



HDCA Meeting Notes
July 14, 2021
Zoom / Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

David Brewer
Deborah Brosseau
Rachel Cook
Monty Cornell
Brandi D'Amore
Linda Deutsch
Judy Dowden
Jodi Ehrlich
Karen Ellis
Anne Fitzgibbon
Seamus Garrity
John Girodo

Scott Grodner
Jan Hohenstein
Wendy Horowitz
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Susan Jason
Warren Jason
Pamela Kalmus
Kathy Keilar
Nicholas McAndrew
Guillermo Pont
Joaquin Pont
Josh P

Jack Rosenfeld
Lois Rosby
Emily Roth
Helene Rotolo
Erin Seinfeld
Merle Singer
John Spezzano
Sarah Tanberg
Andrea Weltman
Brian White
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

We had planned for this meeting to be in-person, but due to the surge in transmissions of the new Delta variant we felt it was safer to continue with virtual meetings for now.

Note on large trucks in the neighborhood. If you are expecting deliveries or moving trucks, please be conscious of the ability for your neighbors (and emergency vehicles) to navigate around them.

II. Updates from Local Officials & Reps

Helene Rotolo, Field Manager – LA City Council Member Nithya Raman's Office (CD4)

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Helene has taken over Sarah Tanberg's role as our CD4 area field representative. She will be covering Silver Lake, Los Feliz / Griffith Park, and Hollywood. Helene has worked for the City of LA for the past 4 ½ years, and with a special focus on homelessness, most recently on the Mayor's A Bridge Home program. She is excited to work on more diverse topics that represent the day-to-day operations of the city.

Sarah Tanberg is eight months pregnant and going on leave. When she returns to work she will be stepping into a new role working with Liz Oh, the Senior Homelessness Deputy.

Sarah had some updates from the LA City Council to share.

RENT DEBT RELIEF

On July 1, 2021 CM Raman presented a motion to explore relief options for small businesses that have accumulated rental debt during the city-wide lockdown in response to COVID-19.

To read the motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-0570_mot_05-26-21.pdf

STORAGE & SANITATION

Also on July 1, 2021 CM Raman presented a motion to improve storage and sanitation for unhoused Angelenos. This is an effort to remedy the lack of available storage space for people experiencing homelessness. Being unable to secure their possessions is often a barrier to leaving an encampment and accepting services or work opportunities.

To read the motion: <https://councildistrict4.lacity.org/press-release-councilmember-nithya-raman-introduces-two-motions-improve-storage-and-sanitation>

FIRE SAFETY EVENT

July 22, 2021 (5 – 6 pm), CM Raman will be joined by: LAFD West Bureau Commander, Chief Armando Hogan and LAFD Brush Clearance Division, Captain Bryan Nassour for a discussion around fire safety and evacuation preparedness in high fire zones.

STREET SANITATION

Due to budget cuts there has only been one sanitation team assigned once a week. Now they will have LA SAN CARE teams working 5 days a week. This should help with keeping the encampments clean, safe and ADA compliant.

HOLLYWOOD DELL PENDING ITEMS

Vine Overlook. Helene is working on getting the improved fencing and security light.

Hollywood Gateway Triangle. The illegal restaurant activity has been stopped and their office is coordinating the other enforcement and they are working to get the area restored.

Special Recognition

Helene presented a special recognition certificate to HDCA youth volunteer Joaquin Pont.

“In recognition of your valuable contributions to your neighborhood. On behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Fourth District, we commend you for your dedication to the community with your involvement in the annual neighborhood Halloween celebration. We admire your leadership and empathy shown from a very young age. We thank you, and send best wishes for your future health, prosperity, and happiness.”

Joaquin was also presented with an award from the Hollywood Dell Civic Association, in grateful appreciation of his service as a community volunteer. Joaquin has regularly volunteered at neighborhood events since he was just 6 years old (he's now 12). He and his family are moving to Utah in August. We are sad to see them go.

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council Update

The new board was seated on Monday, July 12th. And the new executive officers were elected. George Skarpelos will no longer be our area rep, as he has completed his term as president. Our new area rep is Shauna Frente. Her email: shauna@myhunc.org

Sheila Irani was elected president of HUNC
Tom Meredith was re-elected as vice president of HUNC
Brandi D'Amore was elected as secretary of HUNC
Robert Morrison was elected as treasurer of HUNC

The New HUNC Board voted to approve funding to support our block party event.

Erin Seinfeld, Senior Field Deputy – LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office

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COVID-19 Updates

LA County Public Health Department is recommending that even fully vaccinated people wear masks in public places wear they don't know the vaccination status of those around them. Right now the infection rates are up 500%, it's been the 6th day in a row that there are in excess of a 1,000 new cases. Only 61% of residents (over the age of 16) are fully vaccinated. That 39% that aren't fully vaccinated makes up nearly 3 million residents.

Measure H Project

The Board of Supervisors approved \$527 million dollars to a vast array of initiatives addressing the homeless. Short and long term permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, street outreach, and homelessness prevention. Supervisor Kuehl is focusing on prevention.

Assessor's Office

They are now accepting decline in value review applications for property owners that have experienced a loss of value due to the pandemic.

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

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Alexa thanked Seamus for the amazing work done to clean up and put in new plantings around Highland off ramp near Cahuenga and Odin. Seamus has worked with CD4 and CALTRANS to work on areas around the 101 freeway. CALTRANS has lost 50% of their maintenance team due to the pandemic.

SB 9 & SB 10

While these two pieces of legislation are designed to address the housing crisis, they are very unpopular in our district. Seamus encouraged everyone who has a concern to send your feedback to AM Friedman. It is still moving through the legislative process and hasn't come before the Assembly yet. Until it is presented to the Assembly, she won't be able to make a statement on it.

AB – 43 Traffic Safety

This addresses how speed limits are set – and emphasizes public safety of vulnerable pedestrian groups. To read the bill: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB43

AB 1147 Regional Transportation Plan: Active Transportation Program

Requires ways to reduce vehicle miles traveled – to address greenhouse gasses.

To read the bill: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1147

Brian White, LAPD Senior Lead Officer Covering Area 6A15 (until August)

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WEIDLAKE DRIVE

The large traffic jam leading up to Weidlake Drive over the 4th of July weekend was because of a large number of "fans" of the social media personality (with 5 million followers) who had been living in one of those houses. There was a small party at the house, but this crowd of people and vehicles were NOT invited. It happened to be the tenants last weekend, so they are gone now.

TUNNEL GUY

There is a court date pending for his felony vandalism charge, but he is still at large until that date. The court system has a side step for someone who is mentally ill, there is a way to divert him to mental health treatment. The crimes themselves are not things he would be put in jail for, they are all misdemeanor offenses that wouldn't get him jail time.

Hollywood Dell Civic Association, P.O. Box 93094 Hollywood, CA 90093-0122

Question: what are the restrictions to vehicle dwelling in a parked vehicle on a public street?

Answer: there are no prohibitions currently in place.

Question: we are hearing about a surge in catalytic converter thefts – what do you know about this?

Answer: He will look into it and report back.

DETECTIVE BRYAN DELAVAN

Det. Delavan passed away unexpectedly. LAPD Hollywood is hosting a fundraiser to support his family while the death is being investigated. He was a healthy 38-year-old with a wife and two young kids. They are raising money to help his family with finances until they are able to access their survivor benefits, which are delayed pending the investigation of his cause of death.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Walk, Run, Ride Around Lake Hollywood, Tuesday, August 3rd from 5 – 7 pm.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Heather Mata will be back from her leave and you can join her and other LAPD Hollywood Officers for a bit of fresh air and exercise.

IV. HDCA Updates & Announcements

Hollywood Dell Summer Street Party

Saturday, August 7, 2021

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ivarene Avenue between Vine & Willetta

It's all free and safe.

We are planning a great outdoor event.

AUGUST Hollywood Dell Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom