



CENTRAL HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Hollywood City Hall, Large Conference Room, 6501 Fountain Ave., L.A., CA 90028

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1. Call to Order

President Milagros Lizarraga called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Six of the nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Peter Bammes, Punam Gohel, Kevin Hook, Milagros Lizarraga, Marcy Olachea and Miguel Orellana. Board Members absent: Irma Garate, Juan Carlos Jimenez and Emelio Vega. The CHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is five (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Central-Hollywood-NC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. All nine Board Seats were filled. No Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 16 Stakeholders and Guests.

3. Minutes Approval

MOTION (by Mr. Gohel, seconded by Ms. Olachea): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 23, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of all six Board Members present.

4. Public Comment

Stakeholder George Abrahams reported that he and some other Stakeholders and Neighborhood Council Board Members were denied access to City Council District 13's Hollywood Design Review Committee Meeting. He made a Public Records Act

request for “all records related to the Millennium Project,” especially regarding “the fault that has been discovered across the street.” Carolyn Ramsey, Candidate for L.A. City Council District Four, has “worked for Councilman LaBonge since 2006”; she described her background and goals: 1) keep the film industry in Los Angeles (she supports AB 1839); 2) “protect and enhance the neighborhoods of the fourth District”; and 3) make the City . . . more sustainable . . . environmentally . . . and financially.”

- 5. Appointment of Chair for Communication Committee, discussion and possible action to appoint Co-Chairs for Safety, Outreach, Beautification, Hollywood Nonsense and Youth Committees.** A maximum of two Members from CHNC Board can be Members of each Committee.

Mr. Gohel nominated Milagros Lizarraga as Communication Committee Chair; Ms. Olaechea seconded. Mr. Bammes nominated Kevin Hook as Nonsense Committee Co-Chair. Ms. Lizarraga nominated Kevin Hook as Safety Committee Co-Chair. Ms. Lizarraga nominated Punam Gohel as Outreach Committee Co-Chair. Ms. Lizarraga confirmed that all Meetings are “open to the public.” All nominations were accepted with no objection.

- 6. Appointment of two CHNC Budget Representatives.**

Ms. Lizarraga would like to appoint Mr. Bammes as a Budget Representative. There was discussion of the role of the Budget Representatives.

MOTION (by Ms. Lizarraga, seconded by Ms. Olaechea): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Peter Bammes as a Budget Representative.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bammes, Gohel, Hook, Lizarraga, Olaechea and Orellana).

- 7. Appointment by the Board of Stakeholders to CHNC Committees.** Interested members may contact the President at MilagrosFLizarragaCHNC@gmail.com or attend the meeting.

There were no volunteers at this time.

- 8. Update Report on Neighborhood Council Blitz - Street repairs.** Street work of small asphalt repairs scheduled to be in the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council District to perform repairs to the roadway, curbs, and sidewalks.

Ms. Lizarraga encouraged and thanked everyone for their submissions.

9. Treasurer's report. Possible Motions / actions on Treasurer Items as needed.

- a. Review and approval of recent transactions on the Purchase Card and Purchase Card statement.

Ms. Olaechea reviewed recent expenditures. The balance is \$1,371.85.

- b. Review and approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2014.

Ms. Olaechea requested and it was agreed to TABLE approval of the June Monthly Expenditure Report because she awaits documents from the former Treasurer. Ms. Olaechea described that she tried "several times" to talk with "the former Treasurer" without success. Ms. Lizarraga said she emailed the former Treasurer "requesting a formal reconciliation"; there was no response. Ms. Olaechea said the former Treasurer submitted documents to "a third party" which Ms. Olaechea will forward to DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment]. Mr. Abrahams requested that the Board "take action" through DONE. Ms. Olaechea will further discuss this with DONE.

- c. Checking Account update

Ms. Olaechea reported that the new Neighborhood Councils checking account system started; "the City allocated \$4,000" to get NC's started.

- d. Possible creation of Budget and Finance Committee to work with Treasurer on maintaining Neighborhood Council accounts, funding oversight, assisting Committees with funding requests, helping to develop Neighborhood Council budgets and other tasks as needed by the Board.

Ms. Olaechea requested help. Ms. Lizarraga will agendize for the next Board Meeting to get professional help.

10. Report from the Safety Committee.

Ms. Olaechea requested and Mr. Hook agreed to help. He reminded that safety includes good lighting and safe sidewalks. He encouraged comments and concerns to be given to the Committee, and to "be aware" and careful about intervening in situations; give a good description to law enforcement. He encouraged viewing Police crime statistics. [See http://www.lapdonline.org/hollywood_community_police_station; 213-972-2971; the local Senior Lead Officer is Paul Jordan (cell/text phone 213.793.0705; 32285.LAPD.LACity.org).]

11. Report from the Outreach Committee.

Mr. Orellana reported work to activate the Committee. Mr. Gohel "would like to start . . . a farmer's market." Mr. Abrahams encouraged that land use documents be posted on the CHNC website and emailed to Stakeholders. There was discussion of how to increase Stakeholder participation.

12. Report from the Beautification Committee.

Ms. Olaechea reported that the Committee is considering and encourages ideas.

13. Report from the Youth Committee.

Mr. Orellana reported that the Committee is “focusing on underage drinking.”

14. Report from the Hollywood Nonsense Committee.

Mr. Bammes reported that the Committee will meet second Mondays of the month. He wants to notify Stakeholders of upcoming and current street closures. He and Ms. Lizarraga encouraged participating with and contacting the Committee.

15. Report from the PLUM Committee

Mr. Gohel deferred to Item #'s 17 and 18.

16. Update: Mayor Garcetti’s Great Streets Initiative: Discussion of the Mayor’s selection of Hollywood Blvd. as this year’s CD13 project. Update by George Abrahams.

Mr. Abrahams described the Initiative and the need for maintenance of Hollywood Blvd. He clarified that maintenance of Santa Monica Blvd. is the responsibility of the State because it is also State Route Two. There was discussion that the City also is involved. Mr. Orellana encouraged the Board to do something such as a “vision” project for future street designs. He described how streets were selected by the Mayor for the Initiative.

MOTION (by Mr. Bammes, seconded by Mr. Gohel): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council accepts the recommendation of its Planning and Land Use Management Committee and the CHNC President will send a letter to the City requesting it to make Santa Monica Blvd. between La Brea and El Centro, not Hollywood Blvd., the Mayor’s Great Streets Initiative selection.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bammes, Gohel, Hook, Lizarraga, Olachea and Orellana).

Ms. Lizarraga indicated that she will draft the letter.

17. Discussion and possible action [see the below Motion]. Presentation by Charles Puree. The annual event (since 1984) is locally organized by the Los Angeles Police Department to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie.

Mr. Puree described the event at 1358 N. Wilcox. The CHNC would have an outreach table.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Gohel, seconded by Mr. Hook): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$500 for 250(+) hot dogs and condiments; one popcorn machine; and one helium tank for “National Night Out,” Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Community Center at Wilcox and Fountain Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bammes, Gohel, Hook, Lizarraga, Olaechea and Orellana).

18. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Case #ZA2014-1904-CUB-CUX-ZV, 1219 N. Vine St. Project description: Conditional Use Permit application to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-side consumption: in conjunction with an existing 12,458 square foot private Banquet Hall, with live entertainment and dancing at private gathering only: having hours of operation and alcohol sales from 6am to 2am., daily, with an occupancy load for 789 persons, in the [Q]C2-2D zone; and a Zone Variance to allow access from a more restrictive zone (RD)1.2-1XL to a less restrictive zone (C2-2D) for the operation of a Banquet Hall by a private entity and not solely as an accessory use of the church.

Project Representative Lee Rabun noted that he presented to the CHNC Planning and Land Use Management Committee on July 14th, which supported the project by a five to one vote [with the conditions that the owner will clean up graffiti along La Mirada between Cahuenga Blvd. and Vine St. and do more perimeter landscaping maintenance]. He said Taglyan Hall (323-978-0005; <http://www.taglyancomplex.com>) “is a privately-owned banquet hall . . . its main purpose is for weddings . . . it’s been used for all kinds of events . . . all private”; there are no ticket sales and the Hall “is never open to the general public.” The Application is for a Type 47 license “to sell alcoholic beverages.” He explained the Variance request. The land is owned by the church [St. John’s Armenian Church]. He showed a photo of the property cleanup which the Committee had requested. The Permit would be for seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.; it would include morning hours for occasional breakfast events. He estimated that “35-40%” of the liquor licenses in the CHNC area are for the same hours. Some Stakeholders were concerned about alcohol sales as early as 6:00 a.m. and that, if the City issued the Permit, it could set a precedent for increased alcohol sales on site. Mr. Rabun said the next door “school is very much aware” of the Application. He clarified that “the church is the official Applicant; Taglyan Hall is a tenant.” He agreed that the CHNC could ask the City for the Permit to only apply to the Applicant, not the land. The Hearing will be “sometime in August.”

MOTION (by Mr. Gohel, seconded by Mr. Bammes): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council supports the liquor license Application [Case #ZA2014-1904-CUB-CUX-ZV] of Taglyan Hall at 1219 N. Vine St. to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-side consumption with the conditions that the Applicant will regularly maintain the perimeter landscaping and including the conditions in Case #ZA 2004-0372(CU)(ZV) and Case #ZA 2007-2571(CU).

MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bammes, Gohel and Hook); three opposed (Lizarraga, Olaechea and Orellana).

19. Discussion and possible action regarding Case #ZA2010-0460-CUB-PAI, 6290 Sunset Blvd. Project description: Commercial TI for new Starbucks Café within a multi-tenant high-rise building. Includes new non-bearing interior walls, fixtures, and finishes throughout. Requesting Plan approval for transference of Go Burger's CUB ZA-2010-0460 to Starbucks on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine, type 41, with their evening menu dinner plates. Presentation by Alicia Thueme.

Ms. Thueme was not present; no presentation was made. Some Stakeholders believed that there is too much alcohol service and too early in the day in the area. Mr. Hook believed that the Starbucks should stay "a coffee shop."

MOTION (by Mr. Gohel, seconded by Mr. Hook): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council opposes the Application by Starbucks at 6290 Sunset Blvd. in Case #ZA 2010-0460-CUB-PAI for a Plan approval for transference of Go Burger's CUB ZA-2010-0460 to Starbucks for on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine, Type 41, with their evening menu dinner plates.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with four in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Gohel, Hook, Olachea and Orellana); one opposed (Bammes); one abstained (Lizarraga).

20. Presentation by Samantha Martinez: Kilroy owns the old Academy site on Vine and would like to share our plans for the site.

Ms. Martinez was not present. Ms. Lizarraga requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

21. Comments by Board Members.

Mr. Hook described efforts to start a Neighborhood Watch and facilitate Stakeholder participation. Mr. Gohel encouraged inviting elected officials to CHNC Meetings. Ms. Lizarraga noted that Mr. Bammes volunteered to post CHNC Meetings' physical Agendas. She reported that she requested Councils for Councils and City Attorney help with CHNC business. She encouraged to "spread the word" that the City wants to expand its bulky item pickup program. Mr. Abrahams reported that "the City rescinded the old [Community] Plan" and is appealing a judge's decision about it.

22. Adjournment

Ms. Lizarraga declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.