



Adopted Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 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 6:15pm. Board members present: Scott Campbell, David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, Debbie Wehbe, Lydia Milars and Alwin Sumirat. Tricia LaBelle arrived shortly after.

2. CHNC 101

Debbie Wehbe reported that CHNC 101 will not be offered at future meetings, and asked if stakeholders had suggestions about future CHNC council or committee meetings. Lucille Saunders asked how a response from Board members can be obtained. Debbie Wehbe asked for more specific information; Ms. Wehbe and Scott Campbell responded to Ms. Saunders' question.

Responding to a question raised by a stakeholder e-mail, an update on various permit parking district applications was provided by Debbie Wehbe, Scott Campbell and Lydia Milars. Ms. Milars stated that at the moment permit parking in the City of Los Angeles is on hold for perhaps the next year and a half. Ms. Wehbe described how permit applications are supported and initiated by CHNC.

Debbie Wehbe discussed plans for the Hollywood Community Plan update and stated that more information will be provided. Ms. Wehbe encouraged stakeholders to provide questions regarding issues, and stated that similar Q&A time will be offered at future CHNC meetings.

3. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL – JUNE 2009

(Taken out of order) Scott Campbell reported that Nyla Arslanian's name was misspelled.

Scott Campbell moved to approve the Minutes for June 2009; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

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

Debbie Wehbe welcomed Mark Lewis, DONE Representative, from his recent sick leave. Mr. Lewis asked that CHNC Board members view a DVD on sexual harassment and provided a copy to the Board, asking that he be notified when the DVD viewing has taken place, advised that there will be a Planning meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2009 for the October Congress of Neighborhood Councils, advised that the City Clerk has asked for Polling Place suggestions, reported that each Neighborhood Council is required to submit an inventory update and that a moratorium on by-laws revisions will take effect on September 1, 2009. Debbie Wehbe asked if the by-laws can be revised to include items of specific interest, for example, requiring Board members to take DONE-recommended training. Mr. Lewis discussed possible means of accomplishing this, establishing a standing rule or altering the CHNC By-laws.

Scott Campbell read a copy of an update from Helen Leung, representing Council President Eric Garcetti, that advised of Ms. Leung's enrollment at Harvard University, stated that the plan check is almost complete for the medians on Highland, advised that applications are now available for Community Beautification grants as well as training workshops for the grants, reported that 47 new bicycle racks were installed on Hollywood Boulevard between LaBrea and Vine in June 2009 as a result of an effort sponsored by Council President Garcetti and the DOT that transformed old parking meters into bicycle racks, mentioned music programs aimed at high school age stakeholders being held at Hollywood High school, and provided a flyer for the first annual Relay for Life, on August 22-23, 2009.

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

No public comment was noted.

6. PRESENTATION - Q & A

A. Haeyoung Kim, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Mike Feuer, 42nd District 9200 Sunset Blvd., PH-15, West Hollywood, CA 90069, Ph: (310) 285-5490, Ph: (818) 902-0521, Fx: (310) 285-5499

Debbie Wehbe introduced Haeyoung Kim, who encouraged stakeholders to contact her with questions or concerns that can be relayed to Assemblyman Feuer. Ms. Kim described Assemblyman Feuer's efforts with regard to water conservation and avoiding DUI collisions. Laurie Goldman asked how Assemblyman Feuer voted on the state budget regarding redevelopment funding. Responding to Tricia LaBelle's

question, Ms. Kim discussed legislation put forth by Assemblyman Feuer. Ms. Kim then advised that specific information on the state budget will not be available until later, and that the budget will be revisited at another time.

B. Nathan French – Outreach, neighborhood walks and more

Nathan French discussed the community walk program he assists in organizing, to foster community awareness and stakeholder involvement in the community. Regarding outreach, Mr. French discussed plans for the future, and called for volunteers to lead future half-hour walks. Mr. French stated that he works for the Hollywood Adventist church, on Hollywood and Van Ness, and that the walks organized thus far have been within a one mile radius of his church. Responding to Scott Campbell's question, Mr. French discussed what discussions take place during the walks. Tricia LaBelle asked if outreach to area businesses has been done and suggested that area business be asked to sponsor a walk. Lydia Milars asked how many people have participated; Mr. French stated from 5 to 15 people at a time. Ms. LaBelle asked if outreach to new apartment buildings has been done, and suggested that flyers be distributed. Nansi Aluka suggested leaving flyers for distribution at the Hollywood Farmers Market on Ivar. Mr. French mentioned a blog and an e-mail sent out on Mondays that provides updates.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Distribution of the 09-10 budget approved by DONE. Review with Q and A

Debbie Wehbe provided copies of the Treasurer's Report, advised that the 2009-2010 budget has been approved by DONE. Ms. Wehbe thanked the Streamlining Committee for their suggestions, which have been incorporated into how CHNC meetings are conducted.

Scott Campbell asked Mark Lewis about updating of NC funding information on the DONE website, and reported that he had encountered difficulty accessing up-to-date CHNC budget information from the website. Mr. Lewis advised that the new DONE Assistant General Manager requested an audit of DONE funding and that there was a new Controller for DONE. Mr. Campbell stated that he was unaware that an audit was underway. Debbie Wehbe responded to stakeholders' questions regarding updating the CHNC website and the dog sanitation stations.

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

Funding Request: Youth

Drug Prevention and Youth Leadership Event at the Palladium for 200 Hollywood Teenagers and their parents Drug Free Communities Initiative, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Hollywood

Irene Lim introduced herself and discussed the Drug Free Communities Initiative program and the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Hollywood. Ms. Lim also discussed outreach efforts that her group has sponsored in the past, and segued into a discussion of how the planned August 15th event came to be proposed. Ms. Lim stated that the intent is to get area youth interested in community leadership; she then briefly touched upon how the workshop will be conducted. At Debbie Wehbe's request, Ms. Lim stated that support in the amount of \$1941.72 is being sought, to purchase T-shirts and tote bags for the event. Laurie Goldman advised that the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce can provide artwork appropriate for Hollywood. Ms. Lim responded to Scott Campbell question about how the students are chosen for participation. Lydia Milars referred to at-risk housing for youth offered by Gay and Lesbian Center, and that the Gay and Lesbian Center has indicated an interest in becoming more involved in the community. Ms. Lim noted that program's cut-off age is 18 years and older. There was discussion about what budget line item could be used to support this program.

Laurie Goldman moved to authorize \$1941.72 from the youth programs line item to support the Drug Prevention and Youth Leadership event; seconded by Lydia Milars.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Funding Request: Beautification

Vine Street Elementary School, 100 Year Anniversary Beautification Project

Debbie Wehbe reported that the CHNC Board had voted to support this project, but an amount had not been specified.

Nyla Arslanian described the Vine Street Elementary School beautification project, which was supported by a Community Beautification grant, and described the present request for \$1500 to cover expenses to be incurred to pay for tiles made by students participating in the SOAR program workshop,

Lydia Milars moved to support the Vine Street Elementary School Centennial project and to grant the \$1500, to be taken from the Beautification line item; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

Lucille Saunders commended the proposed effort.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Nyla Arslanian provided copies of brochures that can be distributed to stakeholders.

Report: Selma Elementary School projects – fence veining; garden

Lydia Milars described stakeholders' beautification efforts and commended Albert, his wife Amy, and others who helped to complete this project.

Boys and Girls Club of Hollywood, cleaning and planting; \$1000 from budget line

Lydia Milars described the need for attention to be paid to the northwestern corner of Lillian Way and Willoughby and the southeastern corner of Lillian Way and Willoughby. Ms. Milars had pictures of the intersections.

Scott Campbell voiced concerns about the request, especially regarding the use the Boys and Girls Club actually makes of this area. Ms. Milars stated that the warehouse being rented by the Club from Ren-Mar studios is not maintained by the studio. There was discussion about the specific location, and whether public funds can be used in this instance, because the funds could possibly be used to benefit a private entity. Laurie Goldman asked why the Boys and Girls Club had not brought the funding request to CHNC. Ms. Milars stated that it was her suggestion. Ms. Goldman asked if Boys and Girls Club had asked other area businesses to support the proposed work. Ms. Milars listed efforts to gather support for the work.

Lucille Saunders asked if the Boys and Girls Club has a plan for on-going maintenance of the parkway area to be cleaned up, or if CHNC will be expected to keep this area clean in the future. Debbie Wehbe suggested that a presentation by a Boys and Girls Club representative should be made at the next Board meeting. Roman asked about studio truck parking on Lillian Way. This item will be included on the August 2009 CHNC Board agenda.

Funding Request - Animal Welfare - Feral Cats Project

Rachel Paap presented copies of a proposal to educate and assist the community with the issue of feral (wild and stray) cats via outreach, dissemination of materials, creation of trapper/caretaker network and a paid transportation program for transporting trapped cats to the free sterilization serving the central Hollywood area. Ms. Paap then described the proposed trap/neuter/return program, discussed the FixNation clinic's work, and reported the \$3000 being requested to assist in funding the 560 trap/neuter/return visits, which could possibly be an 8-month effort.

Scott Campbell discussed his own experience with a trap/neuter/return program in his neighborhood, and stated that the program worked effectively. Mr. Campbell asked if the 560 trips are CHNC-specific and limited to feral cats in the area, and asked if \$200 for printing costs of outreach materials is enough. Ms. Paap stated that the 560 trips are CHNC-specific and then discussed her plans to acknowledge CHNC stakeholders in the outreach material. Debbie Wehbe asked how reimbursement can take place; Ms. Paap suggested a gift card. There was discussion about how funding support can be offered. Nansi Aluka stated that professionals will be able to trap feral animals more effectively. Scott Campbell suggested a Neighborhood Purposes grant would be the best way to accomplish the stated goal, with a required monthly report to CHNC.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve support of the FixNation project as proposed, for \$3000, by Rachel Paap; seconded by Lydia Milars.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Funding Request: Medians for Highland Avenue – Mayer Toller Assoc

Debbie Wehbe reported that \$20,000 has been allocated for the Highland Avenue medians, and that a bill for \$5662.50 has been presented by Mayer Toller Associates, for their architectural work.

Scott Campbell moved to approve payment of the expense; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

8. REPORTS

Bylaws Report and Review – Laurie Goldman and Scott Campbell

Copies of the revised By-Laws were provided; Debbie Wehbe offered copies for review of the existing By-Laws to any interested stakeholders. Ms. Wehbe listed, item by item, those changes that were made to the existing By-Laws. Each item was discussed at great length by the Board and stakeholders.

Scott Campbell moved to accept the revisions to the By-Laws as presented; seconded by Laurie Goldman,

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

None noted.

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

Laurie Goldman reported that the Storybook Theater, a program sponsored by CHNC, was mentioned in Los Angeles Magazine.

Laurie Goldman reported that the Friends of the Hollywood Cap Park will honor CHNC at its January 7, 2010 For Love of Hollywood Gala.

Rhonda Guess, representing Los Angeles City College, requested a matching grant to allow LACC students to participate in the Associated Collegiate Press event in Austin, Texas in October 2009. Ms. Guess provided copies of the Los Angeles City College paper to meeting attendees and described how the paper contributes to the community. Scott Campbell suggested that a presentation be made to the August 2009 CHNC Board meeting and copies of the appropriate paperwork be provided to the CHNC funding committee. Mr. Campbell specifically asked if anyone of the newspaper staff is a CHNC stakeholder and how many LACC students are residents within CHNC boundaries. Mr. Campbell stated that LACC is actually not located within CHNC boundaries.

Roman asked if the November 2009 CHNC Board meeting will take place as scheduled.

Debbie Wehbe commented on parking difficulties she noticed on Hollywood Boulevard close to 6pm; there was discussion about a request to extend metered parking from 1 hour to 2 hours.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by common consent at 8:38 pm.