1. Welcome, Call to Order
Chair to the Task Force, Anastasia Mann welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call
8 members present
Anastasia Mann
Cindy Chvatal
Bob Anderson
Richard Bogy
Lucy Gonzalez
Chris Laib
Krista Michaels
Ron Ziff

1 member absent
Owen Smith

3. Minutes
a) Approve minutes from 2/2/16

MOTION: To approve minutes.
Moved: Ziff Seconded: Bogy

VOTE: Minutes approved unanimously.

4. General Public Comment

Don Seligman, Resident of Los Feliz: *Speaking on behalf of the Los Feliz Improvement Association*
Requesting any available funding, whether CRA or discretionary, to resurrect a tree planting project along Franklin Avenue in Los Feliz that was slated to begin in 2009 but was permanently postponed due to the budget crisis. Clarified to the task force about which trees are being requested. LFIA not able to carry the debt of this project on their own due to the significant cost necessary and the City of Los Angeles made a commitment previously with LFIA to replace the trees.
Councilmember David Ryu  
Discretionary Funds Task Force

5. Council Office Liaison Updates

Nicholas Greif — Starting to develop an excel file to categorize the type of funding requested through the discretionary fund forms. The purpose of this excel file would be to easily present funding requests to the task force as well as keeping track of the types of funding approved by the task force. Proposed to move from monthly meetings to something less than monthly, moving forward with the task force to lessen the stress of the items agendized in the meeting.

6. Ford Foundation Presentation

Presentation by the Ford Foundation on its master plan redevelopment project and a proposed new trail on County property behind the theatre that could benefit CD4 and Ford Foundation’s request for funding.

Ford Foundation (Adam Davis) — The Ford is run by a three tiered partnership between LA County Arts Commission, LA County Parks & Rec and the Ford Theatre Foundation. A part of the masterplan finished in September 2014 for the entire Ford facility, includes a ¾ mile hiking trail on County land. It has the ability to have views of the Hollywood sign, Hollywood reservoir and the Hollywood bowl. It is an ideal opportunity to create a County facility to relieve residential areas impacted by tourism and hikers. The land has room for a parking structure to properly facilitate a hiking trail that can provide for hikers. The trail will begin and end at the two parking structures at Ford with restroom facilities and water fountains. There has been homeless issues at the unofficial hiking trails and with the official opening of the hiking trail, it would remove homeless settlements by the traffic of hikers and patrol by park officers. The County is not looking to privatize its parks and wants to preserve the nature of the park and open space of the land. The County Board of Supervisors approved the concept of the masterplan and the construction will be carried out through phases which will be activated by funding gained.

DISCUSSION: County staff will manage the park from dawn to dusk, but if that were to change, Ford would provide staff to manage the park. Must consider the future of their progress with the Rim of the Valley approaching Congress.

7. Update on CRA Boomerang Funding Call for Projects

Council update on structure to solicit funding ideas for CRA funding.

Nicholas Greif—Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications staff to put together a call for projects to pull in all the projects asking for CRA funding. Council office wants to set up 2-3 meetings for the public to understand the complications of accessing CRA funding. Currently open for ideas how the office and the task force could review the CRA funding requests. Nine years to spend the CRA funding and four of those years to allocate the funding. $600,000 of the funding on Western Avenue of the district. Starting to fund projects to revitalize the street because it is Council District 4’s Great Street. Began funding mural work, painting utility boxes and façade improvements for the businesses on Western.
Councilmember David Ryu
Discretionary Funds Task Force

Task Force--Would like to see a first runner up just in case the first project fails to get approved for some reason.

8. Review Prior Discretionary Funding and Updates
   Review Council Office documents on discretionary spending since last meeting

   • $250,000 for the purchase of Mt. Lee
   • $10,000 for the Sunset Square HPOZ Study
   • $302,850 Hancock Park Concrete Streets
   • $39,200 Beachwood Canyon Spring Break Enforcement
   • $15,000 Traffic Study
   • LGBT Center
   • $5,200 Lake Hollywood Fence
   • LA Public Library – The Big Read
   • Larchmont BID – Sidewalk repairs/Tree replacements

9. Old and New Business
   a) Discussion of old or new business

      DISCUSSION: No discussion.

   b) Community updates

      DISCUSSION: No discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: June 7th, 2016