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Brief Summary: Just last month a Victorian house at 1755 Canyon Drive was demolished with no notice to any residents on the block or the NC, as there is for any type of land use activity processed through the Planning Department. We thank CM O'Farrell for proposing a sensible and simple process to ensure that Building & Safety also provides minimal notice to residents.

Additional Information: You cannot fumigate a home without putting up a notice, but you can tear down a home that likely had numerous toxins in its ceilings and floor. Applications for ABC licenses, development proposals, and many other land use actions require notification. Issuing a demolition permit a day after it is applied for leaves no time to ensure protection of historic buildings. [BOARD MINUTES NOT YET AVAILABLE].
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
6:00pm Monday, May 12TH, 2014
Cheremoya Elementary School, 6017 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90028
(Parking available onsite, access off Beachwood Drive)

The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at: Cheremoya Ave. Elementary School 6017 Franklin Ave., Beachwood Market 2701 Belden Dr., Counterpoint Records and Books 5911 Franklin Ave., Sabor y Cultura, 5625 Hollywood Boulevard, Village Pizza, 6363 Yucca St, LA 90028. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the scheduled meeting (or location noted in the Agenda item) or by making arrangements with our office (contact information above). As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Support Help Line (213) 978-1551 or email huncoffice@gmail.com.

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order or merged as deemed appropriate. Action may be taken on all items.

1. Welcome
2. Approval of April minutes
3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)
4. Assignment of new Committees (primary and secondary)
   A. Discussion and adoption of full Committee list for 2014-15
   B. Brief description of breakout format for May Board retreat
5. Treasurer:
   DEADLINE: Demand Warrants must be completed by 5/15, inter-departmental fund transfers by 5/30
   Submission of Funding Requests, will be voted upon separately, merged or moved up or down in priority:
   A. REMAINING UNENCumberED FUNDS: $5,000 Recently found out that Council action has made additional funds available for 2013-14
   B. ENCumberED FUNDS YET TO BE EXPENDED:
      1. Slight modifications to several items approved at April Board meeting based on bids received, up to $250
      2. Vote to approve $20 for US Postal Service late fees upon renewing HUNC PO Box. (Board approved $92, actual expense was $112 including late fees).
      3. Discussion and approval for moving $4,000 from NPG to Election Outreach Expense in HUNC FY 2013-2014 Approved Budget to cover for election expenses incurred
   C. PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS:
      1. Additional Smokey the Bear signs – 2 at $1,723 each for $3,446 (bonus one to be included)
      2. Replacement bike for Gay & Lesbian Center’s AIDS Ride event- up to $1,650
      3. $1,050 for Cheremoya Summer Reading Program, Scholastic Books vendor
   $6,146 total maximum depending on final cost
6. PLUM
   A. Motion to support CF #13-1104 (O’Farrell) to require that the Department of Building & Safety develop a public notification process for demolition of any structure (expected to go before PLUM on 5/13). Discussion of recent demolition of 1919 Victorian house at 1755 Canyon Drive.
   7. Public Safety & Transportation
   A. Discussion of recent walk-through of Argyle and Franklin intersection by various members of Board and CD4. Possible support for recommendations to CD4, CD13, DOT and CalTrans. See attached Minutes for details.
   B. Discussion of letter from DOT regarding petition to remove “2 hour parking” sign next to Victor’s Square on Bronson. Alternate proposal to instead request that hours be adjusted to “2 hour parking 6 pm-12 am.” Motion to support petition being circulated to area businesses to support this change.
C. Discussion of recent meeting by members of PS&T Committee, CD13 and LAFD regarding opening of old FS 82/new Training Annex. Proposal to install signage on Bronson adjacent to station (east side) restricting overnight parking of oversized vehicles. Discussion of possible restriction of street parking adjacent to the station during business hours (8 am-6pm M-Sa) to 2 or 4 hours.

D. Update on proposed traffic signal at Canyon and Van Ness- steps required for enactment, possible community concerns, information from DOT.

E. Support for motion CF#14-0252-S2 (LaBonge) to restore funding in City Budget for DOT speed hump program.

8. Update on Beachwood PPDs and closure of Hollywood Trailhead, possible motion

9. Report from Business Committee on recent meeting and recommendations for improving parking access around 5900 block of Franklin.

A. Motion for support for placement of parking meters on Tamarind, Franklin and Bronson Ave. running along the business frontages of Franklin Avenue.

10. Old Business
11. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place before the end of the meeting at which it was considered or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Motion for Reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a Motion for Reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Recording Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

3-25-14 Meeting with Daniel Halden, HUNC reps and Oaks Reps regarding Franklin/Argyle intersection

Group met and discussed ways to improve traffic flow along Franklin Ave. and at 101 N. Ramp at Argyle.

IDEA #1- On westbound Franklin investigate acquiring a portion of the property on the NE corner of intersection with Argyle (next to mini mall) to add a third lane for traffic intending to turn right or enter onto the freeway. Other two lanes should remain as is, first going straight and second one given option of going straight or turning onto onramp, which has two lanes and could accommodate another lane.

IDEA #2- Extend light for north/south traffic on Argyle at intersection with Vine and Dix streets. Light for east/west traffic is timed for far too long given how few cars travel in this direction compared to Argyle.

IDEA #3- Eliminate the U-turn for eastbound traffic along Franklin onto 101 N. A large part of the reason why this intersection is so dangerous is that cars pile up along Franklin to get onto the 101 and often block first eastbound lane. They also present a danger for westbound vehicles whose drivers have to keep alert to make sure not to collide with them. With a large number of new vehicle trips expected from the new Millennium project, this intersection needs our renewed attention. Big potential impact.

IDEA #3b- As an alternative to turning north onto Argyle to enter the 101 N., install new signage on south side of Franklin west of Argyle directing eastbound traffic south along Argyle, onto Yucca and then right onto Cahuenga headed north. New signs should also be installed near Franklin and Bronson directing cars south on Van Ness to the 101 S. Will help to mitigate the removal of the U turn in #3.

IDEA #4- Move "101 North" sign on Argyle entrance to 101 higher up. Is hard to see from far away now.

IDEA #5- Add a crosswalk along the north side of Franklin between east and west sides of Argyle, just below freeway entrance, in order to allow access to nearby Ivar Park by local residents. Will also make it easier for residents on south side of street to cross Franklin and make it over to park, without having to walk all the way over to Cahuenga or else risk jaywalking, as many do now.