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Jenny Weatherholtz	Thomas Meredith
Juri Ripinsky	

HSDNC Board Meeting: October 17, 2011

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. By Chair Steven Whiddon

- **Tom Meredith:** intro of candidate Leila Forouzan
 - Leila, brief introduction to Board & guests: She is a local renter, represents district 1.
 - Board vote: unanimous; Leila joins the HSDNC Board
- **Steven:** thank you to all Board members... this board has grown from a group of 8 to a group of 19, who work well together. He applauds our hard work and successes!
- **Remarks by LA City Council President Eric Garcetti:**
 - Proud of this NC, shows the power of embracing your neighbor –politics at the local level.
 - NC can accomplish real power to support & influence local issues
 - LA City Council vote on a pause on fines/penalties for over-height fences is tomorrow: Garcetti confident he has votes to get motion to pass.
 - Eric Garcetti: swore in new HSDNC board!
 - Steven: thank you to Garcetti's staff for all of the hard work on behalf of our neighborhood and with our Board directly
- **Jacob Motta (from LA Mayor's office)**
 - Mayor's budget day is coming up; asking all NC to send two reps
 - 10/29, 8:30am including presentation by Mayor, then breakout groups with discussions on specific neighborhoods and election of "budget advocates". Send names of attendees to Jacob.
 - HSDNC Volunteers to attend? 1) Leila
- **A Note on Trainings:**
 - Congress of neighborhoods: Steven and Tom attended
 - Ethics training: ONLY 5 out of 18 Board members are currently trained (Steven, Tom, Ken, Frank, Juri). All Board members MUST complete this ASAP to be in accordance with Bylaws
- **Office space:**
 - Space is being held for us at the assistance league.
 - There has been a lot of back/forth (for almost a year) on this issue
 - Our previous space was near the childcare center and thus, background/TB test was required, which created a conflict for the City Attorney
 - A second site walk through was held on Sunday 10/16
 - Update: HSDNC will use office space in main Asst league building.

- Need to develop & set office hours
- **Roll call by Genelle:**
 - Absences: Bill (excused; he then arrived at 7:11pm); Jen Moran (excused); Phillip Avanian (unexcused)
- **Public Comments:**
 - Genelle
 - * Silver Lake Music Box Step Day (17th annual). Thank you to Eric Garcetti & HSDNC for their support/publicity.
 - *Intro Dorsay Dujon – Make Music LA event, a free music event coming to LA on June 21, 2012. The event is patterned after *Fete de Musiq* in France & is now in 110 countries around the world and other US cities, including NYC.
 - * Asking NC's to support constituents in planning/hosting events
 - * Homer volunteering space at Hollywood Forever Cemetery.
 - *No limits on number of performances; will connect musicians to groups.
 - *Will also put up on HSDNC website
 - Nathan French
 - * Home walk for the Homeless on 11/19 at Exposition Park, benefitting United Way.
 - * Hollywood is putting a team together: Hollywood Forward.
 - * Nathan to add to HSDNC website
 - Patrick Agerkop
 - *Re: overweight fences – Thank you to HSDNC who submitted a letter that supported a moratorium on fines.
 - * Some community members received leans on property b/c of fines.
 - * The group had a meeting on 10/11 with Garcetti.
 - * Garcetti created a motion to remove fines/citations during this period – this will be voted on in Council tomorrow.
 - * Steven “e signed” letter... he is now signing a paper copy to show his support.
 - * Steven never “refused to sign” this letter. (Wanted clarification on record)
 - * Juri: this is an excellent example of neighbors, NC and City Council working together for change.
- **Minutes from Previous Meetings**
 - Motion to approve 7/11 minutes: tabled because of incorrect date on agenda
 - Motion to approve 9/12 minutes by Manny; second by Frank: Those in favor – all; Abstain: Leila, Nathan & Ken (not present at 9/12 meeting)
- **Bylaws:**
 - Proposed Changes
 - re: abstentions
 - Current: 19 people, 16 abstain, 2 YES votes would carry the motion...
 - Update: 9 people most vote YES. Motion cannot be put on agenda more than 3 times.
 - [this will not come up frequently, but is a protective measure...]
 - Juri: concern of Board members missing meetings, then attending and claiming they do not have enough information...
 - *Board cannot vote on this item as it is not on agenda.*
 - Article 14: training of Board members.
 - Wording will be added to November meeting agenda, so that Board can vote.
 - Standing rules:
 - Committee member attendance rules: If a voting member has two consecutive unexcused absences or total of 3 unexcused absences per calendar year, he/she can lose voting privileges.
 - Juri: should have corollary way to add new voting board member if one is going to be removed
 - **Next bylaws committee meeting:** 6:30pm on 10/26.
- **Website Update**
 - Next training is this Thursday 10/20

- Recommendation from Audience (Ziggy Kruse): Move Board out of “committees” section & add more photos
- HSDNC has a new group email blast system: please be sure to give us your email addresses
- **Treasurer Report:** (joint Stan & Genelle)
 - Last fiscal year will be submitted to DONE; paperwork – need committee agenda, minutes, sign in sheets and receipts.
- **Outreach Committee**
 - Working to contact all 7 neighborhoods and meet with associations in various neighborhoods.
 - Did receive a partial list of HOA and NA in our community from Garcetti’s office
 - Alex/Andy: to attend Armenian chamber of commerce meetings
 - Day of the Dead Event at Hollywood Forever Cemetery: (2010 – 25,000 people). Need people to work info table. Saturday 10/22, 9a – 10p. **Board Members – NEED to sign up!**
 - Monday 10/24: HSDNC tent at All Hallows Eve fundraiser! Will need clipboards and fliers
 - Working to create a new HSDNC Flyer: will have before 10/22 events
 - Potentially have a standing rule mandating a certain amount of events attended/worked on behalf of HSDNC each year? Discuss in Committee
 - **Annual Holiday Party:** this year will be the 7th annual event. Manny is chairing.
 - 500 toys were purchased from 2010 budget.
 - Working to secure toys from other organizations (toys for tots); divided by age group.
 - Thank you to Paramount Pictures, Senator Price’s office & HUNC for generous donation in 2010
 - Lemon Grove will have performances by local kids.
 - HSDNC members will be asked to attend/volunteer.
 - Request will go in to EHNC to help purchase toys/support event.
 - Motion to spend up to \$4000 for holiday party on 12/9; if any, EHNC money will deduct from this. Money will mostly be spent on food
 - This event will be planned/discussed at Outreach meetings.
 - The next outreach meeting is on Thursday 10/27, 6:30pm at Denny’s: Thurs 10/27
 - Patrick: involve the business community, big ones: Music Box & Pantages Theater
 - Ziggy: have raffle of items, talk to restaurants for food vendors, flyers for schools in our community – ensure kids in our neighborhood are aware. School buses for pick up?
 - Should have flyer for holiday party at our 10/24 table – for donations & attendance
 - Motion by Luke; second by Ken: to fund holiday party up to \$4000. Vote: unanimous
 - **Presentation by Patrick Agerkop:** exercise equipment for Seily Rodriguez Park, 5701 Lexington
 - Matching Fund grant: he had proposed that HSDNC give \$3000, which would be matched by LA Neighborhood Initiative, but this area is actually not eligible for the matching funds.
 - Rec. and Parks is not involved yet
 - Are Quimby funds avail for this? He will research.
 - Patrick will attend/present at the next Outreach meeting; Outreach committee will make a recommendation to the full Board.
 - Public Comment by Ziggy: supports this moment for exercise equipment to make this park equal to the equipment at Lemon Grove park.
 - 5 proposed new posting locations: Fountain Garden, Lemon Grove Community Center, HBHS & parent center, SMBCCS & parent center, Catalina Market [would replace current 5 posting locations]
 - Board not in favor of all these new locations and asked to make recommendations
 - Will be discussed at Outreach meeting
- **PLUM Committee**
 - Next meeting: Saturday 10/29

- November meeting is on 11/12 (Paramount Pictures will be presenting)
 - Scoping meeting on the new Paramount Pictures plan: 10/27, first Presbyterian church, 6p – 8p, 6540 Yucca (Juri received letter/invite)
- PLUM presentation guidelines are posted on the website
- Need to schedule a Traffic Meeting: Frank to lead and will set time
- **Announcements:**
 - Genelle: Flyers for the “Nine o Clock Players” Theater for Children. This is a children’s theater that raises money for Title 1 schools (theater is across from Asst League)
 - [will put on website]
 - Please send Genelle any agenda items for the next meeting (on 11/14 at SMBCCS)
 - Efrain: Would like to see a neighborhood walk (like the one Stephen Box organizes) in our community. To be discussed at next Outreach meeting (Alex, Efrain, Luke and Nathan)
 - Will be organized based on targeted outreach within each 7 districts.
 - Efrain: intro to new community member/first time attendee.