

HOLLYWOODLAND HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 11, 2016 BOARD MEETING

Call to order 7:34PM

Members present: Tara Stephenson-Fong, James Mykyfenko, Alexa Williams, Chris O'Brien, Jack Conrad, Jeanne Clark, Scott Freeburg, J.J. Blair

Members Absent: Sarajane Schwarz, Laura Davis, Robert Louis

Guests: Jim van Dusen, Richard Evans

Guest Richard Evans asked to come to the meeting to talk about a lawsuit that the Sunset Ranch filed against him and two of his neighbors on upper Beachwood in March 2015. He was upset that in the September "Call to Action" the HHA asked for donations for the Ranch's lawsuit against the City. The Ranch was asking the three homeowners to pay \$100 per day for trespass on their easement. Actually the three properties were only touching the original easement and the defendant's attorneys found the recorded deed that relinquished that easement many years ago. At first the Ranch refused to acknowledge the deed and the defendants believed that it was just a money grab. Eventually, the plaintiff dropped the case. Mr. Evan supports the HBDU lawsuit and believes that hikers who park in the area are misguided. He is happy with the status quo, but would like to see the Beachwood gate closed for safety reasons. The Board of the HHA was never notified of these lawsuits, despite one former board member living next door to Mr. Evans.

Approval of August minutes

Chris - 1st

James - 2nd

Unanimous approval

Approval of Treasurer's report

Alexa - 1st

JJ - 2nd

Unanimous approval

Old Business

- Both Chris and Sarajane contacted Lead Officer Sanchez about obtaining the monthly crime report. He did not have one, but stated he would like to meet with the HHA board again
- James stated that the LAPD has not been responding to calls about the notorious party house on Hollyridge and when they do come they are too lazy to write up a report. It was suggested that he talk with City Attorney Houchin and to document everything.
- There are also no LAPD reports on the wayward eighteen-wheelers that were being guided to a false rest stop at the end of Beachwood. Should this happen again it was suggested to get a photograph of the truck's tags.
- A suggestion was made that a slide show of all of the illegal activities taking place in Hollywoodland be presented to CD4 each month since the police do not file reports.
- The welcome packet is going to be revamped.
- The Hollywood Sign Trust imposed on the HHA's "Hollywoodland" trademark for a short film featuring Dick van Dyck. Tara will send the trademark violation letter to them and ask for \$2000 remuneration.
- Chris will seek out a third bid for the Village Green electrical. The 2nd bid said that the wiring in all three beds is bad. JJ would like to be present when the third bid comes by for a look.
- Village Cameras: Nothing has been heard from Eugene and JJ will contact him.
- 6068 Mulholland: Michael Mekeel is pushing an appeal through the Planning Dept. It was suggested that the HHA represent that appeal in order to protect him.

- Wildlife Preserve: Contacts are being gathered including and enthusiastic Fran Offenhauser
- Dash Bus: The HHA received a letter from Recreation and Parks stating that a new dash bus line could not run up Bronson Canyon because there is no place for it to turn around.
- Water line work on Mount Lee: The HHA will send a letter to Joe Salacies asking for the EIR on the project.
- Sunset Ranch website: Jack will walk up and have a friendly conversation with the manager to see if they are aware of their promotion of Hollywoodland as a tourist destination on the website.

Hillside Federation

The SMRA is putting two initiatives on the November ballot. Proposition GG may help increase the number of park rangers available in Griffith Park.

HUNC

There was nothing affecting Hollywoodland at the last meeting.

Safety

- Concerning the recent rash of semi-trucks coming up Beachwood looking for a phantom rest stop, Omnitrax, the GPS provider, has assured the HHA that the rest stop has been removed.
- The HHA will form another CERT team to react during emergencies and will elect block captains for each street. Requests for volunteers will be put on the website and in the newsletter. An emergency readiness display will be set up in the Village. An Emergency Committee was selected consisting of Jack, Tara and Alexa with Chris assisting.

Public Works

- Chris asked Catherine Landers to please report on any new info on the curb at 2800 block of Belden causing flooding onto the down slope houses below and the collapsing Rodgerton roadway adjacent to the historic wall? This is a special concern with the rainy season approaching.

Landers also supplied this update from CD4:

- As I mentioned on the phone, installing a pedestrian gate at Deronda has run into a few administrative hiccups, but we are moving ahead with it.

Sarajane and I spoke about the CA Tourism website misdirecting visitors, and we will be working to get them to correct it.

- We are working to gather data and information from RAP and other departments (to mixed success so far) and will share when we are able. We may do a council motion if we are not getting the information we need.

- As you are probably aware, the lawsuits will go to trial soon.

- If you saw the most recent BCNA newsletter (I'll forward separately, I couldn't find a link online), our office continues to get criticism and pushback regarding the PPDs, especially the mid-Beachwood area.

- Jannine McDonald has been officially appointed to the Hollywoodland Specific Plan Design Review Board.

Beautification

Concerning the sorry state of the historical stairways, a committee will be formed to inspect each set of stairs. Jack will talk to the neighbor adjacent to the upper Beachwood set to tell him to correct his irrigation so that it will no longer impact that set. The next newsletter will include for residents help on the project as well as discourage and reporting trainers from using the monuments for business.

Legal Action

The Ranch's court date has been moved to November 16.

New Business

- To form a new committee to help organize the twenty-five anniversary of the Hollywoodland Specific Plan.
- To advise on both the website and the newsletter for residents to use the MyLA311 app for reporting issues such as street lamps, broken water mains, etc.

Motion #1

To support the Specific Plan Defenders on their appeal of the RAP plan.

Chris – 1st

JJ – 2nd

Unanimous

Motion #2

To ask Councilman Ryu to implement an EIR for the illegal Beachwood park entrance and to instruct the City Attorney to settle the HBDU lawsuit.

Chris – 1st

Alexa – 2nd

Unanimous

This motion will be rescinded at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30PM