



**ADOPTED CHNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 28, 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, Susan Sempers, Debbie Wehbe and Scott Campbell.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Milagros Lizaraga invited CHNC to attend an event honoring Yma Sumac.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the Minutes for the June 2013 meetings; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.**

**VOTE: 5 in favor; Susan Sempers abstained.**

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the Minutes for the July 2013 meeting; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.**

**VOTE: 5 in favor; Susan Sempers abstained.**

Laurie Goldman asked that September 2013 CHNC Board meeting Minutes include copies of the letters she wrote, and requested that Congressman Adam Schiff's title be corrected.

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the Minutes for the September 2013 meeting; seconded by Denise DeCarlo.**

**VOTE: 5 in favor;**

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

Sharon Shapiro, Field Deputy for Councilman Tom LaBonge (CD4) reported on the planned November 2<sup>nd</sup> Hard Rock 5K race, which will take place on Hollywood Blvd. to Western, from 6:30am to 10am; Ms. Shapiro invited interested stakeholders to attend the October 29, 2013 Griffith Park Resource Board meeting; Ms. Shapiro conveyed Councilman LaBonge's thanks to CHNC for its participation in the recent Neighborhood Council (NC) Leadership Breakfast, where the DONE-suggested changes to NC elections. Ms. Shapiro discussed the DWP invitation to NC leadership in regards to a number of issues. Ms. Shapiro noted that she had just sent out a weekly legislative report, and referred to one recent legislative review concerned the Highland median revamp. Ms. Shapiro offered assistance (tools, manpower, etc.) with the proposed clean-up for DeLongpre Park and for Hollywood City Hall.

Steven Whiddon, Field Deputy for Councilman Mitch O'Farrell (CD13) discussed the councilman's first 100 days in office, noting four separate area clean-up efforts in which all of the Councilman's staff participated as well as stakeholders, discussed new app [www.myla311](http://www.myla311) and encouraged stakeholders to use it. Mr. Whiddon advised that Councilman O'Farrell's website, Cd13.com, is

operational and discussed how stakeholders can sign up to receive e-mail from CD 13. Regarding legislative activities, Mr. Whiddon reported that community members concerns regarding the condition of Hollywood Boulevard were noticed and referred to a no solicitation ordinance passed unanimously by the Council (which now includes tour bus solicitation) and reported on enforcement efforts, which includes a 30 day warning period before citations are enforced. Mr. Whiddon then advised how a stakeholder can file a complaint on the Bureau of Street Services website. Mr. Whiddon then provided an update on a letter sent out from Police Commission in conjunction with Councilman O'Farrell advising of initiative to make property owners (not managers or promoters) liable for what happens on their property. Mr. Whiddon and Sharon Shapiro advised of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and permanent exhibition for the Cinerama Dome that took place recently.

Representing 50th District Assemblyman Richard Bloom, Josh Kurpes reported 2 recent, very successful Covered California town hall events coordinated by his office to discuss the Affordable Care act, and reported on a meeting held with Westside cities to discuss regarding a regional bike share program previously supported by area organizations.

Teddy Davis, first candidate to file for the CD4 seat that will be vacated due to term limits in 18 months, discussed his qualifications, background and the concerns he has addressed working with the Mayor's office, specifically business taxes and job creation (removing barriers to entry for new businesses, partner with neighborhood schools that prepare students for their working lives, supporting Mayor Garcetti's plan for green jobs, pursuing a bigger film tax credit in Sacramento).

Laurie Goldman provided an update on items discussed during a meeting with Councilman O'Farrell and CD13 Planning Deputy on which CHNC took a position: the lot at Wilcox and Schrader, the Taft Building (this issue appears later on the agenda), Sound's agreement to offer lunch, the Palladium, blight on Vine Street and at DeLongpre, the feeding program at Sycamore and Romaine, DONE funding levels, reinstating neighborhood council funding, medians on Vine St. and Highland, the proposed Peru Village, the Hollywood Rec Center and the proposed Hollywood Freeway Central Park.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve the two items on the purchase card statement; seconded by David Carrera.**

**Vote: 5 in favor; Susan Sempers abstained.**

- B. Funding Status

Denise DeCarlo provided an explanation of the funds allocated and discussed what has been approved and what has been submitted.

- C. Funding for DeLongpre Park clean-ups

Oliver Netburn advised that funds may be requested for clean-up projects at some time in the future.

CHNC Budget Rep Angie Aramayo referred to items on the agenda at the recent Mayor's Budget Day—successful efforts to decrease the budget deficit, the new ControlPanelLA initiated by the Controller's office, salary and pension reductions, programs for graffiti removal, tree trimming, street pavement, increased hours for City libraries. Ms. Aramayo also provided a summary of the issues discussed by the Budget Advocates selected to serve at that meeting.

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Board selection/election to replace vacant Board seat.

Laurie Goldman voiced her objection and stated that there were inconsistencies about Candidate Statements requested from some but not all of the candidates that were considered for a previously vacated CHNC Board seat and those considered for the CHNC Board seat vacated earlier in the meeting.

Angie Aramayo, Toby Johnson, Barnaby Montgomery, Carlos Medina each discussed their interest in filling the vacant seat and presented their qualifications. Herb Koss withdrew his previous request for consideration for a board seat.

**VOTE: For Angie Aramayo – Denise DeCarlo  
For Toby Johnson – David Carrera, Susan Sempers and Scott Campbell  
For Barnaby Montgomery – Laurie Goldman and Debbie Wehbe  
For Carlos Medina – no votes**

The CHNC Board welcomed Toby Johnson to the seat vacated by Tricia LaBelle. Scott Campbell encouraged any interested stakeholders to participate in the CHNC committees. There was discussion about how the vacated seats will be filled, per the CHNC by-laws.

- B. Board position on Sycamore and Romaine feeding program. Any further action?

This item has been referred to the November 4<sup>th</sup> CHNC Public Safety Committee meeting.

- C. Selection of an Election Chair and an Outreach Chair for the March 2014 elections

Scott Campbell appointed Laurie Goldman to serve as Election Chair.

- D. Approval of the Elections Stipulation Worksheet which will include the time and location of the March 2014 election

**Laurie Goldman moved to accept the election Stipulation Worksheet reviewed following resolution:**

**The CHNC elections will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2014, from 10am to 2pm**

**Location: 1<sup>st</sup> choice--Hollywood City Hall; 2<sup>nd</sup> choice—Firehouse**

**CHNC agrees to pay \$500 start-up fee and additional charges for vote-by-mail**

**Laurie Goldman will serve as Election Chair and Outreach Chair**

**Scott Campbell seconded the motion.**

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

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Standing Committees

- I. Planning and Land Use Management

- a. 776 N. Vine St.: ZA 2013-2260-CUB, renewal of a CUB for sale of beer and wine (Type 41) in conjunction with an existing restaurant

Ross Stephenson explained plans for new CUB request for a new restaurant coming into an existing, entitled space. David Carrera clarified that the developers are willing to accept all CHNC standard conditions for a Type 41. Mr. Stephenson advised that the developer is requesting a 126 seat count with hours of operation from 11am to midnight Sunday through Thursday, and 11am to 2am Friday and Saturday only. The new operation is an extension of the existing Eagle Rock Oinkster restaurant.

Scott Campbell moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the new CUB request for 776 N. Vine, deferring seating change decisions to the Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety or the Fire Department, with change of hours of operation to 11am to midnight Sunday through Thursday, and 11am to 2am Friday and Saturday only; seconded by Oliver Netburn.

Oliver Netburn asked and was advised that the previous operation has been closed for more than a year. Mr. Netburn advised that acknowledgment of this closure be made to ensure the developer is aware that compliance with any new regulations regarding parking, etc. must be made for the record.

Vote: unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

**David Carrera recapped the presentation made to the PLUM and moved to accept the PLUM Committee recommendation with the added condition that happy hour be provided from 4pm to 8pm, with no more than 50% alcohol; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

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

- b. Taft Building. A Master CUB was issued without tenants. Request Board authorization to write a letter each time a new venue applies for a CUB in this building. Each tenant should come to Central Hollywood NC.

Laurie Goldman reported on the Master CUB obtained for the Taft building for 8 liquor licenses, including a nightclub in the basement and on the roof, stated that there was no plan approval provision was included, and stated that CD 13 cannot do anything about this, since it was done before Councilman O'Farrell took office. Ms. Goldman stated that CHNC has been advised to write letter, to CD 13, to Michael LoGrand and to the ABC, each time there is a posting for a new tenant at this property advising why CHNC thought it was a bad idea to give that project a Master CUB requiring that each tenant appear before CHNC, and advised that Marie Rumsey suggested that CHNC write a letter to ABC now. David Carrera clarified that the developer had agreed to the terms requested by CHNC and then did not abide by that agreement. There was discussion about how CHNC will be alerted when a new tenant comes into the building.

**David Carrera moved to authorize that a letter be sent to Councilman O'Farrell, to Planning Director Michael LoGrand and to the ABC, reiterating the promises made by the developer that were not followed through by the developer; seconded by Susan Sempers.**

There was discussion about the CHNC testifying regarding the Caldera Act.

**David Carrera amended the previous motion, to authorize that a letter be sent to Councilman O'Farrell, to Planning Director Michael LoGrand and to the ABC, reiterating the promises made by the developer that were not followed through by the developer, and authorize that CHNC**

**testify before the Los Angeles City Council regarding the oversaturation of liquor licenses in the Central Hollywood area; seconded by Susan Sempers.**

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

- II. Outreach Committee - Laurie Goldman
  - a. Review/progress of CHNC strategic plan

Laurie Goldman reprised the progress of the CHNC strategic plan outlined in June 2013.

- III. Beautification Committee

- a. Committee Report

Denise DeCarlo reported on activities in progress: the feeding program, medians on Vine St., and height restrictions for campers in Hollywood

- b. Highland Ave Committee

Scott Campbell advised that a former CHNC Board member reported that trees in the Highland medians have been damaged or are dying. There was discussion about how the trees can be replaced. Debbie Wehbe referred to an email sent to residents about parkway trees.

- c. Mansfield Community Garden

Debbie Wehbe asked that stakeholders attend a March 2014 fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club program supporting the sustainability program previously funded by Rotary International.

- d. De Longpre Park

Oliver Netburn reported on plans for plantings at the entrance of DeLongpre Park and proposed replacement of rusted latches on the gate at the park.

- IV. Public Safety Committee

- a. Committee Report

Oliver Netburn referred briefly to plans to discuss homelessness issues at the upcoming Public Safety meeting.

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

Laurie Goldman reported that the lead City agency for the Hollywood Central Park is now the Recreation and Parks Department, and advised that a scoping meeting will take place after Thanksgiving 2013. Ms. Goldman stated that the park is now fully programmed, and asked for volunteers to participate in the Hollywood Christmas Parade.

Laurie Goldman stated that CD 13 has asked CHNC to attend the November 5<sup>th</sup> scoping meeting for a development to be located behind Musso's.

Susan Sempers asked for a better number than the one she has for the Police Department (877-ASK-LAPD), that stakeholders can use to report problems that are not crimes. Ms. Sempers was referred to the list of phone numbers on the door of the Senior Lead Officer (SLO) office.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjournment 8:36pm