

HOLLYWOOD UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Called to order: Present – Susan Swan, Charles Suhayda, Erik Sanjurjo, Robert Abrahamian, Bechir Blagui, Francoise Koster, Scott Larson, Samuel Leiaghat, Nic Manzo, Margaret Marmolejo, Jamie Rosenthal, David Schlesinger.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Scott Larson

Second: Eric Sanjurjo

Motion passed:

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Abstain – 3

CITY & COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRA

Neelura Bell announced there is a proposed version of a new subway system tying into Hollywood coming out at end of week. There is another proposed version to Sunset that is out today. Announced Urban Design meeting Dec. 2, 2010, 10AM Egyptian Theater. nbell@cra.lacity.org – email for Neelura. CRA allotted 2.5 million to streetscape improvement Gower to Western on Hollywood.

Councilman LaBonge Office

Sharon Shapiro, Hollywood Rep, announced that Tom LaBonge was awarded Councilman of the year by UCLA. She announced MTA, CRA, streetscape projects are supported. Hollywood Xmas parade is Nov 28, 6 – 9PM. 3PM street closure. City is falling behind on emptying trash regularly. Safe walking to school is being promoted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lucy Gregorian

Wants a “no hate” campaign.

Ziggy Kruse

Wants to get empty lot at 5535 Hollywood Blvd approved for local park. Wants senior housing at St. Andrews & Hollywood Blvd. Our Board should be involved.

Richard McNaughton

CRA started in LA, wants to cover the whole city now. In 2005 Supreme court ruled in a case that CRA can take a property if they say they can make better use of it. Homeowners said no they don't agree.

Bob Blue

Discussed Quimby Funds, which are available when a project area in LA City is declared “blighted”. A little of these funds go to communities, most of it goes to developers for their projects. Due to recent bill just passed in City Council, there is now a limit on amount of Quimby Funds that can be used in such cases.

Cara Rule

Planning Dept of City of LA is trying to pass a streamlining ordinance that will make it easier for developers to get plans approved. Beachwood Canyon, Hillside Federation, Studio City, Palisades homeowners don't like it. Cary Brazeman can be googled, he has a good analysis of this situation. Cara wants this agenda item by PLUM in next meeting.

Mike Miller

Doesn't like increasing inflation. Reach him at mikemillerus2009@yahoo.com

ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Rainer Standke presented tree planting and watering project. Needs up to \$3000 to pay for watering of trees 24 weeks starting May 2011. This was a HUNC project. Allocate the money out of this year's budget.

Motion: Susan Swan

Second: Bechir

Motion passed:

Yea - 11

Nay - 0

Abstain - 0

Nathan French update on community walks promoted by Hollywood Adventist Church, progress of pocket park. The next walk will be in December. Sam Leiaghat will head it. No update on pocket park. Church is creating an organic community garden.

Treasurer Charles Suhayda reported DONE is getting stricter on their requirements for purchases by neighborhood councils. We must have credit card use. There are instances where the credit card won't work though it is supposed to. He is sending data to Finance Committee. Reminder to put tags on items HUNC buys for the holidays for the community.

Treasurer Charles Suhayda wants to adjust budget and resubmit to include possible funding for office help and minute taking. \$7500 for fiscal year 2010 -2011.

Motion: Susan Swan

Second: Bechir Blagui

Motion passed:

Yea - 9

Nay - 0

Abstain - 0

Treasurer Charles Suhayda: Community outreach ideas for the upcoming holidays are turkey dinners for the disadvantaged families at Hollywood Adventist - up to \$500.

Motion: Charles Suhayda

Second: Bechir Blagui

Motion passed:

Yea - 10

Nay - 0

Abstain - 0

Also toys for Hollywood Holiday party at Lemon Grove Park - up to \$500.

Motion: Charles

Second: Eric Sanjurjo

Motion passed:

Yea - 11

Nay - 0

Abstain - 0

President Susan Swan wants to set up workshop/retreat date for January 17th board meeting, with \$500 funding.

Motion: Scott Larson

Second: Susan Swan

Motion passed:

Yea - 9

Nay - 0

Abstain - 0

PLUM: Cara Rule will be joining the group involved with NBC Universal Draft EIR and will keep tabs on the group. PLUM meets Dec 2nd.

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