



September 13, 2023
Neighborhood Meeting Agenda
Virtual Via Zoom

Attendees:
(alphabetically)

David Brewer
Deborah Brosseau
Jason Cottis
Brandi D'Amore
Judy Dowden
Jodi Ehrlich
Scott Grodner

Jan Hohenstein
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Tifanie Joudeh-Acosta
Pamela Kalmus
Schelley Kiah
Kwock Koe

Jin Lee
Heather Mata
Karim Nasr
Jack Rosenfeld
Josef Siroky
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

II. Updates from Local Officials & Reps

Josef Siroky, LA City Council District 4, Nithya Raman's office
Email: josef.siroky@lacity.org

Heather Mata, LAPD Senior Lead Officer for Hollywood Area 6A15
Email: 40988@lapd.online

III. Neighborhood Hot Topics

Dix Street encampment status

The ringleader of the encampment has been placed multiple times in housing and has been kicked out for not following the rules. He has been issued several citations. So far they don't have enough to physically arrest him and take him into custody.

There is regularly a large group hanging out and openly doing drugs. We discussed the frustrations with calling LAPD 9-1-1 or non-emergency about this and the lack of real action that would make it stop. Open use of drugs doesn't qualify for an arrest because of the "Zero Bail" policy. They can't keep people in custody.

What can residents do themselves to discourage this type of activity? Increased lighting, sprinkler system, install planters...it was suggested playing loud classical music. That has mixed results. Is there a landscaping solution? Because it is technically LA City land, we would need to run it through Street Services. Installing a bright light from across the street would be violating light pollution rules.

Selling drugs is enough to land the individuals in custody – but it has to be observed by a sworn officer of LAPD (not just observed by neighbors). Officer Mata said that narcotics team has this location on their radar. They feel that it will require an undercover operation.

Officer Mata did speak to Chevron employees. They were allowing the encampment to use part of their property! No help.

There used to be a City program to provide funds towards a bus ticket back home...Josef will look into it.

Cahuenga (101 underpass)

Encampments are creeping back.

Mayor Bass's "Inside Safe" program cleared the Cahuenga underpass.

Argyle Encampment completely is covering the sidewalk and spilling into the street. They are stealing power. They use the traffic median as a trash dumping ground but sanitation won't pick it up because of the proximity to the encampment. CD13 won't move them until they can offer them housing.

Brush fire incident above Weidlake Drive

Status of the investigation of the August 23rd

LAFD arson investigators are the lead on this incident

This fire was intentionally set by a man described as a vagrant / transient. There was a witness. The suspect is still at large.

It was pure luck that it happened after we had just had lots of rain, and during the day with no wind.

If you see this individual, it is a 9-1-1 call because he's wanted for arson, he will be taken into custody.

Quebec Drive Party House

This property is currently bank-owned

The tenant has been operating it as a venue, the bank is in the process to get him evicted.

Illegally Parked RV's on Holly Drive

There are two vehicles that are NOT dwellings (they belong to residents who have homes in the Dell) that have been parked for weeks. One has a fake handicapped placard. When it was reported to the City of LA, they said a fake placard is a State DMV issue. They are parked in the permit parking area.

IV. Upcoming Events & Announcements

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

They are looking for a representative (volunteer) for our area.

If you are interested please contact HUNC president Sheila Irani. Sheila@myhunc.org

SUNDAY September 17 – TUESDAY September 19th

Event: Movie Premier

Street Closure: Full closure of Hollywood Blvd. between Highland and Orange Drive. Sidewalk closure 9/18 from 2 pm – 8pm, north sidewalk of Hollywood Blvd. in front of the TCL Theatre.

THURSDAY, September 21, 2023 (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Virtual Fire Safety Meeting

TUESDAY, September 26, 2023 (6:30 pm)

Ford Theatre Neighborhood Cocktails & Culinary Event – FREE

WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023 (7pm – 8:30 pm)

Hollywood Dell Neighborhood Meeting

TUESDAY, October 17, 2023 (5pm)

Hollywood Community Police Advisory Board Meeting (CPAB)

Hollywood Community Room, 6501 Fountain Avenue

TUESDAY, October 31, 2023 (5pm – 7pm)

Halloween in the Dell!

Primrose & Willetta