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This Governing Board meets the third
Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
7:00PM

Meeting Location
Hollywood Hotel
1160 N Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90029

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Zarrinam, Jillian Schultz & Jack Symington



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I. Call to Order

A. Called to order at 7:04

II. Roll Call

A. 9 present, 3 unaccounted for; quorum is met

III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

A. Joe S: Wanted to see if there is a way to review sections of street parking that are red that possibly should not be red. EHNC will look into it.

IV. Community Reports

A. CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez - [Karla Martinez Field Rep.](#)

1. Recently notified that LADOT will open applications to have speed hump installations. Maximum 25 per CD. After nominations, there will need to be 2/3 vote; LASAN will start putting in 'No Dumping' signs at various points throughout East Hollywood to avoid illegal dumping and speed the removal through my311. Other opportunities to install more trash bins bolted into the ground as well; Three properties on Berendo St are abandoned and often broken into; LADBS has declared these properties for public nuisance hearing - could lead to being demolished; Revenue deficit at the City level, to be rectified by eliminating some of the vacant positions in City departments that aren't LAPD, LADWP, or a few others.

a) Colter has a lot of questions about the budget - is the deficit \$350M? How did this occur?

(1) Deficits occurring from loss in property taxes - not as many sales as expected, less stepped-up appraisals.

b) Is a drop in tourism also a cause?

(1) Yes, but unsure on the scale

c) We have been telling EH constituents that lots of non-emergency responders will be hired to address homelessness, but now those positions won't be filled. Is that correct?

(1) Yes, we should have been making it easier to apply for these positions. This is a frustrating result for budget priorities. Mayor is releasing the budget on April 20th - this will be a good opportunity for people to advocate for priorities.

d) Seems like we sacrificed other jobs and services in the City to prioritize cash for the Police budget. Why were the negotiations for the police budget done first, causing the drain on the budget for other city departments. By allocating money first to the LAPD, we now don't have funding left over for many services needed by the community.

e) Mike Sadler: Are the trash cans hinged open and closed (inaccessible after trash has been deposited), or open air bins? Can the bins be serviced more frequently if deemed necessary?

(1) Bins will be hinged, able to be opened and closed; will be able to adjust frequency based on capacities observed on pickups.

f) Joe S: Interested in applying for the trash bins on my street. Is there a way to have different bins for bottles and cans to prevent people from rooting through the trash and throwing garbage in search of cans.

g) Josh: Karla has been great to get the graffiti on the Madison Ave park cleaned up, and lights on, and fence repaired. Has there been progress?

(1) Focus is on repairing the fence, and not yet on the maintenance/cleaning.

h) Jillian: Kylie - can you provide an update on homeless encampments?

(1) Cleaning schedule is continuing; did a clean on Alexandria and Fountain alongside the LAHSA and CD13 PATH team. Mayor's Office is agreeing on the need to start cutting through the red tape. Looking to get more solid updates soon. Been able to place two folks from that encampment into interim housing.

- i) Mike Sadler: Has there been an increase in the rate that temporary housing has come online?
 - (1) Not sure on speed, but occupancy rates are 99-100%, which is more than years past.
- j) Colter: Thank you for getting folks into housing from Fountain/Alexandria - is the encampment growing?
 - (1) Possibly a few new entrants, but I hesitate to make it seem like a flood.
- k) Jennifer: What are the parameters for an Inside Safe admittance?
 - (1) Not sure, as it is a Mayor's initiative that is determined separately from the Council District. Generally this program is cycled throughout the City to ensure equitable distribution of resources.

- B. Neighborhood Prosecutor - [Kurt Knecht](#)
- C. Budget Advocate Report - [Jack Humphreville](#)
- D. LAPD Report
 - a. Senior Lead Officer - LAPD Rampart Division - [Ryan Nguyen](#)
 - b. Senior Lead Officer - LAPD NorthEast Division - [Antonio Hernandez](#)
 - c. Senior Lead Officer - LAPD Hollywood Division - [Annabelle Eubank](#) (South of Sunset/West of Normandie)
 - d. Senior Lead Officer - LAPD Hollywood Division - [Mika Gonzalez](#) (North of Sunset/West of Normandie)
- E. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Karen Bass - [David C. Nguyen](#) - East Hollywood Field Rep.
 - 1. Focused on developing Inside Safe, but also focused on preventing houselessness in the first place and addressing those before a crisis. First Asian American Chief of Police; Priority for the Office to increase street services throughout the year, despite budget. Earth Day celebration in Echo Park on 4/27. Another City-wide one on 4/20.
 - a) Jennifer: What are the parameters for an Inside Safe admittance?
 - (1) Eileen from Mayors Office is also online; as far as the Inside Safe program, we know there is a deficit of beds. Cycling through encampments across the City now to determine priorities. Fountain and Alexandria is a priority. We want to remove all the people from an encampment at the same time.
 - b) Jennifer: Are we talking interim shelter beds or motels/hotels?
 - (1) We are prioritizing motels/hotels, especially those with individual bathrooms.
 - c) Colter: Read that the Mayor has hired another person to head homelessness for the City. Hollywood NCs are hosting a joint Homelessness Committee, and would like that Deputy Mayor of Homelessness to get in touch before that meeting.
- F. CA Assembly District 52, Office of Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo - [Carlos M. Arce](#) Field Rep.
- G. LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Erin Seinfeld - [Rachel Sherrell](#)
- H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, [Joel Gonzalez](#)
- I. Los Angeles Public Library - Cahuenga Library, Crystal Noe
- J. CA State Senator - District 24, Maria Elena Durazo

V. Community Voices (2 min per item)

- A. Thai CDC Update
 - a. Cleanup scheduled for 10-12am on 5448 Hollywood Blvd on 3/9.
- B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinam)
 - a. Transferring administration from Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to specific EH BID; still having problems with excessive amounts from trash from areas adjacent to the swap meet.

VI. Action Items

- A. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 1. **Motion** approval of [January 2024 Minutes](#) (Symington)
- B. **Presentation on Hollywood Blvd Safety and Mobility Project (15 minutes + 5 minute Q&A) (Max)**

1. Please see the [website](#) for the presentation and details.
 - a) Aaron - Expressing support for the project, biking commuter
 - b) Joe - Expressing support for the project, biking commuter; is the money already allocated to make these changes? Will there be free space for scooter parking to remove scooters from the sidewalk?
 - (1) Budget is not a concern; we have considered opportunities for re-siting bikeshare in the area and scooter corrals.
 - c) Public commenter - In support - would allow me to bike to the Metro and take redline downtown. Is LADOT considering a concrete corridor on the bike lane or ensuring bike lanes are narrow enough for cars to not park. What are some solutions for the left turn lane from Hollywood to Prospect?
 - (1) Cannot do concrete barriers for the bike lane at this time. Looking at more durable options given the budget constraints. Looking at a lot of options for that left turn.
 - d) Jillian - Huge support for the project. Not to keep harping about bollards, but do you have the budget for maintenance of bollards? East Hollywood consistently runs through these bollards and you should anticipate needing a lot more.
 - (1) After installation, maintenance gets turned over to the council district. We will track after one year.
 - e) Rose: What about the right turns on red? In Silverlake, walk signals turn on before the light changes?
 - (1) Thinking holistically about the right turns on red, when to disallow, how to ensure pedestrian safety, etc.
 - f) James: Project looks great, thank you. Is this related to the Hollywood renewal project?
 - (1) That is focused on the Walk of Fame; this will tie into that corridor though.
 - g) Jeff: How are businesses with loading zones and valets going to cope with the changes?
 - (1) This outreach will occur in Phase 2; will look into locating specific loading zones for deliveries and such. Still working on that aspect.
 - h) Colter: NCs in South LA have some concerns 1) about the amount of debris in the bike lanes and 2) the streets without a stoplight require cars to pull out very far to gauge traffic, causing some to feel unsafe. Want to make sure we get plenty of community support for this.
 - (1) For 2) including a buffer of 1-2 parking spaces is key to ensuring visibility and safety.

C. **Discussion and Possible Action** [regarding changes to the Bylaws](#) on these certain topics and voting on all of these items listed below and for more context of these items here is the [link](#):

- a. Approval of Elimination of 4 (four) board Seats and change of 3 (three) board seats including modifying language of the seats:

Elimination of the Following EHNC Governing Board Positions:

Arts and Culture Representative

Tenant Representative

Property Representative

Homelessness and Displacement Representative

3 (three) changes:

Change Non-Profit to Treasurer (new language see link above) (2027)

Change Immigrant Rights to At-large seat E (new language see link above) (2025)

Change Public Health and Safety to At-Large seat F (new language see link above) (2027)

1. Colter: Currently have 18 Board Seats, and would require 10 for quorum; want to ensure we can meet the quorum; committees do a lot of work and the governing board looks to confirm/deny committee work. Want to avoid a situation where we just require warm bodies to meet quorum.

2. Jeff: Treasurer is not the name of a Board seat, it's the name of an Officer that gets appointed from the committee *after* they win a seat. DONE will not approve that.
 3. Colter: Goal was to have someone knowing exactly what they were getting into, and running for that seat. But understood on the technical infeasibility of the proposal. We can strike the change from Nonprofit to Treasurer. and maintain the other changes proposed.
 4. Jeff: Not sure if we can change it on the fly. Would have to go back to the Bylaw committee.
 5. James: Am opposed to the prospect generally of removing positions. We should seek to fill these positions and not remove them.
 6. Mike: Think that we should be keeping the Homelessness and Displacement Representative, especially given that we are now working with other NCs on Homelessness.
 7. Jillian: Just because someone is an 'At-Large' position, doesn't mean they can't take the lead on Homelessness, Arts & Culture, etc.
 8. Doug: We too often try to fill the committees with too many Board members, and instead we can try and fill committees with non-Board members. An increase in involvement from non-board members would solve some of our problems
 9. Colter: There is a plan to get more people involved on the committee level, to Doug's point. Purpose of the Governing Board is more administrative - pass the MER, approve committee decisions, etc. Want to avoid the issue of having people on the Board that are not invested. We go election years at a time without anyone running to fill some of these seats. Reducing the Board seats in no way diminishes the importance of the Homelessness, Arts, etc.
 10. James: Would be happy to run this through right now if we can make one edit and have it be procedurally correct.
 11. Jeff: Not procedurally correct, and Doug agrees.
 12. Colter: Talked with a lot of people at DONE about this. Philosophical disagreement with them about adding more members to the Board. They want more people on Governing Boards. This recruitment is costly and potentially ineffective. Focus should be on getting more people involved in committees.
 13. Christopher: Will table the item to ensure we have this buttoned up as best as possible.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action to lower Quorum from (nine) 9 to (seven) 7 members.

D. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding meeting outside of East Hollywood's NC boundaries: "May meet outside of East Hollywood boundaries when meeting in conjunction with another neighborhood council or government entity" adding to and modifying Bylaws Article VIII Meetings, Section 1: Meeting Time and Place (Carlisle)

1. Motioned to approve; approved

E. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding approval of an Ad hoc Homelessness Committee and its language to be added to Standing Rules ([link to the language](#)) (Carlisle)

1. Motion to approve; approved

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

A. **Approval** of the [Jan 2024 MER](#)

1. Motion passes

VIII. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

A. Arts & Culture (Schultz)

- a. Utility Box artwork is forthcoming!

- B. Budget & Finance (Bennett)
- C. Business (Zarrinam)
- D. By Laws, Ethics & Standing Rules (Martinez)
 - a. [Bylaws](#)
 - b. [Standing Rules \(pdf version\)](#)
- E. Executive Committee (Martinez)
- F. Homelessness & Displacement Prevention (Sadler)
 - a. Shared a lot of knowledge about the landscape in general, formed the ad hoc.
- G. Immigrant's Rights (Sadler)
- H. Outreach (Carlisle)
 - a. Next meeting 3/12; having the Outreach chair of Silverlake come and present on digital strategy. Most time consuming, but most consequential.
- I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)
 - a. Various projects to review at the next meeting
- J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Chyba)
 - a. Will next meet in April
- K. Youth & Education (Bennett)
- L. Ad Hoc LACC Swap Meet / Street Vendors ()

IX. Announcements

- A. CIS Credentials (Schultz)
- B. Update on Produce Box Events for the Future
- C. Next Board Meeting on 03/18 and Executive Meeting Date 03/13
- D. Update on SB411 (Martinez)
- E. Update from President (Martinez)

X. Adjournment

- A. Adjourned at 9:17pm

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