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**HOLLYWOOD STUDIO DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HSDNC)  
Monday, February 11, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

**Assistance League of Southern California**  
1360 N. St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles CA 90028

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Items are listed for reference only and may be discussed out of order

- 1. Meeting called to order**, without quorum, welcome remarks by Chair  
**6:43**
  - Please place all electronic devices to off or silent so as to not disturb the meeting. If you must answer, wait until you are outside to start speaking
  - Introduction of stakeholders/visitors
  - Please follow our Facebook page and press "Like"
- 2. Public Comments** on Non-Agenda items  
Nongyac Varanon, representing Thai Health and Information Services, announced an upcoming CD13 Candidate forum. (323) 661-2008.  
Mark Gonzalez, representing Speaker of the Assembly John Perez,  
[mark.gonzalez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:mark.gonzalez@asm.ca.gov).
- 3. Meeting called to order**, with quorum  
**6:53**
- 4. Roll Call**  
Alex Alferov  
David Bell  
Felipe Corrado - absent  
Christina Derenthal – excused absence  
Don Durkee  
Efrain Gonzalez  
Johanna Juarez – absent  
Tom Meredith

Drew Peterson  
Charles Puree - (arrived at 6:46 p.m., making quorum)  
Juri Ripinsky  
Jose Torres  
Jirair Tossounian  
Luke Vincent – absent  
Steven Whiddon  
Maria Yepremian – excused absence  
Sun Yu – excused absence  
Bill Zide

5. **Approval of Minutes** for Board Meeting of January 14, 2013 and “Special Joint Meeting ” of February 2, 2013 **Whiddon/Tossounian moved to approve the Minutes from the “Special Joint Meeting.” Motion approved by 6-0-5 by roll call vote.** (Abstentions: Bell, Gonzalez, Meredith, Puree, and Torres)  
**Meredith/Tossounian moved to approve the Minutes from the January 14, 2013 Board Meeting. Motion approved 8-0-4 by roll call vote.** (Abstentions: Alferov, Bell, Torres, and Whiddon)
6. **Presentation** by Robin Mark, representing The Trust for Public Land, on the concept plan for Carlton Way Pocket Park. She can be contacted at [robin.mark@tpl.org](mailto:robin.mark@tpl.org). The Park will be on an 8,000 sq. ft. vacant parcel between Gower and Bronson. They received a \$1.2m grant for its development and the City purchased it with Quimby funds. The park will be maintained by the City. Development will begin in 2014. They are also working on creating programs for the Park so it will be active during the day. Whiddon asked if consideration will be made with the indigenous trees; response, absolutely.
7. **Public Comments** on Non-Agenda items  
Michael Shaefer, candidate for CD13, introduced himself.  
[www.mike4council13.com](http://www.mike4council13.com)  
Emile Mack, candidate for CD13, introduced himself.  
[www.emilemackforcouncil.com](http://www.emilemackforcouncil.com)  
John Kuhlmann and Jocelyn Urrutia, representing Apex Academy, seeking support for upcoming college tour for students. [j.kuhlmann@apexacademyhs.info](mailto:j.kuhlmann@apexacademyhs.info).  
**Whiddon/Zide moved to approve \$250 to help fund this. Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.** Whiddon said that since this item is not on the Agenda, it will be Agendized next month.
8. **Discussion and possible action and vote** to fund up to \$250 for Helen Bernstein High School’s Robotics Team for materials. Presentation by robotics team members Yahydia Iniguez, President, and Anna Gavalyan, VP. Their competition will be in about three weeks. They won the competition last year for building something from scratch. They are entering two robots. **Torres/Gonzalez moved to fund this. Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.**  
[facebook.com/frcteam4046schrodingersdragon](https://www.facebook.com/frcteam4046schrodingersdragon). Orletha Andersen is matching that by \$100.

9. **PLUM – Proposed letters approved by PLUM on 2/2/13 presented by Juri Ripinsky**
- a. **Discussion and possible action and vote** with respect to whether issue a Letter of Support for the Hollywood Millennium project located at 1720, 1722, 1724, 1730, 1740, 1745, 1749, 1750, 751, 1753, 1760, 1762, 1764, 1766, 1768, 1770 N. Vine St.; 6236, 6270, 6334 W. Yucca St.; 1733, 1741 N. Argyle Ave.; 1746, 1748, 1754, 1760, 1764 N. Ivar Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028. The project is proposed for approx. 4.47 acres of land adjacent to the Capitol Records Tower into a development consisting of about 1 million sq. ft. of new uses. Jim Van Dusen, representing Hollywood United Neighborhood Council, updated HSDNC on its position, primarily that there are as yet too many unknowns. Laurie Goldman, VP, Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council, they are voting on the Millennium Project on Feb. 25. Jerold Neuman, representing the Millennium Project, responded they have a very specific project. Relative to the parking, it was set according to condo standards. He will answer any questions. Doug Haines, representing East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, there's a lot of information that still hasn't been reviewed by HSDNC. The plans are very confusing about the number of units and the ratio to parking. Whiddon commented that the HSDNC made it a point to participate on numerous occasions to review plans and question the developer. Alfred Fraijo, representing the Millennium Project, the final EIR was filed on Friday with comments attached. The next hearing is Feb. 19. George Abou-daoud commented generally that he is in support of people investing in the area. Bell commented that the character of Hollywood is shorter structures; this will make it look like Century City or Downtown, and is a dangerous move. Whiddon comments that there are older buildings that transformed the community at the time they were built and now they are iconic and protected. Durkee said he agreed with Bell; it's not just the height of the building but also the number of people and cars it brings; he does not think HSDNC should be in a hurry to send the letter. Zide asked the representatives which neighborhood councils have supported or opposed this; response, those who are closest to it, in the hills, have expressed the most concern. Neuman said the base zoning is 6:1 FAR. To take advantage of that, one needs to look at the impact and the traffic study, based on that calculation established by the DOT, said there would only be one impacted intersection. Going up with narrow floor plan allows one-third of the property to be devoted to open public space. Meredith asked which intersections are most affected; primarily Cahuenga/Hollywood, but also Franklin/Argyle, Highland/Franklin, and [Laurie Goldman will send this intersection to Harry]. Torres asked if the housing will be affordable housing and if the created jobs will be for those who live in the area; response, there will be a local hiring program and an affordable housing program (20%). They are doing this voluntarily. Ripinsky reminded HSDNC that this is before this neighborhood council and its decision should be independent of what other neighborhood councils have decided. He also outlined the reasoning and process of the Feb. 2 "Special Meeting"; a lot of time was spent talking about it. **Whiddon/Torres moved to issue the letter as written. Motion failed 4-6-1 by**

- roll call vote.** (Abstention: Peterson) Meredith agrees with Haines that more study needs to be done of the EIR and any letter's points to be more precise.
10. **Discussion and possible action and vote** whether to issue a letter to City Council opposing an effort to rename a portion of the Boards Boundaries to Peru Village. George Abou-daoud reported that no one told anyone this was planned. He does not want a designation in the heart of historic Hollywood. Durkee asked where this would be; response, Sunset/Vine to Melrose/Vine, between Wilcox and Gower. Fifty-nine of the 60 letters of support are from outside of Hollywood; the one letter of support from within the District is from the Peruvian newspaper. There is so much amazing history in this area, particularly by the jazz singers and band players. Ripinsky asked if he had suggested an alternative designation; response, in the late-1930s it was called "Radio City" and it was also once called "Record Row." All the Jazz Clubs were on Vine St. Peterson asked how many signatures they had; response, over 500. Bell suggested it be moved down by Mario's, near Melrose/Vine. Whiddon said he does not think Hollywood needs to be re-branded, Balkanized, etc. It needs to be a place where everyone is welcome. Whiddon/Bell moved to write a letter opposing the creation of sub-districts within the historic core of Hollywood. Ripinsky dictated the following letter: "Hollywood Studio District opposes the creation or naming or designation of sub-districts within the historic core of Hollywood..." [This will be Agendized for March]
11. Torres left at 9:13 p.m. breaking quorum. Whiddon requested a Code of Conduct be added to the Bylaws and referred that request to the Bylaws Committee.
12. **Proposed Agenda Items** for next Board meeting on March 11, 2013
- All Agenda Items not acted on at this meeting shall be added to the Agenda of March 11, 2013.
  - Puree presented a card he designed for the LAPD about what is going on in the Community and invited the HSDNC if they wished to sponsor it. Meredith asked how much it would cost; response, \$250 which is 5000 cards. They are distributed at the Children's Center, etc. Ripinsky thought it would be a good thing to include on the website. Whiddon referred it to the Outreach Committee and asked that it be agendized for the March meeting.
13. **Report by President on Grievance Committee**  
The panel met and will issue the report this week. Please read your emails. They made a recommendation on how to cure the Grievance, which will resolve the "black cloud." Ziggy Cruse and Bob Blue are both pleased with the outcome.
14. Mitch O'Farrell, candidate for CD13, re-introduced himself.  
[www.mitchforcitycouncil.org](http://www.mitchforcitycouncil.org)
15. Meredith announced that a group Ethics Training will be held on Feb. 21 at CBS Studios on Radford in Studio City, from 6:30-9 p.m.
16. **Adjournment**  
**9:39**