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## **EAST HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, October 19, 2015 6:30 PM**

**THE ARMENIAN YOUTH CENTER**

**1559 N. Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles CA 90027**

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### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

- A.** Call to Order
- B.** Opening Remarks/Welcome Address *Tereza Yerimyan, President*
- C.** Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Please limit to two minutes per speaker.)

### **II. Community Reports**

- A.** LAPD Report
- B.** Budget Advocate Report
- C.** CD13 Report, Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Aram Taslagyan
- D.** City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Yoomee Ha
- E.** Assembly District 43 Report, Office of Assemblymember Mike Gatto

### **III. Community Voices**

- A.** Thai CDC Updates (Billie Lay)
- B.** East Hollywood BID (Jeff Zarrinam)
- C.** Route 66 BID (Jeff Zarrinam)
- D.** East Hollywood Homeless Coalition (Jeff Zarrinam)

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E. Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (Jeff Zarrinam)

### *Break (Meet & Greet)*

## IV. Meeting of EHNC Governing Board – Public is Welcome and Encouraged to Stay

### A. Committee Reports

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|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Executive        | b. Planning & Entitlement  | c. Outreach                     |
| d. Arts & Culture   | e. Community Health        | f. Youth & Education            |
| g. Budget & Finance | h. By-laws                 | i. Business & Econ. Development |
| j. Public Safety    | k. Design & Beautification | l. IT                           |

A. **Discussion and possible approval** of September 21, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

B. **Budget Update** (Jeff Zarrinam, Treasurer)

1. **Discussion of the monthly expenditures** for MER for September 2015. (Jeff Zarrinam, Treasurer)

### C. Action Items

1. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint Jon Johannsson as District 1 North Thai Town representative.
2. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint Lee Liu to Public Safety Committee.
3. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint Jessica McBride as Virgil Village North representative.
4. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint Eric Soldevilla as College District 7 representative.
5. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint
6. **Presentation by** Aztecs Rising. (5 Minutes)
7. **Presentation by** Metro about their project at the Vermont and Santa Monica station.
8. **Presentation by** students from Miguel Contreras Learning Complex regarding class project on bringing more Central American culture to East Hollywood. (Andrew Castillo)
  - **Discussion and possible action** to support an event with Miguel Contreras Learning Complex.
9. **Update** from Upright Citizens Brigade on Serrano parking congestion situation. (Leslie Lombard)
10. **Discussion and possible action on** the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation to fund up to \$1700 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) payable to Barcid Foundation / LA Skinsfest for the Native Concert and Youth Talent Showcase on September 12 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Mr. Ian Skorodin to present to full board.
  - **Budget and Finance committee** met on August 19, 2015 and unanimously voted on recommendation.
11. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint Michale Atkin's as Chair of the Design and Beautification Committee. Proposed scoped includes:

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- **Review any citywide plans, general or specific, and examine how such a plan would impact EH.** (This could pertain to supporting the city or forming a CIS request; or alternatively once a plan is approved the D&B Committee would be able to examine monthly different segments of a given plan to improve community awareness.)
  - **Hear and support design students from any local schools/ higher ed institutions for whom EH is their subject matter.**
  - **Seek out any city or county grants/funding proposals and examine how to prepare EH for an application.** (i.e. The Mid City NC successfully landed a grant by organizing around what small changes they can make in conjunction with mobility plan. Also, on the beautification side, the committee would also hear project proposals for tree plantings or other landscaping conversions and examine how to support)
  - **Conduct district specific inventories and requests, and organize around common needs** (i.e. bringing more parking / multi-modal transport to the area surrounding UCB).
  - **Build coalitions with local NC over shared design and planning improvements.**
12. **Discussion and possible action** to appoint Jesse Howen McBride to Design and Beautification Committee.
13. **Discussion and possible action** regarding a proposed 654-stall, 7-level parking structure at 4470-4494 De Longpre Ave. City Planning Case #: DIR 2015-309-SPPA-SPP; ENV-2015-210-EAF. Applicant CHS Property Holdings seeks City approval for a new parking structure to serve Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital, with 3 subterranean levels and 4 above-grade levels, attaining a height of 45 – 56 feet, with four stories visible along Lyman Place, and 3 1/2 levels visible along De Longpre Ave. and Virgil Ave.
- The applicant further requests discretionary approval for reduced pedestrian path clearance, as otherwise required under Subarea C of the Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan (from the required 10-foot horizontal clearance to a 5-foot clearance, and a reduced vertical pedestrian path clearance from the required 12 feet to 8 feet). The applicant seeks such relief as adjustments to Subarea C's Development Standards and Design Guidelines. The applicant has filed the project as exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). NOTE: On 7/1/15 and 9/30/15, the Planning Committee held publicly notified meetings regarding the proposed Project.
14. **Discussion and possible action** regarding a request for a Zone Variance to provide relief from the restrictions of LAMC Section 12.10, to allow an otherwise prohibited non-conforming commercial office building to operate in the R3-1 Residential Zone, at 5265 Fountain Ave. Case # ZA 2015-1988-ZV. Applicant "This is Just a Test Productions" seeks to use the existing 1986 2-story office building as its new production headquarters. The building has 14 parking spaces, and is located on Fountain Ave. at the intersection of Harvard Blvd. Adjacent zoning is restricted residential density RD1.5-1XL. NOTE: The building has been vacant since the applicant purchased the site in 2014, and was cited by the Department of Building and Safety for lack of maintenance. The Planning Committee conducted hearings on the application at its July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015 meetings. A 9/23/15 City Zoning Administration hearing for the proposed use has been rescheduled for October 21.
15. **Presentation and discussion** regarding a proposed 5-unit Small Lot Subdivision at 4136 Normal Ave. City Planning Case #: VTT-73520-SL; ENV-2016-2315-EAF. Applicant Chris Schwantz proposes to demolish the project site's existing 1922 and 1923 single-family

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homes, to be replaced by a five-unit small lot subdivision with 10 parking spaces and 7,975 sq. ft. of new floor area on the 7,752 sq. ft. lot.

- The proposed development would be 30 feet in height, as limited by the RD1.5-1XL Zone, with a 5' 4" rear yard and a 5-foot side yard. NOTE: This case is under expedited review. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public comment on September 17, 2015. The Planning Committee conducted a notified public hearing on the application at its September 30, 2015 meeting. An Advisory Agency hearing on the application was conducted on October 7, 2015 at City Hall, with the public comment period left open for two additional weeks to provide for neighborhood council input.
16. **Discussion regarding** a request for a Change of Use from a church to office space, located at 4975-4977 Sunset Blvd. Case #s DIR 2015-2615-SPP; ENV-2015-2616. Applicant Daren Laureano of Southern California Land Use proposes to convert the existing 2 -level, 6,716 sq. ft. LA Grace Church into office space, adding 460 sq. ft. of additional floor area for a total of 7,177 sq. ft. The lot size is 11,250 sq. ft. The office use would require 14 parking spaces under the LAMC; the applicant, however, proposes to offer 1 parking spot for the project (to comply with ADA requirements). The site is in the C2 Zone, and abuts the RD1.5-1XL Zone. The existing school building located immediately north of the church is not part of the application. **Note:** At the September 30, 2015 Planning Committee hearing regarding the proposed conversion, public comment revealed that the applicant intends to remove all existing stained glass church windows. Subsequent historical review revealed that renovations to the 1925 building were undertaken in the 1950s by the eminent architectural firm of Armet and Davis. The applicant has submitted the proposed conversion as exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
  17. **Discussion and possible action** regarding annual reconfirmation by the Board of Gwenn Godek as a member of the Planning Entitlement Review Committee.
  18. **Discussion and possible action** regarding annual reconfirmation by the Board of Richard Platkin as a member of the Planning Entitlement Review Committee.
  19. **Discussion and possible action** regarding a determination by the Los Angeles Office of the City Attorney that activity by the street gang La Mirada Locos “does not rise to the level that meets our burden of proof in court and thus does not substantiate obtaining a gang injunction at this time.”
  20. **Discussion and possible action** to write a CIS for or against CF 14-1695 regarding short term rentals.
  21. **Discussion and possible action** to write a CIS for or against CF 12-0785, bee keeping ordinance.
  22. **Discussion and possible action** to write a CIS for CF 15-1138-S2.
    - MOTION The City of Los Angeles is about to begin a major push towards re-evaluating the way it handles and cares for those most in need. The ambitious plan is set to re-purpose and add revenue into programs that directly assist homeless persons. At the same time, it is important for the City to study and use best practices across the country in order to succeed.

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- I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), report back to the City Council in 30 days on best practices in use by other similar large municipalities who have significantly reduced the number of homeless persons in their cities. The report should include but not be limited to:
  - Immediate and urgent as well as long term housing opportunities
  - Mental Health outreach and service coordination
  - Budgetary and fiscal policies, including methods to leverage city resources with private, County, State and Federal funds
  - Methods to improve implementation and outreach across all service points
  - Police and first responder policies
  - Methods to partner with NGOs such as the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities and the US Conference of Mayors

**23. Discussion and possible action** terms of EmpowerLA Election Stipulation worksheet.

**24. Discussion and possible action** to appoint an Animal Services Liaison to with the Department of Animal Services. Description attached.

#### **D. New/Old Business**

#### **V. Adjournment**

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