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

Monday, November 18, 2024
7:00PM

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

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- I. Call to Order: 7:08pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - A. *Speaker: We are being harassed while going to church, which is in violation of Penal Code Section 302 (which she goes on to read)*
 - B. *Heidi Jackson w/ LA Metro (Community Relations Manager for South LA): wants to update on meetings about the Vermont Corridor transit project. BRT going from Sunset & Vermont to 120th Street. SB922 which exempts active transportation projects from CEQA requirements. We are getting feedback from the community & presenting reports on racial equity analysis, business & residential displacement. Meeting are:*
 1. *December 7 at 10am at the Mosque at 1025 W Exposition*
 2. *Crenshaw Christian Center December 9 at 6pm 7901 S. Vermont Ave.*
 3. *December 11 at LACC 798 Heliotrope in the Student Union Room*
 - C. *Audit LA: I sent a video to Christopher about the ADA non-compliance planters all along Fountain Ave. The Church of Scientology is being defiant. They can only close their streets from Thursday to Monday, they are doing several blatant lawless violations against anyone who wants to speak out against the human rights violations there. Please demand that they get the planters off of Fountain. The community needs it to be backed up – please do that! President Martinez please share the video I sent you with the whole board.*
 - D. *Mona: 10 second history lesson, on Berendo St. Name was changed in 1996 and then in 1998, they began closing the streets. The no parking signs are still up there illegally. Also mentions ADA violation planters. The issue is that a supreme court decision said you can't pass out pamphlets of religious nature on public road. There is no religious violation happening here. We all have equal rights in the city.*
- IV. Community Reports (2 minutes Per Report and Q&A (1 minute))
 - A. CD 13 Report, Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez - [Karla Martinez Field Rep.](#)
 - B. Neighborhood Prosecutor - [Kurt Knecht](#)
 - C. Budget Advocate Report - [Jack Humphreville](#)
 - D. LAFD - Operations West Bureau - [Kory Jackson](#), Captain I/Paramedic
 1. *Mark Schroder - Fire Station 35 is your central station. Averaging 15 calls a day. 1400 calls/incidents this quarter. Even though heat has gone away, maintain brush clearance, the Santa Ana's are dangerous. If you have any questions, you can find the new requirements online. 4 cars were lit on fire by an arsonist. There was a fire inside of the Von's on Sunset.*
 2. *Audit LA would like to see the video that the fire chief provided of a rig driving down L Ron Hubbard Way. Christopher will send.*
 3. *Doug asks about fires in the embankment under the 101 - Mark isn't unfamiliar with what occurred. Best way to help with arson is to get it on camera*
 4. *Call 213-415 6845*
 - E. LAPD Report
 - a. Senior Lead Officer - LAPD Rampart Division - [Ryan Nguyen](#) (34595@lapd.online)
 - b. Senior Lead Officer - LAPD NorthEast Division - [Antonio Hernandez](#) (39878@lapd.online)
 - 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)
 - F. City of LA Report, Office of Mayor Karen Bass - [David C. Nguyen](#) -<http://37352@lapd.online> East Hollywood Field Rep.
 - G. CA Assembly District 52, Office of Assemblyperson Wendy Carillo - [Carlos M. Arce](#) Field Rep.
 1. *Offices transition on Friday, new assembly person Jessica will start soon.*
 - H. LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis SD1
 - I. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, [Jose Galdamez](#)
 1. *Been with DONE for 12 years. 7-8 years as an NEA.*
 2. *Feb 22: Empower LA Youth Conference will be taking place, please spread the word, apply and attend.*

3. *Elections coming up, region 5. Learn more empowerla.org/elections*
4. *Double check on your trainings to make sure you can vote on everything*
- J. Los Angeles Public Library - Cahuenga Library, Crystal Noe
- K. CA State Senator - District 24, Maria Elena Durazo
- L. Rick Chavez Zbur's Office - Joshua Marin-Mora
1. *Audit LA asks Joshua about legislation for child brides*

V. Community Voices (2 min per item)

- A. Thai CDC Update
- B. East Hollywood Bid (Jeff Zarrinam)

VI. Action Items

Consent Agenda: (When Removed each item is 5 minutes Presentation + 1 minute:30 seconds Per Comment)

- a. **Motion** approval of [October 2024 Minutes](#) (Symington)
 - b. **Motion** to [oppose](#) the State's budget cut from the Active Transportation Program (ATP), and supports the City's advocacy to restore it. (Symington)
 - c. **Motion** to [support](#) this effort to keep bike lanes clean, clear, and safe. (Symington)
 - d. **Motion** to approve [letter](#) regarding EHNC support for investment in active transportation (Symington)
 - e. **Motion** to approve [letter](#) regarding Bureau of Street service compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code relating to notifications of street closures (Symington)
- Consent agenda is tabled until next meeting.*

A. **Discussion and Update** on the Bylaws ([Link to Notes](#))

B. **Discussion and Possible Action** regarding demolition of existing structures and construction, use, and maintenance of a 100% affordable, 5-story apartment building with 182 dwelling units at 1205 N. Mariposa Avenue. ([ADM-2024-1886-DB-VHCA-ED1](#)) (Carlisle) **(Presentation 5 minutes + 1 minute Public Comments)**

1. *Colter gives a recap of PLUM meeting about this project and covers why it is different than the other affordable housing projects that EHNC has supported. For a number of reasons (parking, residential location, narrow street etc) this is a unique project unlike what we've seen before*
2. *Emma Howard Director of Planning for CD13 - Emma wants to discuss what ED1 projects are, Mayor streamlined process of 100% affordable housing projects with this bill. Mayor used discretion to make projects move through by right. There is a CF23-0623 related to what happens after ED1 expires. People may have concerns about ED1 Projects and we want to think about how we can move things forward as this becomes permanent. This project is not discretionary, by right, meaning that public comment won't make as big of a difference. Happy to listen and hear concerns and understand how best to streamline around affordable housing.*
3. *Public comment:*
 - a) *Question for Emma – room is full of neighbors in the community. Where are we in the permitting process? Architecture? Licensing? Land Use? Where are we in that process? Emma: This is an approved project, all already been approved. ED1 means everything is immediately approved, we don't get to see the site plan because it is an administrative process. If you want to see specifics, we will try to find out but not everything is online for this project. It has been approved by the City of Los Angeles. This type of project has a categorical exemption, they don't need to do an environmental review, just like if you built a single family unit. What is the timeline for construction & move in? Usually about 2 years upon approval of demolition permit. Could be several years to complete the project. We might not see demolition for a while. It's not clear at the moment.*
 - b) *Debra: I live at 1221 N. Mariposa. I'm here to object. The lack of notifications and transparency is troubling. As far as I know, only one resident was notified. The community has been denied the opportunity to provide input, despite its status. The proposed construction of 180+ units is not suitable for the additional traffic and activity this project will bring. Hundreds of*

units will exasperate this issue. The proximity to a busy elementary school is also a safety concern.

c) Andronic: Questions for Emma, we are residents of Mariposa, we are tax payers, we have paid half a million dollars to live there. We have no participation in democratic process? This is mafia like. It's going to make it a living hell for everyone who lives on Mariposa right now. It is going to be very unfortunate for everyone. Emma clarifies, you certainly have the right to comment on the project. The owner has the same right to build on their property like you do. You would be permitted to build this property if you attempted to because you are in a multifamily zone so density bonuses are available to anyone who has a property. It is hard to tell what the regulations are in the neighborhood. Not specific to this site, but it is much bigger. The state law is allowing things to be multiplied because it is entirely affordable housing.

d) Armine: No one on this block can build "affordable housing" buying three units next to each other, these are people who live in Beverly Hills, they own multi-million dollar homes. In the end its not even going to be affordable housing. It's going to take years to finish. We see what happened on Fountain & Alexandria with the demolished lot. There was a horrifying homeless encampment, it will be right next to a school.

e) Carlos Ramirez: Also a resident of Mariposa Ave. There have been several properties demolished in our neighborhood and have been vacant for sometime. There have been a lot of issues with homeless people, increase in theft, people wandering at night doing questionable things. There aren't any other comparable developments on this street. We all got together and signed a petition for permit parking. A development like this is going to disrupt the residents in many ways. It's right next to a school and there's no transparency. I am shocked that something like this is happening seemingly without any communication to the residents. I think it is going to be blight to the neighborhood. Is there anything that can be done to stop this project from happening?

f) Susie: I echo everything that my fellow neighbors are saying. We already have various housing units being built north of us and on New Hampshire, it looks like more than 100 units. I can hear all the construction. We still have homeless people coming on to our porch & streets. I found out about this project approximately 2 weeks ago because someone left a flier on my door. Some shady things are coming by at night after 10pm, you'll see prostitutes

g) Allison: ED1 projects are for creating 100 affordable housing, this is the single most effective piece of legislation to combat affordable housing prices. It is your duty to help solve this affordable housing problem. If you vote against this project, the next time you see an elderly person or a youth on the street. You are going to hear many angry residents complaining about no parking or the scope of the project. We are a family who went to the elementary school referenced. I can speak frankly of the poverty of the majority of families that attended that school. The number one cause of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing.

h) Esther Panosian: I live at 1174 N Mariposa, just across the street from the site of this project. You are supposed to notify owners within 200 ft, but we were not. I myself have been distributing fliers to make the neighborhood know. We have major concerns: nothing this big is being built in our neighborhood. It is very oversized for the volume of this street. I spoke to the LAFD on Melrose, and they agreed that it will be very difficult to access this street in case of an emergency. A lot of disabled people will move in.

i) Stephan: I grew up in this neighborhood, I'm 37 years old, I have three children. I've seen first hand what happens, the crime that goes up. My number one concern is safety of children, across from a school? Invite Karen Bass to move into this neighborhood and take her children to this school. We have to understand that unfortunately in the past 7 years the people like me who live in these unsavory neighborhoods need to exercise our 2nd amendment right. This project is going to cause more harm than good.

j) John Moore: I live at 1226 Mariposa, we are not opposed to helping our neighbors, we are worried about our children's safety in the street. Who can live in 250 square feet with a

family? How is this going to be screened? Who is screening these applicants? This is the size of closet. You're going to move people from other neighborhood, no one came from HUD housing, etc. Since Skidrow is suing everyone downtown, are they being moved out of downtown here?

k) Audit LA: I understand the need for housing help, especially low income housing, one of the best ways to help would be to do it in commercial areas. There's enough commercial space to get housing needs met. I would try to encourage the commercial aspect of it.

l) Carey: I am a stakeholder for over a decade, I want to thank the NC and Emma as well. It will help with affordability issues and people that are struggling. East Hollywood has some of the lowest car ownership in the city. We are a transportation hub. Developments that don't provide parking, disincentives car ownership.

m) Nina: I live at one of the homes that are going to be demolished, I've been here for 7 years. All six of the homes on this project, they are rent controlled homes, I have had little to no notice about this. It seems like there is no changing or stopping this project, I would like to know a timeline from Emma, do they have the demolition permit?

n) Walter: I live over on Kenmore, I wanted to voice support for more housing. I know the purpose of these meetings isn't legislative. We can't stop this project. NC doesn't have enforcement powers. If the purpose of this meeting is to gauge community support or opposition, I want to be recorded as supporting it.

o) Joshua: I also wanted to state my support for the project. Obviously change can be uncomfortable and the developer has a responsibility to be communicative and ethical. I live on Hollywood, within walking distance of the project. We can do more as we build more. We desperately need more housing. I also live within walking distance of Vermont & Sunset metro station and I get by without a car. I am very supportive of this project.

p) Emma: Just quickly re: key question about affordable housing vs. permanent sustainable housing. The selection process: people will apply, detailed form and be reviewed. The Affordable Housing & ADA Compliant Registry is where people apply. Sometimes 1000 people apply for one unit of affordable housing. The city is working to see people auto enrolled. Right now people apply individually, all the way up to moderate income housing, the range from \$17K to \$70K annual income. Please get familiar with the registry. Why in this neighborhood? Just updating we have ED 1 projects in Larchmont, in Hancock Park & in commercial spaces. 2,670 units of affordable housing in process via ED 1 in CD13 currently. These are private, which leaves city funding to produce additional housing units. We definitely hear the need for transparency as we understand what the permanent ordinance might look like as we move forward. To my knowledge, the demolition permit has not yet been pulled.

4. Board Member comments:

a) Doug Haines: So called affordable housing is something my neighbors can't afford. This is county wide rubric but not specific to this neighborhood. We lost almost 10% of our population. The ED1 projects don't apply to 71% of the City which are R1 zones. Moderate income is up to \$171K a year. Most of my neighbors make \$20K a year. It is a secretive process. CD13 is not supporting to intercede on this issue. 4665 Willowbrook, 1020 N Ardmore, 1412 N. Mariposa, 1017 N Berendo, 816 N Normandie, 1134 N Westmoreland, 1115 N Heliotrope, 5645 N Fernwood, 1156 N Kingsley, 1516 N Carlton Way. All of this is coming down on our community. The people who live in my community can barely get by. It's not that they don't want cars, it's that they can't afford them. People buy their homes and live in them for decades and it's multigenerational. It's coming all down on us, not other areas of the city.

b) Mike Sadler: Wanted to directly address the issue of children's safety that have been brought up. Emma - what has been scoped in this regard? Emma: during the construction process, LAUSD deals with construction projects all the time and are involved throughout the whole process. LAUSD has never opposed development of housing by schools. Standard construction protocol and enforcement will apply to this project's process. It will be a private apartment building, it's about what people can pay, not a requirement for specific security. It's

not for a specific community with needs or additional services. Just an apartment building with an affordable housing overlay.

c) Rosie: Please elaborate on what an administrative project is? The planning department gives all planning projects a categorization. The planning dept reviews but they treat it like it goes through Building & Safety.

d) Colter: This is labeled as 100% affordable – is this addressing the missing middle? This will be moderate income (this could mean the missing middle). How expensive are these units going to be? We don't know. The upper end moves, but the concept is no more than 30% of their income for housing. Based on the size of the unit & the number of people in the household. Rent ranges from \$487-\$1,700 for a single. That's the high end or maximum. Need more housing & more density. The fairness, that much of the single family residential isn't being touched. Hugo wants to change R1 areas as well. We're using all the tools we can get to have private housing of affordable housing built. We can't afford to turn down a single unit of affordable housing right now. If ED1 only applied on commercial properties, would it work? This is hitting another spot in the market and the need. Tomorrow the City will hear the Citywide housing incentive program, this may undercut ED1. Many things legislatively, at the state and local level, are happening to try to get affordable housing built. These projects will continue year over year. Things are changing a lot. Issue of transparency around ED1 projects, intentionally took ED1 projects

e) Chrisotpher asks how we cannot have any notice of things? Emma wants to understand what the NC would like to know.

C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding providing City Council and State Legislator concerns from the East Hollywood Community regarding the election results and their impact on California (30 minutes total including comments (1 minute per person))

D. Discussion and updates on the use of the Hollywood Hotel and what the City Clerk asks for continued use ([Folder](#) & [Details they Ask For](#))

E. Discussion on having a Professional Minutes Taker (Martinez)

VII. Budget and Finance Action Items:

A. Approval of the [October 2024 MER](#) - *Motion passes*

B. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of additional \$240 to cover priming and painting of utility box on Western & Melrose ([Add. Details](#))([Folder](#))(Schultz)

1. Doug points out that this outside EHNC boundaries

2. Motion passes

C. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$450 to obtain supplies for a Community Cleanup on Saturday 12/14 9-10:30am in collaboration with CHLA ([Add. Details](#))([C.C. Item Folder](#))(Schultz) - *Motion passes*

1. Joshua gives an outline of the

2. Colter wants to confirm that during the budget & finance meeting where we reviewed this, we heard from Office of Beautification, these are supplies that this office does not currently provide.

3. Doug asks if this will be in the residential area that around because the BID covers this. Olga at CHLA having rounded up the providers that are spearheading the labor. Joshua's intent is to use this as jumping off point for future clean ups around the NC area. Please focus on other areas that aren't getting covered by the BID.

4. Mike asks if there will be social asset to share? Not yet but Joshua will share!

D. Discussion and Possible Action to approve each amount and discuss the [Webmaster invoices](#) for Wendy (Martinez) - *no need to vote*

VIII. Committee Reports (1 min per item)

- A. Arts & Culture (Schultz)
- 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) - *meeting on Thursday*
- G. Immigrant's Rights (Sadler) - *Let Katherine know when you want to meet, please join us. Reach out to immigrantrights@easthollywood.net*
- H. Outreach (Carlisle) - *Meeting tomorrow*
- I. Planning & Land Use Management (Park)
- J. Public Health, Safety & Sustainability (Symington)
- K. Youth & Education (Echeverria) - *First meeting in a while on December 2 at 6:30pm on zoom*

IX. Announcements

- A. CIS Credentials (Schultz)
- B. Update on [Produce Box Events](#) for the Future
- C. Next Board Meeting on 12/16 and Executive Meeting Date 12/11
- D. Update on SB411 (Martinez)
- E. Update from President (Martinez): Election Session on December 5th
- F. Budget Advocates: We need 1 more member from EHNC (Martinez)

X. Adjournment: MEETING ENDS at 9PM - *Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm*

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