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Brief Summary: At its regular meeting on August 17 the HUNC Board discussed the three models for street vending proposed by the CLA and agreed unanimously that the third was the best and most practical for the community of Hollywood. Concerns were raised about the need for increased enforcement of health and City regulations, both now and once whatever new system is put in place.

**OFFICERS:**

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Robert Litomisky

**BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:30PM**  
**FIRE STATION 82 ANNEX**  
**1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028**  
**Second Floor Conference Room**

1. Welcome and introductions  
6:43 meeting called to order.

2. Roll Call

George, Jim, Chona, Susan S., Robert L., Ishmael, Jennifer, Greg, Tom, Anji and Erik present. 11 members total. Cyndy, Sheila and Susan P. excused. Robert A. arrived at 7:09. Margaret arrived at 7:13. 13 members present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion Susan S.-Greg approved 9-0-2 (George, Jim, Chona, Susan S., Robert L., Ishmael, Jennifer, Anji, Erik and Greg; Tom and Jim abstained).

4. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

Behavioral Health Services rep announced Community Council meeting on Aug. 26 re. 2016 ballot initiative regarding legalizing marijuana.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson spoke about recent renewal of affordable housing bonds in Hollywood area.

Joshua and Daisy of mentioned that can recycle cigarette butts into consumer items.

5. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance

A. Dan Halden, Aram Taslagyan (Field Deputy) and Gary Benjamin (Planning deputy for all of Hollywood and East Hollywood): CD13 New boundary between Dan and Aram is Van Ness. Hwd Streetscape proposal between Gower and Western in the works for early 2017. Dan mentioned opening of pool at Hwd Rec Center, new park on Carlton and upcoming Councilman in Your Corner events. Gary spoke about office's priorities, including 1 for 1 replacement of affordable housing. Major priority of Councilmember.

B. Updates re CD4

No deputy in attendance.

6. Non-Agendized Reports from Committees and Geographical/At-Large/Homeowner Representatives (2 minutes each)

George gave background on DWP project in Dell area to process waste. Ishmael expressed sense that department didn't have clear answers.

7. Griffith Park Advisory Board meeting 8/27

Rec & Parks giving up on allowing individual cars onto Mount Hollywood Drive. May still support allowing trolleys up in the future.

8. Request to endorse the applications of Adam Kear and/or Jim Boulter to the Hollywood Grove HPOZ Board

Erik explained that are two vacancies on 5 member board, one to be appointed by CD4 and the other by board following HUNC's recommendation. Adam explained that HPOZ was formed in 2011 and that he has an interest in serving. Susan S. made motion to recommend Adam for the HUNC position, Robert L. seconded. Adopted 13-0.

9. Update on Greek Theatre operations

Letter from LFNC with their position on new operator of facility was passed out. Kristina Chambers of Neaderlander gave update. Rec & Parks testified to Council committee today. Spending funds that could go elsewhere in department on process to find a new operator. Questioned why department is trying to add a fee to tickets for parking when that has been declared illegal in other cities. Erik question

10. Letter of recommendation to Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell regarding the Franklin Street Fair. A table will be made available to HUNC for the event. The fair is planned for Oct. 4th from 11-7 along the 5900 block of Franklin Avenue. Streets to be closed from Tamarind to Bronson. Closure should be from 9-9 to allow for set up and break down, cleaning. As always it is free to attend, supports local charities (Fire station 82, Cheremoya Elementary and P.A.T.H.) and brings the community together.

Melanie DeBello gave background. Motion Margaret-Jennifer approved 13-0.

11. Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee (20 minutes)

A. Discussion and possible motion regarding August LACC hearing on sidewalk vending proposals

Erik gave summary of LACC meeting. Explained different models being considered. Consensus was that Model 3 was best. Need for better enforcement. Motion Ishmael-Greg to support Model 3. Anji, George, Jim, Chona, Tom, Susan S., Robert L., Greg, shmael, Margaret and Erik voted yes. Robert and Jennifer voted no.

B. Discussion and possible motion regarding July 12 LA Times article on vehicular collisions with pedestrians and recommendations around Hollywood area Metro stops

Erik provided info on worst intersections in City. Good to know where specific ones rank as we make recommendations to government. Also talked about punch outs at Metro stops at Hwd & Highland, Vine and Western. Opportunity to open second exit to allow pedestrians to walk under intersections and avoid interactions with cars. Would have to ensure safety of patrons but could help reduce collisions. Erik to research further and bring matter back to the Board.

C. Review of findings of survey of patrons to 5900 block of Franklin Avenue. Recommendations for incentivizing use of valet parking.

Mamma Didi gave report on her findings. Many folks find it hard to locate parking, look for around area. Feel valet parking is too expensive. Is a need to find more parking nearby. Business owners feel is a crunch in evenings. Erik mentioned that HUNC has long wanted to get info on where people were coming from. UCB does not have a CUP but attracts a tremendous amount of people to the area. Melanie DeBello- need to ask more people to get better sample. Ann- UCB can do more to encourage clients to utilize Uber/Lyft or to valet park. Erik- look into adding a dollar to UCB tickets to subsidize part of valet cost. Stakeholder from nearby apartment building mentioned that valets cause problems on block occasionally. Robert A.- UCB should have an occupancy code.

12. Outreach Committee (5 minutes)

A. Update on proposed quarterly Speakers series, possible first guest(s).

October- Ryu. January- Controller. Zev? Mayor? Kevin James?

13. Business Committee (10 minutes)

A. Update on the enforcement challenges of LAMC sec. 41.50.B.18 (Smoking is prohibited in outdoor dining areas of restaurants, cafes and food courts and within 10 feet of them)

Greg mentioned that businesses want to hold their own pow wow to try to organize themselves.

B. Update on the cleanliness of Franklin Ave sidewalks between Tamarind and Bronson.

Same as above.

14. Finance (20 minutes)

A. Approval of Monthly Expense Reports

Tom gave summary of June report. Motion Tom-George approved 12-0. Robert A. ineligible.

B. Review FY2014/2015 Year End and Budget Close

C. Discussion of proposed and vote for approval of HUNC FY 2015/2016 Budget

Tom gave overview of draft budget. Council still considering what to do with \$4,500 per NC added to budget. May be restricted to election purposes. Motion Tom-Jennifer approved 12-0.

D. Discussion and vote to approve up to \$400 at each FY 2015/2016 HUNC Board Meeting/Special Board Meeting/Board Retreat for refreshments and incidentals

Motion Erik-Jim.

E. Discussion and vote up to approve up to \$550 for LA Skins Music Fest at Barnsdall Park Sept 12th. Group needs help with printing 700-1000 flyers. Motion Tom-Jennifer approved 12-0. Robert A. ineligible.

F. Discussion and vote to approve up to \$2500 approved for buying children's books at a discount from Skylight Books for giving to children attending the Cheremoya Elementary School 2nd Annual Book Fair in November. HUNC's name will be stamped in each book; HUNC will have a booth to dispense giveaways with HUNC logo and HUNC brochures.

Continue. 1/2 of kids from last year were from Cheremoya. Kids each get one book. Funds enough to cover half the cost.

~~E.~~ G. Discussion and assignment of two (2) City Hall Parking Passes (Tom Meredith and Jim Van Dusen)  
Approved by consensus.

15. Updates from August 1 LANCC meeting

Tom gave update. Discussion of proposed DWP water and power rate increases. Erik mentioned L.A. Times op-ed where writer proposed eliminating pass-through tax for City for infrastructure increases. Suggested that HUNC consider supporting this concept at a future meeting.

16. Mission of HUNC for 2015/2016, Mission of HUNC for 2015, formation of committees, board member responsibilities and requirements, required trainings, board member responsibilities and requirements, required trainings.

Motion for Executive Committee to complete. Motion Jim-Jennifer approved 10-0. George, Jim, Chona, Tom, Susan S., Robert L., Greg, Ishmael, Margaret and Erik.

17. Old/Ongoing Business

Ishmael gave update on items related to Renters. 6220 Yucca project was discussed and several tenants came out. Wanted to see City and NC oppose the project. Erik mentioned that need to manage expectations as City is likely to approve projects like this so long as there is no net loss of affordable housing.

18. New/Future Business

Adjournment

9:25.