



Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 28, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Board members present: Alwin Sumirat, Scott Campbell, Laurie Goldman, and David Ambroz.

2. ELECTION FOLLOW UP. DISCUSS PROGRESS IN FILLING VACANT BOARD SEATS. FINAL DECISION TO BE MADE AT JULY 2010 GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Scott Campbell advised that two Board seats are available, and that interested stakeholders should complete and submit Candidate Information forms.

3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Postponed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE BOARD'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

Andrew, a stakeholder, asked if CHNC has any influence on prioritizing street/sidewalk repair. Scott Campbell and Laurie Goldman responded; Angela Motta advised how her office handles this issue. David Ambroz advised of an iPhone application that permits reporting of graffiti and repairs needed to the City.

5. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

Angela Motta, Field Deputy for Council District 13 (Council President Eric Garcetti's office) discussed and provided brochures regarding the Hollywood Hot Spot project aimed at young people, and advised stakeholders to encourage their young people to participate.

Debbie Wehbe arrived.

Sharon Shapiro, from Councilman Tom La Bonge's office, advised of finalized acquisition of 16 acres that will be rolled into Griffith Park, installation of new playground equipment at DeLongpre Park Councilman LaBonge's weekly bike ride will continue every Wednesday for the next three weeks, email interest to participate to Sharon.shapiro@lacity.org or call 213-4737004.

Stephen Smith, republican nominee for US Congress, District 31, discussed his candidacy, long-term commitment to the Hollywood community and reported his platform: he is a constitutional originalist, in favor of grassroots efforts and local control, advocating controls on spending, less taxes, and less government debt. Mr. Smith referred to his

website, www.mrsmithgoestowashington2010.com, which points to the national debt clock. Mr. Smith stated his appreciation for grass-roots level government.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Status of our old money -- Status of our new money
Status of pending grant or demand warrant requests
Treasurer requests motion to change the Theatre West Grant to an Invoice Process, broken down for each school involved. This is to facilitate payment more quickly via the Purchase Card or PayPal than the current grant process (resubmission required) may allow

Debbie Wehbe provided copies of the most recent Treasurer's Report, advised that DONE had requested financial information from all NCs and explained that the Treasurer's report submitted advised of the status of all pending grant or demand warrant requests and that an expected \$68,008.02 will be available for the 2010-2011 CHNC fiscal year. Ms. Wehbe then discussed the training required by DONE, and suggested that an alternate means of paying the Theater West request for funding should be used because there may be additional delay in disbursing funds. There was discussion about why there may be delay and if the alternate means proposed is appropriate.

Debbie Wehbe moved to ask Theater West for two invoices, one for each elementary school , and pay the invoices via the CHNC debit card ; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

Tricia LaBelle stated that a one-day limit should be set to find out if the suggested process does not work.t; Scott Campbell suggested allowing more than one day. Debbie Wehbe explained how problems with the debit card were resolved in the past. Mr. Campbell suggested setting Wednesday, July 7, 2010 as a deadline for allowing this payment method to be tried.

VOTE: Four in favor; one opposed. The motion carried.

David Carrera arrived; Debbie Wehbe left the meeting.

7. PRESENTATIONS

a. Hollywood Blvd Urban Design Plan. CRA, Alison Becker.

Postponed.

b. LA Animal Service,

Paul Darrigo, volunteer, appeared to make a presentation on volunteer animal services program and to request for \$1,500 to train one volunteer officer and provide a uniform for a Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO). Mr. Darrigo stated his intent to bring on ten such volunteers. David Ambroz asked if a volunteer officer will specifically serve the Hollywood area exclusively. Mr. Darrigo stated that there will not be an officer assigned exclusively to this area; officers will be dispatched on an as-

needed basis. There was discussion about how the officers will be identified and trained. Mr. Darrigo responded to Laurie Goldman's question about how NC funds can be used by stating that a special fund has already been created by the Los Angeles City Council to accommodate participation by Hollywood Hills West, Sylmar, Pico Union, and United Neighborhood Councils. \$4250 has been put into that special fund.

Laurie Goldman moved to support participation in the proposed RACO program for \$1500 contingent on a 6 month report being made after transfer of the funds; seconded by David Ambroz.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

- c. PATH. PATH*Finders* is a full-service job center that addresses the specific needs of people who are homeless or low-income (i.e. at risk of homelessness). Our Center offers every service a person needs to gain employment.

Sean Pruitt appeared to discuss the services PATH offers to homeless and unemployed stakeholders. Mr. Pruitt discussed his responsibilities and the job services offered as well as contributions and participation by businesses in Hollywood and the PATH Hollywood employment project taking place now. Mr. Pruitt asked meeting attendees for references and recommendations. Flyers about programs were provided. Mr. Pruitt referred to Synergy Property Management training taken on in April 2010, advised that job opportunities are the goal, not funding. Mr. Pruitt introduced and discussed Elizabeth's success story after taking the property management training.

- d. Hollywood Arts Council, Nyla Arslanian. 25th Anniversary of the Childrens Arts Festival. \$3,500 request.
***Request update from Nyla regarding Vine St Elementary School tile project.

Nyla Arslanian, representing the Hollywood Arts Council, appeared to discuss a \$3500 request to fund the 25th Annual Children Arts Festival, that will take place on August 8, 2010; noting that the format has not changed and that there are an expected 3000 attendees. Ms. Arslanian provided a package of materials for the festival.

Laurie Goldman recused herself.

David Ambroz was told that admission and parking are free.

Lucille Saunders, LaBrea Willoughby Coalition stated her appreciation of the festival, and advised photographs featured in the Hollywood Arts Council literature indicate unique Hollywood architecture that are not examples of "large, soul-less" buildings. David Ambroz asked how the program is advertised; Ms. Arslanian listed the sources to be used, noting advertising depends on funding available and that the age range targeted is infant to 11 years, however, the family orientation meant all age groups are welcome.

David Ambroz moved to support the Hollywood Arts Council request for \$3500 to fund the 25th Annual Children Arts Festival request, with the caveat that specific effort be made to communicate to area elementary and appropriate age schools; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Regarding Vine Street school project, Nila Arslanian provided an update, indicating that tiles were installed at the schools and plans are underway for another tile workshop, Ms. Arslanian will resubmit a funding request and will advise when next tile workshop is planned to take place.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

a. Standing Committees:

i. Planning Committee

1. Hollywood Recreation Center.

1122 Cole Ave. Demolish existing pool and replace with a new pool, which will provide energy-efficient equipment and comply with ADA regulations. Demolish existing bathhouse and replace. Additional space will be added for administration. The new building will be extended approximately 10- 12 feet southerly to accommodate the new pool. Six (6) park trees will be removed during construction, which will be replaced in accordance with City Policy. LA Bureau of Engineering.

Scott Campbell moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the parking variance to allow the current no parking with a recommendation attached that fencing be looked at to be both more secure and more visually enhancing to the pool; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Carrera summarized the presentation made at the most recent PLUM Committee meeting and reported that the PLUM vote supported the parking variance request, and advised that discussion had touched upon getting more use from the facility and more aesthetically pleasing fencing. Angela Motta discussed plans for use of available funding. Ms. Motta stated that CHNC support of a variance regarding non-existent parking is being requested. David Carrerra reiterated PLUM Committee support and discussed other issues including year-round use of the pool including offering it to competitive organization.

David Ambroz moved that the CHNC Board support the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Ambroz moved that the Council seek funds to allow the pool to meet national standards; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

Craig Desilva advised of how the West Los Angeles pool is used.

Vote: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

2. 936 N. La Brea. Zone Change from MR1-1 to (T)(Q)M1-1, to permit the construction of 8,588 sq. ft., three story building with general retail uses on the ground floor, 134 parking spaces on 3 structured levels, a screened roof-top parking level, in conjunction with demolition of a one story building and the renovation of an existing 3 and 5 story building for general office and retail uses. **David Carrera moved to recommend that the CHNC board support the project as presented, with the requested zone change and waiver of the two-foot-dedication, and planting of 24 inch box trees compatible with existing street trees; seconded by Scott Campbell.**

David Ambroz asked if landscaping plans can be ready by the next CHNC board meeting.

VOTE: David Carrera and Scott Campbell in favor; Oliver Netburn opposed.

David Carrera summarized both the earlier presentation made to PLUM and the most recent one as well for this project, noting the changes made and advised of PLUM's split decision and Oliver Netburn's reservations. Jack Hollander, architect, briefly reprised the presentation, noting the intent to comply with the PLUM Committee's request to include trees along the front of the building.

At Laurie Goldman's request, David Carrea discussed questions raised by Oliver Netburn regarding the driveway on LaBrea, indicating that support from PLUM was based on the small size of the project. Jack Hollander indicated that five curb cuts are being reduced to the one entrance on LaBrea. Scott Campbell summarized Mr. Netburn's concerns regarding walkability, and discussed the Amoeba Record's effect on pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Mr. Hollander clarified how southbound traffic is routed. Mr. Carrera listed the General Plan guidelines cited by Mr. Netburn.

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

David Ambroz recapped changes made to the project. Laurie Goldman stated her support of Oliver Netburn's objections, and noted that southbound traffic will not be accommodated by the driveway. It was determined that the property is in Councilman Paul Koretz's district. Lucille Saunders advised that the LaBrea Willoughby Coalition strongly supports the proposed development. Tricia LaBelle asked what the Q restriction referred to; Mr. Hollander could not provide that information.

VOTE: 2 in favor; 3 opposed; no abstentions. The motion did not pass.

Laurie Goldman moved to support the project but to allow ingress/egress from the rear of the building; seconded by David Carrera.

Laurie Goldman moved to reconsider the PLUM Committee's recommendation; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Laurie Goldman moved to recommend reconsideration of the driveway on LaBrea and to have ingress/egress for the project on Romaine; David Carrera seconded.

There was discussion about CHNC support of walkability in Los Angeles. The City's walkability policy was stressed by Laurie Goldman, who stated that Oliver Netburn's objections were appropriate.

VOTE: Four in favor; David Ambroz abstained.

3. Restaurant Open Windows and LA County Health Code. Hollywood specifically, but LA County in general. No presentation-discussion, possible motion.

The discussion on this issue centered on the county law and what the appropriate action by the neighborhood council should be. Oliver Netburn suggested that additional research should be done before a decision is made to recommend or not recommend a position to the CHNC Board. Debbie Wehbe suggested that parameters be considered to establish information necessary to warrant the Committee's consideration.

Scott Campbell moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the concept of open windows and doors (eyes on the street), and pending receipt of clarifying information, that the Board take action (write a letter to the appropriate parties) in support of that concept; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

This item was discussed but no action was taken.

4. CRA Sunset Blvd. & Civic Center Design Plan. Sunset Blvd, La Brea to 101, Selma to Fountain. No presentation- discussion, possible motion.

http://www.crala.net/internet-site/Projects/Hollywood/upload/020810-SunsetDG%20Document_FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf

David Carrera discussed point by point his email to Alison Becker supporting the proposed design plan, and stated that he highly supported the plan.

David Carrera moved to recommend that the CHNC Board write a letter in support of the CRA Sunset Blvd. & Civic Center Design Plan, and requesting that the Board add a condition regarding surface parking lot guidelines; seconded by Scott Campbell.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Laurie Goldman advised that the Sunset Boulevard landscape plan stops at Selma, and stated that the CHNC recommendation should suggest that the two plans be married. David Ambroz noted that the plan advises that Cahuenga will be shut down for community events and suggested that ballustrades be included in the design to accommodate this purpose.

David Ambroz moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the PLUM Committee recommendation, asking that the Sunset guidelines for north and south landscaping coordinate with the Hollywood Urban Design Plan, the landscape guidelines be extended to the eastern boundary of the project area, and that some sort of physical barriers be installed in the Cahuenga Civic Plaza when there is a gathering, for pedestrian safety; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

5. CUP/CUB Conditions. Review and discussion of CHNC conditions. No presentation

Debbie Wehbe proposed that one set of conditions be reviewed and agreed upon, that can be modified to suit the license being requested. There was further discussion about how this can be accomplished.

Oliver Netburn agreed to review the proposed changes and to coordinate with Debbie Wehbe on proposed changes to the conditions.

i. Public Safety Committee –

Craig DeSilva reported that “stop ahead” has been painted on ground at the intersection of DeLongpre and June; a Neighborhood Watch program is being organized with Senior Lead Officer Washington (four block captains identified, more can be sought). Laurie Goldman offered to coordinate with Hollywood Chamber to request assistance with distributing hand-outs. Mr. DeSilva asked for suggestions regarding how to encourage tree trimming. David Ambroz responded with advice about funding, as did Ms. Goldman.

1. Nightlife Issues –

David Carrera discussed noise from Crains; Laurie Goldman advised of complaints about noise from the W Hotel.

2. CPAB

Tricia LaBelle noted that Geoffrey Pilay had sought input from attendees at the most recent CPAB nightlife subcommittee meeting regarding converting Type 47 licenses to Type 48 licenses.

ii. Beautification Committee

David Ambroz discussed illegal signage and illegal car washes on Santa Monica Boulevard. Angela Motta advised how to report illegal activities and asked that she be contacted.

1. Highland Ave Ad Hoc Committee

2. Mansfield Garden – Review of garden coordinator summary from July 2009 – March 2010

Scott Campbell advised that funds received from gardeners for their plots are being spent to pay for tasks the garden coordinator was hired to do. Mr. Campbell asked David Ambroz to investigate and make recommendations about appropriate actions to take.

3. De Longpre Park Ad Hoc Committee

Scott Campbell advised that dog waste stations have been installed at DeLongpre Park and discussed how to have a waste station installed.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Hollywood Community plan ad hoc committee.

Laurie Goldman reported that the draft EIR on Hollywood Community plan is due to be published on Wednesday, and that the committee's next step will be taken once the draft EIR is published.

ii. Emergency Preparedness

Linda Lee advised that a coalition of Hollywood organizations is being considered for formation to promote emergency preparedness. The intent is to invite presentations from the City's Department of Aging, CERT, and a seismology expert from CalTech. Tricia LaBelle voiced concerns about devoting efforts to this end.

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

Tricia LaBelle asked what action has been taken regarding LeDeux, which may have an expired CUP. Ms. LaBelle requested that CHNC send a letter asking for action to be taken.

Laurie Goldman advised that a hearing is scheduled for the Target store planned for Sunset and St. Andrews and that Council President Eric Garcetti supports the new development, and asked that community support be shown for the store's plans at a City PLUM meeting that will take place on Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

David Ambroz advised that he has received complaints from stakeholders about fruit vendors.

Tricia LaBelle asked about credit card parking meters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.