



HDCA Monthly Meeting Notes  
March 11, 2020

Attendees:

Ed Anderson  
Bruce Bermudez  
David Brewer  
Deborah Brosseau  
Madonna Cacciatore  
Pamela Clay Magathan  
Linda Deutsch  
Judy Dowden  
Nikki Ezhari  
Jonathan Way

Scott Grodner  
Jan Hohenstein  
Alexa Iles Skarpelos  
Pamela Kalmus  
Matt Livingston  
Glenn Maith  
John Manino  
Cole Martin  
Heather Seieroe Mata

Hilary McLeod  
Robin McWilliams  
Thomas Moore  
Patti Negri  
Jessica Salans  
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Nathan Singer  
George Skarpelos  
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## I. Welcomes & Introductions

**Alexa Iles Skarpelos** HDCA President  
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## II. HDCA Business & Announcements

### COVID-19, Tips for Staying Healthy

#### Who is Most At Risk?

Older adults and those with severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung, or kidney disease, diabetes or asthma are much more likely to have serious COVID-19 illness if they become infected with the novel coronavirus. It is especially important for them to take actions to reduce their risk of exposure and know what to do if they become sick.

#### Have Supplies On Hand

- Keep an extra supply of regular medications from your doctor or pharmacy.
- Ask your pharmacy if they have medication delivery service
- Have enough over-the-counter medication to treat fever and other symptoms.
- Have enough household items and groceries at home to stay at home for a period of time.

*Note: Most people will be able to recover from COVID-19 at home.*

## **Everyday Precautions**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, especially after touching surfaces in public places.
- Carry some tissues with you to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something, and then discard it in a trash bin.
- Avoid shaking hands, hugging or “social kissing” with your friends.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces or places where you cannot maintain a safe distance.
- Find other ways to stay in touch with people (via email, phone etc.)

## **What To Watch For**

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or, if you live in or have recently been in an area with an ongoing spread of COVID-19. *Symptoms may appear 2 – 14 days after exposure.*

- Runny Nose
- Dry Throat
- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of Breath

**For more information check out these sites:**

[www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/FAQ.pdf>

## **Presentation to Murray Hill**

The HDCA has purchased a pet waste station (like the others we have installed throughout the Dell) for Murray Hill Condominiums that will be installed at the spot of their choosing. This is a “thank you” to the Murray Hill residents who graciously provide this meeting space for our monthly neighborhood meetings. Robin McWilliams and Madonna Cacciatore accepted on behalf of MH.

## **Updated Observe & Report Handout**

The HDCA has updated the tri-fold easy reference with important emergency numbers to include the new SLO, Heather Mata’s info. The new version is printed on neon yellow paper. If you weren’t able to make the meeting, you can request a digital copy via email.

## **Motion to Amend HDCA By-Laws**

As part of the application for HDCA to become a 501c3, the By Laws need to be amended to include:

- 1) The description of the organization should include language about having a charitable purpose / be for the public good
- 2) That HDCA will not participate in specific political or legislative activities prohibited by 501c3
- 3) Membership participation is open to the public (not limited to residents or property owners)
- 4) In the event that HDCA dissolves, accumulated funds must go to another non-profit

Motion: By (?)    Seconded:            Voted: Unanimous YES (no abstentions or “NO” votes)

## **Motion to Approve Donation**

This Motion is for the HDCA to make a \$100 donation to the Crisis Text Line in honor of Hollywood Dell resident Amie Harwick who was recently and tragically attacked and killed by an abusive ex-boyfriend. The Crisis Text Line offers support to people in crisis, many of who are victims of domestic abuse. This organization is one of several recommended to HDCA by Deborah Brosseau, Dell resident who volunteers at the Crisis Text Line. The four organizations she recommended supporting are:

Motion: By (?)    Seconded:            Voted: Unanimous YES (no abstentions or "NO" votes)

### **Crisis Text Line** (741741 from anywhere in the US)

Free, 24/7 support for those in crisis.

Website: <https://www.crisistextline.org/>

### **The National Domestic Violence Hotline** (1-800-799-7233)

Free, 24/7 information, crisis intervention, safety planning, resources and hope to anyone affected by domestic violence and abuse.

Website: <https://www.thehotline.org/>

### **The Center for Relationship Abuse Awareness**

This website prioritizes prevention and awareness of relationship abuse and sexual assault by:

- Decreasing victim blaming
- Helping professionals to be effective in supporting survivors seeking help
- Increasing perpetrator accountability
- Supporting and empowering young leaders to end gender violence

Website: <http://stoprelationshipabuse.org/donate/>

### **Women's Law**

Provides legal information to anyone (not just women) who reaches out with legal questions or concerns regarding domestic violence, sexual violence, etc. via an email "hotline."

Website: [www.womenslaw.org](http://www.womenslaw.org)

## **III. Updates from LA City Officials & Local Reps**

### **Heather Seieroe Mata**, LAPD Senior Lead Officer (Area 6A15)

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**Crime numbers are down**, roughly by 10% across Los Angeles. In our area the most common are theft from a vehicle. Mounted LAPD made 3 arrests recently (2 outstanding warrants, 1 narcotics) near the Gower underpass.

#### **Officer Mata gave brief updates on**

- February death of Amie Harwick on Mound (suspect is in custody)
- Recent attempted home invasion on Hargrave (pending investigation)
- Death of a transient found near the Vedanta Society (suspected overdose)
- Successful "bait" operation to catch bicycle thieves near Gower

### **Hollywood CPAB Meeting**

~~Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> (4:30 pm)~~ Community-Police Advisory Board (CPAB)

*This has been subsequently cancelled*

### **Coffee with a Cop Event**

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> (1pm)

Starbucks at Sunset & Vine

**Nikki Ezhari**, District Director - Council Member David Ryu's Office  
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### **HHH Funds – Status of Homeless Housing**

A few months ago a Dell resident asked what CM Ryu was doing to address / implement the suggestions from the City Controller's October 8, 2019 report (The High Cost of Homeless Housing: Review of Proposition HHH). These are the three key recommendations the Controller sent in the cover letter to the Mayor, the City Attorney and the City Council with the audit of HHH:

1. *Put a greater focus on innovative practices to save time and money, including ways to reduce costs on approved or conditionally-approved projects, and consider using any savings achieved for temporary shelters, bridge housing, hygiene centers and other service facilities to address more immediate needs.*
2. *Streamline the permitting process and add needed personnel to ensure quicker development approvals and processing.*
3. *Centralize accounting responsibility in one City department.*

To get a copy of the entire report, go to: <https://lacontroller.org/audits-and-reports/high-cost-of-homeless-housing-hhh/>

### **State of Emergency Motion**

CM Ryu introduced a Motion (November 15, 2019) to amend the City's governing documents to centralize the identification, approval and development of homeless housing and resources within the Office of the Mayor.

This reform motion would authorize the City Council to declare a Local Homelessness State of Emergency, vesting homeless response authority to the Office of the Mayor.

The Office of the Mayor would have the jurisdiction to:

- Identify homeless housing sites
- Re-zone parcel for the use of homeless housing
- Provide critical restroom and safe parking services
- Waive local code sections as needed to ensure expedited approval of any site
- Command all the necessary agencies to work with one focus: build homeless housing.

### **Tour Bus Route Restrictions**

In February the LA City Council approved a new law restricting streets tour busses can operate on in the city of Los Angeles. The new law provides the LA Department of Transportation with a set of guidelines for designating streets that are unsafe for tour bus operation, and a series of escalating fines for violating the law. They will consider street widths, blind curves/visibility and other factors that impact whether a street is safe for tour bus operation.

### **Feasibility Study for Griffith Park Tram**

The LA City Council approved a study looking into the feasibility of building an aerial transit system that would operate in Griffith Park. The goal is to alleviate traffic congestion and increase mobility for visitors who want views of the Hollywood sign.

### **Opportunity for Muralists**

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is asking for muralists to apply for a commission being offered for a suite of new murals in Los Angeles.

Application deadline is April 13, 2020.

For more information: <https://culturela.org/grants-and-calls/call-for-muralists-request-for-qualifications-rfq/>

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### **HUNC Approved \$'s for Hollywood Dell BBQ**

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council Board approved up to \$1,500 towards sponsorship support of the Hollywood Dell Summer BBQ & Pet Parade at the end of May.

### **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training**

~~Scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – June 17, 2020 (7 pm – 9:30 pm)~~

Training class is once a week for 7 weeks.

Location is the LAFD Station 82 Annex, 1800 N Bronson Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

*NOTE: This training has been subsequently postponed until further notice*

### **PLUM Committee Update**

The Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee reviewed 2208 Willetta Street. They want to convert a covered patio into an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit). The property owners appeared not to know that there are restrictions for ADU's in this area and the PLUM committee had lots of questions that needed answers. (no permits currently approved for this address on the LADBS website).

## **IV. HDCA Business & Announcements**

### **March Mix & Mingle**

Jacqui Tager has offered to host a Mix & Mingle event at her home on San Marco Drive, ~~FRI March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 8 pm.~~

*NOTE: this event has been put on hold until further notice due to the COVID-19 advisements to avoid unnecessary gatherings.*

### **April Event: Hollywood In Miniature**

Sunday, April 26, 2020 (11 am – 12:30 pm)

6411 Hollywood Blvd. Suite C

Website: <https://www.hollywoodheritage.org/museum>

Created in the 1930's, this miniature of Hollywood is a scale model comprised of 45 blocks of Hollywood with 450 buildings that measures 12 feet x 11 feet. It is undergoing a restoration at the Hollywood Heritage Museum Annex.

*There are 15 spots available for this private showing, first come, first served – HDCA members only.*

RSVP to: [alexa@hollywooddell.com](mailto:alexa@hollywooddell.com)

### **May Event: Save the Date!**

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hollywood Dell Summer BBQ & Pet Parade

Monday, May 25, 2020 (3 pm – 7 pm) Memorial Day

## **V. Primary Election Results**

### **US Congress, 28<sup>th</sup> District**

Representative Adam Schiff, 57.49% (62,466 votes out of 108,663 cast)

### **Member of the State Assembly, 43<sup>rd</sup> District**

Laura Friedman, 73.66% (51,009 votes out of 69,252 cast)

### **LA City Council, 4<sup>th</sup> District** (run-off in November)

David Ryu, 46.13%

Nithya Raman, 38.98 %

### **What was your voter experience?**

Many who voted in person reported issues such as long lines, poll workers who were poorly trained, difficulties with check-in, problems with the tablets. It was noted that problems were often on “day one” of the vote center location being open (working out the kinks) or on Election Day itself.

Tips for next election:

- Vote-By-Mail  
<https://lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voting-options/vote-by-mail/apply-to-vote-by-mail>
- Complete the online interactive sample ballot in advance and upload your selections at the polling booth to save time.  
<https://lavote.net/isb>
- Vote in *BEFORE* Election Day (Vote Centers will be open 4 – 10 days in advance) to avoid crowds.
- Apply to be an election volunteer worker and help make things better!  
<https://lavote.net/docs/rrcc/election-info/election-worker-application.pdf>

## **VI. Traffic & Parking Issues on Dell Streets**

There are several locations within the Dell that are currently problematic:

### **Argyle & Franklin**

We have asked the city to do a traffic study of this intersection because the timing of the lights and heavy traffic during commute times creates a pile up.

### **Odin / Cahuenga**

Apps like WAZE have been routing traffic through Dell streets like Vine, Primrose, Holly and Odin to get around the congestion during heavy traffic times. This means these narrow streets get gridlocked and backed up. What are some ideas for addressing this?

Most people thought a “no left turn” restriction would be helpful, but that no turns during commute time isn’t feasible because there’s no outlet if people drive up to Cahuenga.

### **Vedanta Terrace**

This very narrow street (more like an alley) with no sidewalks, and only one car width. Recently an elderly pedestrian was knocked down and injured because of this. What are some suggestions for how to make this safer?

It’s not possible to close this street off (emergency access). Other suggestions were to look at making it one way, or posting a low speed limit sign and have LAPD Traffic Division give tickets.

### **Ivar Avenue**

The portion of Ivar between Vine and Longview has been a favorite “storage” spot for people parking for long stretches of time. Now, there appears to be an increase of people living in cars / RVs on this stretch. What are some ideas to ensure that cars are parked in a legal manner? Currently there is posted tow-away for MONDAY street cleaning only on the portion of Ivar from North of the tunnel to Longview.

Most agreed that extending the street cleaning restriction would help – but only if LADOT enforces the ticketing and towing for violations.

**Willetta** (narrow street with parking on both sides, safety concerns)

## **VII. US 2020 Census**

Tom Meredith was unable to attend the meeting and give his presentation on the 2020 US Census.