



**CENTRAL HOLLYWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**
**Adopted Board Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Board members present: David Ambroz, David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, Tricia LaBelle, Scott Campbell, Jacques Massachi, Lydia Milars, Debbie Wehbe and Alwin Sumirat.

2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the Minutes for November 23, 2009; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Goldman circulated a CHNC holiday gift bag for meeting attendees and thanked them for attending.

Debbie Wehbe thanked Tricia LaBelle and Bordners for providing refreshments for the meeting and noted that dessert was provided by the Corner Café.

Roman, a stakeholder, asked for feedback on suggestions he made for videotapes of CHNC meetings and for a more current and up-to-date CHNC website. Roman expressed his strong interest in providing web site management services to CHNC.

4. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

There were no government representatives in attendance at the meeting.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Status of Rollover Funds? Do we have access to them? Any recent communications regarding rollover funds?

Debbie Wehbe gave an update on the status of rollover funds, and provided copies of a report provided by Jackie Mendez that indicates there are no rollover funds available to CHNC. There was discussion about how

the most recent interpretation of available rollover funds will affect funding decisions already made by CHNC. Ms. Wehbe advised that a recent judicial decision will negatively affect the ability to use City funds to support the proposed FixNation trap, neuter and release program.

Debbie Wehbe reported CHNC Board-approved commitments of \$5000 (Cap Park), \$5000 for Farmers Market signage project, \$3000 for the Noguera educational garden (which may not be needed), \$2000 for accountant, \$5000 for the HERO project, \$6000 for the 2010 election, \$4000 for dog sanitation stations, plus ongoing allocation of funds for the garden coordinator and transcription services. There was discussion about how the NC should proceed given that the City advised that there are no rollover funds available.

Lydia Milars suggested that a shorter than six month time period be set for payout for funding requests. Scott Campbell suggested that this issue be discussed further at a Funding Committee meeting.

Debbie Wehbe moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, that the Funding Committee meet before any further financial action is undertaken and request that the Funding Committee make a recommendation regarding an amended CHNC budget; seconded by

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Debbie Wehbe advised that DONE is now requiring a Board Resolution be made to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

Items 5b, 5c, and 5d will be revisited after the Funding Committee meets.

- b. Status of prior requests? What requests are outstanding from this and prior years? What is needed on each one and who is the contact person from the Board?
- c. Where do we stand for the year? How much have we allocated? How much have we actually spent? What is left from this year's budget?
- d. Other Treasurer/Funding Issues.
 - i. Budget changes needed?
 - ii. Follow up on accounting/funding/treasurer assistance?

6. PRESENTATIONS

Scott Campbell advised that items 6.a, 6.b, and 6.d were rendered moot because of the City's decision regarding rollover funding.

- a. Friends of the Hollywood Central Park (FHCP). Grant request. Request for \$5,000 grant to further community outreach regarding creating a 44 acre park over the 101 freeway from Bronson to Santa Monica Blvd. Laurie Goldman/Scott Campbell.
- b. Grant application to provide free dental care for children in Hollywood. Unspecified dollar amount. Rob Menz.
- c. CD13, Council President Eric Garcetti's office is transferring \$12,000 from a CD13 discretionary account to the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council. The purpose of this funding is to cover some of the additional work that Troller Mayer has provided in designing and pulling permits for the Highland Medians. Board resolution necessary to complete transfer. Debbie Wehbe.

Laurie Goldman moved to adopt a resolution to allocate \$12,000 in funds transferred from Council President Eric Garcetti's CD13 discretionary account for the purpose of covering some of the additional work provided by Troller Mayer with regards to the medians being constructed on Highland; seconded by Jacques Massachi.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- d. Grant Request from Selma Elementary School. \$2,400 request to fund a Full Circle Program in conjunction with Wildwoods Foundation. 50 students to participate in an 8 week program of learning opportunities including off site field trips. Julie Kane.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Standing Committees:
 - i. Planning Committee
 1. Cell Tower Proliferation/Regulation: Pacific Palisades Residents Association, a 50 year old all-volunteer organization concerned with environmental issues and the preservation of communities, is seeking the support of neighborhood councils and other groups throughout Los Angeles to effect substantial reform of the city's current, inadequate regulations involving cell tower installation and siting.

David Carrera moved to recommend that the CHNC Board request that the City of Los Angeles enact a comprehensive new ordinance, consistent with the City Attorney's recommendations, with clear and consistent standards and

procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the City and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the fullest extent possible under the law; seconded by Oliver Netburn.

Vote: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed

Jacques Massachi moved to accept the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

2. DIR-2007-5853-SPP-M6-1A, 1301 to 1309 N Highland Ave (Highland and Fountain): Air Rights Assignment of a billboard.

Jacques Massachi reported that a sign company that has numerous billboard locations in Hollywood used a stratagem, that did not allow sufficient time for property owners to appeal, to fraudulently file a master land use application on Mr. Massachi's behalf. Mr. Massachi also reported that the sign company will be allowed to install a replacement supergraphic as a result of this stratagem.

Jacques Massachi requested that the CHNC PLUM Committee recommend that the CHNC support his request for due process by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department with regard to his appeal of the Van Wagner Company master land use application. David Carrera advised Mr. Massachi to contact the Council Office to request support in addition to the request made to CHNC.

Oliver Netburn moved that the CHNC PLUM Committee recommend that the CHNC support Jacques Massachi's request for due process with regard to his appeal of the Vin Wagner master land use application and to call for clarification of the process; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Jacques Massachi recused himself.

David Carrera summarized the circumstances that led to Jacques Massachi's request for CHNC support for a fair and equitable review of this issue. Mr. Massachi advised that the APC meeting at which this issue will be reviewed will take place on January 12, 2009. Mr. Massachi also asked the Board to support the Planning Department clarification of the issue of who is authorized to sign a master land use application,

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

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

3. Ricardo Montalban Theatre, 1615 N. Vine St.: issues/impacts regarding the construction of LADOT parking lot abutting to the north.

David Carrera moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the Ricardo Montalban Theater's request that the proposed driveway be moved to the north side of the lot, where a driveway currently is located, and that all other mitigation measures of the master land use (Case # to be provided by Oliver Netburn) be implemented as part of the construction of the new garage; seconded by Oliver Netburn.

After further discussion regarding the dearth of parking in Hollywood, Gil Smith stated that his preference is for a good faith negotiation that involves the community.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

(Taken out of order) Gil Smith reprised the presentation made to the PLUM Committee, advised that Council President Eric Garcetti, and asked for CHNC support and a letter stating that support.

Dave Gajda, representing the Cahuenga Corridor Coalition, advised that any delay in the construction of the garage could result in the garage not being built.

Jose Malagon, representing the Hollywood Farmers Market and the Hollywood BID, reiterated the garage's importance to the community. Mr. Malagon stated that no community outreach was required for the parking garage project.

Scott Campbell relayed points raised by Kelly Bernard, Planning Deputy for Council President Eric Garcetti, in defense of the position taken for not encouraging further delay, including that proposed funding will be lost if a delay occurs, that the cost to effect the change proposed is prohibitive, that changes to the ingress/egress proposed are not viable and that the 18 month appeal period expired at least two years ago.

Oliver Netburn, speaking as a resident of the Hollywood community, stated his assumption that the proposed project would

have gone through an environmental impact review that would have required an Mitigated Negative Declaration, noting that he was not certain that all the information was available for the Board to make an informed and appropriate decision and discussed other aspects of the issue at hand with Scott Campbell and Laurie Goldman, including the loss of parking for six months or longer. Responding to a question from David Carrera, Gil Smith reiterated his contention that placement of the driveway as planned will cause health and safety issues and stated that he had not been given access to the plans for the garage when he requested them almost three years ago. Ms. Goldman discussed the process by which a Hollywood Walk of Fame star can be moved. David Ambroz spoke in support of the garage as planned. Ms. Goldman stated that the driveway was mitigated in the old EIR.

Tricia LaBelle moved that the CHNC Board support the garage as planned; seconded by David Ambroz.

David Ambroz suggested an amendment to support the proposed garage as planned and to support ongoing mitigation discussions and negotiations so long as they do not impact the current timeline or funding; Tricia LaBelle agreed to the amendment.

David Carrera's question initiated discussion about a doorway suggested to Gil Smith by an architect from PGAL. Mr. Carrera suggested that issues like this one are better discussed at the PLUM Committee meetings.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Alwin Sumirat left the meeting.

ii. Public Safety Committee

1. CPAB

Tricia LaBelle reported on the recent CPAB Nightclub subcommittee meeting advised of plans for extra police coverage on New Years Eve, especially for illegal parties in the area, and discussed the no-smoking ban on patios of bona-fide restaurants. Ms. LaBelle listed plans for simplified CUP renewal process for good operators.

iii. Beautification Committee

1. Overview update from Beautification Chair

Lydia Milars reported that the repaving of Willoughby between Highland and Wilcox has been completed.

2. Noguera Educational Garden Ad Hoc Committee

Debbie Wehbe stated that the solar based system

3. De Longpre Park Ad Hoc Committee

Oliver Netburn discussed plans for this committee to meet in January or February 2010.

b. Ad Hoc Committees – as needed

i. Hollywood Community plan ad hoc committee. Update on status.

Laurie Goldman advised of plans for a January 14, 2010 meeting to assemble the different chapters to which the Committee is responding, and plans for Kevin Keller to address the committee. Ms. Goldman stated that it appears that less than 25% of the community's feedback has been incorporated into the plan.

ii. Emergency Preparedness. What is our desire regarding emergency preparedness? Is there a volunteer to coordinate this area/chair a committee?

Scott Campbell advised that a Hollywood Hills North Emergency Preparedness Chair will be a great resource. Linda Lee volunteered to serve initially as an information conduit and to provide regular updates on EP issues.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- a. Linda Lee. AppleOne requires temp staff to be supervised while working. This requires Linda to travel to downtown to complete our minutes, sometimes resulting in delays in transcription. Temporary fix is to have her work for another temp agency, Kelly Services, that does not require supervision. Kelly does not have online access for timecards for Linda (unknown reason, but confirmed). Request is to make Linda a contractor similar to the garden coordinators and have a certain number of hours per week or month to accomplish what we need done. Another option is to contract for her through another temp agency, CCOPS.

David Ambroz moved to hire Linda Lee at a rate of \$21 per hour for 16 hours per month; seconded by Laurie Goldman

VOTE: 6 in favor; 2 opposed.

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

Debbie Wehbe suggested that Earth Day is the target date for installation of the proposed dog sanitation stations at DeLongpre Park, and that recent changes in LAPD personnel caused a change in official stance on a particular project.

Laurie Goldman reported that CRA recently signed a tenant improvement permit for Trader Joe's and that the project may be delayed.

Lydia Milars advised that CHNC has been invited to participate in the 2010 Big Sunday (May 2010) and called for suggested projects.

Jacques Massachi discussed the changes on Highland Avenue, advised of Golden Bridges plans and reported that Frosted Cakes has plans to open a location.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by common consent at 8:04pm.



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We, Scott Campbell and Debbie Wehbe, declare that we are the President and Treasurer respectively of the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council and that on December 21, 2009, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council with a quorum of nine board members present and that by a unanimous vote of nine the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

The Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application submitted by The Friends of the Hollywood Cap Park has been available for review and comment by the public and duly evaluated by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council Board.

Therefore be it resolved that the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves the NPG submitted by The Friends of the Hollywood Cap Park in the amount of \$5,000 for the following purposes and community benefits:

Website construction by Twerp Laboratories

The grant will be used to construct an interactive website to aid the community in building the Hollywood Central Park. Stakeholders will be able to place park programming where it is needed most in their neighborhood which is essential in designing the park. The website will also keep stakeholders informed of progress and will assist in soliciting their input and feedback during the EIR scoping process. Additionally a community database will be created which will be shared with the Hollywood Neighborhood Councils to aid in their own outreach. Content will be kept current with other useful community features at the ready.

Scott Campbell, President, CHNC

Date

Debbie Wehbe, Treasurer, CHNC

Date