



HDCA Meeting Notes
January 11, 2023
Zoom / Virtual Meeting

Attendees:
(alphabetically)

Lynn Blair
David Brewer
Robbie Britton
Deborah Brosseau
Pamela Clay-Magathan
Brandi D'Amore
Linda Deutsch
Judy Dowden
Jodi Ehrlich
Lindsay Fuller
Beverly Freeman

Scott Grodner
Jan Hohenstein
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Pamela Kalmus
Schelley Kiah
Anthony King
Kwock Koe
Mary Ledding
John Mannino
Jason Maruca
Cynthia Martinez

Jack Rosenfeld
Lea Sandoval
Merle Singer
Josef Siroky
Ethan Weaver
Anji Williams
Kelly Ziegler
Monty Cornell
Shari Sakethkoo
Hans Signer
Andy Swanton
Frank Shotwell

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

II. New Year, New People, New Projects!

We will be alternating virtual and in-person meetings this year. Next month the meeting will be back at the Murray Hill Condominium's function room.

What are you most interested in us focusing on in 2023? Let HDCA know what issues or projects are important to you. Email: jan@hollywooddell.com with your ideas!

The Hollywood Reservoir is closed due to the rains. Alexa will reach out and find out when they plan to re-open. (They have since reopened)

LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office

Jason Maruca, Field Deputy

Email: JMaruca@bos.lacounty.gov

Phone: (818) 993-5170

Due to the inclement weather, county winter weather shelters have been augmented and are extending through 1/14 and maybe further as new storms develop. Call 211 to get the housing assistance.

Also related to the storms, the county tax assessor's office has opportunities for tax relief if your property was impacted by the storms. If you had \$10,000 or more in damage, you can request a penalty cancellation. Jason will send the contact information to Alexa.

Jason Maruca cont.

The Hollywood Bowl staff and LA County Sheriff's Dept. Parks Bureau is taking a more pro-active stance regarding camping in the area of the Ford Theatre due to recent fires. They will be flying drones over the area on a weekly basis to insure no one is on the property. They will also be posting no trespassing signs and harden several entry points. If you see anyone trespassing there, send an email to Jason (drop a google pin where you see the problem if you can) and he will direct them. The Sheriff's Parks Bureau call center is on the Hollywood Bowl property and they are aware of the issues.

The Supervisor has a new field office in Toluca Lake at 4130 Cahuenga Blvd, Suite 108 and Jason invited us to visit.

LA City Attorney's Office

Anthony King, our new Hollywood Area Neighborhood Prosecutor (Ethan Weaver's replacement)

His email: Anthony.king@lacity.org

Phone: (213) 978-2430

Ethan introduced Anthony. Ethan has filled Anthony in on the Franklin Ivar Triangle and says he will remain involved until it is finished. The current status is that they are ready to replant once they make sure the irrigation system is working. They need a few dry days in order to test the system.

Anthony has been a city attorney for 3 years, for 2.5 years was working the drug/dui unit and is excited to be out of the courtroom and work directly with the community. He is a native Angeleno and sees lots of things that need to be fixed.

Also attending from the Neighborhood Prosecutor's office was Robbie Britton. He is a Community Resource Specialist and assists Ethan and Anthony.

LA City Council – Nithya Raman's Office (CD4)

Josef Siroky, (he/him) our new CD4 Field Rep introduced himself.

His email: josef.siroky@lacity.org

Phone: (213) 573-3226

Josef is a native of Culver City. He attended CSULA earning bachelors in political science and economics. His previous position was with the Office of State Senator Sydney Kamlager where he was field deputy for two years. Josef has been with the CD4 office for 4 months, was the Encino Deputy prior to joining us.

Re: unhoused. The Mayor's Office and CD4 worked together as part of the Mayor's "Inside Safe" program to house the occupants of the Cahuenga / 101 Underpass. This was the first location to be cleared under this new program. About 50 people were able to go into housing. The mayor's office is working with CD4 to give out housing vouchers.

Josef is putting in repeated requests for graffiti removal and pressure washing. Alexa asked about a mural for the Cahuenga tunnel to discourage graffiti (there is now one in the Odin tunnel) and would like to coordinate with the council office to do one in the Cahuenga tunnel as an entry point to Hollywood. Josef said he'd like to use city money for that. Brandi will send Alexa and Josef Cal Trans information as that is their property.

David asked Josef if we could have the Clean Team again this year for the Hollywood Dell Cleanup Day April 22. Alexa will send a list of projects to Josef and this will be included.

Mary Ledding brought up the closing of the pony rides in Griffith Park and asked for the council office's help in getting them re-opened. Several people agreed and Alexa added that there should be serious oversight if they are re-opened (as there have been allegations of mistreatment/lack of care of the horses).

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

Brandi D'Amore, HUNC Board Member

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Phone: (323) 861-4418

The city will return to in person meetings in March with no hybrid component. HUNC meetings will return to 1800 N. Bronson.

HUNC is sponsoring the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) in-person training (it started on January 4th) for about 7 weeks, once a week. Class size will be limited to 40 people.

HUNC will also be holding Neighborhood Council board elections. Deadline to submit an application is February 14th, 2023. There are 13 seats out of the 19 seats on the HUNC board open for election. For details and how to apply: <https://hollywoodunitednc.org/open-board-seats/>

Brandi discussed proposals regarding the Hollywood sign having to do with lighting, access, a visitors center, parking districts, shuttles. There is more information on the HUNC website.

HUNC held a tenants' rights seminar last Saturday as the COVID-related renters' protections are ending January 31. The city is expecting a new wave of homelessness when this happens.

III. 2023 Membership

It's time to renew / join the Hollywood Dell Civic Association for 2023.

Our organization's membership is important. The greater the participation, the more we can do and the more influence we have on community issues and projects.

A Hollywood "plus one." We ask all of our regular members not just to renew for 2023, but to pledge to get at least one additional member to join.

You can join online: www.hollywoodell.com and click on the DONATE button. It's just \$50 (+\$2 service fee) per household. Or you can mail a check to:

HDCA
P.O. Box 93094
Hollywood, CA 90093-0122

IV. HDCA Business, Events & Announcements

HDCA Donations in 2022

The Mission of HDCA is to support projects and organizations that make a positive contribution to the neighborhood and community. The following organizations received financial contributions from HDCA in 2022:

LAFD Fire Station 82

The HDCA contributed \$500 (via the LAFD Foundation) towards the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator for the station.

Cheremoya Elementary School

The HDCA purchased the book: "A Seed In The Sun" by Aida Salazar for every 4th grader at Cheremoya Elementary School (which cost \$650) as part of an author event organized by Anji Williams.

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

National Wildlife Federation

The HDCA donated \$500 to the National Wildlife Foundation in support of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing following a compelling presentation about California Cougars and P22 by Beth Pratt, Regional Executive Director, California NWF at a special March 2022 meeting.

Hollywood LAPD

The HDCA supported the Hollywood National Night Out event in August 2022 with \$500 and volunteer assistance.

Fleishacker Foundation

Jodi Ehlich is on the board of the Fleishacker Foundation and she was instrumental in them granting a contribution to HDCA at the end of 2022. We have received this generous donation and will be discussing a special project to apply it towards in 2023. Thank you Jodi!

HDCA Annual Board Elections

HDCA board elections will be at the February meeting. If you're interested in running for any of the board positions, let us know.

HDCA Committee Updates

Hollywood Bowl (Jodie Ehrlich, HDCA Hollywood Bowl Rep)

Last season they added extra traffic officers which seemed to help. They will continue to do traffic studies, have added more shuttle lines and stops and will market to enhance ridership. They are considering making the lots pre-pay only which would cut down on drivers riding around looking for parking.

There is an updated interactive website for neighbors. HollywoodBowl.com/neighbors.

They are adding sound blankets and will be doing sound testing the third week of March and will notify residents when they are doing the testing.

For HDCA members, the paper vouchers will be available again, along with digital tickets that will be delivered each week. And new this year will be a 4-person box for one concert, which will be part of a HDCA "members only" raffle event.

The Pancake Breakfast will be coming back to the Bowl grounds and is for all neighbors, not just HDCA members.

There is a new coffee shop (South LA Café) opening on the Bowl grounds near the box office with free unlimited parking. It should open in February. We may have a mix and mingle there.

There is a proposal for a legislative change to make certain streets open to residents only during large events. This would not be for a complete street closure. It is currently against state law to partially close a public street, which is why the new legislation is being proposed. Jodi says there are 3 state senators and an assemblyperson supporting the legislation.

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Outreach Committee (Judy Kass Dowden, Committee Chair)

If you know anyone new to the neighborhood, reach 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.

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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 3 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!

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Dates to Remember

January 19, 2023: Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. LAFD, LAPD, American Red Cross 9A-5P

January 19, 2023: LA Fire Safe Council virtual meeting 7 pm

February 6, 2023: Submittal to HUNC for Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Block Party

February 8, 2023: Hollywood Dell Neighborhood Meeting & HDCA Board Elections

Hollywood Community Police Advisory Board

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

Anyone who would like to participate should reach out to get on the email list to get the links to join.

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

Final Neighbor Comments

Linda mentioned mailbox theft and the following were suggestions: register for the USPS Informed Delivery so you know what mail to expect daily, put a slot in your door if your house is close enough to the street, have neighbors pick up your mail if you are traveling, or have the post office put your mail on hold. Mail theft is not a police issue, but is the responsibility of the USPS, who will probably do nothing.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm