

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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## HOLLYWOOD STUDIO DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALIFORNIA

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Thomas Meredith  
Sun Yu  
Johana Juarez  
Charles Puree

## HOLLYWOOD STUDIO DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2012, 6:30p.m.

**Santa Monica Blvd. Community Charter School**  
1022 North Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90038

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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

#### 1. Meeting call to order.

Welcome Remarks by Chair;

- Steve Whiddon introduced Bob Blue, the first Hollywood District chair, to the board in order to welcome and do the swearing of the new board members.

There was a change in the Bylaws description requested and approved by the Hollywood District Neighborhood Council, D.O.N.E did not apply the change in the website document and said that they would address the issue if it creates a problem. Steven Whiddon was in contact with D.O.N.E pertaining the issue and has all necessary documentation. Joanna Juarez, Teacher in the Santa Monica Charter School introduces herself and would like to be part of the Hollywood district board.

*There are 8 available seats in the board; 1 youth representative 7 sub-district representative; interested candidates were placed in their respective sub-division, area 3 & 4 does not have candidates for elections.*

***Luke Vincent second by Tom Meredith***

*Motion carried 12 yes 2 abstained*

#### 2. Roll Call

- David Bell, Don Durkee, Efrain Gonzalez, Tom Meredith, Puree Charles, Juri Ripinsky, Jose Torres, Luke Vincent, Whiddon Steven, Yepremian Maria, Bill Zide, Christina Derenthal was excused.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes For Board Meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> 2012

- *Motion to approve minutes*

***Steve Whiddon Second by Tom Meredith***

*Motion carries, 14 yes 0 no*

#### 4. 2010-2012 Board Members; Presentation of Certificates

- Steven Whiddon and the Board Officials handed the Appreciation Certificates to the board members that served the council in 2010-2012 on behalf of the board council thanking them for their exceptional role as a community server. David Bell- Christina Derenthal- Don Durkee- Efrain Gonzalez- Tom Meredith- Puree Charles -Juri Ripinsky- Jose Torres- Luke Vincent- Whiddon Steven- Yepremian Maria-Bill Zide and- Leila Forouzan Received a Certificate of appreciation from the Chair of the board in representation of the HSDNC.

#### 5. 2012-2014 Board Members pledge

- Board Welcomes the new members and Bob Blue leads the pledge that the new staff for the Hollywood District Council; Leila Forouzan, Sun Yu, Jirair Tossounian, Alex Alferov, Joana Juarez & Jirair recited the pledge with the whole Board.

**6. Roll Call for 2012-2014 Board Members**

- David Bell, Christina Derenthal, Don Durkee, Efrain Gonzalez, Tom Meredith, Puree Charles, Juri Ripinsky, Jose Torres, Luke Vincent, Whiddon Steven, Yepremian Maria, Bill Zide, Leila Forouzan, Sun Yu, Jirair Tossounian, Alex Alferov, Johana Juarez

**7. Discussion and Possible Action; Appoint Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson & Treasurer**

- There was discussion between the officials and Board Members, no current candidates for the Chair seat. Steven Whiddon volunteers to remain in the Chair until a suitable candidate would like to manage the Council.

Motion to appoint Felipe Corrado as the Board Treasurer

**Steve Whiddon** second by **Tom Meredith**

*Motion carried 14 yes, Unanimous*

Motion to appoint Steven Whiddon as the Chair of the Board

**David Bell** Second by Jirair the vote was

*Motion carried 14 yes Steven Abstains.*

Motion to appoint Tom Meredith as Vice-Chair of the Board

**Luke Vincent** Second by **Leila Forouzan**

**8. Public Comments; Non-Agenda items**

- Craig Williams has an inquiry about ways to help his District 5 besides being a board member.
- Michael Makorin and Courtney Lee present Halloween Event in District 3, Thursday Cedar Sinai open 9am- 5 pm. They will be around the neighborhood for a month, street cleaning will be performed. They have flyers for the event and it will be indoors cost \$35 per ticket if resident half price. They have the support of the fire and police departments.
- There is a need to appoint a Recorded Secretary., the decision will be tabled as no candidates are available. There is discussion regarding the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair for the Hollywood District Neighborhood Council the board took action.

**9. Meet and Greet; Refreshments**

**10. Report by Government Agencies; Government Representative not Present at the Board Meeting**

**11. Los Angeles Mayoral Candidate; Kevin James**

- Kevin James, a lawyer and candidate for the Mayor seat in the Hollywood district gave a presentation of his policies if elected. He has experience with Neighborhood Councils and wanted to introduce himself to the Board in order to explain his plan and request for outreach in the area of Hollywood District. The Mayor race is in March. The Board applauds his presentation.

**12. LA Fire Department North Division; Evacuations procedures presentation canceled. No Fire Department Representative they rescheduled to make their presentation next month.**

**13. Discussion and Possible Action; Discuss proposal from Terrence Burnett on community cleanup.**

- Terrence Burnett gave a presentation of his intentions of gathering a team to clean up a street from the District that has been neglected. At the end of his presentation he stated that would help to have the support of the Hollywood District Neighborhood Council regarding \$100 funding for cleaning supplies and also left the possibility open for discussion to hire a DJ that will entice community volunteers to join his campaign. The Board was moved and congratulated Mr. Burnett for his initiative to help the Community.

**14. Budget and Finance;**

- **Treasurer's Report;** The Budget that was approved last month was sent along with the board resolution to D.O.N.E.
- **Tabled until further notice** Discussion and possible action to approve monthly maintenance agreement re Ricoh Aficion 2035e copy machine. Fund up to \$100 monthly
- **Discussion and possible action** continue office lease with ALSC. Monthly Rent could be reduced from \$650 to \$550. Budget was reduced so Steven asked for a 20% reduction, which was approved; the mayor building offered the old office for \$550 request to move to the old building would be made.

- **Discussion and possible action.** To fund up to \$250 for Apex Academy, a Charter School within the Helen Bernstein Complex. Presentation by College Counselor and Students, Representative not present the board decides to wait and hear the presentation in order to approve the funding.  
Motion to table the APEX Academy funding until presentation to the board  
**David Bell** second by **Alex Alferov**

## 15. Outreach

- Discussion and possible action.** Form new Outreach committee; Tom Meredith and Bill Zide are appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee M-W-F 8:00am-5:00pm. Tom speaks to the board in order to get volunteers for the committee:  
Alex Alferov, Luke Vincent, Bill Zide, Johana Suarez, Leila Forouzan, Don Durkee. Meetings will take place Last Wednesday of every month Van Ness/Sunset in the Dennis. December 7<sup>th</sup> Outreach Party further information will be posted in the website.
- Open Neighborhood Wi-Fi Update;** Have a face to face meeting Thursday 3:30 at City Hall. As soon as its done board will have to approve.
- Neighborhood Groups Update** Melrose Hill; October 27<sup>th</sup> Block Party October Fest 4:00pm-7:00pm you have to bring something everyone invited, NU-LA, Santa Monica & Western; Nothing new to report just a complain regarding that the name of his group is not spelled correctly, Hollywood Squares; No representative.

## 16. PLUM

- Form new PLUM committee;** David Bell, Luke Vincent, Don, Steven Whiddon, Juri Ripinsky, Sun Yu, Bill Zide, Jackie Ruiz, Courtney Hinkle.
- Meetings will take place third Saturday of every month Hollywood/Western 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Mirror Building 9:30 am
- The Board Appoints **Juri Ripinsky** as Chair of the PLUM Committee and **Jackie Ruiz** as Vice-Chair.

## 17. Bylaws/Elections

- Candidates; **David Bell** and **Jirair** are appointed as co-chairs of the committee by the board, **Sun Yu, Jose Torres, Ziggy Cruz, Alex Alferov, Jirair** shows interest for taking the assignment as a co-chair for the Bylaw/Elections committee.

## 18. Appoint available Board Seats;

- Motion to assign Leila Forouzan as a sub-district 1 Representative  
**Steven Whiddon** second by **Tom Meredith**  
Motion carried, 13 yes 0 no, **Jose Torres** Abstained.  
Motion to assign Sun Yu as the sub-district 5 Representative  
**Steven Whiddon** second by **Jose Torres**  
Motion Carried, 14 yes 0 no  
Motion to appoint Jirair as a Neighborhood Representative

**Tom Meredith** second by **Maria Yepremian**

Motion carried, 14 yes 0 no

Motion to appoint all the board seats available

**Tom Meredith** second by **Juri Ripinsky**

Motion carried 11 yes 1 no Alex Alferov abstained

Motion to appoint Johana Juarez as the sub-district 4 Representative

**Jose Torres** second by **Efrain Gonzalez**

Motion carried 14 yes Jirair Tossounian Abstained

Motion to appoint Alex Alferov as the sub-district 7 Representative

## 19. Appoint Recording Secretary, Charles volunteers to be the Recording Secretary for the Hollywood District Neighborhood Council.

## 20. Parking transportation traffic, Tabled

## 21. Executive Committee

- Develop an action plan for physical move of HSDNC Board Accomplishments.

## 22. 2010-2012 Board Accomplishments and continuing projects;

New board members will take a look to the accomplishments so the mission and goals can be based on that work

## 23. Proposed Agenda items,

Next board Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, Steven Whiddon Request Board Members with items to discuss to submit them to the board.

## 24. Other

## 25. Adjournment