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Brief Summary: At its regular meeting on July 20, 2015 the HUNC Board voted 9-0-2 to support the proposal by Councilmembers Bonin and Wesson to regulate short term rentals of apartments across the City. We have seen a growing trend of short-term rentals of RSO housing units in Hollywood in recent months, which threatens to reduce the already insufficient amount of affordable housing.

Additional Information:

**OFFICERS:**

**PRESIDENT** Susan Swan  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** Erik Sanjurjo  
**TREASURER** Tom Meredith  
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**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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Jennifer Christie Jim Van Dusen  
Greg Horos Anji Williams  
Sheila Irani Cyndy Williams  
Robert Litomisky

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 20<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

6:39 pm start of meeting (non-voting items). 6:54 quorum reached.

2. Roll Call

Present: Susan Swan, Susan Polifronio, Chona, Sheila, Greg, George, Robert L., Jennifer, Ishmael, Anji and Margaret. Excused: Erik, Jim, Cyndy, Robert A. and Tom. 11 members present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sheila Irani to approve June 2015 HUNC Board Minutes. Second by Greg Horos. Approved 8-0-2 (Susan Swan, Chona, Susan Polifronio, Sheila, Greg, George, Ishmael, and Margaret yes; Anji and Robert L. abstain).

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

Melanie Hughes: Update on the October 4, 2015 proposed Street Fair and closure of Franklin Ave. Will be requesting a letter of support from HUNC at the August Board meeting. The closures will be the same as previous years, Vendors will be charged a flat fee and the profit will go to PATH, Cheremoya Ave. Elementary School and to Fire Station 82.

5. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance (5 minutes each).

Updates from Daniel Halden: CD 13 Field Rep on the 7/25 Carlton Way Parkway Dedication, Special Olympics, installation of a full traffic signal at Hollywood Blvd. and St. Andrews (query as to Franklin and Van Ness requested full light), Councilmember O'Farrell's Planning recommendation to change the small lot ordinance to provide for more affordable housing and to encourage adaptive reuse incentives.

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

None.

7. Griffith Park Advisory Board meeting 7/23

Susan S. provided a summary.

8. Request to endorse the application of Jim Boulter to the Hollywood Grove HPOZ Board

Continued.

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

A. Deputy Chief Castro is hosting the first Community Meeting at their new location at West Bureau Headquarters on Thursday, Jul 23, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the Old Fire Station Annex 1800 N. Bronson Ave. Parking: Street parking. Please allow time to find parking. Opportunity to distribute emergency kits

LAFD Captain Castro gave overview of historic brush fire challenges in Hollywood, discussed the training required of all LAFD Firemen to be able to deal with brush fires, discussed red flag days where humidity is less than 15% and winds 25mph and Captain Castro discussed the increased staffing at Fire Station 82 on Red Flag Days. Event on 23<sup>rd</sup> focused on CERT team.

B. Red Flag days. Motion to ask CD4 to convene meeting with LAFD, DOT to discuss what is the current status of the program, it's effectiveness, need for expansion, and how the program can be funded (signs, red curbs, etc.), as well as the possibility of using smaller engines in the hills.

Motion Susan S.-Robert L. approved 10-0. (Susan Swan, Chona, Susan Polifronio, Sheila, Greg, George, Ishmael, and Margaret, Anji and Robert L.). Request to keep SLO Maggie Dillard in the loop as it pertains to issue. Capt. Luke Milick lead for LAFD.

C. Motion to seek to have the City hire a qualified, independent geological engineer to conduct further study of the earthquake fault under the proposed site of the Millennium development to ensure that a thorough investigation is completed with digging deep down to determine where fault is, and what recent activity has occurred. LADBS should also actively monitor the site and make sure that City and State officials have full access to it while investigation is taking place.

7 yes, 2 abstain, 1 no. Motion carries. (yes: Chona, Anji, Robert L., Ishmael, George, Greg and Susan S.; no: Susan P., abstain: Sheila, Margaret)

D. Update- a new signal is going in at Intersection St Andrews/Hwd. Blvd. It is still to be determined what will be done with the existing crosswalk at Gramercy Pl. Timeline not yet set for installation.

Developer of 5550 Hollywood Blvd. to pay for new signal.

10. Outreach Committee (5 minutes)

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

Councilmember Ryu has tentatively agreed to be first speaker, in October (specific date TBD). He will focus on reviewing his first 100 days in office as his plans for the HUNC area.

11. Business Committee (10 minutes)

A. Proposal to compile all previous votes and CIS regarding the Beachwood PPSs and put with an explanatory letter to send to Councilmember Ryu as to where HUNC currently stands on the Beachwood PPD's.

Continued.

B. 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)

HUNC approved funding of two signs to place on opposite ends of 5900 block of Franklin Ave. at previous meeting. Erik has asked LAFD to provide info on where these signs can be purchased. Idea is to notify patrons of the City's new regulation.

C. Update on the cleanliness of Franklin Ave sidewalks between Tamarind and Bronson.  
HUNC approved funding at previous meeting of one-time cleaning of Franklin Ave. provided that businesses agree to do same going forward. Some businesses have indicated that they do this already, though they do not coordinate with each other to ensure that the entire block is cleaned at the same time. Susan P. has asked to allow businesses opportunity to address this.

#### 12. Renters' Issues Committee (15 minutes)

A. Request to support motion (Bonin-Wesson CF#14-1635-S2) to restrict short term renting of units by individuals who do not reside at a property or of any rent stabilized units, ~~if amended to clarify that tenants in RSO buildings can rent a couch or one room of a two or three bedroom apartment so long as they reside in the unit.~~

Greg Horos moves the motion, without amending language added by committee, Jennifer Christie seconds. 9 yeses, 2 abstains.  
(Susan Swan, Chona, Susan Polifronio, Sheila, Greg, George, Ishmael, Jennifer and Margaret yes; Anji and Chona abstain).

B. Update on July 15 Call for Action news conference at 1764 Cherokee  
Continued.

C. Update on Tenants Union Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30am at FS82 Annex Community Room  
Continued.

#### 13. Finance (20 minutes)

A. Approval of Monthly Expense Reports  
Continued.

B. Review FY2014/15 status, remaining funds, list of encumbered items not yet expended, ideas for use of remainder of funds, timeline  
Continued.

C. Review end of year budget close  
Continued.

D. Approval of reallocation of funding as approved May 2015 for \$500 for the rental of the mobile unit for a Mobil Medical Moved by George Skarpelos. Second Susan Polifronio. Approved 10-0-1 (Susan Swan, Susan Polifronio, Sheila, Greg, George, Robert L., Jennifer, Ishmael, Chona and Margaret yes; Anji abstained).

E. Franklin Parking Study. More details are needed on where people are going, if they had valet parked, etc. Approve renewal of \$500 to pay poll worker.

Need to renew funding as previous approval was in FY14-15. Idea is to get more idea about who is coming to the strip.

Motion Margaret-Ishmael approved 10-1-0 (yes: Susan S., Chona, Susan P., Anji, Sheila, Robert L., Greg, Margaret, George and Ishmael; No: Jennifer).

14. PLUM (15 minutes)

A. Request for review of occupancy limits for rentals of single family residences. Consider appropriate formulas for limits, enforcement and clarification as to the enforcing department (LAHD or LADBS).

Discussion: 5 bedroom house with 25 people living there as a Film School. Occupancy R1, R1-5 zoning. Should be a limit on the number of occupants.

Motion: Moved by George Skarpelos. Second by Robert Litomisky. 9 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention. (yes: Susan S., Chona, Anji, Sheila, Robert L., Greg, Margaret, George, and Jennifer; no: Ishmael; abstain: Susan P.).

B. Request to grant approval to renew license to continue to sell full line alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operations of an existing bona fide restaurant at 1716-1718 N. Vine Street (Master Land Use Permit Application: <<1716-1718 N. Vine Street - To grant approval of existing an restaurant space to continue to sell full line alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operations of an existing bona fide restaurant>>

Motion George-Sheila approved 8-2-0. (yes: Susan S., Chona, Anji, Sheila, Robert L., Greg, Margaret and Ishmael; no: Jennifer and Ishmael)

15. Motion to request that the Mountain Roads in Griffith Park remain closed to personal vehicles, as outlined in the Vision For Griffith Park on pages 59/60 <http://www.laparks.org/dos/parks/griffithpk/pdf/visionPk.pdf> Consideration of shuttle traffic will be in August (10 minutes)

Motion Susan S.-Jen approved 8-1-1. (yes: Susan S., Chona, Anji, Robert L., Greg, Margaret, Jennifer and Ishmael; no: Sheila; and abstain: George)

16. Report from HUNC Budget Representatives re Budget Day, June 27

Chona and George attended. Erik is no longer serving as a Budget Advocate but plans to stay involved in a support capacity.

17. Old/Ongoing Business

18. New/Future Business

Adjournment