



February 21, 2024 Neighborhood Meeting Recap

Attendees:
(alphabetically)

Malek Adel
Angela Bellias
David Brewer
Deborah Brosseau
Jason Cottis
Ronna Del Valle
Linda Deutsch
Anne Fitzgibbon

Scott Grodner
Jan Hohenstein
Alexa Iles-Skarpelos
Pamela Kalmus
Kwock Koe
Francoise Koster
Gary Lewis
Cynthia Martinez

Heather Mata
Lois Rosby
Merle Singer
Nathan Singer
George Skarpelos
Jacqui Tager
Ellen Tuttle
Kelly Ziegler

I. Welcomes & Introductions

Alexa Iles Skarpelos, HDCA President

Longtime member and HDCA Outreach Chair, Judy Kass Dowden passed away on January 14, 2024 after a sudden onset of a fast spreading Melanoma. Her passing stunned family, friends and neighbors in the Hollywood Dell where she has lived for 26 years with her husband Jeff. She was 76. Judy was a central figure in community activities, was the HDCA Outreach Chair and a talented fine art photographer. A little over a decade ago Judy was the co-chair of the "Friends of La Rocha Trail." Her contribution to the grassroots effort to save the natural walking trail in the heart of the Hollywood Dell was instrumental in ensuring it would remain a permanent green space. She will be missed by everyone her knew her.

II. Recap / Review of 2023

HDCA Membership in 2023

There were 207 members in 2023 (up 16% over previous year), exceeding our target for the year! Of those, 13% were at the reduced Senior/Student rate of \$25.

Income in 2023

Dues payments	= \$9,951 (56%)
Foundation Grant	= \$5,000 (28%)
Contributions from Filming in the Dell	= \$2,350 (13%)
<u>Extra donations from neighbors</u>	<u>= \$ 555 (3%)</u>
Total Income	= \$17,856

Expenses in 2023

Neighborhood Projects	= \$4,075 (35%)
Neighborhood Events	= \$3,787 (32%)
Donations	= \$2,017 (17%)
<u>Operating Costs</u>	<u>= \$1,869 (16%)</u>
Total Expenses	= \$11,748

Membership Perks

In addition to the annual distribution of Hollywood Bowl vouchers, the HDCA received additional free tickets to 22 premium shows at the Hollywood Bowl, and 15 shows at the John Anson Ford Theatre in 2023. These were offered to HDCA members.

HDCA Events In 2023

Neighborhood Cleanup Day: Saturday, April 22, 2023
Summer Block Party: Saturday, June 3, 2023
Halloween in The Dell: Tuesday, October 31, 2023
Holiday Mix n Mingle: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

III. HDCA Annual Board Election

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
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)

Linda Deutsch made a motion to approve the slate of proposed officers.
Merle Singer seconded the motion.
A vote was held and all present voted in favor.

IV. Updates, Events & Announcements

Hillside Federation Recap

Jan gave an explanation of what the Hillside Federation does.

During the January and February Hillside Federation meetings they have hosted candidates for LA City Council, CA State Assembly and Congress running in the upcoming March 5th Primary Election.

The Federation made the request of their member organizations (HDCA is one) to contribute toward lawsuits opposing digital billboards along scenic corridors and street intersections. These are bright, intrusive and distracting. They have also done studies that show that they can have a negative impact on wildlife. The Federation is contributing up to \$5,000 in matching funds, and is looking to get to \$10,000. Studio City Neighborhood Association is contributing \$1,000. We discussed the matter and voted to approve a \$500 contribution from HDCA.

The HDCA has an opening for a Hillside Federation Rep. This position would require attending monthly (Zoom) meetings and report back to us. Malek Adel volunteered - thank you Malek!

Hollywood Bowl Community Advisory Board Recap

Alexa gave a report on the most recent Hollywood Bowl Community Advisory Board meeting in Jodi's absence.

Mark Ladd, Director of Hollywood Bowl Operations, shared information from the 2023 season. Public transit ridership was up in 2023, with 29% of concert-goers using Shuttle / Park N Ride options (vs previous year's 26%). Consultants INFRASTRATEGIES, shared their recommendations to update the pre-show virtual experience and upgrade the pedestrian-transit experience, upgrade the driving experience, discourage on-site and neighborhood parking, reduce rideshare conflicts.

There will be a community pancake breakfast event on Saturday May 4th (details TBD). There will also be a "happy hour" event at the Ford Theatre for nearby neighbors on June 25th. March 4, 2024 there will be a special meeting to discuss traffic and the data around public transit ridership at Bowl events. The next Community Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2024.

HDCA Outreach

The HDCA needs someone to take over the creation and delivery of welcome baskets to new neighbors. Cynthia Martinez and Angela Bellias volunteered to team up with Anne Fitzgibbon to continue welcoming people to the Dell. Thanks!

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC)

There will be a HUNC Outreach Committee Meeting, Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm. The HDCA will attend to present our request for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for our 2024 Summer Block Party.

WED March 13, 2024

HDCA Monthly Meeting (7:00 pm)
Virtual Via Zoom

THU March 14, 2024

Hollywood Community Police Advisory Board Meeting (5:00 pm)
6501 Fountain Avenue

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V. Updates From Officials

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

Officer Mata gave an update on crime stats.
Hollywood Division is leading the City of LA in violent crime reduction.

We discussed the recent encampment fires on Franklin and Cahuenga.

We discussed the ongoing incidents in Franklin Village with Anti-Scientology / Anti-Police agitators who have been harassing people on the street and the businesses on Franklin.