



**Approved Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 21, 2012  
Hollywood City Hall  
6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present: David Ambroz, Scott Campbell, David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, and Grant King.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Devin Strecker, representing the Sunset and Vine Business Improvement District (BID) reported his organization recently renewed for 8 more years and invited stakeholders to attend the Sunset and Vine celebration at Academy Hollywood, on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9pm. Tickets are offered at \$20 each; more information is available at [www.sunsetvine.com](http://www.sunsetvine.com).

Gil Smith, representing the Ricardo Montalban Foundation, discussed plans for a commemorative stamp honoring Mr. Montalban. Mr. Smith encouraged stakeholders to write letters to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in support of issuing a stamp for Mr. Montalban. Scott Campbell stated that this item will be on the CHNC agenda for the June 2012 meeting. Mr. Smith advised that a film festival showcasing Mexican filmmakers will be held at the Montalban Theater May 24 to June 30, 2012.

Roman Hrynizak voiced his disappointment that he had not been given sufficient advance notice of the change in date for the May 2012 CHNC Board meeting, and suggested that a text message should be sent out to interested stakeholders.

Mark Parra, representing the Los Angeles City Department of Mental Health, invited stakeholders to attend a fundraising event at ArcLight on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 to benefit the Moving Assistance Fund.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

There were no changes to the Minutes for April 2012 noted. The April 2012 CHNC Board meeting Minutes were accepted.

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

(Taken out of order) Nicole Carcel, Field Representative for 42nd District Assemblyman Mike Feuer, provided copies of the most recent legislative report, discussed the Assemblyman's recent activities and answered questions from David Ambroz regarding voter registration legislation. Sharon Shapiro, representing Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge, invited stakeholders to attend a June 2, 2012 fire station opening at Hollywood and Van Ness. Ms. Shapiro also reported that the Councilman's 2012 weekly summer bike rides will take place on Thursdays. Ms. Shapiro asked anyone interested to contact her for more information.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Treasurers Report was offered.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Standing Committees

i. Outreach

Laurie Goldman advised of plans to turn over administration of the CHNC website to the Outreach Committee.

ii. Nightlife Issues

David Carrera advised that there have been complaints about noise at an establishment that will be coming to CHNC for a very late Plan Approval.

iii. Planning Committee (Taken out of order)

A. 1641 N. Cherokee: Zone Variances to allow the following uses in a P zone: 1) permit the use of an on-site 2,848 square foot structure with a 2,242 square foot outdoor courtyard to be used as a 178-seat restaurant; Live Entertainment.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC support zone variance to allow for a restaurant at 1641 Cherokee, with the condition that the only permitted sale of alcohol is beer and wine, and all other CHNC standard conditions and a term limit of five years; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

David Carrera summarized the earlier presentations on behalf of the proposed development to the PLUM Committee.

Michael Gonzales discussed the reason for the use variance request, advised that the last Certificate of Occupancy for this vacant property was issued in 1973 for a restaurant and that current prescribed usage for this P zone was underground parking, parking lot or small lot subdivision, and stated that the proposed use would complement use of another nearby establishment owned by the developer. There was discussion about CHNC support of a beer and wine license as opposed to a full line of alcohol with limited hours of operation.

**David Carrera moved to approve the PLUM Committee recommendation with the added condition that there be no amplified music on the patio; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

David Ambroz asked about signage, stated his preference for down-lighting of the property, windows on the front, and asked that no roll-down gate be visible during the day.

Herb, a stakeholder, expressed concern about the restaurant offering music on the patio.

Michael Popwell stated his preference that the developer should be allowed to choose whether to have operating hours until 12am with a full line of alcohol or offer beer and wine and operate until 2am.

**VOTE: One in favor, three against; the motion did not pass.**

**David Ambroz moved to support a zone variance with a full line of alcohol, hours of operation until 12am, no dancing, no amplified music on the patio, piercing of the façade for more**

**windows, limited signage, invisible roll-down gates, with a five-year term and CHNC standard conditions; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

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

- B. Playhouse, 6506 Hollywood Blvd.: ZA-2006-5732-CUB-CUX-ZV-1A, Plan Approval to continue the sale of a full line of alcohol in conjunction with restaurant and night club.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend CHNC approval of Playhouse for an additional 5 years, that the caveat that the developer advertise Playhouse's transportation mitigation services more prominently on the Playhouse website, present to the board compliance statistics for Condition #52 which regards parking, and that the plan approval does not include extension of the variance request for off-site parking; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed. Jerry Neuman reprised the presentation made to the PLUM Committee. There was discussion about the language of the motion to be made.

**David Carrera moved to approve the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by David Ambroz.**

After considerable debate, the motion was amended to indicate that CHNC is not taking a position on the zone variance.

**David Carrera moved to approve the PLUM Committee recommendation and that CHNC is not taking a position on the zone variance; seconded by David Ambroz.**

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

- C. Vine Street Bar, 1235 N. Vine St.: ZA-2012-0809-PAB, increase floor space of an existing 2480 sq. ft. permitted bar and lounge by 269 sq. ft. for sale, service, and consumption of a full line of alcohol with hours of operation from 8am to 2pm with live entertainment.

Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the project at 1235 N. Vine St., with the added condition that, upon a change of owner or operator, a new plan approval must be filed; seconded by David Carrera.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Scott Campbell advised that he would remain seated only for the purpose of keeping a quorum. Mr. Campbell turned the proceedings over to Laurie Goldman.

David Carrera summarized the CHNC PLUM Committee presentation, and advised that earlier CUPs were filed in error because this was a legal nonconforming use of the property and that this is a deemed to be approved plan approval of the proposed expansion.

**David Ambroz moved to recommend that the CHNC Board approve the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by David Carrera.**

**VOTE: 4 in favor; Scott Campbell abstained. The motion passed.**

D. Ad Hoc Committees

- i. Hollywood Community Plan update

Laurie Goldman reported that the plan was passed out of the City's PLUM committee with no recommendation and will go before the Los Angeles City Council either the week of June 4 or the week of June 11, and that it appears that the plan will pass without a height limit on the regional center. Ms. Goldman advised that she saw Chief of Staff Anna Guerrero for CD 13 as well as Deputy Mayor Matt Szabo to make sure the CHNC recommendations were in the packet, and that there will be a Specific Plan CIPO for the 1100 acres formerly known as the CRA as well as a Historic Preservation Overlay zone.

ii. Election Committee

This committee will meet within the next week.

iii. CRA Project Continuation Committee

Laurie Goldman reported that this committee met with CD 13 Chief of Staff Ana Guerrero, Deputy Chief of Staff Yusuf Robb and Field Deputy Angela Motta. Ms. Goldman stated that matching grants will have to be renegotiated. The committee prioritized the projects CHNC wants: the Wilcox-Schraeder parking lot, Hollywood Central Park EIR funding, regional market analysis for Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood commercial property enhancement program, Blessed Sacrament social services center, the Hollywood pedestrian corridor; enforcement of the public urination ordinance passed by the Los Angeles City Council in 2003, allowing for tweets to be accepted in public comment and support the Citywide Economic Development Corporation in the Mayor's 2013 budget will be discussed at the next CHNC Board meeting.

**7. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Scott Campbell advised that the CHNC Board Retreat will be discussed as an agenda item at the next Board meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 750pm.**