



HSDNC Board Minutes: November 14, 2011

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.;** welcome remarks by Chair Whiddon
 - Welcome to BongHwan Kim, General Manager of DONE
 - We are at 80% compliance with ethics training – Board members please complete if you have not already!
 - Office Update: have office space, but are not officially moved in. Should be set up by end of November
 - Outreach committee should/will discuss official thank you to the Assistance League for the office space.
2. **Roll Call**

In Attendance: Alex Alferov, Andrew Schwartz, Efrain Gonzalez, Felipe Corrado, Homer Alba, Jennifer Moran, Jenny Weatherholtz, Juri Ripinsky, Leila Forouzan, Luke Vincent, Manny Rodriguez, Nathan French, Phillip Avanian, Stanton Hamilton, Steven Whiddon, Tom Meredith
Absent: Ken Ostrow, Bill Zide, Frank Valenti (all excused)

Seven stakeholders signed in as being present.
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items** (2 min. per) – There were none
Approval of Minutes for July 24 (tabled from previous meeting because agendized incorrectly), October 17
 - **Motion:** by Andy Schwartz, seconded by Alex Alferov, that July 24 Minutes be approved
YES: Alba, Alferov, Avanian, Gonzalez, Moran, Ripinsky, Rodriguez, Schwartz, Vincent, Weatherholtz, Whiddon
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Corrado, Forouzan, French, Hamilton, Meredith
Motion passes
 - **Motion:** by Whiddon, seconded by Rodriguez, that **Minutes from October 17** meeting be approved
YES: Alba, Alferov, French, Gonzalez, Hamilton, Meredith, Ripinsky, Rodriguez, Schwartz, Weatherholtz, Whiddon
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Avanian, Forouzan, Moran
Motion passes
4. **Special Presentation by DONE General Manager, Mr. BongHwan Kim**

The work HSDNC is doing is helping to change the work that the city government is doing. Councilmember Paul Krekorian, based on his community meetings, has introduced four motions. These four address: regional governance, improving NC funding, training for Board members and grievance system.

 - Regional alliances: 32, 000 residents in HSDNC area – encourage us to work with other neighboring NC's.
 - Due to city financial crisis, DONE staffing was cut by 50%; real time assistance is no longer always available.

- Grievance panel would be established: would put NC on probation and path to de-certification for those who do not complete required training (next mandatory training will be on sexual harassment)
 - LA City is currently on a paper system – does not have IT solutions – so turnaround is slow. Working on resources to get an electronic system – would have budget and demand warrants online and would sync.
 - Elections: City cannot afford to hold the NC elections; moratorium on NC elections until 2014. City Council will be hearing the draft motion; submit letters in support ASAP if you would like elections in 2012. DONE is working to build partnerships – working with Vista Interns and community gardens.
 - Without an election, we can host a public selection process, via Town Hall Meeting: Board members can ask to be removed, then host election with impartial coordinator (i.e. EHNC). DONE will post guidelines for this election method.
 - Two main purposes of NC: empower stakeholders and connect them to city services. Questions for Demand Warrant: Call BH Kim to solve.
 - Note on the difficulty of leasing office space – would recommend altering that system.
5. **Report, Discussion and possible action re Bylaws revisions** – Ostrow (not in attendance)
6. **Report, Discussion and possible action re HSDNC website** –Weatherholtz – No updates/action needed
7. **Treasurer** - Update on Reconciliation of funding
- All will be reconciled before December meeting!
 - Any unused funds were put back into the general fund.
 - Need to confirm discount at Denny’s with Manager.
 - Waiting on funds to be returned to our accounts from the city so that many outstanding payments, including our community Wi-Fi, can be addressed.
 - *Leila attended Mayors Budget Day – will report next month (due to her laryngitis).
8. **Outreach Committee:**
- Update on Outreach to 7 Sub-Districts of HSDNC – French/Zide
 - Starting on door-to-door outreach; relying on Board members who live in these areas.
- ★ **Update on Children’s Holiday Event** - Rodriguez
- Request to bring an unwrapped toy to our office for our holiday party
 - Party is on Dec 9th, from 5p – 9p @ Lemon Grove Park
 - Outreach: flyers go out to all local schools. Lemon Grove has not bussed kids in from past.
 - How to log people in? Need to track info
 - Need all Board members to help and help with translation
 - Sign in at front table, got food ticket and toy. Survey = raffle ticket
 - On the agenda for EHNC – requesting \$1500 donation to cover half of food
 - For 2012, invite EHNC to be a stronger partner
 - Get solicitation letter out to community.
 - HSDNC needs to get more toys – need another 100 – 200.
- **Ideas for making our HSDNC meetings more inviting:**
 - Break for food/introductions
 - Square tables for a more egalitarian conversation
 - **Update on Seily Rodriguez Park improvement Project** – Patrick Agerkop
 - Doesn’t have an update
 - Patrick is now researching for help at Lexington park
 - **Discussion and Possible Action re HSDNC Agenda Posting Locations**
 - Music Box Theater, Santa Monica Blvd. Community Charter School or Helen Bernstein High School, Home Depot, Fountain Garden and Starbucks at Gower Gulch

- **Motion by Whiddon, seconded by Moran**, and unanimously carried to approve these five locations
- Banner: Homer was able to get one created/printed for us.
- Previous banner is still missing (from Art Cycle event)
- Would like to order a feather banner – would make our tent stand out
- **Motion by Ripinsky, seconded by Rodriguez: spend up to \$500 for a feather banner**
 YES: Alba, Corrado, Forouzan, French, Gonzalez, Hamilton, Meredith, Moran, Ripinsky, Rodriguez, Schwartz, Vincent, Weatherholtz, Whiddon
 NO: None
- ABSTAIN: Alferov, Avanian
 Motion passes
- The next outreach meeting: THIS Thursday, 6:30pm at Denny's

9. PLUM Committee:

1. Special PLUM meeting was held on Saturday, November 12th (Including a presentation of Paramount Pictures project). Juri gave a recap of the meeting:
 - Paramount presentation and community outreach: plain and simple – Paramount needs more office space and more of it near the soundstages in order to stay competitive. Old system of dressing rooms, etc. no longer works.
 - Work will be LEED certified.
 - Uses will be same as they are now. Now: 1.8 million sq feet, 5 stories high – expansion will add 1.4 sq million feet and up to 7,000 parking spaces.
 - New buildings – all are up to 8 stories high, except one 15-story building.
 - Two parcels off the lot – one on Bronson, one on Melrose/Windsor.
 - Calculation at PLUM meeting – expansion goes up to FAR of 1.2, which is still very low.
 - Have begun EIR; scoping meetings start this week and open for public comment.
 - Jobs: currently at about 2000, plus production - during construction 7,300 jobs and after construction up to 12,000 (both direct and indirect).
 - Nathan: what are the downfalls? Obviously traffic but more driving/parking/entry points and a traffic consultant that resides in Hollywood are addressing it. And this business is not on a 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. traffic schedule; production schedules will vary.
 - Patrick: Would like to recommend that hires be local residents, as much as possible.
 - Homer: attended opening reception and spoke to Randy Baumberger, who noted to him that the influx of jobs is very important to the Studio.
 - This is a long-term plan of development and Paramount has done a great job of outreach to the local community.
 - Elizabeth Hilton: historical consultant, pleased with their plan for preserving.

Discussion and possible action re letters for approval:

1. Hollywood Freeway Central Park

Motion by Vincent, seconded by French, and unanimously carried that the letter be approved.
 New website for the project: hollywoodcentralpark.org

2. Support for moratorium on front yard violations in HSDNC area (exempting Melrose Hill overlay zone)

- This letter simply supports the moratorium, will encourage MOU to provide long-term solutions.
- Board will also help evaluate or encourage those who paid to get a refund.
- Add language about financial benefit.
- Focus of the letter is surgical – stop monetary penalties for front yard violations.

- MOU can address if it's just for over-height fences and front yard paving changes and aim to have an MOU before the moratorium expires.
- Moran, French and Whiddon expressed concern that the "front yard violation" term includes front yard paving — they want to target over-height fences ONLY
- HSDNC encourages all attendees to attend parking/transportation committee
- ★ Minor changes in letter – Juri read updated letter

Motion by French, seconded by Meredith

YES: Alba, Alferov, Avanian, Corrado, Forouzan, French, Gonzalez, Hamilton, Meredith, Ripinsky, Rodriguez, Schwartz, Vincent, Weatherholtz, Whiddon

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Moran

Motion passes

3. 5841-5845 Carlton Way – 4 story condo unit

- Letter of Support – owner has met with PLUM, twice.

Motion by Whiddon, seconded by Rodriguez

YES: Alba, Alferov, Avanian, Corrado, Forouzan, French, Gonzalez, Hamilton, Meredith, Ripinsky, Rodriguez, Schwartz, Vincent, Weatherholtz, Whiddon

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Moran

4. 1080 N. Western Ave.

- This space is an existing medical building, doctor owned.
- Applicant has consulted architect – converting attic into office space.
- Needs more parking spaces, so he is leasing from next door.
- Steven: this clinic is FOR profit; the doctor has cut corners
- Juri: should we punish or process the application?

Motion by Alferov, seconded by Avanian

YES: Alba, Avanian, French, Gonzalez, Ripinsky, Rodriguez, Schwartz, Vincent, Weatherholtz,

NO: Alferov, Meredith, Moran, Whiddon

ABSTAIN: Corrado, Forouzan, Hamilton

Motion passes

5. Letter to City of L.A. Planning Dept. re Hollywood Community Plan Update

- Juri read the proposed letter and noted it has been in the works for two years!

Motion by Rodriguez, second by Vincent, to approve letter

YES: Alba, Alferov, Avanian, Corrado, Forouzan, French, Gonzalez, Hamilton, Meredith, Moran, Rodriguez, Schwartz, Weatherholtz, Whiddon

NO: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

Note: Ripinsky left the meeting just prior to the vote.

Motion passes

A little earlier in the meeting, PLUM Chair Ripinsky noted that PLUM guidelines have been established for anyone desiring to make presentations to the committee and are posted on the HSDNC website.

10. Proposed items for next meeting on December 12

- Presentation by Alex Shoor re Palmdale to Los Angeles section of Hi-Speed Rail system from Palmdale to Los Angeles

- 11. Letter of Resignation:** Chair Whiddon read a letter from Homer Alba, noting his employment obligations preclude ongoing regular attendance at HSDNC meetings and events. The letter stated Mr. Alba will continue to support HSDNC activities whenever possible. His resignation will be effective November 30. Mr. Alba was thanked for his many contributions to the Board.

12. Announcement: Regular monthly food distribution at Bronson Court will be November 18
13. Adjournment at 9:40 p.m.