



Adopted Board Meeting Minutes  
November 23, 2009  
6501 Fountain Avenue at Wilcox  
Los Angeles, California 90028

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Laurie Goldman clarified that she has worked with Marathon Communications on other projects, but has not worked with the Columbia Square developer, on page 6.

**Lydia Milars moved to approve the Minutes for October 26, 2009 as amended; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

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

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

No public comment was noted.

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

There were no government representatives attending the meeting.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

a. Status of Rollover Funds

Debbie Wehbe advised that there has been no official notice from DONE about rollover funds. Ms. Wehbe noted that AppleOne has not been able to provide appropriate staff to provide financial expertise, and suggested that other agencies or a private entity could be contacted.

b. Status of prior requests

Debbie Wehbe advised that Council President Eric Garcetti's office will deposit \$11,000 in the CHNC account, funds to be paid to the architects for the Highland Avenue medians. Ms. Wehbe discussed delays in funding that have occurred because DONE-approved procedures have not been followed or because DONE has requested additional information from the requestor.

c. Where do we stand for the year

There was discussion about the status of previous funding requests. Scott Campbell advised that he would act as liaison for the Hollywood FreeWave grant request, and that the 6-month standing rule would be observed. It was determined that the Fix Nation grant request has been submitted; there was discussion about a grant application for the Vine Street Elementary program proposed by the Hollywood Arts Council. At this time, nothing has been submitted by the Hollywood Arts Council; Mr. Campbell will follow up on this request as well. Ms. Wehbe provided an update on the LAPD funding request for an electric bike.

d. Action Items/Funding Requests

i. Theatre West. Amend motion to allocate funds from a demand warrant to a neighborhood grant.

There was discussion about the proposed funding for Theater West's program for Selma and Vine Street schools. Debbie Wehbe advised that Selma Elementary has not been contacted by Theater West as of the past Friday. Laurie Goldman advised that she had been told there was a postponement. Mr. Campbell proposed that outreach to Theater West be made to clarify that a Neighborhood Purposes Grant should be requested.

**Laurie Goldman moved to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Theater West, as opposed to a demand warrant; seconded by Lydia Milars.**

Debbie Wehbe expressed her concern that Theater West, an organization outside CHNC boundaries, should not be handed funds without appropriate procedures being followed; Ms. Wehbe also expressed concern about the benefit to be provided to the community. Lydia Milars advised that the grant process requires specific information to be provided.

**VOTE: 4 in favor; 1 opposed; 2 abstentions. The motion carried.**

**6. Presentations/Other Action Items/Updates:**

- a. Vine Street Garage. Hollywood Blvd and surrounding areas need public toilets. As part of the Vine Street Garage, groundbreaking scheduled for November 30, 2009, take a position that a CBS/Decaux automated toilet should be included in the construction. Possible motion and Board action.

Laurie Goldman provided graphics, and discussed the locations and number of public toilets proposed for installation on Ivar, rather than on each floor of the four-story parking garage.

Lydia Milars asked if there will be problems with homeless citizens if automated toilets are installed. Tricia LaBelle stated her preference for the installation of toilets on Vine, not Ivar. The board discussed what support could be offered for the options proposed by various factions. Debbie Wehbe reminded the Board of a promise made by a telecommunications company to install a minimum of four free-standing toilets as well as information kiosks. Laurie Goldman advised that the toilets are being paid for by CBS/Decaux.

**Jacques Massachi moved to support the installation of public pay toilets on Ivar; seconded by Debbie Wehbe.**

Tricia LaBelle reiterated her preference that the location of the toilets be reconsidered.

**VOTE: 1 in favor; 5 against. The motion did not carry.**

Gil Martin, representing the Montalban Theater, discussed three areas that are being challenged by the theater regarding work that is underway on the subject parking garage: a parking entrance has been moved that will cause access problems; a wall from Vine to Ivar that encroaches on the theater will not allow appropriate ventilation and will require already installed air conditioners to be removed; and footings that will encroach on theater property by 7.5 inches. Mr. Martin stated that no community outreach has been done, noted suggestions made that would have enhance the benefit to the area and to the community that were not taken into account, noted that no effort had been made to contact his organization, advised that he had been told that CRA is no longer part of the project, discussed plans for phase 2 of the planned build-out and Ricardo Montalban's plans for his legacy, and referred to the adverse effects the garage project will have on the theater's ventilation and movement of school busses and students during peak theater use time.

Scott Campbell noted that this issue will be presented for CHNC Board action at the December 2009 meeting. Responding to Lydia Milar's question, Gil Martin discussed plans for events to be held on the rooftop. Ms. Milars asked if the plans for the parking structure include generators on the rooftop that might affect events held on the rooftop. Responding to Jacques Massachi's question, Mr. Martin stated that 450 parking spaces will be provided in the structure.

b. Hollywood Christmas Parade update

Laurie Goldman reported on plans for the parade, which will take place Saturday, November 28, 2009, sponsored by Coca Cola. The parade will be televised.

Debbie Wehbe reported on problems that have occurred for stakeholders living in areas of Hollywood surrounding the parade route that have had permit parking districts designated.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

a. Standing Committees:

i. Planning Committee – David Carrera. Possible motion on each presentation.

1. CHNC conditions for CUP's as they relate to alcohol. We will be discussing what is currently enforceable in these CUP's and what we should or should not be requesting/wanting from applicants; mitigations from the cumulative effect of so many CUB's in our area.

***Scott Campbell moved to maintain current practices with regard to representation of the voice of the community; seconded by David Carrera. VOTE: 2 in favor; 1 opposed.***

David Carrera summarized the discussion that took place during the PLUM Committee meeting, and emphasized that LAPD is not enforcing alcohol permit conditions. Mr. Carrera stated that the Committee recommended continuing with policies already being followed by the CHNC Board. The Board tacitly agreed with the PLUM Committee recommendation.

2. 6263 De Longpre Ave.; Demolition of an existing two-story, eight-unit apartment building, a detached single family dwelling over parking garage, behind the main building, containing a total of

approximately 4,200 square feet, and a second rear parking garage, all located on an approx. 6,600 sq. ft. parcel in the R4-2D Zone. The buildings are designated as contributing structures within the potential Afton Square Historic District. No new construction or use is proposed. Scott Campbell recused himself.

***Oliver Netburn moved to recommend that the CHNC Board uphold its prior position regarding historic structures and to submit a letter to the Department of City Planning stating that the environmental document, ENV 2009-1591-ND is not adequate in that it does not provide mitigation measures for the demolition of the contributing elements for the Afton neighborhood historic district and to request that mitigations be proposed that will benefit the Afton community; seconded by David Carrera.***

***David Carrera asked that the motion be amended to include a request that CRA approval for commercial parking in a residential neighborhood be sought. Mr. Netburn agreed. Scott Campbell asked if the motion should include mention preservation of housing stock in residential zones, no commercial parking in a residential zone and loss of affordable housing. It was determined that these items were stated in positions taken previously by the CHNC Board.***

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

**Scott Campbell recused himself. Jacques Massachi also did not vote.**

David Carrera and Debbie Wehbe described the location in question and circumstances that may have affected the landlord's decision to request the demolition permit. Mr. Carrera advised that the landlord proposes to place commercial parking in a residential-zoned area and that the application has been held up. Laurie Goldman advised that CRA cannot sign off on a demolition permit partly because of the potential historic value of the property in question without a recommendation being made by Hollywood Heritage, and that Hollywood Heritage's recommendation was to not approve demolition. Jacques Massachi asked why the property owner wants to put more parking at that location. Mr. Carrera stated that Alison Becker had advised that not much can be done at this point to save the property. There was discussion about appropriate defense of the stance regarding further loss of residential property in the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ).

**Lydia Milars moved to support the PLUM Committee recommendations; seconded by Lydia Milars.**

Debbie Wehbe advised that Oliver Netburn's motion drew attention to the unmitigated negative declaration.

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

3. The Hollywood Corner, 1156 Highland Blvd. (@ Lexington); The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a Type 47 license. CHNC has already made a recommendation on this project. The applicant is seeking to amend some of the conditions.

***Scott Campbell moved to recommend that the CHNC Board support the Hollywood Corner's request for a happy hour at any point between 4 pm and 8 pm with no more than 50% discount on alcohol during that time period, allowing bottle service only in the private room, and the private room should be no bigger than approximately 220 square feet (give or take 10%) and allowing up to a five piece musical complement with no sound bleeding over into areas outside the restaurant; seconded by Oliver Netburn.***

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

Debbie Wehbe provided copies of the voluntary conditions agreed upon by the developer and CHNC PLUM Committee; Ms. Wehbe advised that LAPD Vice and Councilman Tom LaBonge have given approvals for the proposed expansion. No opposition was voiced by neighbors.

**Debbie Wehbe and Jacques Massachi recused themselves.**

**Lydia Milars moved to uphold the PLUM Committee recommendation; seconded by Laurie Goldman.**

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

4. Controller meeting and City Attorney meeting updates

David Carrera reported on issues discussed at the meeting held by the Controller's office, including results obtained from an audit. Mr. Carrera referred to support requested from NCs by Controller Wendy Greuel, which include conditions imposed and mitigation measures requested during the approval process for development

projects. Mr. Carrera advised that the Controller's office is losing 25% of its staff.

ii. Public Safety Committee -- Open

1. CPAB

Tricia LaBelle asked if information was available on the build-out being done at LeDeux. David Carrera responded that Elizabeth Peterson advised of plans to present to the PLUM Committee once a traffic study is finished.

iii. Beautification Committee

Lydia Milars reported on a cleanup at the Precinct station that took place last weekend with support from LAPD and finishing-up work done at the Lillian Way and Willoughby (Boys and Girls Club) site. Tricia LaBelle advised of her intent to help with the clean-up at Selma Elementary. Ms. Milars thanked Scott Campbell for his assistance at the Selma site.

1. Highland Ave Ad Hoc Committee –

Debbie Wehbe advised that there are no plans at this point for groundbreaking.

2. Noguera Educational Garden Ad Hoc Committee

Debbie Wehbe stated her belief that DWP will follow through and that CHNC funds allocated for this project may not be needed. Ms. Wehbe expressed appreciation for DWP liaison Greg Baritz's efforts.

3. De Longpre Park Ad Hoc Committee

David Carrera summarized plans, in Oliver Netburn's absence, for improvements to the park (including reseeding and revamp the sprinkler system); park closing times were discussed.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Hollywood Community Plan Update – ad hoc committee report

(Taken out of order) Laurie Goldman stated that issues in the Hollywood Community Plan were discussed at the meeting; another

meeting is planned for December 2, 2009 with written and oral reports planned for presentation at the December PLUM Committee meeting.

Lucille Saunders, speaking for the LaBrea Willoughby Coalition, stated that her organization looks forward to ensuring that the bases of the Plan is factually substantiated and sustainable.

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

Scott Campbell advised that the December 2009 Board meeting should be scheduled so that it would not take place between Christmas and New Years. The Board agreed to change from the meeting from December 28, 2009 to December 21, 2009.

Tricia LaBelle advised of problems with valet parking and taxi parking on Hollywood Boulevard that have resulted from a collaboration by Kress and Playhouse. Ms. LaBelle advised that the Playhouse CUP clearly states that valet parking should be on Wilcox. Lydia Milars asked if the CHNB Board should write a letter. Scott Campbell was authorized by the Board for approval to write a letter of inquiry, to gather information and advise of stakeholder concerns.

Jacques Massachi advised of on-going problems with a billboard company regarding air rights for a billboard on on his property, master land use application made without notice, the planning commission claim denied because the appeal was too late. This issue will be discussed at the next PLUM Committee meeting.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned by common consent at 8:08 pm.