GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Monday, April 22, 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 6:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL
Roll Call was taken by Ms. Beck. Eight of the nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Louis Abramson, Elvina Beck (President), Duffy Culligan, Roger Davis (Secretary), Steve Ducey, Alexander Massachi, Charles Taylor (Treasurer) and Ferris Wehbe (Vice-President). Eman Al-Hassan was 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: 29 Stakeholders and Guests.

C. REPORT / COMMENTS from Government representatives in attendance.
Josh Kurpies, District Director for State 50th District Assemblymember Richard Bloom, (310-450-0041; Josh.Kurpies@asm.ca.gov; http://assembly.ca.gov/Bloom), reported that AB36 Costa-Hawkins Hearing Thursday.

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 DeLongpre Park recreation equipment will be ready by May 1st. Speed bump applications will be accepted as of May 1st. A 225-unit Senior Housing building opened on McCadden. The Councilman’s legislation regarding campaign contributions soon will be voted upon.

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), updated. “We’re doing much better year-to-date . . . 8% less in all categories . . . over last year . . .
except vehicle break-ins . . . property crime is rising,” especially around “Sunset and Vine" by “a lot of different types of suspects,” some from other cities. He listed upcoming events and introduced Senior Lead Officer Annabelle Eubank, a LAPD Hollywood Division Senior Lead Officer Annabelle Eubank, a LAPD Hollywood Division Senior Lead Officer (cell/text 213-793-0703; 37352@LAPD.LACity.org), who reminded “don't leave your property or belongings visible” in a vehicle or home. “If you see” suspicious activity, call 9-1-1, for example, Officer Thompson noted, “if you see a person checking [door] handles”; they often are repeat offenders. Officer Eubank noted that “Ring” doorbells are very helpful. She is “the RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) [https://emergency.lacity.org/rylan] Coordinator for Hollywood” and works with the City Emergency Management Dept. She can present to groups.

Sean Starkey, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilman Mitch O’Farrell (213-261-1545; Sean.Starkey@LACity.org; www.CD13.com), reported that 79 new wayfinding signs were installed “all over Hollywood.” Three City parking lots will have the number of available spaces shown on digital signs. The new Schrader Bridge Housing 72-bed facility was “filled in two days” and “additional outreach workers” are on the streets at 6:00 a.m. “All 72 people had ties to Hollywood.” There’s been extensive outreach done in Hollywood.

Angie Aramayo, Central Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti (ofc. 213-978-0430; cell 323-793-5150; Angie.Aramayo@LACity.org; http://LAMayor.org), reported on the Hire LA Youth [http://ewddlacity.com/index.php/employment-services/employers/hirela-s-youth; https://www.facebook.com/HIRELAsYouth] program for 14-24-year-olds “year-round employment” and “internship”; applications are accepted to June. Last year, more than 17,000 youth applied. At the Mayor’s State of the City address, he noted residents’ “right of public council.”

Fernando Morales, Sr. Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (213-379-2807; FMorales@bos.LACounty.gov; http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl), reported that the County budget will be voted upon in June.

John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), introduced BONC (L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) Commissioner Debbie Wehbe [213-978-1551; Debbie.Wehbe@LACity.org; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org].

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:
1. Approval of Minutes from 3/25/19
2. Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2019
Mr. Taylor requested to remove Item #D. 2. from the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council REMOVES Item #2 from the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION** (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves the Motion in Consent Agenda Item #D. 1.

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

**E. GENERAL PUBLIC Comment on NON- Agenda items:**


**F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. Installation of re-elected and newly elected Board members by BONC Commissioner Debbie Wehbe.

Ms. Wehbe led Ms. Beck, Mr. Wehbe, Mr. Massachi and Mr. Abrahamson in reading aloud the Oath of Office.

**Board Members Elvina Beck, Ferris Wehbe, Alex Massachi and Louis Abrahamson were Seated at this time.**

**G. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and [see the below Motion]. The grant, if approved in full by the Board, will support two soccer teams and cover the costs of uniforms, equipment, and a portion of field time for thirty-two players for the Hollywood PAL Soccer League. In addition to soccer activities, participants in the Hollywood PAL Soccer Program are mentored by LAPD officers, given access to safety information and other youth services, and are supported by a comprehensive community network. Kids attend family events, go on field trips, participate in tutoring, other sports, life-skills classes, and much more.

Kitty Gordillo, Executive Director, Hollywood Police Activities League [323-467-7114; KGordillo@HollywoodPAL.org], described the program, saying “95% of our
families are low-income . . . soccer teams get them engaged . . . this season . . . we have 350 kids . . . seven to 17” in age.

*Board Member Alex Massachi stepped out at this time, making seven Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for the Hollywood Police Activities League Soccer Program, which serves over 550 kids each year (not to exceed up to and including $2,000.00).

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Gordillo described options.

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

2. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for Peru Village LA (not to exceed up to and including $3,000.00). The grant will support The IV Annual Peru Village Festival - A Taste of Peru, 2019 at the Hollywood Recreation Center on Sunday, July 28, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. The grant will cover expenses of renting the Hollywood Recreation Center for one day. There is no cost to enter the festival, and attendees will have the opportunity to share and discover food, dancers, singers, and more that are part of the Peruvian heritage.

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #1. 7. b.]* Mr. Castillo, President, Peru Village thanked the CHNC for previous support of the free event at which no alcohol will be served.

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

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of $3,000 to support the Peru Village Festival.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abrams, Culligan, Davis, Ducey, Taylor and Wehbe); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Massachi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

*Board Member Elvina Beck returned at this time, making eight Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).*
3. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #G. 4.] Mr. Ducey explained this.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves up to $1,500 to Purchase a Water Fountain Upgrade to be installed at 6501 Fountain Avenue by the Department of General Services.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abramson, Beck, Culligan, Davis, Ducey, Taylor and Wehbe); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Massachi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #I. 6. a.] Officer Thompson explained the event; a booth for the CHNC is available.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves up to $1,400 to cover ($400) for a stage, or a DJ, to ($1,000) to purchase pizza or other supplies for LAPD’s 150th Anniversary Celebration at Hollywood Station” on Saturday 4-27-19 from 12 to 3:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Ducey believed that the allocation would be “a misuse of resources.” Mr. Wehbe said “it’s an opportunity to highlight the Neighborhood Council.” Mr. Taylor said it is “an opportunity to continue to build on that relationship” between the CHNC and the Police.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abramson, Beck, Culligan, Davis, Taylor and Wehbe); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Ducey); zero abstained. Mr. Massachi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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

1. President, Elvina Beck
   Ms. Beck indicated that there was no report at this time.

2. Vice-President
   Mr. Wehbe indicated that there was no report at this time.

3. Secretary
   Mr. Davis thanked people for CHNC election work. He will get business cards.
4. Treasurer, Charles Taylor (Second Signer: Elvina Beck)
   Mr. Taylor encouraged Board Members to identify at least two non-profit organizations to consider for NPGs.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS, including Discussion and possible action items, if listed.
   1. Safety Committee; Duffy Culligan, Roger Davis
      There was no report at this time.

   2. Outreach Committee; Duffy Culligan, Gayl Murphy
      
      MOTION (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council nominates Louis Abramson to be Outreach Committee Chair.

      MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero opposed.

      There was no report at this time.

   4. Election Committee: Roger Davis, Duffy Culligan
      There was no report at this time.

   5. Beautification Committee: Steve Ducey
      a. Discussion and Possible Action to [see the below Motion]. Committee voted to APPROVE.

      FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves payment of $1,000 to artist Sarah Chang, pending confirmation as approved vendor, for purchasing of supplies & painting of five utility boxes in the CHNC boundaries, with all designs to be approved by the CHNC Beautification Committee.

      DISCUSSION: Mr. Ducey explained this.

      FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abramson, Beck, Culligan, Davis, Ducey, Taylor and Wehbe); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Massachi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

   6. Legislative Action Committee: Steve Ducey, Eman Al-Hassan
      a. Discussion and possible action to endorse the “4H Plan for the Hollywood Community Plan Update” to be submitted to the Department of City Planning during their open comment period. Presentation by Charlie Carnow, Unite HERE Local 11. (this item has also been referred to the PLUM committee and
they may have a report or recommended action. Mr. Carnow will need the projector for his presentation) Committee Voted to SUPPORT.

Mr. Carnow presented and explained issues. Their “focus is to encourage affordable housing . . . and environmental” protection. They are concerned that upzoning is increasing density without maintaining affordable housing and want to avoid “small business displacement.” Mixed-use could be done, “however, you must have affordable housing.” There was very extensive discussion of merits and drawbacks.

**MOTION to TABLE** (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #I. 6. a.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Ducey explained that the Plan has “85 to 90%” of Board goals regarding sustainability and more. There was discussion that the Board soon will re-address this, though no date was set.

**MOTION to TABLE PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

b. Discussion and Possible Action to submit CHNC’s letter of opposition to SB 58 to CF 19-0002-S39 Committee voted in favor.

Mr. Ducey explained this.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Ms. Beck): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will submit CHNC’s letter of opposition to SB 58 to CF 19-0002-S39.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

c. Discussion and Possible action to [see the below Motion]. Committee voted to SUPPORT.

Mr. Ducey explained this.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Ms. Beck): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a CIS in support to CF 19-0002-S58, AB 1399 Ellis Act Reform.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

d. Discussion and Possible Action to [see the below Motion]. Committee voted to SUPPORT the CF (oppose the State Bill)

Mr. Ducey explained this.
MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Culligan): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a CIS in support to CF 19-0002-S38 SB 50, Wiener, Planning and zoning: housing development: incentives.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

e. Discussion and Possible Action to [see the below Motion]. Committee voted to SUPPORT.

Mr. Ducey explained the proposed Motion and issues.

MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Taylor): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a CIS in support to CF 14-0268-S13 Tenant Harassment Ordinance.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. Entertainment Industry Committee: Roger Davis
a. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for New Filmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA) (not to exceed up to and including $2,500.00). The purpose of the grant is to enrich opportunities for the arts for residents and businesses located within the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council boundaries. The intent of the grant is to support New Filmmakers Los Angeles' annual On Location: Los Angeles Video Project which asks residents and businesses to create films that highlight their respective neighborhoods. The program culminates with a community screening event.

Larry Lebow, New Filmmakers LA, described their monthly film festivals and services including cash awards and prizes. Mentors are available for youth filmmakers.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Wehbe, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council supports and approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for New Filmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA) (not to exceed up to and including $2,500.00).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lebow said “we do screen a lot of documentaries . . . commercials . . . [and] animated” films; “it has to be under five minutes.” Films can be in any language, as long as it is “about Los Angeles.” The submission deadline is August 31st; the event will be at the Sunset-Las Palmas Studios; refer filmmakers to him. Mr. Taylor confirmed that a completed NPG application was submitted. The CHNC “will be recognized as a sponsor” and can have a booth.
FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abramson, Beck, Culligan, Davis, Ducey, Taylor and Wehbe); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Massachi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

b. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for Walking the Beat/Hollywood (not to exceed up to and including $5,000.00). If approved, CHNC grant funds will support Walking the Beat/Hollywood (WTB), a creative writing, theater, and multi-media residency program for youth grades 9-12 and local police officers designed to strengthen community and reinforce positive interactions. The program was developed to combat the epidemic of violence shattering our communities and was initially devised for inner city youth in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Walking the Beat/Hollywood is a collaboration in service to the youth and community of Hollywood. 8. PLUM Committee: Ferris Wehbe

Representative Theo Perkins distributed information. Richard Gallegos, Outreach Coordinator, explained the program “bringing Police Officers and youth together” and showed a video.

Board Member Alex Massachi returned at this time, making eight Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).

Mr. Gallegos said that the organization is a 501(c)3 non-profit.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Wehbe, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application for Walking the Beat/Hollywood (not to exceed up to and including $5,000.00) with the understanding that the City Clerk will have to approve the IRS documents.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gallegos clarified that funding would be used for “costumes, props, projections,” not for salaries. Mr. Perkins said there will be at least three free shows.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Abramson, Beck, Culligan, Davis, Ducey, Taylor and Wehbe); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Massachi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.
8. PLUM Committee: Ferris Wehbe

   **MOTION** (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council nominates Alex Massachi to be a Planning and Land Use Management Committee Member.

   **MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

9. Budget Advocates update; Charles Taylor
   Mr. Taylor indicated that there was no report at this time.

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 volunteers at this time.

K. **COMMENTS** by Board Members
   Mr. Davis said that there is a problem with the CHNC email system, though new Board Members were added.

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

   **MOTION PASSED** unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

   The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:28 p.m.

Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by CHNC. *The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.* The CHNC Minutes page is http://chnc.org/posts.