



HDCA Meeting Notes
May 10, 2023
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Attendees:
(alphabetically)

Malek Adel
David Brewer
Deborah Brosseau
John Bwarie
Pamela Clay
Fredrica Cooper
Brandi D'Amore
Judy Dowden
Jodi Ehrlich
Anne Fitzgibbon

Beverly Freeman
Gregg Fuller
Annie Gagen
Scott Grodner
Jan Hohenstein
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Pamela Kalmus
Schelley Kiah
Kwock Koe

Cynthia Martinez
Nick McAndrew
Jeff McDonough
Tom Meredith
Jack Rosenfeld
Merle Singer
Nathan Singer
Jacqueline Tager
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

Vacation Break-Ins. Empty homes are attractive targets for thieves.

As we approach the summer months when people go on vacation, it's important to secure your property. Arrange for house sitter. Use your alarm if you have one. If you have a private patrol service, ask them to do a "vacation watch." Take the time to document your valuables (take photos and make a list) as a way to assist the police in returning your valuables and to use when making insurance claims.

List of tips from Senior Lead Officer Mata if you are going to be away from your home for extended periods:

- Secure your valuables (in a safe or at another trusted location)
- Arrange to have your home visited or have someone stay there while you are away
- Notify your security company if you subscribe to one and request "vacation watch"
- Notify your trusted nearby neighbors (and your watch captain if you have one) so they can keep an eye out.
- Set lights on timers to mimic occupancy.
- Do not post on social media that you are going on vacation or out of town, or while you are away.
- Lock garage, windows and doors from the inside.
- Consider stopping mail / newspaper delivery so it doesn't pile up.
- Report suspicious activity.

II. Updates from Local Officials & Reps

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Area 6A15

SLO Heather Mata

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Officer Mata was unable to join us but sent us some information to share at the meeting.

Crime Stats

Basic Car Area 6A15 (which includes our neighborhood) is down 23% when compared with last year. Hollywood Division as a whole is down 16% to last year in all crime categories.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 23rd at 1:00 pm: "Coffee with a Cop"

Location: Capitol one Café, 6801 Hollywood Blvd.

Tuesday, August 1st 2023: Hollywood National Night Out

Location: Hollywood Forever Cemetery, 6000 Santa Monica Blvd.

Deployment

Deployment of officers in Hollywood is slowly getting better. Both Captains are committed to getting the Hollywood Entertainment District as close as they can back to pre-pandemic levels. There are two officers assigned to Hollywood & Highland every day for at least 10 hours per day. There is also a Violent Crime Task Force working out of Hollywood about 3 – 5 times a week specifically to address violent crime.

Hollywood Bowl Community Advisory Board

Jodi Ehrlich, HDCA Community Rep

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The **Hollywood Bowl Community Advisory Board met on April 3rd**. They have expanded shuttle service for the Burbank Metro Link and Pacific Design Center lines, and are pre-selling parking with an app to assist with the traffic issues.

Saturday, May 6th the Bowl invited neighbors to attend a **Pancake Breakfast event**. Jodi saw Dell neighbors there and it was a nice event.

Jodi also encouraged people to use the community feedback forms for any issues or complaints even if it's not sound / noise or traffic related. Links below.

Traffic Feedback Form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoSRcvfRvaRQD2Klwo9NdK9AIV5mSpKA5ODhCqfbACdNCACQ/viewform>

Noise / Sound Feedback Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRVDjr8SPOq9QIf5ekWaWy876BsYaKmg4FtqPHjUdLP2G_sQ/viewform

Hollywood Bowl Vouchers will be distributed as in previous years. Vouchers will be available to pick up at the Summer Block Party. And also this year they have expanded to offer us free tickets to 34 additional leased events. These will be raffled off to HDCA members.

HUNC

Tom Meredith, HUNC Vice President

Email: Tom@myhunc.org

The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) is in a critical state right now. Elections for 17 open seats were supposed to happen in April. Only a handful of candidates applied. They didn't have enough to hold the election. Now the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (LA City entity that oversees the NC's) will be appointing people to the open seats.

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).

Anyone who is interested in being appointed to a volunteer board position on HUNC should reach out to Tom. The area covered is Hollywood Boulevard to the Hollywood Sign, and Cahuenga to Western. Anyone who lives, works, attends church or has interest in the area qualifies as a stakeholder. It's approximately a 20 hours / month commitment.

Currently HUNC is stalled until new board members are appointed because they don't have quorum to hold meetings.

Go to: <https://hollywoodunitednc.org/2023-elections/>

Hollywood Bowl Community / Stratiscope

John Bwarie

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The traffic officers posted at key intersections are hired by the Hollywood Bowl to assist with traffic flow. They are not legally able (due to state law) to prevent anyone from coming in or out of the neighborhood but they are there to assist with traffic flow and act as a visual deterrent to non-residents.

The most recent problems were a result of some new traffic officers who didn't know which locations to go to. So they just weren't at the Dell locations they were needed at. They are working to resolve this.

Someone asked if it would be possible to have a closure at Odin and Cahuenga? This may prevent people from coming through the Dell (using Holly Drive), which causes issues. This would need to be looked at. They would need to do a full traffic engineering study to see what the options are.

III. HDCA Business & Announcements

HDCA Board Action

The HDCA has joined a coalition of LA Neighborhood groups asking for improved short-term rental enforcement by the City of LA. The grassroots group is called **Preserve LA Neighborhoods** (PLAN). At this date over 24 neighborhood associations have joined and a letter has been drafted and sent to Mayor Bass and the LA City Council. This letter is asking for the city to fund the departments that are tasked with enforcing the ordinance. Illegal short-term rentals cause a lot of problems for neighborhoods, and take much needed housing off the long-term rental market.

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

Hollywood Dell Summer Block Party & Pet Parade Update

We are a little less than a month away from this annual neighborhood event. SAT June 3rd.

This year we have hired a new catering company that will be offering a Mexican Taco Bar, which will include vegetarian options. The Pet Parade Theme is “Red Carpet” and the awards will be in keeping with the theme.

We need volunteers for:

- Event Flyer distribution
- Event set up
- Event worker
- Event break down

Contact Alexa if you can help out! alexa@hollywooddell.com

Speed Bumps on Holly

Jodi is concerned about the speed bumps along Holly Drive not being high enough to work at keeping speeds down. Brandi suggested she reach out to Mehmet Berker in CD4 and cc our field rep Josef Siroky. Email: josef.siroky@lacity.org and Mehmet.berker@lacity.org

Project at Franklin & Cahuenga?

There is currently no project in the works at this location.

Franklin Ivar Park

The issue with the irrigation at the park has been reported.

IV. Upcoming Events

THU, May 18th, 2023 (7:00 – 8:30 pm)

Los Angeles Fire Safe Council Meeting (via Zoom)

For details / more info: <https://www.wildfirela.org>

SAT May 20th, 2023

Pamela & Bruce 30th Anniversary Show (\$20 cover)

At the Gardenia, 7066 Santa Monica Blvd.

(call 323-467-7444 or 818-383-6832 to make a reservation)

TUE, May 23rd, 2023 (1:00 pm)

Coffee with a Cop Event

Capitol One Café, 6801 Hollywood Blvd.

SAT, June 3, 2023 (3:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

Hollywood Dell Summer Block Party & Pet Parade

Location: Ivarene Avenue between Vine & Willetta

TUE, June 13, 2023 (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Hollywood Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting

Location: 6501 Fountain Avenue, LA 900028 (Hollywood Community Room)