GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Monday, June 24, 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 6:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL
Seven of the nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Louis Abramson, Eman Al-Hassan, Elvina Beck (President), Roger Davis (Secretary), Steve Ducey, Alexander Massachi and Ferris Wehbe (Vice-President). Charles Taylor (Treasurer) arrived later. Duffy Culligan 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: 23 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 on recent legislation; revising the Ellis Act is being considered.

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 funding was secured for five investigators “to walk the Hollywood Walk of Fame” and remove anything blocking the sidewalk; patrolling will start in August or September. A Walk of Fame Master Plan is being developed; input is sought. Scooters are not allowed on City sidewalks.

Alice Roth, Deputy District Director for L.A. City District Four Councilman David Ryu (cell 213-359-0032; 213-473-7004; Alice.Roth@LACity.org; http://CD4.LACity.org), reminded to report illegal fireworks to 9-1-1 with the address. “Things are going to start improving” at DeLongpre Park.

**Board Member Charles Taylor arrived at this time (6:25), making eight Board Members present (the CHNC quorum is five).**

Ms. Roth continued that a CD4 “beautification team” is available Tuesdays-Saturdays for bulky items pick up; she encouraged to report the need to 3-1-1, the Bureau of Sanitation or her.

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 National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 6th on Bronson in Franklin Village; he encouraged the CHNC to have a booth and for another Board Member besides Mr. Wehbe to attend CPAB [Community Police Advisory Board; http://www.lapdonline.org/hollywood_community_police_station/content_basic_view/8984] meetings.; Mr. Davis volunteered. Officer Thompson reported on recent crime; there are “better statistics” than last year. A range of northern California suspects were apprehended for breaking into vehicles. He cautioned that some social media crime reports are not accurate.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #H. 6. e.*

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Ms. Beck): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council releases Item 8. from the Consent Calendar.

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

*This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #H. 6. f.*

1. Approval of Minutes from 4/22/19
2. Monthly Expenditure Reports for March 2018; April 2018; and May 2018.
3. Reimburse Roger Davis in the amount of $156.23 for payments to the following: (1) Ralph’s for $122.47 on May 25, 2019 and (2) Staples for $33.76 on May 28, 2019. (See CHNC General Board Meeting Agenda, Monday, July 23, 2018, Item F
4. Reimburse Duffy Culligan in the amount of $611.22 for payments to the following: (1) Facebook for $20.00 on December 31, 2017; (2) Facebook for $268.11 on January 31, 2019; (3) Facebook for $256.66 on March 31, 2019; and (4) Facebook for $66.45 on April 30, 2019. (See CHNC General Board Meeting Agenda, Monday, July 23, 2018, Item F
5. Approval for the purchase of business cards for CHNC Board members, not to exceed $1500
6. Appoint Louis Abramson as CHNC’s Homelessness Liaison to the city
7. Appoint Alek Friedman to the Beautification Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Ms. Beck, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

8. Appoint Asher Landau to the Legislative Action Committee

   Mr. Ducey spoke in support of Mr. Landau, who introduced himself and described his background.

   MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council appoints Asher Landau to the Legislative Action Committee.

   MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. GENERAL PUBLIC Comment on NON- Agenda items:

   [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #H. 6. a.] Aerienne and Meg, of CicLAvia (213-355-8500; Meg@CicLAvia.org; www.CicLAvia.org), announced that it will return to Hollywood on August 18th. “There’s no end or beginning; you can begin or end at any time . . . we are doing outreach all along the route." The CHNC can have a booth. Marianne Curtis, of the End Homelessness Now campaign, is working with the City to find housing sites; she noted the lack of affordable housing and cited statistics.

F. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

   There were none at this time.

G. 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, Ferris Wehbe
      Mr. Wehbe indicated that there was no report at this time.

   3. Secretary, Roger Davis
      Mr. Davis reported.

   4. Treasurer, Charles Taylor (Second Signer: Elvina Beck)
      [The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]
A. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application for the Office of State Assemblymember Richard Bloom to host the 5th Annual Hollywood Family Resource Fair on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Yucca Park & Recreation Center in Hollywood from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If approved by CHNC, the NPG will cover event related catering costs provided by Pink's Hot Dogs, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $2,000. Other community partners, in addition to Assemblymember Bloom and CHNC, include the following elected officials and community organizations: (1) Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council; (2) GIFT Global Initiative; (3) After-School All-Stars; (4) City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks; (5) State Senator Ben Allen; (6) Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl; (7) Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell; and (8) Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu.

Mr. Kurpies noted previous CHNC support and explained the event. It was agreed to have a special Board meeting on July 1st to consider a Motion.

B. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application for the Southern California Preparedness Foundation for an amount not to exceed $850 to support the 12th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. The Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Fair is held to increase family and neighborhood emergency awareness, provide education and training, and enhance whole community disaster preparedness. If approved, the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will use CHNC NPG funds to purchase supplies, services, and rentals in support of the Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair for an amount not to exceed $8,500.00.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #G. 4. C.] Mr. Taylor requested and it was agreed to TABLE this item.

C. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application for L.A.C.E.R. (Literacy, Arts, Culture, Education, and Recreation). If approved, CHNC NPG funds will support the purchase of supplies to support L.A.C.E.R's ongoing classes in arts, sports, academics, and music for students at Bancroft Middle School and Hollywood High School. NPG funds will provide students with opportunities they would not regularly have access to in their communities due to financial resource limitations, safety concerns, limited access to transportation and other socio-economic limitations.

Mr. Taylor requested and it was agreed to TABLE this item.

D. Discussion and possible action by the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council to review and approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant application for The Fountain Theater for an amount not to exceed $5,000.00. If approved, CHNC
NPG funds will support The Fountain Theater's Walking the Beat/Hollywood program. Walking the Beat (WTB) is a creative writing, theater, and multi-media residency program for youth in grades 9-12 and local police officers. The program is designed to strengthen and reinforce positive community interaction. Walking the Beat/Hollywood partners with Elizabeth Youth Theater Ensemble (EYTE), Hollywood Police Activities League, and LAPD Hollywood Division to support its programs. Walking the Beat/Hollywood is a ten-week residency program that brings together youth and law enforcement through an innovative theater-arts based experience that develops empathy, communication, and community.

Mr. Taylor requested and it was agreed to TABLE this item.

E. General Treasurer and Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council Funding Update.

Mr. Taylor reported that there was $10,600 in budget; DONE [the L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment; 213-978-1551; NCSupport@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org] indicated that they will know the exact amount of next year’s budget by this August 1st.

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

1. Safety Committee; Duffy Culligan, Roger Davis
   Mr. Wehbe reported that CPAB has new Bylaws and meets every two months.

2. Outreach Committee; Duffy Culligan, Louis Abramson
   a. Discussion and possible action for CHNC board members to conduct neighborhood canvasses in September and October, 2019, and January and March, 2020, respectively, to raise awareness of and/or participation in a Tenants’ Rights Workshop, the Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) emergency preparedness program, a voter registration drive, and Get Out The Vote activities in support of the 2020 CA Primary Elections.

   Mr. Abramson explained the event; the board agreed with the idea. No motion was made or vote taken.

   b. Discussion and possible action for the CHNC Outreach Committee to draft a monthly Community Interest Survey for electronic and paper distribution in collaboration with the CHNC General Board or other committees. Funds to support the printing of paper surveys will be drawn from the outreach budget and assessed and requested as necessary.

   Mr. Abramson explained the event; the board agreed with the idea. No motion was made or vote taken.
c. Discussion and possible action to design and/or procure new CHNC-branded giveaways and TABLE skirts for use at public events, and potentially emergency or first-aid kits (without medication).

Mr. Abramson explained the event; the board agreed with the idea. There was discussion of what items to consider purchasing. No motion was made or vote taken.


Mr. Taylor reported that the Committee did not meet.

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4. Homelessness Committee: Louis Abramson

a. Discussion on the 2019 LA Homeless Count results and hosting a community meeting to review them with other key stakeholders (e.g., City or Neighborhood Councilpeople, Mayor's Office representatives, agencies, non-profits, outreach workers, businesses).

Mr. Abramson explained issues and cited extensive detailed statistics. He encouraged CD4 to build bridge housing; Ms. Roth indicated that they are working on it. Stakeholder Neil Big spoke of “the failure of government.” Ms. Curtis noted housing challenges and urged building more housing.

b. Discussion and possible action of stakeholder concerns regarding homelessness near Selma Park and measures to ensure public access to such facilities during LA's ongoing homelessness crisis.

Mr. Abramson described challenges and issues. There will be monthly meetings to discuss concerns. There was discussion of the housing vacancy rate.

c. Discussion of the work of PATH and United Way LA in ameliorating the homelessness crisis, specifically pertaining to the Schrader Bridge Housing. Discussion about SELAHNHC activities and possible initiatives to replicate aspects of their homelessness outreach work in Central Hollywood.

Mr. Abramson explained, cited many statistics and described services being offered by PATH [People Assisting The Homeless; 323-644-2200; path@epath.org; https://www.epath.org] and United Way, and possible actions. “There is a waiting list of 300 people” for Schrader bridge housing.

d. Discussion regarding future engagement of CHNC in the TRIESTE mental health initiative.

Mr. Abramson extensively explained the $150 million international program.
5. Beautification Committee: Steve Ducey
   Mr. Ducey reported that the Library is considering having a mural painted on a large wall.

6. Legislative Action Committee: Steve Ducey, Eman Al-Hassan
   a. Discussion and possible action to write a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT/OPPOSITION to Council File 19-0582, Non-Arrest or Early Diversion Program.

   Mr. Ducey explained the Motion and issues.

   **MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 19-0582, Non-Arrest or Early Diversion Program.

   **DISCUSSION**: Officer Thompson supported this. There was extensive discussion of issues.

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

   b. Discussion and possible action to write a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT/OPPOSITION to Council File 19-0623, Empty Homes Penalty / Vacant and Habitable Housing Units.

   Mr. Ducey explained the issues and legislation.

   **MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Ms. Beck): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 19-0623, Empty Homes Penalty / Vacant and Habitable Housing Units.

   **DISCUSSION**: There was very extensive discussion about the issues.

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

   c. Discussion and possible action to write a Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT/OPPOSITION to Council File 19-0533 AB 516 (Chiu) / Parking Immobilization Program / Parking Enforcement / Impacts to City Operations.

   Mr. Ducey explained that this was about parking enforcement and removing vehicles, “to remove poverty tows.”

   **MOTION** (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a Community Impact Statement in opposition to Council File 19-0533 AB 516 (Chiu) / Parking Immobilization Program / Parking Enforcement / Impacts to City Operations.
DISCUSSION: There was very extensive discussion about the issues.

MOTION FAILED with four in favor; four opposed; zero abstained.

d. Discussion and possible action to write a letter of SUPPORT/OPPOSITION to AB 516 Authority to remove vehicles.

MOTION (by Mr. Ducey, seconded by Mr. Wehbe): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a letter of support for AB 516 Authority to remove vehicles.

MOTION FAILED with four in favor; four opposed; zero abstained.

e. Discussion and possible action to write a Resolution in SUPPORT/OPPOSITION of HR 1384 Medicare For All Act of 2019, presentation by representatives from National Nurses United.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #H. 8. d.] NNU Organizer Sean Broadbent [936-348-4419; SeanBroadbent@ymail.com] explained the Act.

MOTION (by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ducey): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council approves supporting HR1384.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Beck and others asked many questions and Mr. Broadbent extensively answered them, and there was very extensive discussion about issues and the legislation.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

MOTION (by Mr. Wehbe, seconded by Mr. Massachi): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council will write a Resolution recommending that the City of Los Angeles and its departments, representatives and other entities hereby cease all ongoing and future business plans and travel to the state of Alabama, Georgia and any other state who participates in legislative oppression of women and their rights.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ducey explained the issue. Mr. Abramson was concerned that innocent people could be unintentionally harmed.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

7. Entertainment Industry Committee: Roger Davis
Mr. Davis reported.
8. PLUM Committee: Ferris Wehbe, Alex Massachi
   a. 6400 Hollywood Blvd. / Greco Pizza -- ZA-2019-331-CUB -- a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption only in conjunction with an existing 2,179 sf restaurant with 64 seats. Hours of operation from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., daily. Representative: Patrick E. Panzarello Consulting Svcs on behalf of Applicant: Gheorghe Grassu, Best New York Pizza, LLC. Planning Dept. link: http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MjI2NzYy0 Possible Motion: The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the CHNC Board to [support or oppose] a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption only in conjunction with an existing 2,179 square foot restaurant with 64 seats. Hours of operation from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., daily, for the application for 6400 Hollywood Blvd., Case # ZA-2019-331-CUB, as presented.

   Mr. Wehbe indicated that this already had been voted upon.

   b. 1553 N. Cahuenga Boulevard -- ZA-2019-2154-CUB-ZV -- The Record Parlour Lounge. The applicant is requesting the following in conjunction with the operation of a 1,550 square-foot, 49-seat full service restaurant: Zone Variance: As allowed under Section 12.27 I of the LAMC, the applicant is requesting a Variance from section 12.26 A 2 (a) (4) to permit an arcade use in the C4-2D-SN Zone. Conditional Use Permit – Alcoholic Beverage As allowed under Section 12.24 W 1 of the LAMC, the Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption, with live entertainment and hours of operation from 11:00 am to 12:30 am, daily.

   Representative Margaret Taylor introduced Chris, the operator; “he lives in the neighborhood.” They requested a C-4 variance. She showed slides of a photo and floor plan. “Maximum seating capacity is approximately 49 people . . . he’d like to have a routine house band . . . no cover charge . . . Officer Thompson has been there . . . he has over 185 signatures of support; 172 of which either live or work or both in the neighborhood.” Copies were distributed of the signatures. “Our hearing is August seven.” Officer Thompson said “I did . . . perform a walk-through . . . the general public would enter . . . off Cahuenga.”

   **MOTION** (by Mr. Wehbe, seconded by Ms. Beck): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council supports the project at 1553 N. Cahuenga Boulevard -- ZA-2019-2154-CUB-ZV -- The Record Parlour Lounge. The applicant is requesting the following in conjunction with the operation of a 1,550 square-foot, 49-seat full service restaurant: Zone Variance: As allowed under Section 12.27 I of the LAMC, the applicant is requesting a Variance from section 12.26 A 2 (a) (4) to permit an arcade use in the C4-2D-SN Zone. Conditional Use Permit – Alcoholic Beverage As allowed under Section 12.24 W 1 of the LAMC, the
Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption, with live entertainment and hours of operation from 11:00 am to 12:30 am, daily.

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


Mr. Wehbe indicated that this will be re-agendized.

d. 1341 N SEWARD ST 90028 -- AA-2018-430-PMLA-SL/ENV-2018-431-EAF -- Project Description: 4-parcel Small Lot Subdivision Requested Entitlement: Pursuant To Sec. 17.50 A Preliminary Parcel Map To Create (4) New Small Lot Homes. Requested Modification To Originally Presented Project – The code (lamc 17.03 and lamc 12.28.c.4) states that we are allowed to ask for up to 20% height increase as a modification that can be granted by the zoning administrator. our current proposed height is 30'. a 20% modification would be 6' bringing the building to 36' max height. We would like to increase the height 3'-0" which equates to an 10% increase. We are not asking for the max adjustment as we simply need the additional height to fit the mechanical systems into the homes without compromising the interior space. There is a cross slope on the site that reduces the physical height of the building based on how the code requests to measure the height. The perception of the building with the added height would have minimal impact to the naked eye. Project Applicant: Iacobellis & Associates Inc. - Thomas Iacobellis Project Representative: Colega Architects - Bogdan Tomalevski.

Mr. Wehbe explained the project. Mr. Tomalevski showed renderings, as he did to the Committee. They are asking for 30 feet in additional height.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Wehbe, seconded by Mr. Davis): The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council supports Case No. AA-2018-430-PMLA-SL/ENV-2018-431-EAF, 1341 N. Seward St., the height increase of three feet on this project to a maximum height of 33 feet.
DISCUSSION: Officer Thompson said that the home is “currently occupied by a friend of the developer.” There is no hearing date yet.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

9. Budget Advocates update; Charles Taylor. Join the annual Budget Day, June 29th, 2019 at the Downtown City Hall. Attendees will get to hear directly from elected officials, representatives from City Departments and their Budget Advocates as they discuss the changes and strategies incorporated into the City’s FY19/20 budget. Registration, breakfast and parking are complimentary: http://bit.ly/BudgetDay2019

Mr. Taylor noted the above.

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.

There were no candidates at this time.

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

There were no comments at this time.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:54 p.m.

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