



HDCA Meeting Notes
June 9, 2021
Zoom / Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Bruce Bermudez
David Brewer
Deborah Brosseau
Madonna Cacciatore
Pamela Clay-Magathan
Brandi D'Amore
Debra DeCordova
Steven DeCordova
Linda Deutsch
Jodi Ehrlich
Beverly Freeman

Debra Gainor
John Girodo
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Pamela Kalmus
Kathy Keilar
Schelley Kiah
Kwock Koe
Mary Ledding
Gary Lewis
Swami Mahayogananda
Patti Negri

Jack Rosenfeld
Lois Rosby
Allison Schallert
Erin Seinfeld
John Spezzano
Ethan Weaver
Alli White
Brian White
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

II. Updates from Local Officials & Reps

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Re-Opening Update

As of June 9th 65% of people 16 and older in LA County have received at least the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine. They are nowhere near having 100% of the population fully vaccinated. They are working to get vaccines into the underserved communities that have disproportionately lower rates.

LA County will align with the state of California on the revised guidelines for the re-opening on June 15, 2021. The guidelines cover the safety measures that are still in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19, specifically the use of face coverings, travel, and with regard to schools as well as the resumption of large-scale events. To review them go to: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safely-reopening/>

For the un-vaccinated, masks will still be required in indoor settings. Officials are still trying to figure out how to identify and enforce that, and whether they can even ask people if they are vaccinated...

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Sarah was unable to attend the meeting tonight but sent some updates from CD4 for us to share with everyone.

SB9 & SB10

Recently Council Member Raman published her position on California Senate Bills SB9 & SB10. Both bills deal with housing and density and changing zoning rules in residential neighborhoods. To read her summary and position on both bills: <https://councildistrict4.lacity.org/summary-and-position-sb-9-and-sb-10>

No Smoking – Fire Danger Signage

The HDCA has put in a request to the CD4 office for 4 “no smoking” signs, since they have indicated that fire prevention and safety is a priority, particularly in the hillside neighborhoods that are designated Very High Fire Danger Severity Zone.

Dell Pet Waste Stations & Public Trash Cans

Sarah apologized for the lapses in collection service for our pet waste stations and public trash cans. The LA Conservation Corps is supposed to be doing a regular, weekly collection and she has received all the emails about the missed collections and wanted to reassure everyone that she would follow up with them.

Dix Street Encampment

There have been attempts by CD4 to do outreach to the individual(s) who are encamped on Dix near the gas station parking lot. This is still a pending issue.

Q: Has Sarah followed up on our questions (April & May meetings) about how the city will ensure safe passage for the large number pedestrians that use the Odin tunnel to and from the Hollywood Bowl?

A: No.

Brian White, LAPD Senior Lead Officer Covering Area 6A15 (until August)
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Officer White did offer to visit the tent occupant in the Odin tunnel and encourage them to move because the tent is blocking pedestrian access through the tunnel and as the Hollywood Bowl starts back up there will be hundreds of people using that route to and from the Bowl. He also mentioned that there were two separate individuals on Dix, the car occupant had several actionable issues and after he spoke with them they seem to have moved on.

Bryn Mawr Death Investigation

The morning of June 3, 2021, construction workers discovered a deceased individual at a residence undergoing major renovation located at Bryn Mawr & Alcyona. The individual who died was a security guard at the project site. LAPD Homicide detectives were called in because the method was a bit unusual and streets were blocked for a period of time while they investigated. They found a note and confirmed that it was a suicide.

Calvin Madrid aka “Tunnel Guy” Update

They have an open case on this individual. Officer White sees him at various locations around Hollywood. Ethan Weaver added that the goal is to use the criminal case to get him the mental health services, get him treatment, etc. Because of the pandemic backlog, it’s not likely to happen until July.

New Captains at the Hollywood Station

Captain Lurie has been promoted to Commander and is moving on. The new Hollywood Station Captain is Brent McGuyer (Captain III), and there’s a new patrol Captain Yasir Gillani (Captain I).

Ethan Weaver, Neighborhood Prosecutor – LA City Attorney’s Office

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Trial Work

The backlog of cases that accumulated because of the pandemic hold are now being resumed, so he is very busy with that.

Other Cases

He has recently prosecuted several incidents of trespass in the hills near the Hollywood sign. He takes this seriously because they were illegally accessing the area that is a very high fire zone. In addition, there is always concern with unauthorized access in that area because there is equipment near the Hollywood sign that is critical to LAPD and LAFD emergency radio communications.

The Hollywood Entertainment District

Both Brian and Ethan will be busy as things open up again.

Fireworks Enforcement

Q: There is a certain amount of anxiety about major illegal fireworks and the upcoming 4th of July holiday. Are there plans in place to address this? Who do we call?

Officer White stressed that ANY fireworks within the LA City limits is illegal.

SEC 57.55.01 (A) Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, give, possess, sell, or discharge any fireworks. This includes those labeled “safe and sane.” The exception is professional fireworks displays that have been granted permits (such as those at the Hollywood Bowl) and in accordance with the California Health & Safety Code.

He encouraged anyone who knows of a location with a stockpile; report it BEFORE they start lighting them. It’s really challenging for LAPD patrol to catch people in the act of lighting them, often they are called and by the time they arrive on the scene it’s over. Understand that on 4th of July, the dispatch operators are flooded with calls, so you may have to be on hold for a long time. Officer White encouraged people to file complaints online.

To report illegal fireworks:

Online: <https://complaint.lacity.org/Complaint/fireworks/>

Call LAPD non-emergency: (877) 275-5273

Or, if there’s extreme danger: DIAL 9-1-1

Seamus Garrity, Senior Field Representative for CA Assembly Member Laura Friedman, District 43

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Seamus was unable to join the meeting tonight but sent his regards.

He will be attending next month’s meeting and will have updates on SB9 & SB10 both of which are scheduled to go before the State Assembly at the end of June.

He will also be updating us on work with CALTRANS to address the encampments along the 101.

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IV. HDCA Updates & Announcements

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HDCA Film Committee Update

We have been working with Film LA to get alerted anytime there is filming activity in our Dell neighborhood so that we can notify residents and ensure public safety. We will always include the production location contact person's information.

Production Parking

Production companies may or may not apply for "posted" parking restrictions as part of the permit application. Even if the permit includes posted parking, that area is ONLY for production vehicles and equipment, and there should NEVER be cast or crew parking personal vehicles on neighborhood streets. If they don't have posted parking, equipment vehicles are allowed 20 minutes to load / unload.

Film LA (213) 977-8624 (they are on call 24/7)
LAPD Film Unit* (213) 486-0410

** not as available on the weekends*

Film LA keeps records of complaints. We need residents to report any issues or violations of the permit rules – don't just email us or complain on social media if:

- Someone associated with film production is blocking your driveway
- You see cast or crewmembers parking on neighborhood streets (they are only supposed to be parking at designated off-site location and shuttled in, or on private property)
- You see cast or crewmembers smoking
- You have a noise complaint
- They are working past the designated times allowed by the permit
- They leave trash or damage your property

Frequency

Many people have asked why some locations are allowed to have filming so often and wonder if there are limits to how often a residence can be used for filming. Film LA doesn't limit the amount of times a location can be used. There are many neighborhoods that welcome filming and get \$ for regular film production. If a location is causing negative impacts, Film LA can suspend their ability to get a permit based on the records of those complaints from neighbors.

Hollywood Bowl Report

Some of the community input from the pre-pandemic meetings has come to fruition.

- New left turn lane on Highland has been installed which should help with traffic flow on Bowl event nights.
- Expanded the pre-paid parking lot.

There will not be any resident placards distributed this year. There will no longer be LAPD Cadets at the barricades – but Bowl staff will man them.

They are still working out the post pandemic operations but are hopeful that they will be up to full capacity by the end of the summer.

Tickets will be digital and you can print them close to the event date.

John Anson Ford Theatre

The Hollywood Bowl / LA PHIL is now running the Ford.

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Q: Is there additional parking enforcement on Bowl event nights?

A: If you have permit parking on your street that will be enforced. If not, then these are public streets and the public is allowed to park there.

You can't tell people they aren't allowed into our neighborhood to park on public streets unless there is permit parking in place.

Franklin Ivar Park Security

LAPD Security Services is tasked with unlocking the park gates in the mornings, and had taken the responsibility from RAP Rangers for locking it up at night, but we are seeing the park gates left open regularly well past sunset – and many times all night. HDCA is requesting a meeting with HUNC, RAP and LAPD to work out where the lapse in service is happening.

HUNC Updates

Brandi D'Amore, Board Member – Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC)
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There will be a special meeting to address the incident at the Old Zoo in Griffith Park. Planning and Land Use Committee will be discussing a request for a conditional use permit for proposed club on Hollywood called "Academy" and a problematic property at 1900 Taft which is a residential property that wants to operate as a commercial bed & breakfast.

Q: What's happening with the proposed 7-11 & the Parking on Vine?

A: Still on hold because of parking stuff, and no changes so far on Vine.

Hollywood Gateway Triangle Update

The location at Cahuenga / Franklin / Wilcox is a traffic median with a large Jacaranda tree at its center. Many years ago, Dell resident, Merle Singer, and the Yucca Corridor Coalition organized a beautification effort, which included the installation of a vertical, lighted "Hollywood" sign and landscaping. They got the City to allow it (since it is technically LA City property) as long as private donors paid for the utilities (water and power).

In recent months, Milton Sznaider (Madera Kitchen) & Loyal Pennings (Solar d Cahuenga) began to alter the space. They installed a 6-foot-high fence, pulled out the plantings and began to set up a new Japanese restaurant they were calling Mozukai. They claimed to have permission from the city to make these changes and use the space. This was in fact, not true. They had an "al fresco" permit for the Madera Kitchen, but that permit is limited to outdoor dining adjacent to the restaurant, not down the block and across the street. Many community members were concerned and reached out to both Hollywood Hills West and Hollywood United Neighborhood Councils for assistance. They determined that this is an illegal land grab and that the restaurant is unpermitted. There are multiple city agencies and authorities looking into the situation.

Mr. Sznaider and Mr. Pennings have been cited and ordered to remove the fence and restaurant furnishings. They appear to be ignoring the citation and moving forward with their plan. They are already actively marketing the space for special events.

Officer White suggested the best thing we could do is let them know how unhappy we are, and that they are at risk of alienating their local customers for their existing businesses.

US POST Boxes Removed

Both blue US Mail boxes (Vine & Vedanta, and Vine & Primrose) were recently removed. If you aren't able to go to a Post Office to mail your letters, you can hand your outgoing mail to your postal carrier.

PRIDE 2021

Most events would have had to be planned back in January and at that time there was no sense that we would be opening up this June to allow in-person events. There are no big planned marches or events planned for this area.

JULY Hollywood Dell Neighborhood Meeting

We plan to hold an in-person meeting next month!

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

7:00 pm

Function Room At Murray Hill Condos (1900 Vine)

Hollywood Dell Summer Street Party

Saturday, August 6, 2021

Ivarene Avenue between Vine & Willetta