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## HOLLYWOOD STUDIO DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HSDNC) Monday, January 14, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

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

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm**, remarks by Vice Chair Meredith
  - There is no quorum, therefore HSDNC will focus on non-action items until quorum is made.
  - Please follow the HSDNC Facebook page and press "Like"
  - Business cards for Board Members are ordered, but D.O.N.E. is backed up so do not know when they will arrive.
  - February 2 "Special Joint Meeting" of the PLUM Committee and the HSDNC Board to hear the presentation on the Hollywood Millennium Project. The meeting will be here at 9 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
  - Alex Alferov – excused absence
  - David Bell - absent
  - Felipe Corrado
  - Christina Derenthal
  - Don Durkee
  - Efrain Gonzalez
  - Johana Juarez – absent (per Meredith, she was sent a letter and was not been responsive; HSDNC should assume vacated position)
  - Tom Meredith
  - Charles Puree - absent
  - Juri Ripinsky
  - Jose Torres – excused absence
  - Jirair Tossounian
  - Luke Vincent – (arrived at 6:47, making quorum)

Steven Whiddon – excused absence  
Maria Yepremian  
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Bill Zide

3. **Approval of Minutes** for the Board Meeting of December 2012 is tabled pending reaching quorum.
4. **Public Comments** on Non-Agenda Items
  - a. **Michael Woodward**, representing Citizens of the World Charter School. They went before the PLUM Committee which recommended support. However, it is not listed in tonight's agenda. Nevertheless, with Patrick Ontiveros, he is here to respond to answer any questions. Ripinsky would email Harry to make sure the letter was prepared and the item agendaized for the February 2 "Special Joint Meeting." Ripinsky said there will be two other projects to vote on, too, before considering the Millennium Project.
5. **Report by Government Agencies** –
  - a. **Angela Mota representing Eric Garcetti, CD13**, reported that LAUSD has funded the Skate Park that was sidelined upon the dismantling of the Community Redevelopment Agency. Also, there is progress on Hollywood Central Park from Santa Monica to Bronson where the 101 Fwy goes under-grade; they have started the Environmental Impact Report of the site. The office will also be helping to clean up the area in and around the Assistance League. Stakeholder Ziggy Kruse asked who the consultant was on Hollywood Central Park; Mota responded that Carbon Solutions is the consultant on the site. Tossounian asked about the status on Lemon Grove Park; she knows some progress has been made but it is not her area. She would ask the Deputy. Durkee asked whether the Skate Park would be open to others besides the students of Le Conte; she responded, yes. Yu asked if there was any update on the Fence Moratorium; Tossounian responded it was deferred back to Committee. Durkee asked for any status on the free WiFi for the District; Mota responded that they are "nudging." Tossounian asked about the Mayoral debate schedule; she did not know. Meredith suggested Yepremian include the candidate debates in the newsletter as they become known.
  - b. **Eric Menjivar, representing Assemblymember Mike Gatto, AD43**. Gatto chairs the Appropriations Committee and sits on three others: Transportation, Banking & Finance and Water & Wildlife. Menjivar can be reached at the Burbank office, (818) 558-3043.
  - c. Meredith suggested that the HSDNC website have contact info for every representative for the District.
  - d. Meredith said that Senior Lead Officer Julie Noni emailed Whiddon, apologizing for not being at the meeting tonight; she has been working overtime. She extended a message that she will be holding a community forum in the near future, but it has not yet been scheduled.
6. **Approval of Minutes** for Board Meeting of December 10, 2012  
Meredith asked for help to fill in the blanks. Item 4.a.: "Albert Tsao." Also, item 13.a. should be filled in to read "6:30 p.m." Durkee/Yepremian moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Motion passed by hand vote, 10-0-1. (Abstentions: Ripinsky)
7. **Meet - Greet** – Return to order at 7:30 p.m.

8. **Public Comments - continued**

- a. **Josh Post**, Candidate for LA Council District 13, introduced himself. He is an attorney by trade. His website is joshpost.com. Meredith asked what his number one issue was; Post responded Public Safety. He has received Jackie Lacey's endorsement and wants to see more police. Meredith asked for his stance on building heights; he supports more density but doesn't want to compete with long-term residents, therefore, wants to look for compromise. There are parts of the Hollywood Community Plan that he definitely supports. Durkee asked about his position on billboards; Post does not support them in residential areas. It doesn't beautify; he wants to see more green. He would like power lines to be underground. Tossounian asked for his plan on illegal dumping; Post responded that it needs to be faster than it has been. We need to connect the departments.
9. **Discussion** re grievance filed by stakeholders Ziggy Kruse and Bob Blue on 7/26/12. Meredith said the Recording Secretary, Charles Puree, is not here. Tossounian said an announcement for stakeholders interested in serving on a Grievance Committee was made at one of the meetings. Meredith suggested it be tabled until and agendaized for the next meeting. Zide asked if the formation of the Grievance Committee can be put on the website, in the newsletter and be distributed by email; interested parties to contact Puree. Meredith tasked Yepremian with this.
10. **Presentation by Hudson Pacific Properties re Sunset Bronson Studios Project, 5800 W. Sunset Blvd., 90028**, by Chris Barton, Executive VP, Operations and Development, and Nader A. Shah, Vice President, Construction & Development. Ripinsky said that the PLUM Committee recommended support of this. Stakeholder Bob Blue asked when their next hearing is scheduled; Barton responded in a couple months. They are not seeking to change the zoning or density. They will introduce about 300,000 sq. ft. of tenanted office space. They do not produce; they rent their 23 stages to others. Ripinsky asked about parking: presently, there are 460 stalls and it will increase to approx. 1700. Ripinsky asked about variances? None, but do need the discretionary approval for the Conditional Use Permit. Ripinsky asked when the EIR could be expected? Barton responded it's early; they just submitted the draft to the City; after 30-45 days, they will begin working on the public comments. Ripinsky also asked about ingress/egress; Barton responded they would maintain the entrance at Bronson and have a service vehicle entrance at KTLA. Durkee asked if there would be signage; there would be no billboards and the signs about what is being filmed at the studio is still in the planning stage. Stakeholder Bob Blue suggested that the PLUM Committee wait to draft the letter until after having read the draft EIR. Ripinsky asked if Hudson Pacific Properties needed the letter now, as approved and agendaized, because it could take a couple months for it to come around again. He recommended the letter be drafted as follows to: "The City of Los Angeles, Department of Planning. re Sunset Bronson Studios Project. The HSDNC Board met on January 14, 2013, and heard a presentation made by Christopher Barton and Nader Shah from Hudson Pacific Properties, the Applicant, and the Board voted to issue a letter supporting the project but only subject to the following conditions: (a) that the Board issue a further letter once it has an opportunity to receive and review the published EIR. The Applicant has agreed to present further façade designs to the Board for review." Meredith/Durkee moved to issue this letter. Motion passed by hand vote, 10-0-1. (Abstentions: Tossounian)
11. **Presentation by Nathan French** re forming an ad-hoc HSDNC Youth Committee. His plan is to meeting once every two months. Stakeholder Bob Blue wanted to know if it would be an ongoing committee? French responded, yes. Durkee asked what the committee would do? French would wait until the committee members are gathered to determine what is most important.

**Ripinsky/Derenthal moved to form the HSDNC Youth Committee.** Motion passes unanimously by hand vote.

12. Presentation by Tossounian to appoint Drew Peterson to the HSDNC Board. **Zide/Durkee moved to appoint Drew Peterson. Motion passes unanimously by hand vote.**

13. **Budget and Finance**

- a. **Briefing from** Nathan French re Budget Advocates. Right now they are doing outreach in their own communities to get feedback on priorities and promote the budget survey that is coming up. The survey is online and anonymous. Last year, only 5,000 of 4 million residents responded to the survey. It will come out in late January and last about four weeks. Councilman Mitch Englander wants to issue a \$3b bond and raise taxes to repair the streets over 10 years; paid back over 30. The Budget Advocates have not had a chance to run the numbers. Budget information can be found at [cao.lacity.org](http://cao.lacity.org)
- b. **Treasurer's Report** – Felipe Corrado is looking to get some figures confirmed from Apple One and is awaiting a bank statement. HSDNC has approximately \$14,000 left. The largest expense has been paying for Harry to do projects.

14. **Outreach**

- a. Open Neighborhood Wi-Fi Update from Zide. There was a meeting with the City and they would like for the District to be a pilot program, even though Mar Vista has done this, Jeff Brill is not sure they did it correctly. They want to make sure all the I's are dotted, and all the T's are crossed. The contract that was being reviewed does not fit as a model, so it is being reviewed and revised re liability, ownership, etc. There will be another meeting. Durkee asked if it impinged on contracts with Time Warner, et al; Zide responded that that was part of it.
- b. Neighborhood Groups – Meredith asked for updates. None.

15. **Bylaws/Elections**

Tossounian presented the Bylaws/Elections Committee recommendation to revert the Sub-District numbers of the HSDNC map in the Bylaws to the original numbering system to be consistent with HSDNC's printed marketing materials. **Ripinsky/Corrado moved to change the numbers as they see fit so long as they don't change boundaries. Motion passed unanimously by hand vote.**

16. **Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.**