



CENTRAL HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, May 22, 2017 / 6:00 pm

Hollywood City Hall, Small Conference Room

6501 Fountain Avenue (at Wilcox), Los Angeles, CA 90028

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A. CALL TO ORDER: Elvina called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

B. ROLL CALL: Elvina called the roll: 8 Present: Elvina Beck, Duffy Culligan, Roger Davis, Gayl Murphy, Michael Popwell, Ferris Wehbe, and Charles Taylor. Angie arrived at 6:47. **1 absent:** Rebecca Hirsch. [There were approximately 15 guests in the audience.]

C. REPORT / COMMENTS from Government representatives in attendance.

Stephanie Cohen, District Director, from Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office

Stephanie introduced herself as new to the County. They have a new office opening and she'll have office hours beginning around June 1 @ West Los Angeles Municipal Building 1645 Corinth, #102, 90025; (310) 231-1170 scohen@boslacounty.gov Kuehl Happenings: <http://supervisorkuehl.com/email/>

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

Daniel.halden@lacity.org Dan provided a written field report which discussed 1) LGBT Heritage Month, and updates on 2) Homelessness & Affordable Housing, 3) Street Resurfacing on Van Ness, between Hollywood & Franklin, May 19th, 3) LAX Flyaway Relocation to Vine Street, 4) Overnight Parking District (OPD) 557, approved by City Council, and 5) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on Crossroads Hollywood Project @ <https://planning.lacity.org/eir/TocDeir.htm> Submit comments RE: File # ENV 2015-2026-EIR in subject line to Alejandro.huerta@lacity.org [Contact Dan for his full report.]

- Dan invited everyone to a special presentation Wednesday, May 31, 10:00am at City Council Chambers, for the LGBT Heritage Month Celebration, the theme of which is "The Art of Resistance" honoring four honorees, mostly arts-related contributions to the LGBT cause and community in LA. On Sunday June 11th, the Pride Parade reorganized into a "march" in response to national events begins at Hollywood Boulevard, between Highland and La Brea, and goes to West Hollywood; no floats; focus is on resisting what's happening nationally as opposed to on celebration. The fair will continue as usual.

- Dan encouraged attendance to have a say on June 22nd, at the public hearing on Crossroads of the Road.

- Wonder-woman premier Thurs., May 25th; 1-day closure of Hollywood Blvd., between Vine & Argyle.

- The Hollywood Pool opens Saturday 06/10.

- Preferential Parking District #258 is coming to Cahuenga Boulevard, Fountain-Lexington, before construction next door starts; stated that **this needs to be agendized in Transportation Committee.**

- Another Parking District is being planned west and east of Paramount Pictures.

- Elvina and Michael mentioned to Dan the need for Flyaway wi-fi and tap-card readers.

- Roger asked who to contact to get keys for the main door and bathroom of this building.

Barbara Metzenbaum, Branch Manager from the Goldwyn Hollywood Library, welcomed everyone to come to the Library, and would like to see what we as a NC could do to share with their programming. She announced a job fair coming in Hollywood. Barbara requested support, noting that they need a “Friends of the Library” group; they need a sign. She’d like to make the library more inviting with plants if anyone knows anyone who can donate. Elvina asked about the charging stations we discussed; Nancy made several requests by email but hasn’t heard back. Roger asked if we could have our June 22nd meeting at the Library. She’ll check and Roger will email her details; however, parking may be an issue.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE Items:

1. Approval of CHNC DRAFT minutes from 4/24/17. Minutes have been circulated with the agenda. **Moved** by Ferris; **seconded** by Elvina; **7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions; 2 Absent** Angie & Rebecca; **passed**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT on NON-Agenda items:

Melanie To, Behavioral Health Services, Inc., noted that they are doing a Community Assessment on the legalization of marijuana and prescription drugs. To help decide where resources should be sent. It is an online survey. www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNA_BHS.

Alex Alferon, Hollywood Studio NC, HSDNC, First Annual Hollywood Block party was scheduled for August, but will reschedule this to spring of next year; he thanked us and will be back.

Steve Ducey updated us on the election took place in April to create a NC at Skid Row, stating that on May 3rd a Neighborhood Review Panel recommended to DONE that they either award Skid Row NC or re-do the Elections; that the people of Skid Row wanted to have a NC and said that recommendations were unanimously upheld by neighborhoods across the city. He’d like people on this board to reach out to the people of the Skid Row and to pressure DONE to change their mind on this.

Ileana Wachtel, Preserve LA, noted opening of the workgroup meetings on the General Plan; said she spoke to Planning and they will be opening meetings up. Next meeting is set for June. She noted that she has asked to have this agendized on our PLUM committee, but urged us to take up the motion on the board and pass it. Particularly around open space, parks, our conservancy and other vital elements of the city that they’ll be updating. They’ve submitted to at least 10 NCs, whom she stated voted in favor of it and are sending them to City Council to get approval.

Gayl announced that tomorrow evening, Tuesday, CD4 David Ryu is putting on an event 6-8 on Ca’Del Sol, a meet and greet. Elvina asked Angie to put in for a new table cloth-type banner.

F. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Discussion and possible action to** approve the NPG application for Project Angel Food. Project Angel Food’s mission is to feed and nourish the sick as they battle critical illness. They are a nonprofit located in the Hollywood area. Project Angel Food is hosting a community event, **George Michael Birthday Bash on his birthday, Sunday, June 25, 2017**. As our first annual birthday tribute to George Michael, we would like to make this a project Angel Food signature event and a Hollywood Summer tradition. Sponsorship for food and setup will help alleviate costs and contribute to the memorable, positive experience of the attendees. Any remaining funds will be used to support our 154 homebound clients in Hollywood. Possible funding up to \$2,000.
- Duffy noted that Project Angel Food presented to Outreach Committee; however, representatives are not here this evening; Roger noted that this is in view of our having a limited meeting tonight.
Motion: To support the NPG application. **Moved** by Ferris; **Seconded** by Roger; discussion was held. Ferris noted that they want to be involved with us on an ongoing basis. Charles supports this.

Public Comment: **Alex Alferon** noted that this is something we could do on a yearly basis.

Milagros Lizarraga noted at the Outreach Committee, we forgot to tell them to come to our regular

meeting; feels they do a great job and it's a great event, within our boundaries. **Monique** feels the funds will go to good use.

[**Angie arrived at 6:47 pm.**]

8 Yes: Duffy, Michael, Angie, Gayl, Ferris, Elvina, Roger, Charles; **0 No; 0 Abstentions; 1 Absent:** Rebecca; **Passed**

2. **Discussion and possible action to** work with PLUM to discuss “Crossroads Hollywood”, a massive development in the heart of our district. The Outreach Committee will assist with getting the word out and provide additional assistance as needed. (Presentation by Travis Wester)
- Discussion was held as to possible locations for this Special PLUM meeting June 22nd 6-9 pm. Angie noted we have outreach for copies, water and sodas. Barbara will see if we can use the library. **Moved** by Elvina; **Seconded** by Charles; **8 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions; 1 Absent:** Rebecca **Passed**
3. **Discussion and possible action to** install indigenous plants and watering systems in two new medians on Highland Ave., between Fountain and Sunset. This install will create a native habitat to beautify the area and enhance the walk-ability of the neighborhood and to slow traffic. Funding request will be up to \$12,500 to assist with the project. LABT mission is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles by empowering citizens to change their environment for the better.” We achieve this through environmental improvement efforts, job training for at risk youth and environmental education for youth and communities. For our grass-roots origins in 1992, to our current role as a respected, county-wide environmental improvement organization, for two decades we have been guided by a fundamental belief in the power of community partnership. (Presented by the Hollywood Beautification Team)

Ferris related that there are two medians which the Hollywood Beautification built on Highland Avenue. They have raised money, short \$12,500. These will include logos of CHNC, Rotary and City; need only watering in the beginning; budget includes three years of maintenance. Will start June, finish October/November. Duffy from Outreach reported that they heard the presentation; it is well-planned, an opportunity to cap off a much larger project that we can join in with and get equal billing. Lorenzo noted that anything over \$5,000 needs approval by DONE. Ferris noted that the logo will be lit by solar energy. Duffy commented that this is a lasting thing, coming out of Beautification & Outreach. Charles is concerned about the dollar amount. Roger opined it's creating something living, permanent & beautiful. LABID used to be the Hollywood Beautification Team.

Public Comment: **Travis Wester** supports this and agrees with the arguments for this by board members. **Barbara** recalled a planting at the library with five-year maintenance, after five years, Parks & Rec took care of the maintenance; they lost a lot of plants in the drought, and she has tried to get that rebuilt. She opined that if we put that kind of money into this kind of project, we need to go back to the Beautification Committee and add a caveat saying that they have made a commitment to pay for the maintenance “ad infinitum.” Ferris addressed her concern, noting that one of the medians is in the Hollywood Media District, who has committed to take care of the large median after the three years; and the smaller median in our district still needs to be addressed. He noted that the BID is about to expand, and most likely will end up maintaining them after this is done. **Monique** agreed with Barbara for the need to budget maintenance but supports this.

Moved by Elvina **Seconded** Roger; by **8 Yes** by Duffy, Michael, Angie, Gayl, Ferris, Elvina, Roger, Charles; **0 No; 0 Abstentions; 1 Absent:** Rebecca; **Passed**

4. **Discussion and possible action** to create and send a CIS in support of the L.A. City Council's resolution in Council File # 17-0002-S45, titled: "Investigate President Donald J. Trump Foreign Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution."

To take action to investigate whether President Donald J. Trump has violated the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution, or committed any other high crime or misdemeanor sufficient to warrant commencement of impeachment proceedings. With this resolution, the City of Los Angeles calls on our Congress members and our Senators - for the good of the Country to investigate Trump's international finances and make sure that he is actually working on behalf of the American people.

- Gayl noted that the Mayor signed off on this official action by City Council, as relates to issues of conflict of interest, a potential constitutional crisis. See council file for full motion calling on the Congress and country to investigate Trump's finances to make sure he is working to serve the best interests of this country.

Moved by Angie; **Seconded** by Charles; **8 Yes:** Duffy, Michael, Angie, Gayl, Ferris, Elvina, Roger, Charles; **0 No; 0 Abstentions; 1 Absent:** Rebecca; **Passed**

The main meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm

A planned Board Training and Orientation, began with an overview of the history of CHNC by Debbie Wehbe, followed by neighborhood council training for Board members by Lorenzo Briceno.

G. Overview of the history of CHNC (Commissioner Debbie Wehbe)

To learn more about how to do things in the Neighborhood Council, committees, go to www.Empowerla.org "Journey One Stop"

H. Department orientation review for Board members – Lorenzo Briceno

K. ADJOURNMENT: The orientation adjourned at 9:36 pm.