



GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 / 6:00 pm
Hollywood City Hall, Small Conference Room
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A. CALL TO ORDER: President, Elvina Beck, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

B. ROLL CALL: Roll was called at 6:06 at which time 7 members were present; Charles arrived at 6:09 and Angie arrived at 7:17 pm, for a total of 9 present and 0 absent.
9 Present: Elvina, Angie, Duffy, Roger, Rebecca, Gayl, Michael, Ferris, and Charles. **0 absent.**
(Charles completed three required three trainings and was able to vote on all matters.) Rebecca left at 7:30 pm.

C. REPORT / COMMENTS from Government representatives in attendance.

Josh Kurpies, Representative for Assemblyman, Richard Bloom, District 50, gave report. He continues to have office hours at this building, monthly, from 4-6pm, fourth Monday of the month, just prior to this meeting. Josh related that Richard Bloom has introduced 32 bills this year, addressing important issues, including but not limited to childhood obesity, e.g., implementing a sugary beverage tax, which will come back, along with past bills for housing; building housing for artists, the Coastal Act and affordable housing, which originally allowed inclusionary housing component to any new development; reauthorizes the commission to require affordable housing in the coastal zones, as well as Ellis Act reform. He noted the repeal of Costa Hawkins, whether you own or rent, only takes the state out of it; each local government can say what they want to do; to help local jurisdictions help the housing crisis that we're in, through the housing committee, local government committee and judicial committee. He noted that they will ask for letters of support and think City Council will be supportive. Rebecca asked how powerful is the landlord lobby on Costa Hawkins, to which Josh noted that the Ellis Act and Costa Hawkins are closely related; but that Senator Alan's Bill last year didn't receive a committee vote, which showed how unsupported it was. The California Apartment Association, realtors and others are working with some tenants' rights organizations. Go to <http://asmdc.org/members/a50/> for further information. Contact Josh at: josh.kurpies@asm.ca.gov

Debra Wehbe, Commissioner with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC): Debbie noted that the next BONC meeting is on March 7, in the Central Area. To learn everything to know about NCs, go to www.empowerla.org under Leadership Academy, "Journey one-stop shops."

Debbie gave update on the new report from EmpowerLA given to City Council and BONC. Said report can be found in the Council File #15-1022-S2 entitled "Online Voting / Improve Experience / Neighborhood Council Elections"
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-1022-S2>)

Debbie explained that EmpowerLA has come up with five recommendations to simplify the identification process for voters, recommending no more than three ballots, and lowering board member age to 16 to encourage having youth representatives. They suggest you put aside 20% of your outreach budget for election outreach; however,

she noted that DONE has decided to take on outreach – so as a board you are not advertising for someone to take your place – they will take the majority of outreach on for you; however, NCs still need to do some notification to the community that an election is coming up. She noted that EmpowerLA has asked for additional funding to do this outreach. Roger asked for clarification to what sounds like contradictions. Debbie noted that they are going to continue to have standard polling locations, and set up laptops at popup locations, which they did last year.

Debbie added that there is now a task force for NCs to look at Emergency Preparedness trainings and that BONC and the Mayor have a recommendation for funding to add two additional staff people, to create a system for NCs in case of a major disaster. She also mentioned that NCs can subdivide now, though not this one, particularly. Lorenzo Briceno noted that each NC has different definition of stakeholder. Robert Yorgason asked if DONE will identify the people they will outreach to. Lorenzo will get back to us about this. Robert asked if we no longer need an outreach committee.

Dan Halden, Field Deputy for CD13 Councilmember, Mitch O’Farrell (213) 207-3015

Daniel.halden@lacity.org Dan provided printouts of his monthly field report, and stated that they gave away 100 free computers and four years of internet access to children throughout the district, which was started by Herb Wesson, and is being rolled out into other districts. They had children from lots of schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Hollywood YMCA. Dan thanked Travis with regard to the Community Garden, with big trees that needed trimming, which they got funding to do, as well as a beautification project that needed TLC by a member of the Studio District NC. They’ve have street resurfacing on Canyon Drive. He noted that the “Flyaway” is moving to its new location at 1627 Vine on Wednesday: between Hollywood and Selma, next to the Montalban, in front of parking lot. Cost is \$8.00 one way. Hours are 5:15 am to 10:15 pm. It remains to be seen if they will extend their hours. Pay with card only on the bus or online. DOT will put signage out. Elvina asked where money for bikes goes. There will be space for 70 bikes to be stored across the street from the Flyaway; the Bikeshare program will be set up by 2019.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE Items:

1. Approval of CHNC DRAFT minutes from 1/30/17. Minutes have been circulated with the agenda. **Moved** by Ferris; **seconded** by Michael; **approved as amended** (as to time change for Angie).

E. GENERAL PUBLIC Comment on NON-Agenda items:

Travis Wester mentioned the street closures due to Oscars. Friends of Selma Park are trying to reactivate and refurbish the park, and he hopes that the Beautification Committee could be of assistance to brainstorm ideas, put on events, purchase equipment for events. Rebecca noted that street closures for Oscars information is on our Facebook page, and includes the two upcoming premiers this week.

Jonathan LaPearl introduced himself as representing Jessica Salens, running for the Council District 13 Seat on a nonpartisan progressive platform, to include the “housing first” initiative, affordable housing, and to solidify Los Angeles’ status as a sanctuary city. www.salens2017.com

F. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Discussion and possible action to support Yes on Measure H, LA County’s homeless initiative.**
Presentation by Beth Steckler (not present).
Mr. Alan Greenlee, from the Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing, spoke on Measure H, which he stated is designed to provide financial resources and services for homeless populations. He noted that there is already a plan in place, with a network of service providers and oversight.
Monique Friedman, LA Voice, Blessed Sacrament Representative, related that, from her experience, four to six billion dollars has been allocated for the homeless, with nothing happening; she doesn’t see the point in throwing money at it. Mr. Greenlee asked CHNC to express our support on Measure H.

Motion: To not support or deny Measure H until we hear from both sides. **Moved** by Elvina and **seconded** by Ferris; **7 yes; 0 noes; 1 abstention** Michael; **1 absent** Angie. **Passed.**

2. **Discussion and possible action** to draft a letter to Governor Jerry Brown stating; CHNC supports his position to “...defend everybody - every man, woman and child who has come here for a better life and has contributed to the well-being of our state”, a forceful defense of California’s efforts to prevent the fear of deportation of those living here without authorization. Along with cooperation among all levels of law enforcement that would be necessary to keep those people safe. Presented by Gayl Murphy

Gayl gave a presentation on this. Charles encouraged that the letter also include “**to provide resources and funding assistance to immigrants.**” Debbie Wehbe from BONC related that when the letter is written, it is in support of what the Mayor has to do; our purview is to connect the NC with City government, especially if it’s something the Mayor supports.

Motion: To support the letter, as written, **moved** by Roger; **seconded** by Elvina;

Amendment: Add language to encourage the state “to provide resources and/or funding for legal assistance for immigrants.”

Public Comment was given by Robert Yorgason who asked that we all vote our conscience, noting that he has students who are greatly affected by this. Monique Friedman related that she would like us to go straight to the Governor, as everyone is entitled to due process. Board discussion was held.

Vote was taken with **8 yes; 0 noes; 0 abstentions; 1 absent** Angie; **passed.**

3. **Discussion and possible action** to draft a letter of support for Governor Brown, Mayor Garcetti, and the LA City Council in their stated opposition to Measure S on the March 7th ballot. The letter is to be mailed to the Governor, Mayor and the respective CHNC Councilmembers. Presented by Michael Popwell
Michael Popwell gave a presentation on this. **Motion was moved** by Michael; **seconded** by Ferris.

Gayl spoke in opposition to the proposed motion opposing Measure S. She related that S stops reckless and irresponsible development, asks for a two-year time out, and is against spot zoning. Roger feels better to stay out of it. Charles has a lot of questions about Measure S.

[Lorenzo Briceno of DONE left at 7:16 pm.]

[Angie Aramayo arrived at 7:17 pm.]

Board discussion: Ferris expressed opposition to Measure S and Charles noted that a lot of elected officials are opposed to Measure S. Michael doesn’t feel it’s in the best interest of this area to max out the FAR, and is concerned that “the developers will go by-right and what we’re going to get will be terrible.”

Public Comment: **George Abrahams** supports Measure S. **Morna Murphy Martel**, stakeholder, Supports Measure S, noting that developers have money and influence.

[Rebecca Hirsch left at 7:30 pm.]

Monique Friedman supports S, noting that billionaires are contributing to the No on S Campaign, and they build luxury housing only. **Ralph Martel** supports S. **Susan Sempers** thanked Gayl for her research, noting that the developers get anything they ask for; they say they won’t put in any low-income housing or if they do, the units are the size of a closet or they only provide 10. **Robert Yorgason** noted that S is not going to

stop development. **Hollis Enono** is in support of S, noting that developers give money to the No on S Campaign, and recited amounts donated by various individuals. **Milagros Lizarraga** feels that without having both sides for constituents to participate, we are not representing them.

To clarify: A yes vote is for No on S, supporting opposition of the measure. Vote: 5 yes: Michael, Angie, Charles, Ferris and Elvina; 3 no: Gayl, Roger and Duffy. 1 absent Rebecca. Passed.

4. **Discussion and possible action** to purchase a speakers' clock timer for use at the Board and PLUM meetings in an amount not to exceed \$190. Michael introduced this, noting that this was the cheapest with a remote; if we don't like it, we send it back.

Ferris moved; Roger seconded; Travis Wester felt it would be helpful for speakers. 8 Yes: Michael, Angie, Charles, Gayl, Ferris, Elvina, Roger, and Duffy; 0 noes: 1 absent: Rebecca.

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

1. **President, Elvina Beck:** Two tardies (30 minutes or more) makes one absent.

2. **Vice-President, Ferris Wehbe** No report

3. **Secretary, Roger Davis** Roger as a would like us to agree that when we get our minutes and MERs, that we all read them online so when we've come to the meeting, the only thing we'll need at the meeting is the agendas printed. Ferris has been making copies. It's a waste of paper. Angie noted that we could leave the white binder on the table, with one complete agenda package, that no one can take. Ferris will make two copies of minutes and 15 copies of the agenda. Angie recommended using the projector so all could see the agenda on the wall.

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

1. Discuss and make a motion to approve January MER Moved by Ferris; seconded by Elvina. Discussion was held as to the need to budget for expenditures for the rest of the funds; banners were discussed briefly. Duffy has already spoken to the City about flags and bus benches. Vote was taken with 8 yes: Michael, Angie, Charles, Gayl, Ferris, Elvina, Roger, and Duffy; 0 noes; 0 abstentions; 1 absence: Rebecca; approved.

2. The Treasurer will purchase approved items for CHNC. Board members will not expect reimbursement. Angie announced to the Board that no Board member is to purchase items and expect reimbursement unless it's approved by the Board.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS, including Discussion and possible action items, if listed.

1. **Safety Committee:** Duffy Culligan, Roger Davis: No meeting this month.

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

- a. The Outreach committee meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm at the Hollywood City Hall: Didn't meet because of the holiday. Next meeting 3rd week of March.
- b. Discussion/review Spanish translation for CHNC outreach brochures (Presented by Duffy) Milagros offered to do this. Duffy noted that Rebecca offered to do it as a backup.

3. **Beautification Committee:** Ferris suggested that grant applications be filled out for specific projects; however, noted that we should not willy-nilly plan beautification projects. Discussion ensued as to making this an ad hoc committee to the Outreach committee; to be agendized for next meeting.

4. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Elvina Beck – Angie noted that this is oversight for the treasurer. Ferris moved that Charles serves on this committee. 8 yes: Michael, Angie, Charles, Gayl, Ferris, Elvina, Roger, and Duffy; 0 noes; 0 abstentions; 1 absence: Rebecca; approved.

5. **Election Committee;** Rebecca Hirsch – not present

6. **PLUM Committee; Chairs** Roger Davis, Gayl Murphy

- a. **Case No. ZA-2016-4539-CUB-CUX:** 6714 Hollywood Blvd - Pig 'n Whistle
Project Description: FULL LINE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL WITH EXISTING RESTAURANT WITH DANCING, SEATING 160 OPERATING FROM 11 AM TO 2 AM DAILY. **Requested Entitlement:** PER SECTION 12.24-W,1 FOR A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A FULL LINE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL WITH EXISTING RESTAURANT WITH SEATING FOR 168 PATRONS OPERATING FROM 11 AM TO 2 AM DAILY. PER SECTION 12.24-W,18 FOR A CONDITIONAL USE FOR DANCING AT AN EXISTING RESTAURANT WITH OPERATING HOURS OF 11 AM TO 2 AM DAILY. **Applicant:** ALAN HAJAR [Company: PIG N WHISTLE, LP] **MOTION:** To support the request, as presented. **Votes:** 8 Yes. 0 No

Nick Leathers representing the owner of the Pig and Whistle Restaurant returned, having presented at the PLUM committee. His hearing is next Tuesday.

Moved by Ferris; **seconded** by Elvina. Discussion was held; questions answered. Dancing is secondary use to the restaurant; restaurant is a primary use. No changes; just a renewal; the grant expired, a seven-year grant. Michael noted that this was approved by 8 yes/0 no. **Public Comment:** Robert Yorgason and Monique support. Vote was taken with **8 yes; 0 noes; 0 abstentions; 1 absence:** Rebecca; **passed.**

Roger related that we are short a member of PLUM committee and invited stakeholder membership.

7. (No #7)

8. **Budget Advocates update:** Michael Popwell

- Regional Budget Day Update: Michael related that he has been listening to Board meetings telephonically. One issue is employee entitlements which are running the city into the ground. The Budget Advocates are looking at payouts on lawsuits brought against the City, particularly the LAPD, and that the city is hiring expensive outside lawyers who settle, without taking the cases to trial.

Charles Taylor volunteered to be CHNC's second Budget Representative:

Motion to ratify Charles as the second Budget Representative: **Moved** by Ferris; **seconded** by Elvina with **8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 1 absence:** Rebecca; **passed.**

I. The board is seeking members of the public to participate on all CHNC committees. Interested members may contact elvina@chnc.org or attend the meeting. Possible action by the Board includes appointments to the committees. A maximum of two members from CHNC board can be members of each committee.

J. COMMENTS by Board Members - Board members may provide a brief statement of their activities or request that an item be placed on a future agenda item

Agendize Legal Representative & Film Liaison – Rebecca has applied.

Agendize Bylaws: Change Beautification to an ad-hoc committee.

Support the Budget Advocates on critical issues

Agendize the investigation and recommendations of LANCC.

(Michael won't be here next month; March 26th to May 17th.)

Rebecca offered to get a speaker from somewhere like the ACLU as a know your rights presenter, for an outreach event. Stakeholder noted that other NCs are doing this; recommended co-sponsoring this with them.

Elvina asked that people agendaize their items earlier with exact wording. She noted that there has been some miscommunication about items from PLUM.

Michael noted that he and Travis would like the agenda cut the date off the Monday prior, and can do an addendum to the agenda if that board member does the posting and all the work.

Angie noted that if the agenda is already distributed and you forgot an item that has to be met on that month, you have to have a special meeting, which requires a special meeting notice, that has to be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. Can't be done all the time. Debbie Wehbe noted that historically this issue has come up, and recommends that you adopt that your agenda items be submitted at least a week prior to the meeting, and get the agenda up 72 hours prior to the meeting; must be received prior to 3:00 pm Friday. The earlier that you get the agenda out, the better. Debbie recommends that you don't pile too much on your agenda; keep it simple.

Angie related that we haven't had a training board meeting. Debbie offered to provide the Board training which will take 3-4 hours. Angie would like to do this by next month. Ferris recommends having a strategic planning session one day, and give it the proper time and attention.

Milagros agrees with Angie. "if you get trained you're really going to shine."

May 22nd will do a board training. 6:00 pm. Invite committee members to attend this.

Ferris would like to add something to the bylaws, to deal with the possibility that one business can take over this organization. Ferris will agendaize this.

K. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Ferris; seconded by Roger and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.