



CENTRAL HOLLYWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Adopted Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

The Minutes were approved by common consent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roman Hrnizak, volunteer CHNC webmaster, provided a brief update on improvements made to the CHNC website.

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

Angela Motta, Field Deputy CD13 for Council President Eric Garcetti, discussed the recently agreed-upon, unprecedented commitment by 18 major L.A. institutions to see positive change in Los Angeles public schools, and better prepare local students for college and the 21st century workplace (see www.lacompact.org for more information). Ms Motta advised of a pet food initiative started by an intern in Council President Garcetti's office to benefit homeless pets, as well as a job fair to be held at Dodger Stadium on March 6, 2010, from 10am to 1pm. Ms. Motta responded to Lydia Milars' question regarding Council President Garcetti's efforts to aid the film community and Tricia LaBelle's questions regarding the valet incidents that have occurred recently. Debbie Wehbe asked about follow-up regarding an invoice for the Highland median.

Haeyong Kim, Field Representative for Assemblyman Mike Feuer, 42nd District, discussed recent efforts regarding a bipartisan commitment to reform state government, and responded to questions from Tricia LaBelle and David Ambroz.

Kathy Kim, representing Councilman Tom LaBonge, introduced herself.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. Status of Rollover Funds?
- 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.
Budget changes needed?
Follow up on accounting/funding/treasurer assistance?

Debbie Wehbe gave a report summarizing recent efforts to bring CHNC financial accounting up to date (including rollover funds), provided a copy of the documentation and copies of the summary of work done. Ms. Wehbe stated that CHNC is completely in compliance with DONE's requirements and that there will be no rollover funds. Ms. Wehbe stated that a draft budget for \$45,000 will be made available to the Board for its approval at the March 2010 Board meeting. Ms. Wehbe reported that any future projects brought to the CHNC Board for funding approval must include a Board resolution and a statement regarding community improvement benefit. Ms. Wehbe then discussed funding requests that are in process or close to completion. Laurie Goldman asked who had provided information regarding rollover funds; Ms. Wehbe stated that Jackie Mendez informed her that rollover funds are not being given. Ms. Goldman asked if PAL uniforms had been funded; Ms. Wehbe stated that appropriate procedures must be followed. Ms. Goldman advised that non-profits are not required to have a business license; Ms. Wehbe referred to the checklist provided by DONE for funding requests. Lydia Milars questioned a date on the report, and asked if a new computer should be purchased for CHNC. Ms. Wehbe stated that an upgrade is all that is needed to make the computer viable.

Lydia Milars moved to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Jacques Massachi.

VOTE: 7 in favor; Laurie Goldman abstained.

6. MOTIONS/POSSIBLE MOTIONS:

- a. Should the CHNC take a position about the possible closure of the Hollywood Courthouse?

Scott Campbell stated that Laurie Goldman had forwarded e-mails regarding the possible closure of the Hollywood Courthouse, discussed the impact of the courthouse, and stated that the a letter for the courthouse should be sent to the presiding judge of the Superior Court. David Ambroz indicated h.s support

David Ambroz moved to write a letter supporting the Hollywood Courts; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- b. Should the CHNC take a position regarding Neighborhood Council funding and rollover funds from prior years?

Laurie Goldman moved to write a letter, to Wendy Greuel, Councilman Tom LaBonge and Council President Eric Garcetti regarding the rollover funding; seconded by Lydia Milars.

Debbie Wehbe suggested that the letter recommend retention of petty cash and use of a credit card, and discussed the reasons this should be done. Laurie Goldman stated her preference that these issues be discussed in a separate letter. Scott Campbell suggested that there be two separate motions and separate letters.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Debbie Wehbe moved to write a letter asking for maintenance of status quo regarding petty cash and use of a credit card; seconded by Lydia Milars.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- c. Permit Parking east and west of Vine St. Authorize a letter from CHNC to create a new permit parking district including Leland Way, De Longpre, Afton, Fountain, La Mirada and Lexington from Vine St east to El Centro; Fountain and Lexington from Cahuenga to Vine St, and El Centro from Leland Way to Lexington.

Scott Campbell advised that, because there is no residential connection, for the previously suggested addition to Preferential Parking District 64 and because more segments have been added, an additional letter to the Department of Transportation and other concerned agencies requesting that a new preferential parking district be created.

Laurie Goldman moved that the CHNC write a letter in support of the creation of a new preferential parking district; seconded by Tricia LaBelle.

There was discussion of recent experiences regarding other applications for preferential parking districts.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Standing Committees

i. Planning Committee

BLT Burger, CUP Application, Sunset & Vine Tower.

Scott Campbell amended his motion and to recommend that the CHNC Board support BLT Restaurant's CUP request, with happy hours from 4pm to 8pm, and a revocable request to allow for outdoor dining; seconded by Oliver Netburn.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Rene Meshul, representing BLT Burger, introduced herself, Brad Johnson and Ryan Harter, briefly discussed the proposed development and asked for comments from the Board regarding the project.

David Ambroz spoke in support of the project, mentioned discussion of coordination of valet efforts. David Carrera stated that the PLUM Committee voted to support the project.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the PLUM Committee's recommendation to support BLT Restaurant; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Scott Campbell thanked Ryan Harter for having replaced the lights pursuant to an earlier PLUM committee discussion.

ii. Public Safety Committee

1. CPAB – Craig DeSilva

Craig DeSilva attributed the existence of the Hollywood Courthouse to recent 25% drop in crime in Hollywood, advised that a pocket park is being created in LaMirada, discussed the recent passing of an ordinance regarding marijuana dispensaries, the proposed

release of 6,000 parolees, reinforced stakeholders' need to report what may be considered insignificant suspicious activities and discussed Andre Dawson's efforts regarding Hollywood nightclubs. Mr. DeSilva referred to the porch light program, and problems overgrown trees and unpainted stop signs on the streets can cause. Mr. DeSilva suggested that stakeholders should be encouraged via email to use 311 to discourage dumping of furniture on the street. Mr. DeSilva asked for assistance with setting up an effective neighborhood watch program and a telephone alert program. Scott Campbell suggested that Mr. DeSilva coordinate efforts with Linda Lee to create a flyer regarding 311 use and advised that Mr. DeSilva contact the LAPD Senior Lead Officers to get advice regarding stakeholder alerts. Debbie Wehbe asked for more information regarding grandfathering of medical marijuana dispensaries. Lydia Milars advised that she had handed off the information regarding Senior Lead Officers, neighborhood watch block captains, and 311 to David Ambroz. Mr. Ambroz stated that he had collected contact information for stakeholders between Hudson and Highland for the preferential parking district, but he was not certain that information can be used for CHNC outreach purposes.

2. Suggestion to combine Public Safety and Beautification Committees.

Craig DeSilve stated his reasons for suggesting the change, however, he did not want to make any alterations at this time.

iii. Beautification Committee

1. Overview update from Beautification Chair.

Lydia Milars advised of her resignation from the CHNC Board as of today's meeting, and that David Ambroz had accepted the chairmanship of the Beautification Committee. Mr. Ambroz indicated that the Beautification Committee will meet next month.

2. Highland Ave Ad Hoc Committee

Debbie Wehbe advised that an invoice had been received that will facilitate the payment of fees for services rendered regarding the medians by the landscape architects.

3. Noguera Educational Garden Ad Hoc Committee

Debbie Wehbe reported that no changes had taken place as yet regarding the proposed DWP work at the Noguera gardens.

4. De Longpre Park Ad Hoc Committee

David and Monica Carrera discussed the need to ask for Councilman LaBonge's assistance in getting signs for the children's area to protect that area from adults without children. Debbie Wehbe advised that a small sign had been posted; Mr. Carrera advised that the sign was still there but suggested that additional signs are appropriate.

David Carrera moved to write a letter to Councilman Tom LaBonge requesting assistance in getting signs for the children's area, to protect the DeLongpre Park children's area from adults without children; seconded by Lydia Milars.

There was discussion about the appropriate action to be taken. Debbie Wehbe stated her willingness to share advice on efforts made from 1989 on that reduced problems in that area. A stakeholder suggested advising Assemblyman Kevin DeLeon as well. Ms. Wehbe asked that, since Prop K funds were used for improvements to the park, she be kept apprised of any developments.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Hollywood Community plan ad hoc committee.

Laurie Goldman reported that the ad hoc committee decided not to make a report to the CHNC Board until after changes to the draft EIR have been made that were suggested by the committee to Planning Department employees.

ii. Emergency Preparedness.

Linda Lee reported on suggestions about where we should start to help prepare our community, including emergency preparation, neighborhood watch and other public safety interests. Scott Campbell suggested including this information on future outreach efforts.

iii. Election Committee.

Linda Lee reviewed the timeline for identifying candidates and the process for the election. March 15, 2010 is the deadline for filing as a candidate for the Board. A flyer was distributed that provided this information.

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

Debbie Wehbe reported dog sanitary stations to be installed; Hollywood Schoolhouse will assist as well as the Rotary Club on this effort, on May 2, 2010, the next Mayor's Day of Service. One of the stations will be located at DeLongpre Park. Ms. Wehbe encouraged stakeholders to participate.

David Ambroz advised that the City Council has sent the proposed development at 936 Seward back for a complete re-do, despite CHNC support. Mr. Ambroz indicated that massing at Romaine and Seward may result, and that an additional 5 foot setback had been requested.

Tricia LaBelle has advised that there is an increase in food trucks, that one had literally parked outside the front door of her restaurant establishment, and that a freeze has been set on the proposed ordinance regulating food trucks. Craig DeSilva asked if these trucks can be restricted to construction sites. This issue will be included on the next CHNC Board agenda.

Craig DeSilva asked about a development proposed for the northwest corner of Highland and DeLongpre. Jacques Massachi provided an update, but stated that he was not certain what will take place.

Roman asked about demolition taking place at the former White Lotus location.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by common consent at 7:55 pm.