

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
HOLLYWOOD STUDIO
DISTRICT
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**Board Discussion Notes
Monday, January 13, 2020**

Louis B. Mayer Building Suite #308, 5500 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028

DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by "Approved __[Month]__ __[date]__, 201__[year]__"]

[This event was a "discussion," not a "meeting," because no quorum was present.]

HSDNC (and all other) Meeting Minutes are a summary; Minutes were not, are not and are never meant to be an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript or comprehensive record of what was said at a Meeting. Exceptions: Motions/Resolutions (as stated at the Meeting, which take precedence over versions written on the Agenda, if different); quotes (words that have quotation marks ("") at the beginning and ending of a word or words); and other wording from the Agenda such as the first paragraph(s) of some Items. Items are listed in and match the same order as on the Agenda.

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

A. Call Meeting to Order

Chair John Sierra began the discussion at 6:40 p.m.

B. Seating of the Board

This already had been done.

C. Board Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Eight of the 19 Board Members were present at the beginning of the discussion: Alex Alferov, Jonathan Bayley, Damien Burke (Secretary), Anthony Conley (Treasurer), Doug Haines, Benjamin Rosen, John Sierra and Rosalinda Sierra. Grace Cotangco arrived later. Anita McMillan had resigned.

Excused absences: Keith Cornella (Vice-Chair), Craig Cox, Dasler Jimenez, Guy Langman, Kate Pynoos, Michael Tessler, Theodore Wachtel and Tabitha Yelos. Unexcused absences: [**DB CONFIRM:** ☐] Bill Murphy and Nelly Platero.

The HSDNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 11 (see <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Nineteen of the 20 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat was vacant [At Large; to apply, see <https://www.hsdnc.org/join-the-hsdnc>]. Also attending: 15 Stakeholders and Guests.

REPORTS

II. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Sierra noted that this was his first meeting as Chair and thanked the Board for the opportunity. He read Anita McMillan's resignation letter. The Homeless Count will be January 21-23; sign up at TheyCountWillYou.org; the Hollywood Studio District Count will be on the 23rd.

Board Member Grace Cotangco arrived at this time (6:45), making nine Board Members present, two short of the HSDNC quorum of eleven.

Mr. Sierra reminded that all funding needs to be allocated. He requested Board Members to advise himself or Mr. Cornella if they will be absent. The Bylaws say that two (2) consecutive un-notified absences or a total of five (5) absences in a calendar year can cause removal. All Board Members are expected to be members of "at least one Standing Committee."

III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS. Representatives from government offices and community-based organizations

A. LA City Council District 13, Mitch O'Farrell

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VII.*] Sean Starkey, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 13 Councilman Mitch O'Farrell (213-207-3015; Sean.Starkey@LACity.org; www.CD13.com), reported that the speed hump program reactivates January 29; only three humps per City Council District will be installed. Copies were distributed of information regarding an Academy Awards community meeting on January 22. Winter shelter beds are available for men 18 to 24 years of age. The sidewalk repair program Environmental Impact Report is available.

B. LAPD

Annabelle Eubank, a LAPD Hollywood Division Senior Lead Officer (cell/text 213-793-0711; 37352@LAPD.LACity.org; <http://www.lapdonline.org/>)

hollywood_community_police_station), reported that “we ended [2019] with a good year of low crime statistics... safeguard your property... bike theft is a big problem.” She noted upcoming events. The Citizens Academy will start February 19; it is a once-a-week six-week evening course on Police operations and Senior Lead Officer responsibilities, and certifies volunteers to work with the Police. She provided homelessness help information. Gang detectives and GRYD are working on gang activity. The Police are working with the Neighborhood Prosecutor [Ethan Weaver; Ethan.Weaver@LACity.org; 213-978-7904] regarding the tire shop on Fountain Ave. Officer Eubank reported that Senior Lead Officer Eddie Guerra [ofc. 323-871-4068; cell/text 213-793-0706; 38136@LAPD.LACity.org] is working on Lemon Grove Park issues.

C. Other Government Departments/Agencies

Lorenzo Briceno, Assistant Director of Policy and Government Relations, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Lorenzo.Briceno@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that BONC [the L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners; 213-978-1551; www.EmpowerLA.org] is working on a censure and removal process which will be incorporated into all Neighborhood Council Bylaws. Bylaws amendments can be submitted by April 20; then, until April 20, 2022, there will be a two-year moratorium on amendments. He requested that Board Member changes be submitted to Rosters@EmpowerLA.org.

Olga Taylor, of Children’s Hospital of L.A., who previously reported on their “Stop the Bleed” training, encouraged completing a community health survey at CommunityHealthAssessment.CHLA.org.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS. Reports from standing and ad hoc committees

A. Outreach

Mr. Rosen reported that the December 21 holiday party “was great.” There will be a January 20 “outreach/voter registration Drive”; especially needed are Spanish speakers. Outreach volunteers can contact Tabitha.Yelos@hsdnc.org.

B. Bylaws, Selection, & Election

Mr. Burke reported that the Committee will meet February 3 at 6:00. To apply for a Board position see the website or contact him at Damien.Burke@hsdnc.org.

C. Budget & Finance

Mr. Conley reviewed the budget; \$32,360.37 in funding was available. Volunteers are needed to help review Neighborhood Purposes Grant applications and do other work.

D. Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM)

Mr. Haines reported that the Committee met December 18. They discussed projects including Sunset and Western, which started at 293 units and now is proposed to have 412 units. The project at 1222 Beachwood was approved by

the City. When the Committee meets on January 16 it will discuss the applications for a full-line CUP beverage license application at 1627 N. Gower; the Hollywood Forever Cemetery to have stadium and arena uses; and converting two entertainment property houses at 5831 and 5721 Santa Monica Blvd. to office-use only. Volunteers experienced with land use issues are needed.

E. Public Safety

Mr. Bailey reported that Mr. Cornella will nominate Mr. Bailey and Mr. Cox as Members; more volunteers are needed.

F. Youth

Mr. Rosen reported that the Committee may be combined into the Outreach Committee.

G. Other standing and ad hoc committee reports

Mr. Sierra indicated that there were no other reports at this time.

V. LIAISONS, ALLIANCES, and COALITIONS REPORTS. Reports from liaisons and alliances and coalitions HSDNC is a member of.

Mr. Sierra indicated that there were no such reports at this time.

VI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Jennifer Barbosa, candidate for Congress [Barbosa2020.com; Info@BarbosaForCongress.com], opposing Adam Schiff, introduced herself.

VII. Presentation by Spencer Hillman on KinderUS app

Copies were distributed of KinderUS [SpencerHillman@KinderTogether.com] information. Mr. Hillman described his interest in “community culture... knowing your neighbor.” He encouraged downloading the smartphone app.

BOARD ACTIONS

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Approve the December 9th, 2019 meeting minutes

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken.

B. Approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for December 2019

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

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Monthly Expenditure Reports are available from the Neighborhood Council Funding DashBoard at <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/DashBoard.html>

IX. Authorize up to 5 Board members to submit Community Impact Statements.

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

X. Ratify appointments to committees.

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

XI. Appoint a primary signer, secondary signer, and alternate secondary signer.

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

XII. Appoint committee Chairs.

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

XIII. Approve up to \$5,000 for the Los Angeles Community Garden Council Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG).

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

XIV. Set date for HSDNC retreat.

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

XV. Approve up to \$500 for HSDNC retreat.

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

XVI. Send a letter to Home Depot corporate offices to request a meeting with the general manager of the Hollywood Home Depot, regarding security concerns at that location.

Mr. Haynes distributed copies of a draft letter from the HSDNC to Home Depot regarding "Lack of security at the Hollywood Home Depot, 5600 Sunset Blvd."

XVII. Discuss a regular schedule of clean ups.

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

CLOSING

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rosen reported on next generation bus community meetings in February and March; see metro.net/projects/nextGEN. Mr. Starkey clarified that sidewalk curbs "are the responsibility of the property owner."

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no quorum; no Motion was made or vote taken

"Agendas for all Meetings shall include an item referring to the addition of agenda items for upcoming Meetings. Stakeholders shall have the opportunity to request items be placed on upcoming agendas at this time." (HSDNC Bylaws VIII. 2. A.)

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sierra declared the discussion ended at 7:48 p.m.

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