



HDCA Meeting Notes
February 8, 2023
In Person Meeting
1900 Vine Street – MH Condo Common Room

Attendees:
(alphabetically)

Malek Adel
Mike Aguilera-Gaudette
Ed Bender
Sue Besser
David Brewer (virtual)
Deborah Brosseau
John Bwarie
Jason Cottis
Brandi D'Amore
Linda Deutsch
Judy Dowden
Jodi Ehrlich
Anne Fitzgibbon
Gregg Fuller
Lindsay Fuller

Beverly Freeman
Scott Grodner
Dean Hashemi
Jan Hohenstein
Wendy Horowitz
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Pamela Kalmus
Schelley Kiah
Anthony King
Kwock Koe
Marli LaGrone
Heather Mata
Cynthia Martinez
Deirdre Owens
Merle Singer

Nathan Singer
Frank Shotwell
Carlos Singer
George Skarpelos
Jacqui Tager
Ethan Weaver
Anji Williams
Kelly Ziegler
Monty Cornell
Shari Saketkhoo
Hans Signer
Andy Swanton
Frank Shotwell
Kelly Ziegler (virtual)

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

This is the first in-person HDCA meeting since March of 2020! We had a great turnout and everyone was happy to get back together. We will alternate with virtual meetings this year. So next month we will meet virtually via Zoom, and April will be in-person...we handed out the HDCA 2023 Calendar with details.

We took a few minutes at the top of the meeting to welcome special visitors in attendance, let them introduce themselves to the group, and give a brief update.

II. Local Officials & Reps

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Area 6A15

SLO Heather Mata

Email: 40988@lapd.online

Phone: (213) 308-0455

Officer Mata was pleased to report that the crime stats are showing a trend in the right direction. This time last year the crime rates were off the charts, and violent crimes in the Hollywood Entertainment District (HED) were especially concerning. Today they are showing a 46% decrease overall in comparison with this time last year. Hollywood Captains are also looking to increase the number of officers in the HED by this summer.

Earlier this month LAPD arrested a man who had a cache of weapons in an 18th floor apartment with panoramic views which include a busy street and public park. Neighbors had reported to the police he had made bizarre threats and alarming comments to residents and security staff at the apartment building.

LA City Attorney's Office

Anthony King, our new Hollywood Area Neighborhood Prosecutor
Email: Anthony.king@lacity.org
Phone: (213) 978-2430

Prior to this assignment, he worked on DUI trials / prosecutions. He updated us on Wilcox / Cahuenga / Franklin Triangle status. He is shooting for getting the replanting done by the end of March.

US Congress Representative Adam Schiff's Office

Michael Aguilera-Gaudette, District Rep
Email: Michael.Aguilera@mail.house.gov

He brought some constituent service guides and information on how to nominate someone for the Woman Of The Year Award.

Congressman Schiff has proposed a US stamp to honor P-22. To write in support of this tribute, send an old fashioned letter by regular post to:

*Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260-3501*

Hollywood Bowl Management

John Bwarie, Founder & CEO Stratiscope, Community Engagement Consultants
Email: john@stratiscope.com

The Bowl has just announced the upcoming shows for 2023.

Carlos Singer, Dir. Government & Community Engagement, LA PHIL
Email: csinger@laphil.org

His email: Anthony.king@lacity.org
Phone: (213) 978-2430

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

Brandi D'Amore, HUNC Board Member
Email: brandi@hunc.org
Phone: (323) 861-4418

HUNC will be returning to in-person meetings starting in March.
They are currently accepting applications for their upcoming board elections.
Go to their website for details: <https://hollywoodunitednc.org/2023-elections/>

III. Recap / Review of 2022

HDCA Membership was up last year slightly over the prior year at 178 member households.

- 90% paid \$50 or more
- 10% paid the senior / student reduced rate of \$25
- Total income from dues donations = \$10,015

Financial Recap

Total Income for 2022 = \$15,015

- \$10,015 from dues
- \$5,000 foundation grant*

*Note: The foundation grant arrived at the end of 2022 and will be applied to a special project this year

2022 Total Expenses = \$8,304

Breakdown Of Expenses:

- 44% Events
Summer Block Party, Holly-ween in the Dell, Neighborhood Cleanup Day etc.
- 29% Donations To Other Organizations
Cheremoya School, National Wildlife Foundation, National Night Out (LAPD), LA Fire Department Station 82, etc.
- 14% Neighborhood Projects
Little Free Libraries, Pet Waste Stations, Welcome Baskets, Volunteer recognitions
- 13% Operating Costs
P.O. Box, website, banking fees, office supplies, etc.

Events

Last year we were able to get back to holding our regular events such as the April Neighborhood Cleanup Day, the Summer Block Party & Pet Parade, and Holly-ween in The Dell.

Committees

Last year our committees worked on a variety of projects and concerns. These committees were:

Film Committee (Jodi Ehrlich, Committee Chair)

The Hollywood Dell is film-friendly and the committee works to make filming in the Dell a positive experience for everyone. The HDCA sends out notices when film productions are planned in our neighborhood so that residents are aware and can plan accordingly. Interested in this committee? Reach out to: jodi@hollywooddell.com

Outreach Committee (Judy Kass Dowden, Committee Chair)

If you know anyone new to the neighborhood, reach out to: judy@hollywooddelel.com so she can make them a welcome basket. This applies to renters or homeowners alike.

Neighborhood Watch (Jan Hohenstein, Committee Chair)

Jan thanked the block captains we have, welcomed new neighbors who would like to participate, and asked folks to volunteer for the position of block captain on the streets where we are missing captains.

jan@hollywooddell.com

Neighborhood Improvements Committee (David Brewer, Committee Chair)

David Brewer chairs this committee, which handles neighborhood cleanups, pet waste stations, and the Little Free Libraries. Please reach out to David if you have ideas for other neighborhood improvements.

david@hollywooddell.com

Special Events (Alexa Iles Skarpelos, Committee Chair)

Alexa chairs the Special Events Committee. Among the special events we hold annually are the Summer Block Party, which is June 3rd this year, Hollyween in the Dell, and frequent Mix and Mingles. If you are interested in helping with the planning or volunteering at one of our neighborhood events please reach out!

alexa@hollywooddell.com

IV. HDCA Elections

Position	Candidate
President	Alexa Iles Skarpelos (running for re-election)
Vice President	David Brewer (running for re-election)
Treasurer	Kelly Ziegler (running for re-election)
Secretary	Jan Hohenstein (running for re-election)

A motion was made by Jodi Ehrlich to hold a vote for the entire slate.
Kwock Koe seconded the motion.

The Vote Results

In favor: Unanimous, Opposed: None

Note: only current dues paying HDCA members may vote in HDCA elections or on HDCA business.

V. HDCA Business, Events & Announcements

2023 HDCA Initiative: “Clubs Not Committees”

Inspiring neighbors to gather together around shared interests and activities.

Anyone in the Dell can create a neighborhood club. Gardening club, book club, baking club, cocktail club, games club, cinema club, walking / exercising club...so many options. What are you interested in?

Several people had ideas:

- Horseback Riding Club
- Hiking Club
- Live Theatre Club
- Cinema Club
- Book Club
- Music Lovers Club

Kwock suggested a committee for traffic safety (and parking?) and volunteered to organize it.

Wendy suggested compiling a list of neighbors who might be willing to volunteer to be on a “good Samaritan” committee to provide rides for people who need someone to take them to/from a medical procedure.

MySafeLA Wildfire Preparedness Virtual Meeting

February 16, 2023 (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

The MySafeLA Los Angeles Fire Safe Council will conduct a virtual meeting on wildfire preparedness and invites the public to participate. Public comments are restricted to 2 minutes. For more information go to: info@mysafela.org

To join the Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89484294921> Meeting ID: 894 8429 4921

Hollywood Community Police Advisory Board

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (5:00 pm)

Location: Hollywood Community Room – 6501 Fountain Avenue

To get on the CPAB list email: alexa@hollywooddell.com

Curbside Organics Recycling Program

New rules about what you can dispose of in the green waste bin. Meeting attendees were invited to take home a free countertop compost pail for kitchen waste. These were provided by the City of Los Angeles. If you would like a free compost pail – contact us!

Running for City Council

Former Hollywood Area Neighborhood Prosecutor, Ethan Weaver announced that he had just filed the paperwork for his candidacy to represent LA City Council District 4 in the next election (Primary in March of 2024, Election November of 2024).

Possible New Development

Linda Deutsch shared a concern that a property at the corner of Vine and Ivarene (2166 Vine) was being advertised as a “development opportunity” and that we should keep an eye on it. It is zoned RI, but it’s a double lot.

MRG Fine Art LA Show February 15 – 19, 2023

Nathan Singer, resident Hollywood Dell fine artist will be there (Booth #1333 – West Hall, LA Convention Center) On Saturday February 18th he will be doing quick portraits. Come by and say hello!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Next meeting will be VIRTUAL via Zoom on WED March 8, 2023.