by: Neighborhood Purpose Grant

Postponed due to lack of quorum.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Board resolution expressing CHNC stakeholder views on the recommendations issued by the NC Plan Review Committees to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners regarding important policies that govern the Neighborhood Council system.

Laurie Goldman moved to support item #5: Brown Act and posting policies
Proposed recommendation that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners reaffirms and/or amends its policies to reflect the following:

a. Reaffirm support for the Brown Act for Neighborhood Councils and its single accessible 24 hour posting requirement, and reaffirm current board policies regarding electronic mail and website posting, with only one physical posting site as opposed to many. The email requirement shall specify that agendas be sent to “NCSupport” with the intent that the Department will post them to the city’s agenda system.

b. Neighborhood Councils that do not have a website must post in at least five (5) physical locations; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

B. Creation of an ad hoc By-Laws Review Committee

(Taken out of order) Scott Campbell advised that an ad hoc By-Laws Review Committee was created. Laurie Goldman will chair the committee, and Scott Campeel, as President, will also participate. Volunteers were solicited; Angie, a stakeholder, Linda Lee, and Herb Koss offered to participate.

C. Request applications for vacant Board seat

Herb Koss submitted an application or the vacant Board seat.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:
A. Director of Animal Welfare

Oliver Netburn reported that stakeholders have suggested the possibility of creating a dog park at DeLongpre Park.

B. Standing Committees

I. Planning and Land Use Management

David Carrera advised that two development projects will be reviewed at the next PLUM meeting: Palladium Residences and a project at Lexington and Las Palmas.

II. Outreach Committee

Laurie Goldman noted that she had provided CHNC promotional items to some of the meeting attendees. Ms. Goldman voiced her continued concerns about the website and stated that if her concerns are not appropriately addressed within the next month, she will take action.

III. Beautification Committee

   a. Committee Report

   Denise DeCarlo reported that she had attended the Beautification Committee for the first time, which SLOs John Washington and Christopher Olson attended, and noted that there was discussion about RV parking in the area. Scott Campbell suggested that the Beautification and Public Safety Committees could pool efforts on the transient issue.

   b. De Longpre Park

   Oliver Netburn advised that there will be additional volunteer work done at the DeLongpre Park entrance on Saturday, July 27th at 4pm. Dorothy, a stakeholder, suggested that a local Boy Scout troupe could be invited to participate.

IV. Public Safety Committee

(Taken out of order) Oliver Netburn stated that a planned mid-August Public Safety meeting will discuss GBL, and recent violence regarding transients in the area.

V. Nightlife Issues - David Carrera

   a. CPAB

   Scott Campbell suggested that CPAB should be combined with the Public Safety Committee.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Susan Sempers advised attending recent BID meetings where LAPD officers were present and asked why no police attend CHNC meeting. Scott Campbell advised that Monday meeting nights precluded SLO officers being able to attend because of schedule conflict. Ms. Sempers voiced concern about being able to contact LAPD after hours. Laurie Goldman advised Ms. Sempers to contact Stephen Whiddon, at Councilman O’Farrell’s office, to discuss her concerns.

9. ADJOURNMENT