



**Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2011
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 6:20 pm. Board members present: David Ambroz, David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, Noel Hyun, Scott Campbell and Alwin Sumirat. Grant King's absence was excused. Tricia LaBelle and Debbie Wehbe arrived later.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment noted.

3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

- a. November 2010
- b. December 2010

There being no objection, the Minutes for November 2010 and December 2010 were accepted as presented.

4. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Ezhari, Senior Field Deputy for Councilman Tom LaBonge's Council District 4 invited community leaders to attend Thursday's breakfast meeting, discussed clean-up efforts, noted receipt of e-mail from David Ambroz regarding overnight parking on Romaine, stated that one-hour parking on Highland is being changed to allow for two-hour parking, and offered to be of service regarding bulky item pick-up and tree planting. David Ambroz clarified that overnight parking of campers on Romaine and on Seward was referred to in his email. Mr. Ambroz also advised that potholes recently repaired are already deteriorating.

Angela Motta, Field Deputy, for Council President Eric Garcetti (CD13), provided clarification for the Vine Street parking garage project, and reported that the project is on schedule and will be completed at the end of 2012. Ms. Motta also reported on Council President Garcetti's concept of a visioning process, for which he would like input from community members. Ms. Motta invited stakeholders to attend the first seminar that will take place on Saturday, January 31, from 9am to 12pm at Selma Elementary, at which Council President Garcetti wants stakeholders to identify community priorities for the next two years. Ms. Motta also discussed the upcoming homeless count that will take place on Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Nicole Carcel, Field Representative for Assemblyman Mike Feuer (42nd District) described the impact a bill introduced by Assemblyman Feuer will have on health insurance premiums. Ms. Carcel asked for input from community members and provided contact information. Copies of a flyer describing Assemblyman Feuer's recent legislative activities were provided.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Review and Approval of recent transactions on the purchase card and purchase card statement
(Taken out of order)
 - i. November 2010

- ii. December 2010

Laurie Goldman moved to approve credit card transactions for October 2010, November 2010 and December 2010; seconded by Noel Hyun.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

b. Funding Status

i. Hollywood Recreation Center

(Taken out of order) Debbie Wehbe advised that CHNC has not allocated or spent for community young people in the past 3 years other than support for the Hollywood Arts Council event that was moved out of the area and noted that Hollywood Rec Center is the only free recreational opportunity aimed at young stakeholders in the area. There was discussion of the need to review the CHNC budget; this issue will be discussed at the retreat. Lydia Milars stated that an agreement for on-going accountability should be required for CHNC funds allocated for neighborhood project support.

- ii. Board motion to pay Jane Jennings for web site redesign. Authorize additional \$500 for work on the web site

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the increase, up to \$1300, of funds to be paid for web site redesign; David Ambroz seconded.

Darryl Ford commented on the new web site, and stated his approval.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

iii. RACO Program allocation status

Debbie Wehbe advised that funds have been allocated for the RACO Program.

iv. LAPD Printer purchase plan update

Scott Campbell advised that Captain Girmala asked about the LAPD printer purchase. Arrangements were made to effect the purchase.

The Board accepted the report provided by Treasurer Debbie Wehbe.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Standing Committees:

i. Planning Committee - David Carrera

- 1. CVS Pharmacy, 861 North Vine Street/832 Lillian Way: CPC-2009-2833-CU to allow the continued use of a recycling buyback center for the redemption of plastic and glass bottles, aluminum, steel and tin. Armond Abramian. And, ZA-2010-2437-CUB: a conditional use permit to continue the existing sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption, on a 55,657 square-foot site with 74 parking spaces having hours of operation, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm seven days a week. Bruce Evans, Solomon, Saltsman & Jamieson

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC support the recycling buy-back center at 861 North Vine Street/832 Lillian Way conditioned upon the creation of a 5 foot landscape buffer filled to the ground (including a minimum of 2 (two) 24-inch box trees) along the western property line for the length of the recycling buy-back center, that there be appropriate provision for security, that parking spaces to be used by the recycling center and by CVS be acknowledged, that plan approval, rather than expiration, be obtained within 2 to 3 years, or upon change of ownership. Hours of operation will be 8am to 5pm Monday through Saturday. Fencing, to the extent possible, should be installed; seconded by Scott Campbell.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Armand Abramian briefly reprised his PLUM presentation and stated his intention to cooperate and address the community's concerns. Scott Campbell discussed his observation of areas that can be and should be cleaned up; David Carrera compared the subject site unfavorably to the West Hollywood site and suggested that more can be done. David Ambroz discussed the recycling center's impact on the nearby neighborhood and stated that the recycling center could be better located in a larger parking lot.

Oliver Netburn advised that there is a staff hearing that will take place on Friday, January 29, 2011 and that a CPC hearing will take place at a later date. Mr. Netburn discussed how CHNC input can be taken into account by the staff hearing.

Lydia Milars suggested that steps be taken to fix the issues raised by community members. There was discussion about how those issues can be addressed. Ms. Milars suggested that the area be swept daily. David Ambroz reiterated his concern that the surrounding area is impacted and suggested that responsibility for emptying area trash concerns should be taken by the recycling center. Ms. Milars suggested that the businesses on that corner, including the car wash, police the area themselves. Armand Abramian listed those things his company already does. Roman Hrynizak noted the reasons there is a high volume of recycling being done at this location and suggested that an additional recycling site is appropriate for the community.

Armand Abramian reiterated his willingness to address the community's concerns, and spoke favorably of an additional location, however, Mr. Abramian noted the reasons for the Sunset Blvd. center closing. David Ambroz stated his preference that the location be closed. There was discussion about the impact of providing for a plan approval rather than expiration of the CUP.

David Carrera moved to approve the PLUM Committee recommendation and to require that Armand Abramian return to CHNC every six months; seconded by Laurie Goldman. VOTE: 5 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstention. The motion passed.

2. Big Wangs, 1558-1564 Cahuenga Blvd. renewal of ZA 2004-5451(CUB) to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption; in conjunction with an existing 3,870 square-foot restaurant with Karaoke as a form of live entertainment, one pool table and not more than two coin-operated games or video machines; accommodating 84 patrons; having hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 4 a.m. and hours of alcohol sales from 11 a.m. to 1:45 a.m., daily. Lee Rabun presenting.

David Carrera moved to recommend that the CHNC support the CUP renewal request for Big Wangs, at 1558 Cahuenga, including 9 am Saturday and Sunday alcohol sales and called for inclusion of the CHNC standard condition regarding noise; seconded by Oliver Netburn.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

David Carrera summarized the subject request; Lee Rabun clarified that the owner wants to sell alcoholic beverages from 9am on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Carrera advised that PLUM voted to include the standard CHNC condition regarding noise. There was mention that the owner preferring not to allow for a plan approval upon sale of the business. Laurie Goldman advised that she has worked with Lee Rabun on other projects in the past.

David Carrera moved to accept the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

Lee Rabun responded in the negative to David Ambroz's questions regarding whether the venue has been operated responsibly. Laurie Goldman expressed concern that the PLUM Committee recommendation did not include a provision for an additional CHNC review upon change of ownership. Tricia LaBelle advised that the new Los Angeles City policy obviates the need for CHNC review and approval.

David Carrera amended his motion to include a requirement that there be a CHNC plan approval upon change of ownership of Big Wangs and to support a 7 year grant; Laurie Goldman agreed to the amendment.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

3. 1605-1619 Cherokee, CPC-2010-1945-HD-SPR. New 66-unit affordable housing with associated parking, plus a Height District change from 1XL to 2D and Site Plan Review procedures required for joint Public Private Development in PF zone. Lara Regus, Abode Communities

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board approve and support the proposed development, as revised, at 1605-1619 Cherokee, with the provision that the developer continue to look at some pedestrian improvements and enhancements to landscaping and landscape materials on the Cherokee side of the proposed development; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

David Carrera discussed the two CHNC reviews this project has had since December 2010. Holly Benson, Vice President of Housing Development for Abode Communities summarized activities in which her firm has been involved including the subject LAUSD-sponsored proposed development. Ms. Benson referred to input obtained from the CHNC and stakeholders as well as from CRA. Ms. Benson introduced Jim Dixon, VP of architecture for Abode Communities, who provided extensive detail on changes in the proposed development's design, massing, landscaping, etc., made as a result of earlier CHNC review.

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

David Ambroz asked about concerns raised at the December meeting regarding plans for deterring graffiti, preventing loitering, the development's lighting, and how to forewarn prospective tenants about the nature of the area in which the project is to be built. Holly Benson and Jim Dixon addressed Mr. Ambroz's questions. Responding to Laurie Goldman, Jim Dixon provided more detail on plans for lighting the project. Holly Benson indicated the intent to discuss installation of a camera with LAPD.

David Carrera moved to include a requirement that graffiti be removed within 24 hours; Tricia LaBelle agreed.

Tricia LaBelle discussed the neighborhood's constraints. Lydia Milars asked, if the decision is made to allow tenants to keep pets, that provision be made for a dog run and dog waste station on the property. Debbie Wehbe discussed the positive effect dog waste stations have on the neighborhood.

Oliver Netburn asked about provision of native, drought tolerant plant materials and suggested that the project could still be improved along Cherokee. Mr. Netburn suggested lighting elements that could be included at the higher elevations and that lighting or signage could be used to distinguish the pedestrian walkway and vehicular interest

David Carrera moved to include a requirement that disclosure regarding the neighborhood noise be made to tenants and provision of a dog waste station. The motion, as amended, reads that the CHNC Board approve and support the proposed development, as revised, at 1605-1619 Cherokee, with the provision that the developer continue to look at some pedestrian improvements and enhancements to landscaping and landscape materials on the Cherokee side of the proposed development, that that graffiti be removed within 24 hours, that disclosure regarding the neighborhood noise be made to tenants and provision of a dog waste station be made; Tricia LaBelle agreed.

VOTE: 5 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstention.

ii. Beautification Committee

1. Committee Chair Report

David Ambroz reported preliminary ideas discussed at the December 5, 2010 committee meeting and advised that another meeting will take place on February 10, 2011. Mr. Ambroz listed items on which he is working: parking at Romaine and Seward, suggested partnering with BID for dog waste stations, reported outreach to driving schools (about area use) and outreach to LAPD Capt. Girmala regarding overnight parking. Mr. Ambroz indicated he had approached CRA regarding funds for "greening" to reduce graffiti and tree planting and advised that another NC purchased lights to light up front yards. Scott Campbell noted that a great first step would be to encourage stakeholders to turn on their porch lights. Mr. Ambroz then discussed plans to beautify the area surrounding the Hollywood Civic Center. Lydia Milars advised that she had asked the BID to move one of three waste containers (that are located on Lexington between Las Palmas and McCadden) to Citrus. Ms. Milars suggested requesting that the BID take responsibility for including Fountain.

2. Highland Ave Ad Hoc Committee

Debbie Wehbe advised that Tom LaBonge mentioned the need to finish the Highland Avenue median project, once elections are done.

3. Mansfield Garden

Debbie Wehbe reported that the garden contract renewal time is now and that more information will be available next month regarding how many gardeners have renewed. Ms. Wehbe remarked that the intent is to make the garden self-sufficient with regard to funding. Lydia Milars reported that the garden inside is cleaner, but that the outside perimeter is worse than ever.

4. De Longpre Park Ad Hoc Committee

Oliver Netburn reported that the Dept of Engineers considers the park project to have been fulfilled. There was discussion about whether the park committee should continue. Debbie Wehbe spoke in favor of allowing the committee's purview to consider, because of the Hollywood Rec Center. Ms. Wehbe suggested that this issue be discussed further at the planned Board retreat. David Ambroz reprised his efforts to assist upgrading the pool that had no effect; the pool renovation will proceed as set—the pool will remain non-national competition standard and unheated. Ms. Wehbe asked if the BID had been approached for funding.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Hollywood Community plan ad hoc committee.

Laurie Goldman's update on status indicated that the DEIR may be published June, or could be available in September and that the plan is to have the second revised redline Hollywood/Sunset Boulevard Urban Design guidelines available in April 2011, presented to the CRA Board of Commissioners in November and maybe to the CPC/City Council by the end of the year.

ii. Web Site progress report

Laurie Goldman advised that the newly renovated CHNC web site is live as of today. Debbie Wehbe praised Ms. Goldman's and Jane Jennings' efforts.

7. PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE MOTION ON EACH:

a. Farmer's Market location update

Laurie Goldman advised that the Farmers Market has been moved north of Ivar to accommodate complaints raised by Film School. Ms. Goldman advised that the Hollywood Film School wants to develop the area where the Farmers Market now operates. Ms. Goldman reported that the Hollywood Film School presented plans to the Hollywood Chamber for the twin 20-story office towers the Film School wants to erect at Ivar and Selma that stated unequivocally that they "want Ivar back".

b. Board Retreat

Scott Campbell will send out suggested days and dates for retreat; Mr. Campbell noted he had solicited topics for discussion.

c. Tom LaBonge's breakfast for Neighborhood Council Leadership, Jan 27, 2011

Scott Campbell reiterated Nikki Ezhari's invitation to attend Councilman Tom LaBonge's event, which will take place from 8:30am to 10am.

d. Eric Garcettis' Los Angeles Neighborhood Dreams (LAND) initiative, Jan 29, 2011

Reported by Angela Motta above.

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

Noel Hyun discussed the process that is being undergone regarding the NC budget advocates, advised that the budget advocate group took a position opposing the proposed P3 leases and are finalizing an

online survey that will determine what priorities stakeholders have. Ms. Hyun offered to forward updates to interested stakeholders.

Laurie Goldman reported attending P3 hearing on behalf of CHNC; the Council voted in closed sessions and Council President Eric Garcetti advised that he would not support those leases if they don't include parking rate guarantees at both ArcLight and Hollywood and Highland. Ms. Goldman also reported attending recent CRA budget meeting where a substantial amount was allocated for street landscaping, street furniture and greening and where suggestions were requested from stakeholders. Ms. Goldman suggested to CRA that the Civic Center project be started. Ms. Goldman reported that the CRA cooperation agreement is on the Council agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

Debbie Wehbe advised that the findings on projects are now to be sent to NC presidents, vice presidents and secretaries.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.