



Adopted Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2009
6501 Fountain Avenue at Wilcox
Los Angeles, California 90028

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Debbie Wehbe called the meeting to order at 6:17pm. Board members present: Scott Campbell, David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, Debbie Wehbe, Tricia LaBelle and Alwin Sumirat. Jacques Massachi arrived at 6:36 pm.

2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL – JULY 2009

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the July 2009 Minutes as presented; seconded by Scott Campbell.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

3. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM ANY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Kip Rudd, CRA, reported on the CRA budget process being gone through, and that a draft of the urban design plans for Sunset Boulevard and the neighborhood south of Sunset should be available by early October. Tricia LaBelle asked if CRA has an accurate count of parking in the Hollywood area that can be shared.

Scott Campbell reported that Haeyoung Kim, Field Representative, Assembly member Mike Feuer, 42nd District, left flyers updating what's going on in the Assembly member's office.

(Taken out of order) Councilman Tom LaBonge introduced himself and deputy Stacy Marble complemented CHNC on stakeholder attendance, discussed how neighborhood councils can be of great aid to the Los Angeles community, advised of the role service organizations like the PAL program can play in the future, noted Mayor Villaraigosa's efforts to reduce overtime in the Los Angeles fire department, reported on how local government has been affected by economic upheaval, and listed items that effective neighborhoods can do to aid City government.

Debbie Wehbe thanked Councilman Tom LaBonge for the expeditious installation of the four-way stop at McCadden and Fountain. Councilman LaBonge describe the process by which city agencies worked to improve that intersection and sidewalks in the area. Councilman LaBonge responded to

Tricia LaBelle's questions regarding two-hour parking meters. Councilman LaBonge and Stacy Marble indicated that efforts are being made to increase the time limits on area parking meters to two hours. Councilman LaBonge then discussed plans for a new marathon event to take place in Hollywood. Councilman LaBonge encouraged questions from the Board and stakeholders, and posed the question whether Neighborhood Improvement Districts should be created to guarantee better services such as library, mental health or park services. Councilman LaBonge discussed the effectiveness of the Business Improvement Districts already in existence. Councilman LaBonge reported that September 4th marks Los Angeles' 228th anniversary.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA WITHIN THE BOARD'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

Nathan French referred to the work he has undertaken regarding the Hollywood Community Walks, and reported that the walks are taking place Wednesday nights, starting at 6:30 pm; the walk this week begins at the northeast corner of Hollywood and Cherokee. Mr. French thanked Tricia LaBelle for arranging a 20% discount at this week's sponsor, Bordners. Mr. French provided flyers and referred to the blog that describes the walk.

Roman, a stakeholder, referred to appropriate meeting start times.

Eric Sanjurjo, Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC), advised that HUNC has requested sharing office space with CHNC. Mr. Sanjurjo also suggested that HUNC's Public Safety and Traffic Committees share meeting space with CHNC's corresponding committees. Mr. Sanjurjo advised of discussion of a Planning Town Hall meeting when Hollywood Community Plan is released and requested CHNC participation. Debbie Wehbe thanked Mr. Sanjurjo for assistance he provided to CHNC.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT- REVIEW WITH Q AND A

Standing in for Jacques Massachi, Debbie Wehbe discussed CHNC's allocations of funds to youth programs and exhibited samples of the t-shirt and backpack purchased by CHNC for a drug free community initiative program aimed at area teenagers. Ms. Wehbe advised that \$3038.50 in remained in the CHNC youth programs budget line item and indicated that reserve funds remain that could be used.

(Taken out of order) Debbie Wehbe advised of a funding request by CHNC Director of Animal Welfare Rachel Paap approved at the July 2009 CHNC Board meeting; Ms. Wehbe explained that Ms. Paap was aware that the

CHNC budget line item for animal welfare has \$2000 remaining for the rest of the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Funding Requests and reports taken in order of line item on the budget.

a. PAL Uniform Request

Debbie Wehbe advised that PAL had submitted funding requests and described the uniforms that are being requested. Laurie Goldman advised that the grant application submitted was for \$5000; Ms. Wehbe clarified that PAL is requesting whatever CHNC can allocate for this purpose. Staci Armaco, Executive Director of the PAL Program, described the program's needs and advised that some of the team members do not have uniforms at all.

Scott Campbell moved to allocate \$3179.73 (\$3038.50 from the youth programs and the rest from the reserve budget) for the soccer uniforms for PAL through the Grant Application program; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

b. LACC Journalism Request - LACC newspaper scholarships/travel

Debbie Wehbe advised of the difficulties inherent in the CHNC funding requests from organizations outside CHNC boundaries. Rhonda Guess, representing Los Angeles City College, reported support obtained from other area Neighborhood Councils, provided statistics on CHNC stakeholder attendance at Los Angeles City College, and advised of how the requested \$750 in funding would assist in the effort to maintain and further encourage standards of excellence in LACC journalism students. Scott Campbell advised of his concern regarding setting a precedent regarding funding of organizations outside CHNC boundaries. Ms. Wehbe offered \$200 from her personal funds, Laurie Goldman offered \$100, and Jacques Massachi offered to contribute the remaining \$450.

(Taken out of order) Pam Darden, who moved into the CHNC area two months ago, introduced herself and commended the Board on the action taken.

6. REPORTS

Bylaws Committee

Debbie Wehbe reported on the need for a second review of the Bylaws changes approved at the July 2009 meeting.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the Bylaws changes approved at the July 2009 CHNC Board meeting; seconded by Scott Campbell.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion carried.

President's Report

Debbie Wehbe advised that Elizabeth McDonald has submitted her resignation as a Board member, and thus a vacancy on the Board exists that should be filled within the next two months.

Debbie Wehbe stated that CHNC has received an invitation from Prof. Jim Lasley to be part of pilot test of new crime information sharing web site "ebusters.org" designed to post crimes and suspicious activities within LA and become a crime reduction tool.

For the September Agenda

Election of New Officers and Appointment of Chairs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 year.

Debbie Wehbe stated that elections be held at the next CHNC Board meeting and advised that she will not seek the role of president.

Formation of the Election Committee to prepare for the May 13, 2010 board elections.

Debbie Wehbe advised that an Election Committee should be formed at that meeting as well.

COMMITTEE Reports/Presentations

A. Planning Standing Committee

1. Orchard Gables Historic Monument. 1277 N Wilcox. Zone Variance to permit a community use in the R3-1XL Zone. Zoning Administrator Determination to allow commercial use and reduced parking (2 on-site parking spaces rather than 8 parking spaces) for a designated Historic-Cultural Monument. Zoning Administrator Adjustment to permit off-site parking to be located in a required front and side yard.

Scott Campbell provided a brief overview of the presentation given by Hollywood Community Housing Corporation. Several stakeholders

voiced their strong concern about the effect this project will have on available parking. A number of alternatives were discussed, and a compromise was reached that is reflected in the following motion:

Scott Campbell moved that the CHNC support the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation in seeking a commercial use with reduced parking for a designated historic cultural monument, a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit on-site parking to be located in a required front and side yard and a Zone Variance to permit a community facility use in the R3-1XL Zone, with the following conditions: that off-site parking for any event held at the site must be provided at the Cinerama Dome, that employees at the site are not allowed to park on the street, and support for conversion of existing street parking to diagonal parking spaces; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion carried.

2. W Hotel. Multiple CUPs for various facilities within the project desiring to serve alcohol.

Scott Campbell briefly reprised the presentation made at the recent PLUM Committee meeting; there was discussion about concerns voiced at the PLUM meeting about the open rooftop area and noise. David Carrera asked that any CHNC Board action include mention of the following: exterior doors shall not be propped open but shall only open to permit the passage of patrons and staff.

Laurie Goldman moved to accept the PLUM Committee recommendation that the CHNC Board support the project's four Plan Approvals requested with the exception of the rooftop nightclub and that conditions required be: no amplified music in the open pool area after 9 pm, and a provision be made that the door connecting the outdoor area of the nightclub to the interior of the nightclub and the exterior doors shall not be propped open but shall only open to permit the passage of patrons and staff; seconded by Jacques Massachi

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion carried.

3. Barton Ave. and Hudson Ave. Area Ad Hoc Committee

Scott Campbell asked that future discussion about this issue be taken under Public Safety, and that any further issues that may arise be assigned to an ad hoc committee.

- B. Public Safety Standing Committee

Debbie Wehbe introduced John Darnel, field deputy for the Fifth District, represented by Council Member Paul Koretz. Mr. Darnell expressed his intent to be of service to the community.

1. Night Life Issues Ad Hoc Committee – Information and Reporting Committee

Debbie Wehbe advised of Le Deux's new application for CUP to allow continued license with dispensing of a full line of alcohol (a Type 47 ABC license), expansion of the existing restaurant, live entertainment and patron dancing from 11am to 4am daily.

Scott Campbell stated that this issue should be referred to the PLUM Committee for further review.

C. Street Closure Committee of CD 13 Report

Debbie Wehbe advised of complaints received from the HHWNC area regarding a recent street closure; Ms. Wehbe requested Board approval to send an e-mail survey to CHNC stakeholders regarding traffic issues.

Scott Campbell suggested that Hollywood Community Development Overlay ... be contacted as an additional resource, because that organization is engaged in similar activities.

D. Beautification (Neighborhood Improvement Projects) Standing Committee

1. Mansfield Community Garden Ad Hoc Committee

The Mansfield garden coordinator, Brenda, listed items repaired or replaced during a recent clean-up day, noted the donation of an avocado tree and request to plant a tree in the garden.

2. DeLongpre Park Ad Hoc Committee

Debbie Wehbe advised of the need for a Chair for this committee, which has not been active since the former chair left the Board. Scott Campbell advised that Oliver Netburn had expressed an interest in chairing this Committee; Ms. Wehbe indicated that Laurie Goldman had indicated her intent to serve.

3. Hollywood Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee

There was discussion of Oliver Netburn taking on this Committee as well.

7. PRESENTATION

Kerry Morrison, Permanent Supportive Housing, Hollywood 4WRD, presented a pictorial depiction of the past couple of years in the life of a homeless stakeholder, and discussed permanent supportive housing for mentally ill citizens. Scott Campbell suggested that a letter of support for the proposed permanent supportive housing be agendaized for the next CHNC Board meeting.

Mark Parra, County of Los Angeles, Department of Mental Health, introduced himself and promised to become involved in the project.

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

Debbie Wehbe advised that Citizen Smith is looking to expand and to gain patron dancing, live entertainment and a jazz center, things far beyond the original intent to operate as a restaurant. Ms. Wehbe advised of an application on an apartment building on Fountain and Las Palmas that will request relaxation of the height limit.

Tricia LaBelle commented that the food provided at CHNC meetings should be kept simple.

Scott Campbell reported the need for a follow-up regarding use of the Noguera garden by the public. Jacques Massachi indicated that the garden may not be used to its fullest extent. Debbie Wehbe suggested that Mr. Campbell contact Steven Bloodworth.

Scott Campbell advised that LAPD will make a presentation at the next Board meeting regarding the purchase of electric bikes at a cost of \$4000 each; retrofitting will cost \$2200.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.