



HDCA Meeting Notes
March 8, 2023
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Attendees:
(alphabetically)

Malek Adel
David Brewer
Robbie Britton
Deborah Brosseau
Jason Cottis
Pamela Clay
Brandi D'Amore
Linda Deutsch
Judy Dowden
David Dry

Anne Fitzgibbon
Gregg Fuller
Marilu Guevera
Jan Hohenstein
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Pamela Kalmus
Schelley Kiah
Anthony King
Kwock Koe
Heather Mata

Cynthia Martinez
Jack Rosenfeld
Merle Singer
Nathan Singer
Josef Siroky
George Skarpelos
Ethan Weaver
Anji Williams
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

II. Updates from Local Officials & Reps

LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office

David Dry, Legislative & Field Deputy

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David just took over this role as our Field Deputy this week (Jason Maruca left the Supervisor's office for another job last month). He introduced himself and will be opening a new office in Toluca Lake.

We thanked Supervisor Barger for approving a \$2,500 contribution to our upcoming annual Summer Block Party event (Saturday, June 3rd).

David announced that the National Association of Counties has named Supervisor Barger the Co-Chair on a new Commission on Mental Health & Well Being.

LA City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto's Office

Anthony King, Assistant City Attorney - Neighborhood Prosecutor for Hollywood

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Anthony gave an update on the Franklin / Wilcox / Cahuenga triangle. The City has installed the new irrigation system and is getting ready to do the re-planting this month. He has also requested that the General Services Division (GSD) look into lighting the sign. Someone asked if the people responsible for the taking over of the triangle would be held financially responsible for the replanting expenses. He couldn't give specifics but did say that yes, reimbursement was part of the judgment they had asked for.

Alexa mentioned that she has asked for Anthony's help with strengthening the language and penalties for the Loud Or Unruly Ordinance (aka "party house" ordinance). We would like to see the utilities shut off that was used temporarily under the Mayor's emergency orders during the pandemic applied as a permanent part of the ordinance.

Alexa also mentioned the Home Sharing Ordinance (aka "short term rentals" ordinance) needs to be strengthened and there needs to be much improvement on enforcement.

Robbie Britton, Community and Resource Specialist at the City Attorney's Office
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LA City Council Member Nithya Raman's Office (CD4)

Josef Siroky, Field Representative
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We thanked Josef for providing the free Department of Sanitation compost pails at our February meeting. We asked that we get pails for the in-person meeting in April as well as a way to make it convenient for Dell residents and he agreed. He is also working out of the Hollywood City Hall 6501 Fountain Avenue.

Josef announced that our request for \$2,500 in funding support for our annual Hollywood Dell Summer Block Party was approved!

He confirmed that he would make sure that CD4 provide a team to to haul away the trash on our Neighborhood Cleanup Day on SAT April 22nd. We also discussed getting the LA Beautification Team to assist with other efforts. In the past they have cleaned the Holly and Ivar tunnels.

We had inquired about the status of the Cement Streets Pilot program. Josef said this program was under the previous CM David Ryu and that it is no longer in place. He did say that we should send him any streets that we thought needed repair or repaving so that he could make sure they are on the list with Street Services.

We also asked about missing parking signs throughout the Dell, especially on problematic streets that should be No Parking – Tow Away because of emergency access. He will coordinate with Alexa on identifying the streets and working with LADOT to get signs put up.

There were questions about all the new potholes as a result of the heavy rains. These are serious potholes that can cause damage and injury. Josef suggested sending him the location even if you have reported it already on 311 – he can assist with making sure they are getting repaired.

LA Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Special Guest Marilu Guevara, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate
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Marilu attended our meeting to discuss the Neighborhood Councils and to encourage Hollywood Dell residents to consider participating on a NC committee or as a board member. She said that not enough certified candidates applied to run for the open seats in the April HUNC election. This means they can't hold the election. They will be using a process called "affirmation," which is essentially to appoint people, to fill board positions until the next election.

The City of Los Angeles has 99 Neighborhood Councils. They are advisory boards that advocate for their communities with City Hall. They are part of the LA City Government and have annual budgets funded by taxpayer dollars. Councils are comprised of volunteers who are elected by their communities.

The Hollywood Dell falls within the borders of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC).

HUNC

Brandi D'Amore

Email: Brandi@myhunc.org

We thanked Brandi and the HUNC board for approving our Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) request for funding towards the expenses of our Hollywood Dell Summer Block Party on June 3rd. The HUNC Board approved \$2,500 at their February meeting.

- The HUNC Board meeting in March will still be virtual.
- Brandi met with LADWP to discuss the response to the massive power outages during the recent storms.
- They are still looking at the I01 S off ramp onto Franklin because of the dangerous traffic issues at that location.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Area 6A15

SLO Heather Mata

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Officer Mata joined briefly but was unable to give a report at this meeting due to an ongoing situation in Lincoln Heights. Three LAPD officers were shot. *Update: all three officers survived the shooting. The suspect was killed. An investigation is ongoing.*

III. HDCA Business & Announcements

HDCA Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

Judy Dowden, HDCA Outreach Committee Chair

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Judy presented an example of a welcome basket and reviewed the contents. Last year over 40 welcome baskets were delivered to new neighbors in the Hollywood Dell. They use the home sales report to identify new homeowners, but need people to let them know when new renters move in so they can be welcomed. Each contains the following:

- A small plant (succulent)
- A hand written note
- A seed packet
- A color brochure about the neighborhood
- A green "Observe & Report" guide on who to contact for various common issues
- A orange "Who's Who" in local government – with contact information
- A map of the Hollywood Dell little free library locations and a bookmark
- A fire safety packet "Living in a Fire Zone"
- A Neighborhood Watch sign up form
- Information on how to join HDCA

Neighborhood Improvements Committee

David Brewer, Neighborhood Improvements Committee Chair

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David spoke about the upcoming Neighborhood Cleanup Day (Saturday, April 22nd) and asked for residents to sign up in advance and submit ideas for areas to work on.

He also mentioned that we would be doing a “sprucing up” of the little free libraries, with new paint and other improvements this year.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

Jan Hohenstein, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair

Email: jan@hollywoodell.com

Jan spoke about a recent break-in and urged anyone who doesn't already have a block captain to consider being one for their street. The break-in occurred last Thursday at night at an unoccupied home and a sliding glass door was completely shattered.

Jan stressed that people should be aware when there is a lot of construction activity around their homes – that word gets out and to use their alarm when not at home. She also mentioned that LAPD did respond and that Senior Lead Mata came by several times to check on the property.

HDCA Board Actions

At a recent HDCA Board meeting we discussed holding a special meeting to discuss short-term rentals and the issues with the enforcement of the Home Sharing Ordinance. In the days that followed, the Hillside Federation alerted us that there was a group of neighborhoods organizing to put together a coalition of community groups to engage in advocacy related to short-term rentals. We have let them know we would like to participate. Stay tuned for further details.

HDCA Membership Drive Update

We have a strong start with membership dues for 2023.

Alexa thanked everyone who has already joined for this year and urged those who haven't to please sign up. It's important to have a robust membership roster so that our voice is strong as a community.

Special Announcements

Alexa Iles Skarpelos was named Civilian Co-Chair of CPAB at the February CPAB meeting.

Brandi D'Amore announced her resignation from the HUNC board as Secretary. Brandi has been attending our HDCA meetings to give HUNC updates. She does not know who will be stepping in after her departure at the end of March.

We all thanked Brandi for her dedication and hard work in the community.

IV. Upcoming Events

WED April 12, 2023 (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Hollywood Dell Neighborhood Meeting

Location: Murray Hill Condominiums Function Room, 1900 Vine Street

SAT April 22, 2023 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Neighborhood Cleanup Day

Location: Volunteers Rendezvous at Franklin Ivar Park

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Next meeting will be IN-PERSON April 12, 2023