



ADOPTED CHNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 23, 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 6:35pm. Board members present: Scott Campbell, David Carrera, Denise DeCarlo, Tricia LaBelle, Debbie Wehbe and Alwin Sumirat.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Christie, Hollywood United Neighborhood Council Public Safety and Transportation Coordinator, appeared to encourage stakeholders to register at www.Shakeout.org and to participate in an earthquake preparedness drill on October 17, 2013 (at 10:17 am if possible, or whatever time is convenient).

3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Postponed

4. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Los Angeles City Councilman Mitch O'Farrell (CD13) introduced himself, provided details on his experience as a founding member of the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, service as Field Deputy for then-Councilman Eric Garcetti and discussed his activities over the past two months, noted plans to celebrate his first 100 days in office, invited stakeholders to contact him with issues, questions or concerns.

Steven Whiddon, Field Deputy for Councilman O'Farrell, introduced himself and invited stakeholders to attend an October 9th CPAB meeting.

Josh Kurpies, Senior Field Representative for 50th District Assemblyman Richard Bloom, and invited interested stakeholders to attend an October 19, 2013 event regarding affordable healthcare to be held in Koreatown.

Sharon Shapiro, representing Councilman Tom LaBonge, advised that while SLO Washington is on medical leave, to contact SLO Jordan. Ms. Shapiro alerted stakeholders that Councilman LaBonge's Council Leadership Breakfast series is being revamped, there will be an annual Law Enforcement Appreciation event on Oct. 4, and the Yucca Bikeway is being re-dedicated on September 26, 2013.

Barry Stone, representing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), introduced himself and reminded Board members of the need to take the required funding and ethics training before voting on funding issues. Mr. Stone invited interested stakeholders to attend the Congress of Neighborhood Councils on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Denise DeCarlo reported on funds on spent on temporary staff, outreach materials, meeting expense, website maintenance, Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the Childrens Art Festival, community improvement project. Funds remaining: \$26,165.14. Copies of the report were provided as well as copies of the purchase card statement listing purchases to date.

Debbie Wehbe moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bank statement as presented; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Taken out of order.

Scott Campbell recused himself

- A. 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

Alfredo Hernandez, representing the Friends of the Hollywood CAP Park, described the project, noted assistance and support received from CHNC and other area NCs, and advised of plans to update the entire community on what has been done so far, noting that the Neighborhood Purpose Grant is being made to fund some of the audio/visual and other expenses for this purpose.

David Carrera asked what support has been requested from other area NCs; Alfredo Hernandez discussed plans to request funds from East Hollywood and from other area NCs.

Responding to Debbie Wehbe's question regarding the \$25,000 in funding contributed by CHNC over the years, there was discussion about what funding is being sought from other sources.

Debbe Wehbe moved that CHNC support the NPG request from Friends of the Hollywood Central Park for \$5000; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

David Carrera stated his support for the Hollywood Freeway Central Park, and suggested that support for DeLongpre Park be provided proportionately. There was discussion about justification for reducing the amount of support offered in response to the amount requested.

Debbie Wehbe amended her motion to reduce the amount to \$4000; Denise DeCarlo seconded.

VOTE: 4 in favor; Susan Sempers was ineligible to vote.

- B. Hollywood Recreation Center inter-departmental transfer that did not go through last fiscal year.

Purpose for this request – The Hollywood Rec Center provides sports programs for boys and girls in the CHNC area. For the children that are unable to purchase their own uniforms, this money will be used to purchase uniforms so the children may participate in the sports programs at the park. The money will be used for uniforms for three seasons.

Payment was to be made by: Inter-departmental Transfer

This item was considered at the May 2013 CHNC Board meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve a NPG of \$2,500.

Scott Campbell provided background information regarding the reason this item was not paid in the fiscal year requested.

David Carrera moved to approve an inter-departmental transfer of \$2500 for the Hollywood Rec Center; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.

Oliver Netburn discussed circumstances where the Los Angeles City Council allowed funds to be reallocated to DONE and volunteered to investigate to see if there is a way to retrieve funds.

VOTE: 5 in favor; Susan Sempers was ineligible to vote.

- C. Second signatory

Scott Campbell stated that Debbie Wehbe may no longer be able to serve as second signatory. Mr. Campbell will take on this responsibility. The Board agreed that Mr. Campbell would serve as second signatory.

- D. NC Budget Reps needed.

Angie Aramayo and Linda Lee volunteered to serve as Budget Reps.

- E. CHNC web site, purchase Godaddy's Website Protection Site Scanning service? The cost is \$150.84 for 3 years, \$67.00 for one year.

David Carrera moved to purchase Godaddy's Website Protection Site Scanning service for 3 years at a cost of \$150.84; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.

VOTE: 5 in favor; Susan Sempers was ineligible to vote.

- F. Review and approval of recent transactions on the purchase card and purchase card statement

Taken out of order

Debbie Wehbe moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and the bank statement as presented; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- G. Funding Status
Budget status, what are our remaining funds?

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6. Items for Discussion

- A. Board selection/election to replace vacant Board seat. Candidates: Herb Koss, Susan Sempers, Toby Johnson, Barnaby Montgomery.

Scott Campbell advised that Angie Aramayo had also indicated interest in becoming a CHNC Board member.

Susan Sempers discussed her interest in serving as a CHNC Board member.

Toby Johnson discussed his interest in serving as a CHNC Board member.

Angie Aramayo discussed her interest in serving as a CHNC Board member.

Scott Campbell explained how the voting could proceed, given that Tricia LaBelle had expressed her intent to resign from the CHNC Board. The Board agreed to vote on one replacement Board member. There were three votes for Susan Sempers, one vote for Toby and one vote for Angie.

Susan Sempers took her seat.

The Board accepted Tricia LaBelle's resignation.

Barry Stone advised that, per a new DONE policy, Board members must take ethics and funding training prior to voting on funding issues.

There was a tie vote for the remaining Board seat. This issue will be postponed until the next Board meeting.

- B. Homeless outreach program on Selma, behind the Blessed Sacrament church. Discussion only

Spencer Donahue, representing the outreach program he directs at Blessed Sacrament church, which is a day center for homeless stakeholders, described the "broad effort" to deal with the issue of homelessness in Hollywood, Hollywood 4ward, to find long-term sustainable solutions for homelessness, and discussed services the Center at Blessed Sacrament offers during the day. Mr. Donahue provided stakeholders with cards for the program that can be given to homeless people.

Responding to Debbie Wehbe's question, Spencer Donahue stated that a conscious transition from immediate needs service was made a year ago. Access to food, clothing,

and so on are facilitated, but are not offered by the center. There was discussion about what services are on offer, about perceptions regarding the possible increase in homelessness in Hollywood, whether the center has facilities to accommodate homeless stakeholders with pets, the need for volunteers from the community, and what restrictions there are in place for offers of service.

Board position on Sycamore and Romaine feeding program. Complaints have been received from neighbors and businesses regarding the program; there is a City council motion to discuss rules for this type of program.

Scott Campbell summarized the reasons for agendizing this issue; Debbie Wehbe stated that a prior CHNC Board did take a position opposing the program at Sycamore and Romaine. David Carrera stated his preference that the feeding program not be allowed to continue in the CHNC area. Denise DeCarlo stated that the feeding program enables homelessness without helping to resolve homelessness. Alwin Sumira stated his opposition to the feeding program.

Ted Landregh, one of the founders of the Greater West Hollywood feeding program, spoke in favor of interested stakeholders inspecting the feeding program and urged the Board to see for themselves, prior to making a decision about, or taking a position regarding the program. Mr. Landregh stated that the program provides the best meal available anywhere, and offered to introduce the Board to the people being served and to provide a tour. Mr. Landregh reported that the program has moved homeless people off the streets into apartments, not just provided food. There was discussion about what support from community organizations and individuals has been received. Mr. Landregh stated that City of West Hollywood called the program into being and has supported the program in the past but that support is no longer on offer from the West Hollywood.

Sebastian, a food program volunteer who also serves as a volunteer at Blessed Sacrament and other programs, stated that it is not just homeless citizens that are served at the Sycamore and Romaine and that it is not just food that is on offer, companionship and contact point for other services are available, including free health services and legal services. Sebastian also discussed neighborhood clean-up efforts the program provides.

Josh Kurpies reported of complaints received about the program, both in his job with Senator Bloom and in a former job with the City of West Hollywood. Mr. Kurpies discussed efforts to move the feeding program away from the current location.

Oliver Netburn discussed the action presently being considered by the Los Angeles City Council and stated the benefits provided by the program may be of value to the community.

There was discussion about how many citizens are provided food; Ted Landregh advised that 100-200 people are fed on average.

Susan Hunter recommended that the program be observed first hand prior to making a decision.

Scott Campbell voiced concern about the lack of sanitary facilities at the feeding program's location, noted complaints and observations made by government representatives that efforts to assist in providing alternative locations have not been effective. Ted Landregh reported that his organization is not in a position to negotiate an alternative location because all available funding is devoted to providing food. Sebastian added that the

organization does not have a fundraising arm. Mr. Landregh advised that his organization would be “finished” if short-term arrangements ended. Responding to questions from David Carrera and Denise DeCarlo about former locations where services were offered, Mr. Landregh discussed what caused changes in location to occur.

Scott Campbell advised that outreach from CHNC is appropriate, asked Mr. Landregh to contact Laurie Goldman, and encouraged the Board and any interested stakeholders to research the program on their own.

C. Discussion of crime issues around the Hollywood Little Red School House

Debbie Wehbe reported that she had been told that a youth center is being located on the same block as the Hollywood Little Red School House; Ms. Wehbe stated that the community and its members are being attacked by the element that has been brought into the community by the center. Ms. Wehbe discussed a specific public nuisance caused by a particular individual. Stephen Bloodworth reported on concerns voiced by parents of young children who witnessed unacceptable public behavior within 100 yards of the school at 5pm in the afternoon. Mr. Bloodworth reported on a confrontation between police and a client of the youth center that took place just before the beginning of the school day, as well as another incident of inappropriate behavior. Mr. Bloodworth then discussed efforts to reach out to the youth center, advised that the center had increased security, and requested support for increased lighting on McCadden and stated that funding from the School House is being considered. Mr. Bloodworth reminded the Board of damage that can be done to the school as well as to the community. Ms. Wehbe stated that the community had been advised prior to the center being opened, and reminded the Board that no effort had been made to advise or seek permissions to open the center. Mr. Bloodworth also listed efforts to alleviate the situation. This issue will be reviewed by the CHNC Public Safety Committee, which will meet within the next two weeks.

7. Committee Reports/Presentations:

A. Standing Committees:

I. Planning and Land Use Management

- a. *1611 El Centro Ave.: ZA 2013-1717-CUB, a Conditional Use to permit the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcohol (Type 47) for on-site consumption, in conjunction with a 2,791 sq. ft. restaurant/bar, having live entertainment and hours of operation 10AM to 2AM Monday–Sunday. Chuck Tover presenting.*

Mark and John Houston discussed their activities as developers, noting that they have a history of gentrification and property improvement that helped to reduce nuisance and illegal activities at several projects in the community.

Susan Sempers asked about what kind of live entertainment will be offered; David Carrera reiterated a previously-voiced neighborhood concern about noise pollution in the area.

There was discussion about how other venues the Houstons operate are managed.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support of 1611 El Centro Ave.: ZA 2013-1717-CUB, with the added conditions that live entertain be limited to 4 member band inside, no outdoor music, live entertainment to be offered between the hours of 5pm to 2am; change of owner operator requires plan approval; sale of alcohol based on hours of operation, with hours of operation until 2am; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Carrera reported that this development project was reviewed by CHNC PLUM in August 2013, and that the CUP hearing for this project has already taken place. Mr. Carrera was not certain that the request to allow the record to remain open to permit input from CHNC had been made.

David Carrera moved to support the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- b. *1540 N. Vine: ENV-2006-3872-MND, CPC-2006-3871-ZC-CUB-SPR, approved project that was originally mixed-use with 306 condos/apts. over a 69,000 sq. ft. ground floor market now being reconfigured to possibly 299 apartments, 25,000 sq. ft. of retail and/or a gym. No presentation from the developer.*

Oliver Netburn reported that the previously supported 6900 sq. ft. supermarket had been changed using Q clarification to allow a 25,000 sq. ft. gym as well as reduced parking. Mr. Netburn advised that no official City action had been taken other than a letter acknowledging the change proposed.

Laurie Goldman advised that this is a historic site and that developer Camden Properties agreed to provide historic references that have been eliminated in the revision, and stated she did not like the porte cochere entrance on Vine Street. Ms. Goldman asked that the CHNC Board authorize that a letter be written stating the Planning Director did not have authority to allow changes without a public hearing.

Susan Sempres voiced her concern about traffic on Selma and parking.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC authorize a letter be written to Councilman Mitch O'Farrell, Planning Director Michael LoGrande, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and a copy to the CD13 Planning Director Marie Rumsey, requesting that the 1540 Vine St. project be restored to its original intent including its historic icons on the sides of the building and the pedestrian orientation along Vine St., and noting that procedural irregularities may have occurred; seconded by David Carrera.

Vote: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Carrera reported that a previously approved project at this location has been changed, instead of a Whole Foods Market there will be a residential development was approved by a memorandum from the Planning Director that in essence authorized procedural irregularities. Denise DeCarlo discussed the impact of this property on Hollywood history. There was discussion about landscaping. Scott Campbell asked about the reduction in commercial space and stated his preference that the motion include mention of this. Mr. Campbell then voiced concern about the language in the PLUM motion referring to procedural irregularities. Discussion about the language of letter to be written then ensued, and consensus was reached that the letter should make specific reference to procedural irregularities that have occurred.

David Carrera moved to support the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

Scott Campbell suggested that the Board motion including a request that the previously supported 6900 sq. ft. of commercial be reinstated and emphasis placed on the mention of procedural irregularities.

David Carrera moved to support the PLUM Committee recommendation, with the added condition that the commercial space be reinstated to 6900 sq. ft.; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- c. *The Highland Selma Venture, 1600-1622 N. Highland Ave., 1600-1622 N. McCadden Pl., 1601-1617 N. McCadden Pl., 6766 Hawthorn, 6709-6777 Selma: CPC-2011-2157-ZC-HD-CU-ZV-SPR, construction of two mixed-use commercial and residential buildings, 248 residential units, 12,785 square feet of retail. Approx. 249,722 sq. ft., 6 stories, 82' 6" in height on 2.71 acres on two separate blocks, 538 parking spaces, existing Panavision and Musicians Institute buildings within the site maintained, maximum project of 285,888 sq. ft. for a 2.42:1 FAR; Zone/Height district change, Conditional Use for averaging FAR for the entire site, parking variance to reduce required parking, and a Site Plan Review. CHNC has already submitted a letter to the Planning Dept. but due to an appeal filed against the project there might be community interest in revisiting the project.*

Greg Beck discussed objections raised by business owners in the apartment building next door, and referred to plans to discuss those objections with the neighbors and with CD13 Councilman O'Farrell and Planning Director Marie Rumsey.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board review the Highland Selma Venture again with the intent to rewrite the letter previously submitted; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Carrera reported that an appeal regarding this project had been filed and that stakeholders had contacted Mr. Carrera to voice concerns. Oliver Netburn added that concern regarding the historic significance of the Egyptian Theater voiced by Laurie Goldman had been satisfied. Mr. Carrera advised that the appeal had been filed regarding the requested parking variance. Greg Beck clarified that one space per bedroom is being provided and that residents will have the option of leasing additional space. It was clarified that unless change was made to the letter, the Board would not need to re-write the letter; Mr. Carrera advised that the language should refer to a "minimum of 13,000 sq. ft. of retail space".

David Carrera moved to re-write and resend the letter, which should include reference to a minimum of 13,000 sq. ft. of retail space; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.

Susan Sempers voiced concern about allowing reduced parking for development project. Greg Beck advised that the developer has another project on the same block, which will also offer excess public parking. There was discussion of a preferential parking district that could be affected by parking for the proposed development.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

II. Beautification Committee

a. De Longpre Park - Oliver Netburn

- i. Installation of security camera(s) at De Longpre Park and request for support and funding from various local organizations, including, but not limited to the local BIDs and Council Offices, to install security camera(s).

Oliver Netburn called for the CHNC Board to authorize the initiation of discussion with LAPD, the Council offices and the local BIDs regarding installation of security cameras at DeLongpre Park.

David Carrera moved to authorize the initiation of discussion with LAPD, the Council offices and the local BIDs regarding the feasibility of installing security cameras at DeLongpre Park; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- ii. The De Longpre Park Ad hoc Committee recommends the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council send a letter to appropriate elected officials regarding making De Longpre Park a part of the citywide municipal WiFi initiative, as part of the motion out forth by Councilmembers Blumenfield and Price (Council File 13-0953).

Oliver Netburn provided copies of a motion before the Los Angeles City Council regarding a citywide municipal WiFi initiative, suggesting that DeLongpre Park be part of that initiative.

Debbie Wehbe moved to authorize that a letter be sent to appropriate elected officials regarding making De Longpre Park a part of the citywide municipal WiFi initiative, as part of the motion out forth by Councilmembers Blumenfield and Price (Council File 13-0953); seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

David Carrera stated his opposition to extending the WiFi initiative to DeLongpre Park because it will encourage homeless citizens to use the park. There was further discussion of the benefits and advantages. Scott Campbell clarified that the issue at hand was to support or not support including DeLongpre Park in the WiFi initiative.

Debbie Wehbe moved to authorize that a letter be sent to appropriate elected officials regarding making De Longpre Park a part of the citywide municipal WiFi initiative, as part of the motion out forth by Councilmembers Blumenfield and Price (Council File 13-0953), so long as provision is made to withdraw the park from the initiative if inappropriate consequences occur; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

VOTE: 4 in favor; 1 against; no abstentions. The motion passed.

- iii. The De Longpre Park Ad hoc Committee recommends the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council agree to support for a park clean-up program by which community members would clean up the park. Such clean-ups would occur often (once monthly), but target specific areas, such as the children's play area or the main entrance. Funding which is not being requested might include special equipment and food and drink.

Oliver Netburn presented a suggestion that a clean-up program be initiated; there was discussion about equipment, supplies, food or drink to be provided.

Debbie Wehbe moved to support the initiative to have regularly scheduled clean-ups in DeLongpre Park with volunteer manpower and appropriate equipment and provisions; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Debbie Wehbe suggested that a budget of \$200 be considered at the next meeting.

III. Public Safety Committee

- a. Recommendation that Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council send a letter to appropriate elected officials regarding Gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL), which has been used to drug and victimize individuals in the community.

David Carrera moved to authorize a letter be sent to appropriate elected officials regarding Gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL), which has been used to drug and victimize individuals in the community; seconded by Susan Sempers.

Discussion about which officials should be sent the letter included Assemblyman Adam Schiff.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

I. By-Laws Committee Report

Scott Campbell referred to a memo sent by Laurie Goldman to the CHNC Board regarding the By-Laws Committee review, and advised that no changes were recommended. Debbie Wehbe referred to a previous suggestion to create an executive committee with the power to set agendas for the Board.

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

None noted.

9. ADJOURNMENT