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## HOLLYWOOD STUDIO DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HSDNC) Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

**Assistance League of Southern California**  
1360 N. St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, CA 90028

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Items are listed for reference only and may be discussed out of order

1. **Meeting called to order**, welcome remarks by Chair
  - Introduction of stakeholders/visitors
2. **Roll Call**
  - Meredith
  - Don
  - Efrain
  - Tom
  - John
  - Maria
  - Bill
  - Alex
  - Jirair
  - Drew
  - Orletha
  - Jennifer
  - Shane
  - Christina
3. **Approval of Minutes** for Board meeting of November 11, 2013
  - Motion Jirair/Alex Motion passes 11/0/2
4. **Public Comments** on Non-Agenda items (2 min. per)

Samir Srivastava – Concerned the PLUM committee hasn't met in almost a year. Projects are moving forward, but the NC doesn't have a chance to see these projects because PLUM is not meeting. Expressed concern a particular building project being developed on Hollywood and Western is not being built by its pre-approved standards (35% larger than NC approved project). Samir recommends HSDNC sends a letter opposing this project. Barry says it is possible to issue a letter of opposition of project because this has been an agendized item in an HSDNC past meeting in which the board took action. Orletha reminded the council that the PLUM committee did oppose this building project many months ago. It is possible for Bill to write a letter referencing the meeting in which the council did not approve the project and asked the representative to come back with more information.

5. **Meet & Greet**

6. **Report by Government Agencies**

- **Steven Whiddon**

- Congratulations on holiday event. Thank you to the people that made it happen. Paramount Pictures is donating, on behalf of the HSDNC, the rest of the toys to LAPD and CD13

- Encouragement to download MyLAFree11 app.

- Invitation to HSDNC to join councilman's office in monthly cleanup. Steven met with a group of business owners, called the Hollywood village business group, to come up with cleaning ideas for the areas of Franklin to Hollywood and Hollywood to Sunset. Each business owner will adopt a street to cleanup.

- The councilman's office is trying to get an LAX flyaway in Hollywood (East side of Vine street, in between Hollywood and Selma) sometime in 2015.

- Councilman's office appreciates all the outreach done on behalf of Chris Shabel.

- **Julie Nony**

- Senior lead officer for South East area. This Saturday, December 14, is the station's children's Christmas party.

- The Melrose castle was bulldozed, Nony offered thanks for support of removal of building.

- There have been a high frequency of car break ins and she offered encouragement to not leave items in cars. Overall crimes in Hollywood are down.

- **Lydia Grant** – (818) 470-6629 – empowerla.org

- As the new BONC Commissioner, Lydia oversees area in the North Valley.

- It is important to get feedback from everyone, including various NCs. She offered encouragement to remember schools in upcoming elections. She also gave some information of a new outreach program which, if changed, could change NC agenda postings to one Brown Act posting

- **Jennifer**

- LANCC meeting on Saturday. Raise rates by 5% for infrastructure. The three areas where the city is not making up its financial deficits is parking tickets, emergency aid, and landlords of RSO properties not paying taxes. The impression among LANCC board members regarding "8 motions for your consideration" is they are looking for our input on them. LANCC wants a community impact statement from HSDNC.

- **Barry**

- Would like to have a story about holiday party for newsletter

7. **Holiday Party:**

a. **Initial Report/Debriefing on the Holiday Party (Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>)** – Ziggy

- Home Depot, Charples Puree's company, CD13, and others all donated items to event. They gave away all the toys that HSDNC bought.

b. **Discussion and Vote to draft thank you letters from HSDNC to persons and institutions contributing to make the Holiday Party successful including Betty Wong at DONE etc.**

8. **Update on HSDNC Wifi Project** – Bill

- Table

9. **Introduction and Presentation of plan to put a measure to create a 'Neighborhood Legislature' on 2014 Statewide ballot** – Crystal M. Litz (5 minutes)

- Scott Crawford – Help formed Los Feliz NC. He switched over to Silverlake NC, where he was chair. Now he is trying to get a measure on next year's election ballot called Neighborhood Legislatures. NL would change the face of the state. For assemblymen, there would be 5,000 and 10,000 for every senator. It would save our state \$130mil per year by switching to this.

10. **Presentation by LAANE/Raise LA to raise the current minimum wage for workers at LA's largest hotels (over 100 rooms) to \$15.37/hour** (5 minutes)

Rachel Torrez - works with the LA alliance for a new economy. Trying to revitalize Hollywood and ensure good jobs stay in Hollywood. This supports the hotel industry also. Recently, while a big resurgence of hotel buildings and occupancy has gone up, hotel worker rates have not gone up. They are trying to change pay rates of hotel workers on a policy called Raise LA. It will affect hotels in LA with 100 rooms or more, it will have 5 sick days for employees, will have a living wage of \$15.37 per hour, and protection for tip workers. By looking at the results of a study done on each district on the potential impact, an estimated \$3 million will come back into the economy with implementation of this policy. This will be introduced to the City Council next year. HSDNC will look into its ability to take a position requiring a letter of support by asking DONE.

11. **Discussion & Vote to issue a letter from HSDNC in support of Fountain Community Gardens' petition to the City of LA for a 22-Year Lease for their current space** – Dan Fujiwara

- \*Alex recused himself because he is a co founder of the garden, which is asking for support.
- Dan Fujiwara is the master gardener and member at Fountain Community Garden. The garden has been here for 5 years. There is no guarantee that the city will allow them to keep the garden there. They are asking for a letter of support of for a 25 year guarantee (\*note the difference in agenda item title) by the city for the garden. Mitch O'Farrell is in favor of this garden.
- Orletha/Meredith motion to issue letter of support of garden for 25 years 12/0/0/1 Motion Passes (Alex Recused).

12. **Discussion and vote on a resolution for HSDNC to recognize the contributions of Chris Shabel to the HSDNC, the Hollywood community and the City of Los Angeles in the form of a plaque at Fountain Community Gardens or other options.**

**Table**

13. **Presentation regarding New York Life's Free Child ID Program (also for Seniors)**

- Jennifer R. Davis - Absent

14. **Budget and Finance**

a. **Outstanding Business – Current Available Budget and Money Owed**

- Orletha – We have only actually funded for items related for board operations (e.g. temp staff and translation services). Our rent is due for Oct, Nov, and Dec 2013. Orletha presented on Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, which was approved on 8/27/13. Our phone line, listed on website, has been disconnected for some time. Outreach – HSDNC owes \$3,850.28 to 2013 Holiday Party. Orletha is working on getting HSDNC out of debts it owes for 2013. Orletha did not put all the outstanding commitments for past years because she has not yet heard back from the organizations to which the debts are owed.
- Months in 2013 with expenses for approval (data pulled from DONE's website)
- July
  - Jirair – question regarding translation service needed for July meeting.
  - It is possible to approve with this question present, because it can still be changed after approval
  - Bill/Shane motion to approve July (given the two translation charges are clarified)
  - 12/1/1 motion passes (Jirair voted no, Drew abstained)
- Aug
  - Question regarding \$20 for demand warrant given to Jirair
  - Shane/Tom motion to approve
  - Motion passes 12/1/1 (Jirair voted no, Drew abstained)
- Sep
  - Question about \$80 for temp staff
  - Motion – Shane/Alex
  - Motion passes 13/0/1
- Oct
  - No Transactions
  - Tom/Shane
  - Motion passes 13/0/1
- Nov
  - No transactions
  - Shane/Jirair
  - Motion passes 13/0/1
- b. **Status of Outstanding Invoices and Obligations**
  - Orletha has tried to contact Assistance League regarding how to pay rent. There is 1 demand warrant left to go out from Holiday Party. She is attempting contact everyone who has been granted outstanding funds by HSDNC.
- c. **Approve all reconciliation reports for FY 2013/2014**

15. **Outreach Committee**

a. **Update & Approval (Board Vote if necessary) of Outreach Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**

- Motion to have Shane be chair and Jennifer be vice chair - Jirair/Tom
- Motion passes 11/0/2 (Meredith and Shane abstain)

**b. Progress and Update on the HSDNC Website – Shane**

Shane – Outreach Committee created one sheet in English and Spanish. Committee would like to take ownership of all printing materials and do a redesign of brochure. The committee did vote to recommend that Shane be named as chair and Jennifer be named as vice chair. Domain name expires in 2018. Posting expires in August 2014. There was some discussion to migrate into a Google-hosted website, which HSDNC should begin preparing now so that when our host services are terminated, we are not required to renew and we would save this expense. There is positive momentum going forward for the website, but revising a website is lengthy, so it will take time. Jirair believes Leela Fuzon has HSDNC Facebook page administration privileges. Shane is following up with other NCs regarding the Step Up on Western project. For the future, ask Shane and Jennifer for website updates.

**16. Bylaws/Elections Committee**

**a. Discussion and Update on progress of new adhoc Election Committee to handle publicity and management of HSDNC elections scheduled for March 2014**

- Jirair – we do not need an ad hoc committee, because we already have a bylaws elections committee.

**b. Discussion of progress on Election Stipulation Worksheet, which will include time and location of HSDNC elections**

- Jirair – It is the sheet you sign for time and location of elections

**c. Discussion and Election of HSDNC Election Officer (if necessary)**

- Jirair – we already have an officer, who was Jirair. Jirair is still willing to do this as long as it is a joint effort between bylaws and outreach.
- Motion to appoint Jirair as election officer
- Passes 10/1/3 (Jirair votes no)

**17. Update on DONE request that Board Members provide personal information in order to expedite renting office space at 5500 Hollywood Blvd.**

- Orletha recused herself due to a conflict of interest
- Bill – We are resolving issues

**18. Discussion, Confirmation and/or Election/Selection of Representatives to LANCC, DWP, Budget Representatives (2), CIS.**

- Bill volunteers to be LANCC rep
- Don volunteers to be LANCC rep
- No volunteers for DWP rep
- No volunteers for Budget Rep
- No volunteers for CIS rep.

**19. New Business**

**20. Adjournment - 8:45PM**