GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Monday, May 20, 2019
Hollywood City Hall, Small Conf. Rm., 6501 Fountain Ave. (at Wilcox), L.A., CA 90028

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A. CALL TO ORDER
President Elvina Beck called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL
Roll Call was taken by Ms. Beck. Seven of the nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Louis Abramson, Eman Al-Hassan, Elvina Beck (President), Duffy Culligan, Roger Davis (Secretary), Steve Ducey and Charles Taylor (Treasurer). Alexander Massachi and Ferris Wehbe (Vice-President) were absent. The CHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is five (see https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46-), so the Board could take such votes. All nine Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attending: 19 Stakeholders and Guests.

C. Reports / Comments from Government representatives in attendance.

Rachel Fox, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (213-473-7004; Rachel.Fox@LACity.org; http://CD4.LACity.org), reported that she will be replaced by Alice Roth. The Councilman sponsored legislation “to . . expand the noticing process” regarding temporary no-parking.

Ethan Weaver, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program (213-978-7904; Ethan.Weaver@LACity.org; https://www.lacityattorney.org/neighborhood-prosecutors), introduced himself. Schrader Bridge Housing: “the area around the housing receives increased resources . . . opened April 1st . . . there’s already a waitinglist . . . four days a week” cleaning. Resources also “spot clean other problem areas . . . filed three cases against tour bus operators . . . [who] block the sidewalks . . . aggressively solicit tourists” he encouraged emailing him if you see a problem.
“They’re two to four Officers walking Hollywood Blvd. . . . during business hours.” Working to enhance enforcement, in summer, especially on the Walk of Fame.”
Ms. Fox introduced Alice Roth, Deputy District Director for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (cell 213-359-0032; dwtwn 213-473-7004; Alice.Roth@LACity.org; http://CD4.LACity.org), who described her experience and encouraged contacting her with questions. Her office is at 3230 Cahuenga Blvd. West, the Panasonic building.

Ben Thompson, an LAPD Hollywood Division Vice Investigator and Senior Lead Officer (ofc. 213-972-2966; cell/text 805-624-2015; 39467@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.lapdonline.org/hollywood_community_police_station), reported that CHNC funding for the LAPD anniversary celebration “went to buy tablecloths . . . the event went well.”. There will be a “Summer Night Lights . . . community collaboration . . . in August.”. Less crime than a year ago, including alcohol.-fueled sexual assault.”. In summer, expect more tourists and other out-of-LA visitors. H described recent law enforcement work. He works with Mr. Weaver “if they don’t involve firearms or drugs.”. Regarding the Walgreens, it “looks like it’s going through the revocation process” with additional conditions “to reduce nuisances.”. Illegal cannabis grow and sales, and possible fencing, at 6705 Sunset, closed. Same owner, 1546 N. Highland “that owner was recently given a 30-day . . . quit notice”; eviction process underway. EW: “a 40-count case” against the Playhouse was filed. “Our goal has been to abate the nuisance.”

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Mr. Taylor requested to remove Agenda Item #s 2 and 4; and Mr. Abramson to remove #1. There was discussion of whether to remove #5.

MOTION to release all Consent Agenda Items (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Davis).

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

1. Approval of Minutes from 4/22/19
2. Monthly Expenditure Reports for March 2019 and April 2019
3. File a Missing Receipt Affidavit for Joe’s Pizza of $180.46 for Board meeting on March 25, 2019.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after the Motion after Item #D. 5. to release all Consent Agenda Items.]

MOTION (by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will file a Missing Receipt Affidavit for Joe’s Pizza of $180.46 for Board meeting on March 25, 2019.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

4. File a Missing Receipt Affidavit for Calle Tacos of $197.10 for a purchase on April 2, 2019.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. GENERAL PUBLIC Comment on NON-Agenda items:
Tracy Cook, 'a public school advocate' requested and Ms. Beck agreed to Agendize a Selma and Bancroft School update. Lara Thomas Ducey, of Sunrise LA, spoke about the city’s Green New Deal she believed that the Mayor’s Deal is not new and is unreliable; she urged to “continue to push our City.”

F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
1. Selection of Officers

MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Beck): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves Elvina Beck as President, Ferris Wehbe as Vice-President, Roger Davis as Secretary, and Charles Taylor as Treasurer.

DISCUSSION: There was extensive discussion regarding the appropriateness of electing more than one Officer in the same Motion. Mr. Ducey requested time for discussion and other nominations and nominated himself for President.

MOTION TO DIVIDE (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Abramson).

MOTION TO DIVIDE FAILED with three in favor (Abramson, Al-Hassan and Ducey) and four opposed (Beck, Davis, Culligan and Taylor).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ducey believed there was a “lack of democratic process . . . to have a formal nomination process” individually nominating and voting for each office. There was extensive discussion of how to proceed. Mr. Ducey described his qualifications and goals for President.

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED with five in favor (Al-Hassan, Beck, Davis, Culligan and Taylor); two opposed (Abramson and Ducey); zero abstained.

2. Appoint Louis to chair the Homelessness Committee

MOTION (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council appoints Louis Abramson as Chair of the Outreach Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

[This Agenda Item was addressed a second time after Item #D. 3.] Ms. Beck appointed Mr. Abramson as the Homeless Committee Chair; again, there was no opposition. Mr. Abramson noted that L.A. County is estimated to have more than 50,000 homeless people, with the City of L.A. having around 31,000; a “double-
digit increase” is expected by next year, especially among “elderly people.” Ms. Beck will Agendize making Committee appointments.

G. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:
1. Discussion and possible action to adopt Miry’s List statement that CHNC welcomes immigrants and refugees: https://miryslist.org/neighborhood-welcoming-resolution

Ms. Al-Hassan explained how Miry’s List [https://miryslist.org/contact] works, read aloud a statement and reminded that Miry presented to the Board.

MOTION (by Ms. Al-Hassan, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will adopt Miry’s List statement that CHNC welcomes immigrants and refugees: https://miryslist.org/neighborhood-welcoming-resolution.

Board Member Roger Davis stepped out at this time, making six Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

H. BOARD REPORTS, including Discussion and possible action items, if listed.
1. President, Elvina Beck
   Ms. Beck had no report.

2. Vice-President, Ferris Wehbe
   Mr. Wehbe was not present and there was no report.

Board Member Roger Davis returned at this time, making seven Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).

3. Secretary, Roger Davis
   Mr. Davis had no report.

4. Treasurer, Charles Taylor (Second Signer: Elvina Beck)
   A. [NPR Request]: Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to [see the below Motion].

   Daniel Perez described the October 19th “Models of Pride” conference at L.A. City College, a full day free event for LGBTQ and allied adults with over 130 workshops. Funding would be used by June 30th to pay for catering. He got “22 new contacts for further engagement.”

   FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will review and approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for the Los Angeles LGBT Center (not to exceed up to and including $5,000.00). This CHNC NPG grant, if approved by the CHNC Board, will support the Los Angeles LGBT Center's annual Models of Pride (MOP) conference. Models of Pride is the world's largest free conference for
LGBTQ youth (24 and younger) and allies. The educational conference includes over 100 workshops for youth, parents, and professionals. The full-day conference also includes a resource fair, college fair, job fair, entertainment hour, and dance. CHNC NPG funds will be used specifically to defray food costs, as MOP provides free lunch and dinner for all 2,000 plus attendees.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Perez confirmed that laundry facilities are available. There was extensive discussion of facilities and services available for homeless people.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abramson, Al-Hassan, Beck, Culligan, Davis, Ducey and Taylor); zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to [see the below Motion].

Mr. Perez explained the need.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will review and approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for the Los Angeles LGBT Center (not to exceed up to and including $5,000.00). If approved, this CHNC NPG Grant will support the youth experiencing homelessness that visit the Los Angeles LGBT Center drop-in day space (serving 80 - 100 youth daily) with essential clothing (socks, underwear, etc) and hygiene products (soap, shampoo, tissues, hand sanitizer, etc.) to meet basic needs. This NPG Grant will also support local efforts to improve the homelessness crisis in the short-term because LGBTQ youth are sleeping on the streets of Hollywood and throughout Los Angeles everyday, and going without clean socks/underwear and basic hygiene materials needed for healthy, dignified living.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Perez said laundry facilities are available. There was extensive of facilities and services available for homeless people.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abramson, Al-Hassan, Beck, Culligan, Davis, Ducey and Taylor); zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for The Center at Blessed Sacrament "Everyone Deserves a Party" event on October 4, 2019 (not to exceed up to and including $5,000.00). This CHNC NPG, if approved by the full Board, will fund The Center at Blessed Sacrament's 3rd Annual Celebration to end isolation and homelessness. This event is, essentially, a community party for people experiencing homelessness in...
Hollywood (with music, games, food, coffee, tea, balloons and more). In previous years, this event has drawn approximately 150 individuals (compared to 65 to 80 individuals on a typical day who visit The Center), and has successfully reached extremely isolated individuals and connected them to essential services for homeless individuals. The program benefits individuals and the City at-large by helping to alleviate the homelessness crisis.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

D. Discussion and possible action to review and approve an Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for LACER Afterschool Programs (not to exceed up to and including $4,878.38). If approved by the full CHNC Board, this grant will support ongoing classes in arts, sports, academics, and music programs at Bancroft Middle School and Hollywood High School. This NPG will provide students with opportunities they otherwise would not regularly have the ability to access in their communities due to financial constraints, safety concerns, transportation limitations, and other socio-economic constraints. L.A.C.E.R. (Literacy, Arts, Culture, Education, and Recreation) provides free after-school programming to students in 6 schools of the Los Angeles Unified School District, two of these schools are Hollywood High School and Bancroft Middle School.

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS, including Discussion and possible action items, if listed.
   1. Safety Committee; Duffy Culligan, Roger Davis
      Mr. Davis said there was no report.

   2. Outreach Committee; Duffy Culligan, Louis Abramson
      Mr. Abramson reported that, since the last meeting, “12 outreach engagements” that “build up connections” were made. The LAPD event got “43 new names.” He explained the RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) [https://emergency.lacity.org/rylan] emergency preparedness program and will invite a presenter for a tenants’ rights workshop.

      Mr. Taylor indicated that there was no report.

   4. Election Committee: Roger Davis, Duffy Culligan
      Mr. Davis said Mr. Abramson requested election email addresses for outreach.

   5. Beautification Committee: Steve Ducey
      Mr. Ducey updated about the Committee.

      a. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

      Mr. Ducey explained the Motion.
MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Taylor): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a resolution calling for all developments seeking the support of the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to include a request for decorative and enhanced sidewalks installed by the applicant.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

6. Legislative Action Committee: Steve Ducey, Eman Al-Hassan
   a. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

   Mr. Ducey explained the Motion and issue; the City is proposing 2050.

   Board Member Elvina Beck stepped out at this time, making six Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).

   MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Ms. Al-Hassan): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT to CF 16-0243 Research Partnership / 100 Percent Energy Portfolio / Department of Water and Power and to call on the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Water and Power to transition to 100% renewable energy by the year 2030.

   MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

   b. Discussion and possible action to write a CIS in SUPPORT/OPPOSITION to CF 19-0002-S53 AB 857 (Chiu and Santiago) / Local Government / Application for Banking Charter / Establishment of Public Bank.

   Mr. Ducey explained the Motion and issue; the Bill would establish public banking throughout the State.

   Board Member Elvina Beck returned at this time, making seven Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).

   MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Ms. Beck): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT to CF 16-0243 Research Partnership / 100 Percent Energy Portfolio / Department of Water and Power and to call on the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Water and Power to transition to 100% renewable energy by the year 2030.

   MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

   c. Discussion and Possible action to write a CIS in SUPPORT/OPPOSITION to CF 19-0156 Green New Deal for Los Angeles.

   Mr. Ducey explained the Motion and issue.
MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Ms. Al-Hassan): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT to CF 19-0156 Green New Deal for Los Angeles.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. Entertainment Industry Committee: Roger Davis
   A. Presentation of Wizard World by Lani Sarem and Susan Lyon about
      Ghostbusters Fan Fest
      The June 8th “Ghostbusters” celebration will be at Sony in Culver City.

8. PLUM Committee: Ferris Wehbe, Alex Massach

9. Budget Advocates update; Charles Taylor
   Mr. Taylor updated that Budget Day will be Saturday, June 29th at City Hall.

J. 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.

There were no candidates at this time.

K. COMMENTS by Board Members

L. ADJOURNMENT

   MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis).

   MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

   The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:03 p.m.

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