A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 6:03pm with 8 Board members present.

B. ROLL CALL

Attending Board Members:
Elvina Beck, President
Ferris Wehbe, Vice President
Roger Davis, Secretary
Angie Aramayo, Treasurer
Michael Popwell (removed from the Board at the end of the meeting)
Rebecca Hirsch (removed from the Board at the end of the meeting)
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan

Non-Attending Board Members:
Gayl Murphy

C. REPORT / COMMENTS from Government representatives in attendance.

Josh Kurpies, District Director, State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, 50th District, www.asmdc.org/bloom, josh.kurpies@asm.ca.gov:

E. GENERAL PUBLIC Comment on NON-Agenda items:
Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction

Eduardo Macias, Vice President, Peru Village

H. COMMITTEES REPORT, including Discussion and possible action items, if listed.

5. Legislative Action Committee: Angie Aramayo and Charles Taylor
1. Discussion and possible action to write a CIS/letter of support to elected officials for AB 1506 – Costa Hawkins Repeal. Assemblymember Richard Bloom’s bill. This bill removes the state restrictions on local rent control ordinances and will ensure local governments have the ability to enact local rent control policies that suit local conditions.

   Josh Kurpies, District Director for State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, 50th District, explained the legislation.

   Steve Ducey of the CHNC Legislative Action Committee, also spoke in support of the legislation.

   Angie Aramayo made a motion to support a Community Impact Statement (CIS) about this. Elvina Beck seconded.

   VOTE
   6-2-0
   PASSED

   Yes Votes:
   Elvina Beck
   Roger Davis
   Angie Aramayo
   Rebecca Hirsch
   Charles Taylor
   Duffy Culligan

   No Votes:
   Ferris Wehbe
   Michael Popwell

   Abstentions:
   None

2. Discussion and possible action to write a CIS/letter of support to elected officials for AB 982 – Ellis Act Reform. The letter/CIS will also state that it should be given, Assemblymember Richard Bloom’s bill. This bill gives senior tenants and disabled tenants more time to prepare in the unfortunate event that they are evicted under the Ellis Act and provides, for safety reasons, fellow tenants the same 1-year extension.
Josh Kurpies, District Director for State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, 50th District, explained the legislation.

Angie Aramayo made the motion. Ferris Wehbe seconded.

VOTE
7-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan

No Votes:
Michael Popwell

Abstentions:
None

3. Discussion and possible action to write a CIS/ letter of support/oppose excluding Wells Fargo from the Request for Proposals (RFP) for commercial and investment bank services and refrain from making investments in Wells Fargo securities for a minimum of 2 years as well as provide Wells Fargo with immediate notice of the City's intention to not renew contracts in 2018 for Bank Depository services.

4. Discussion and possible action to write a CIS/ letter of support/oppose to Incorporate into the Responsible banking Ordinance (RBO) an inclusive citizen/expert oversight panel to ensure transparency based on a rating system to be developed in compliance to meet benchmarks established to ensure the City of Los Angeles conducts business with ethical, socially and environmentally responsible financial institutions as defined in the RBO.

5. Discussion and possible action to write a CIS/ letter of support/oppose the Resolution for Responsible Investment Ordinance (RIO)
WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles lacks an Environmental, Social and Governance policy to direct its investment portfolio of approximately $8 billion.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should align its investment policies with other stated policies on the Environment, Social and Governance issues so as to invest tax payer dollars and fees with integrity.

THEREFORE, We move that the City of Los Angeles create an Environmental, Social and Governance Responsibility Investment Ordinance.

Angie Aramayo said that she wanted to bundle items 3, 4, and 5.

Apurna Buckley, community organizer with the Campaign to Divest LA, explained the motion.

Aramayo made the motion. Wehbe seconded.

VOTE for H.5 items 3, 4, and 5
8-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

6. PLUM Committee; Chair Roger Davis

b. Case No VTT-74942-SL  Project Site: 6533 West Lexington Avenue  Project Description: Applicant is proposing to develop a small lot subdivision, including 18 small lot homes in the RD1.5 zone. Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.03, applicant is requesting approval for a vesting tentative tract map for the development of a small lot subdivision, consisting of 18 small lot homes. Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.03a, applicant is requesting for a 20% lot area adjustment for one of the home having an area of 1,200sqf in lieu of 1,500. Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.03a, applicant is requesting for 3.5’ feet increase in building height for roof decks Representative: Jeff Thomas, 6533 LEX, LLC

ACTION: The PLUM Committee requested the applicant reconsider the project parameters and present the project again at the forthcoming PLUM Committee meeting; and tabled the case. The PLUM Committee meeting for August was canceled. Applicant has requested the case go to the full Board for hearing at the August 28th Board meeting. Items PLUM Committee noted for discussion at the July PLUM Committee meeting included, but were not limited to, overall density, building footprint setback from adjacent lots, building upper floors step-back from first floor footprint, rooftop patio screening from adjacent properties and street; noise from rooftop patios, garbage collection (commercial or City), landscaping, etc.

Sami Kohanim, Principal Planner, Land Use Developers Corp., sam@landusedevelopers.com, (213) 457-7178, (310) 488-1369 www.landusedevelopers.com, made the presentation. He said that both items a and b refer to the same building.

Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy, Council Member David Ryu, Fourth Council District, (213) 473-2346, Julia.duncan@lacity.org, also discussed the application.

Stakeholder Ricardo Ramirez spoke against the project.
Stakeholder Tony Arranaga spoke but hasn’t taken a side.

Stakeholder Monique Friedman spoke against the project.

Stakeholder Alison Wilder spoke against the project.

PLUM Committee member George Abrahams spoke against the project.

La Brea Willoughby Coalition representative Lucille Saunders spoke against the project.

Stakeholder Lynn Bradford spoke against the project.

Stakeholder Paul Blair spoke in favor of the project.

_Ferris Wehbe made a motion to deny the project. _Elvina Beck seconded._

**VOTE to oppose the project**  
8-0-0  
PASSED

**Yes Votes:**  
Elvina Beck  
Ferris Wehbe  
Roger Davis  
Angie Aramayo  
Rebecca Hirsch  
Charles Taylor  
Duffy Culligan  
Michael Popwell  

**No Votes:**  
None  

**Abstentions:**  
None  

c. Removal of Travis Wester from PLUM Committee
Ferris Wehbe made the motion. Roger Davis seconded.

VOTE
8-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

d. Motion to discuss and approve the PLUM Standing Rules

Ferris Wehbe read the PLUM Committee By-Laws in their entirety.

Ferris Wehbe made the motion. Roger Davis seconded.

PLUM Committee member George Abrahams expressed concerns about conflicts of interest and recusal rights and believes that the Vice Chair should also have access to the email database.

PLUM Committee member Michael Popwell offered a friendly amendment for item #2. It should say committee, not board, he said. That’s a typographical error. For item #8, he prefers the wording CHNC PLUM Chair or the chair’s designee. Wehbe agreed.

A stakeholder expressed concern about ethics training. President Beck said that PLUM members
should have ethics training. Webhe said that he would accept the friendly amendment regarding ethics training.

Text of amended CHNC Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Standing Rules:

“The CHNC Planning & Land Use Committee focuses on the broad variety of planning and development issues within the CHNC area. The Committee provides a forum and facilitates public discussion and input on individual development projects and general policy decisions re-shaping Hollywood’s landscape. Our goal is the encourage innovative and responsible land use planning that improves Hollywood for all current and future stakeholders, including residents, businesses, workers, and the City as a whole.

The CHNC PLUM Committee hears planning cases referred to the CHNC Board by the Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles. The CHNC PLUM Committee is an advisory Committee to the CHNC Board and the CHNC Board has the sole authority to make all final planning case recommendations(s) to the Department of City Planning and the City Council. The PLUM Committee receives the planning case materials, agendizes the case for a PLUM Committee meeting, receives the applicant's presentation of the case, receives public stakeholder input regarding the case, formulates a motion(s) to report to and advise the CHNC Board, considers and discusses the motion(s), and votes to approve or not approve the specific motion(s) regarding the case.

We recognize that the redevelopment of Hollywood has both social and economic impacts, and that the on-going transformation is occurring in context of cultural and historic resources that must be preserved. Our guiding principles encourage excellent architecture and design that is sustainable, transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly, and compatible with existing and developing uses in the many neighborhoods within the CHNC area and Hollywood as a whole.
The Committee shall consist of minimum three (3) but no more than five (5) members. Two members shall be CHNC Board members. The remaining members shall be CHNC stakeholders at large. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be CHNC Board members. The stakeholder members at large shall be residents, business owners, property owners, or representatives of from CHNC-area based organizations.

PLUM Committee Structure, Responsibilities, and Term Limits:

1. PLUM Chair – sets the Agenda and runs the meeting.

2. Vice Chair – fulfills the Chair’s responsibilities in the Chair’s absence.

3. Secretary – under the direction of the Chair, prepares the PLUM Agenda and PLUM correspondence.

4. PLUM Committee Members – all PLUM Committee members not serving as the Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary must assume additional assignments as directed by the Chair to assist the PLUM Committee in its responsibilities.

5. All PLUM Committee members shall be subject to reappointment by the President and re-approval by the CHNC Board at the beginning of each calendar year.

6. No PLUM Committee stakeholder member at large shall serve more than two full years, or two full years and a partial year if appointed to fill a PLUM Committee vacancy, on the CHNC PLUM Committee.

Conflict of Interest

1. Any CHNC PLUM Committee members may recuse him or herself from any matter where the Committee member believes there may be a conflict of interest. Committee members shall recuse
themselves at the initial reading of the Agenda item, or immediately upon discovery, where a conflict of interest is evident to the Committee Member.

2. Where a Committee member recognizes a potential conflict of interest or the possible appearance of a conflict of interest or any Agenda item and the Committee member believes he or she is able to hear the Agenda item impartially and without bias, the Committee member shall disclose to the Board the nature of the conflict of interest and state to the Board that they are able to hear the Agenda item impartially and without bias. Board reserves the right to overrule the Board Member’s Decision from participation by a 2/3 vote.

3. CHNC PLUM Committee members shall be diligent in recognizing the statutory instances for recusal where a planning case involves property, business or other location within the prescribed 00-foot radius of a Committee member place of residence, business, employment, and/or property ownership.

PLUM Committee Appointment and Removal
1. The CHNC President shall appoint CHNC Board members to be PLUM Committee Chair and Vice Chair. The President’s PLUM Committee appointments shall be subject to CHNC Board approval.

2. The PLUM Committee Chair and Vice Chair shall recommend to the CHNC President and Board the CHNC stakeholders to be members at large. The President may appoint the recommended stakeholders to the PLUM Committee, or other CHNC stakeholders to the PLUM Committee, subject to CHNC Board approval.

3. The PLUM Committee Chair shall appoint, dismiss, and/or reappoint the PLUM Committee Secretary, who shall serve at will.
4. All PLUM Committee members shall be subject to removal for cause by the PLUM Chair and/or CHNC President, subject to approval of the CHNC Board.

5. Attendance of PLUM Committee members at PLUM Committee meetings is critical to the functioning of the PLUM Committee. Removal for nonattendance at three or more PLUM Committee meetings in a one-year period is reasonable grounds for removal for cause.

6. Participation of PLUM Committee members in the work of the Committee is critical to the functioning of the PLUM Committee. Removal for failure to fulfill the appointed offices of Chair and Vice Chair, and for failure to fulfill the assigned responsibilities by stakeholder members at large, is reasonable grounds for removal for cause. Any Committee member can inform the chair so a formal investigation by the Chair is launched.

7. All written communications by PLUM Committee members that are represented to be a decision, finding, policy position or any other communication of the CHNC and/or CHNC PLUM Committee must be approved in writing by the CHNC President. Failure to abide by this requirement by stakeholder members at large is grounds for removal for cause.

8. The PLUM Committee Chair, as designated by the President, shall have access to the CHNC email database. No CHNC PLUM Committee member shall copy the CHNC email database. No CHNC PLUM Committee member shall have access or use the CHNC email database for anything but approved CHNC PLUM Committee communications. No Committee member, except the Chair, should have access or use the email database. Failure to abide by this requirement by stakeholder members at large is grounds for removal for cause.
9. Adherence by all PLUM Committee members to the Mission and Policy of the CHNC as stated in the CHNC By-Laws is critical to the functioning of the PLUM Committee. Removal for breaches of the CHNC Mission and/or Policy is reasonable grounds for removal for cause.”

VOTE for amended PLUM Committee By-Laws
8-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

Beck asked whether this becomes active immediately. Wehbe said yes. Next month, the President will assign a Chair to assemble a PLUM committee that will begin to serve in January, he added.

e. Discuss and possibly approve the funding of miscellaneous administrative expenses for the CHNC PLUM Committee for postage, copying, paper, and other items necessary on a regular basis for the operation of the Committee. The funding may also include the purchase of bottled water for Committee members and stakeholders at CHNC PLUM Committee meetings. The total amount request for the remainder of the current fiscal year is not to exceed $100.

Ferris Wehbe made the motion. Charles Taylor seconded the $100 expense.
VOTE  
8-0-0  
PASSED  

Yes Votes:  
Elvina Beck  
Ferris Wehbe  
Roger Davis  
Angie Aramayo  
Rebecca Hirsch  
Charles Taylor  
Duffy Culligan  
Michael Popwell  

No Votes:  
None  

Abstentions:  
None  

2. Outreach Committee; Angie Aramayo, Duffy Culligan and Gayl Murphy  

Angie Aramayo offered an update. Stakeholder Monica Friedman said that Aramayo deserved praise for her efforts organizing the screening at the TCL Chinese Theatres. The audience applauded.  

2. Discussion and possible action to present the Garden Ranger Program and the details of our work in Selma Avenue Elementary and Vine Street Elementary with consideration of financial support to fund the continuation of Garden Ranger Program in these schools. $1,000 for Selma and $1,000 for Vine St. Elementary- total: $2,000 (Presentation: Enrich LA)  

Alexys Thomas, Garden Ranger Program Director, Enrich LA, alexysthomas@enrichla.org, (818) 326-2206:  

She discussed the program and the proposal.  

Ferris Wehbe made a motion to approve a $2,000 NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant). Elvina Beck seconded.  

VOTE  

13
8-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

1. Discussion and possible action to purchase 2 tablecloths with CHNC logo. Amount will be no more than $250 each.

Beck made the motion for $250. Angie Aramayo seconded.

VOTE
8-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None
H. COMMITTEES REPORT, including Discussion and possible action items, if listed.

4. Election Committee;

Rebecca Hirsch offered an update and discussed the probability that the next neighborhood council elections would occur in 2019, one year late. With the exception of Michael Popwell, who said he had no opinion, Board members were supportive of this change.

G. BOARD REPORTS, including Discussion and possible action items, if listed.

2. Vice-President, Ferris Wehbe
   • Information regarding the wait list for the very low-income units within the Crossroads project

   Vice President Wehbe offered his report which focused on affordable housing and the proposed Crossroads project.

F. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Standing Rules to regulate the operational procedures of CHNC Board. These are created and amended at the discretion of the Board in accordance with and to implement the CHNC By-Laws. CHNC Board Members shall adhere to the following principles in the conduct of the Board business.

   Ferris Wehbe read the text. The approved Standing Rules text is below:

   “Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council (CHNC)
   The Board
   Standing Rules (August, 28 2017)

   Standing Rules regulate the operational procedures of CHNC Board. These are created and amended at the discretion of the Board in accordance with and to implement the CHNC By-Laws. CHNC Board Members shall adhere to the following principles in the conduct of the Board business.

   1. Code of Civility/Conduct - Collectively and individually, the members of the Board of Directors of the CHNC will ensure to the best of their ability that the Neighborhood Council's
business is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner, and in a way that will generate respect and credibility for the Neighborhood Council. The freedom to express one’s views about public matters is a cornerstone of the democratic process. The CHNC welcomes the diverse views and opinions of our Board Members and Stakeholders as they relate to the issues before us. In order for these discussions to be meaningful and effective, the Board should treat others with respect and dignity.

2. Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy – All CHNC Board members must adhere to the Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy as adopted by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

3. Rosenberg’s Rules of Order – The CHNC Board conducts its meetings pursuant to the Rosenberg’s Rules of Order. Board members are expected to familiarize themselves with the Rules of Order and act accordingly. The CHNC Board President is given wide latitude in the conduct of the Board meetings, and Board members shall respect the President’s conduct of the Board meetings.

4. Conflict of Interest – Board member may recuse oneself from any matter where the Board member believes there may be a conflict of interest. Board members shall recuse themselves at the initial reading of the Agenda item, or immediately upon discovery, where a conflict of interest is evident to the Board member. Where a Board member recognizes a potential conflict of interest or the possible appearance of a conflict of interest on any Agenda item and the Board members believes they are able to hear the Agenda item impartially and without bias, the Board member shall disclose to the Board the nature of the conflict of interest and state to the Board that they are able to hear the Agenda item impartially and without bias. Board Chair has the right to overrule the board member’s decision by a majority vote of those present.

5. Attendance – Board member on-time attendance is critical to the functioning of the CHNC Board. Late arrival or early departure from a Board meeting disrupts the functioning of
the Board. All Board members shall strictly adhere to the
By-Laws regarding Board meeting attendance.

6. All Committees members shall be subject to reappointment
by the President and re-approval by the CHNC Board at the
beginning of each calendar year.

7. Each Board member shall participate in a meaningful way to
the functioning of the CHNC. All Board Members are
required to adhere to the following guidelines:
   a. All Board members and Executive Committee members
will complete all mandatory Neighborhood Council
training in the time periods as provided by the
Neighborhood Council Board of Commissioners. And
keep these documents updated. Chair and or Secretary
will announce or email reminders.
   b. Each Board member shall take an active role in outreach
to CHNC community stakeholders to participate in the
CHNC meetings and work. Each Committee Chair shall
prepare an annual report for presentation to the Board of
their Committee’s outreach plan at the beginning of each
fiscal year.
   c. Each Board member shall take an active role in the
functioning of the CHNC. With the exception of the
Executive Committee (President, Vice President,
Secretary and Treasurer), each Board member will Chair
or Co-Chair a minimum of one CHNC Standing
Committee. CHNC Standing Committees include the
Executive Committee, the Budget and Finance
Committee, the Outreach and Communications
Committee, the Planning and Land Use Committee, the
Elections Committee, the Beautification Committee, and
the Public Safety Committee.
   d. All written communications represented to be a decision,
finding, policy position or any other communication of the
CHNC must be approved by the Board. The Executive
Committee and Committee Chairs, as designated by the
President, shall have access to CHNC email database.
No Board member shall copy the CHNC email database.
No Board member shall use the CHNC email database
for anything but approved CHNC communications.
Most up to date Standing Rules as approved: 

[The CHNC webpage contains a link to most current CHNC Board Standing Rules.]

Ferris Wehbe made the motion. Roger Davis seconded.

VOTE
8-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

D. ADMINISTRATIVE Items:

1. Approval of CHNC DRAFT minutes from 7/24/17. Minutes have been circulated with the agenda.

Ferris Wehbe made the motion to approve the minutes. Michael Popwell seconded.

VOTE
7-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Roger Davis
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
Ferris Wehbe

Abstentions:
None

2. Discussion and Possible action regarding the removal of Board Member Rebecca Hirsch for violation of Bylaw Section 7 and Section 7(a) five (5) absences within a 12 month period and two tardies constituting two absences in accordance with CHNC Bylaws Section 7(a). The dates are as follow: 4/25/2016, 5/15/2016, 9/26/2016, 10/24/2016, and the two tardies 2/27/17 and 12/12/16.

3. Discussion and Possible action regarding the removal of Board Member Michael Popwell for violation of Bylaw Section 7 and Section 7(a) five (5) absences within a 12 month period in accordance with CHNC Bylaws Section 7(a). The dates are as follow: 9/26/16, 11/28/16, 12/12/16, 3/27/17, 4/24/17

Elvina Beck made the motion to remove Rebecca Hirsch and Michael Popwell from the Board for poor attendance. Michael Popwell seconded.

Rebecca Hirsch said that it’s disrespectful to lump us together. She expressed concerns that Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) representative Lorenzo Briceno is not here. I don’t think that this is fair, at least to me.

Beck read the absences for Rebecca Hirsch and Michael Popwell, which included special board meetings.

Rebecca Hirsch called for the division of the question. I don’t agree that Popwell and I should be lumped together. President Beck
withdrew her motion and made a new motion to remove Hirsch. David seconded.

**VOTE to remove Rebecca Hirsch from the Board**

5-3-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:
Elvina Beck
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
Angie Aramayo
Rebecca Hirsch
Charles Taylor

Abstentions:
None

*President Beck made a motion to remove Michael Popwell from the Board. Popwell seconded.*

**VOTE to remove Michael Popwell from the Board**

5-2-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:
Ferris Wehbe
Roger Davis
Rebecca Hirsch
Duffy Culligan
Michael Popwell

No Votes:
Angie Aramayo
Charles Taylor

Abstentions:
Elvina Beck
President Beck said the removals become effective at the end of the meeting.

4. Treasurer, Angie Aramayo (Second Signer: Elvina Beck)

1. Discuss and make a motion to approve June MER

   Aramayo said that she doesn’t have the June MER (Monthly Expense Report). However, she said that there were two unfamiliar transactions for which she never cut a cheque. The neighborhood council can receive its funding once the City Clerk’s office investigates, she said. Sometimes it can be for another neighborhood council. She mentioned various expenditures.

   There was no motion.

K. ADJOURNMENT

   Popwell made the motion to adjourn. Beck seconded.

   The meeting ended at 9:47pm.