

HOLLYWOODLANDER

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Design Review Board

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If there are projects to review meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 PM at 2700 N. Beachwood.

Projects under review: 3217
Ledgewood, 3101 Belden, 3061 Belden

Projects approved: 2981
Hollyridge Drive, downslope.

Useful Area Contacts

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We Voted

New Councilman! David Ryu was elected to serve the Fourth District in the city of Los Angeles. We welcome his ideas and look forward to working with him and his staff to make Hollywoodland and our city a better place to live and work.

In the meantime, Councilman Ryu and his staff have met with a number of groups and city agencies to listen to their input. Their goals are to develop short, mid and long-term solutions to the hiking, tourist and traffic problem in our neighborhood. They recognize SAFETY is a priority!

They are also interested in public works projects that need the city's attention, i.e. street paving, tree trimming, slough etc. Please email any issues to info@hollywoodland.org stating the problem and location. Our field deputy is Catherine Landers who be working out of the Hollywood field office on Fountain Avenue.

Other Park Issues

In the past fifty-seven days Councilman Ryu and his staff had more than thirty different meetings with community leaders/members and various city departments to identify ways to resolve the safety issue associated with hiking, traffic and tourism in the park land adjacent to our neighborhood. A short term correction includes weekend monitoring from Rec and Parks, DOT, LAFD and LAPD.

Crash in the Hollywoodland Gifted Park: A car tumbled down the ravine on the western edge of Mulholland Hwy before Canyon Drive. The driver simply thought he was parking and instead rolled down the gulch, precariously close to the children's area of the Lake Hollywood Park.

Other happenings: proposal to fence the playground area of the park supported by the HHA, but a proposal to have Porta-Potties or permanent bathrooms in the Lake Hollywoodland Park was opposed by the HHA.

Historical note: Did you know the Lake Hollywood Park and all the land from Wolfslair Castle to the reservoir and north to the sign was part of our tract? In the 1960's the Lake Hollywood Estates was developed and struck an agreement with the city to create Canyon Drive and level a bit of space in the meadow area of the park. It was intended as a pocket neighborhood park and was to be fenced, have

Your 2015 Board

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Stay Up-to-Date

The HHA has its own website, Facebook page and Twitter account to keep residents informed and up-to-date on issues that affect us and our historical neighborhood. In addition, email blasts are sent to HHA members to let them know about elections, road closures, red flag days and HHA sponsored events. Best of all, we're also publishing a quarterly newsletter again for all of you who have requested it so hopefully you'll feel more in touch with your neighbors and what is going on in Hollywoodland.

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plantings and maintenance. There are on-going discussions at this time by the neighborhood as to the best use of that area in light of the increased visitors and traffic.

Did you also know we have angels who donated 13 tied lots of open space inside Hollywoodland? This donation keeps the ridge on Durand pristine forever.

Something to think about

Our other hillside park neighbors, Los Feliz and the Oaks border *small portions of* Colonel Griffith's donated park land but Hollywoodland is **immersed inside park space**, park space donated originally as part of our tract.

Cheremoya Elementary

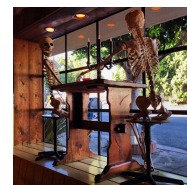
Hollywoodland and Beachwood's local elementary school is turning 100 this year. Were you an alum? Have any photos or stories to contribute to the event October 16th? Contact Principal Steve Salva ses8079@lausd.net New to the neighborhood? Are your kids ready to start school? Come visit! email: cheremoyafoundation@gmail.com



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Neighborhood Input

A few neighbors have mentioned the overabundance of street signage throughout Hollywoodland. We could develop a committee to do a survey of city/code signs and see which should be replaced, relocated, combined, etc. Anyone interested in participating please contact info@hollywoodland.org with the subject heading: Sign Committee.



Universal Expansion Questions

Someone asked, "Why didn't we get money from Universal like Lake Hollywood and the Knolls?" Below is our president, Jim Van Dusen's answer:

"My recollection is that they never offered us money. We'd heard that they'd made deals with Lake Hollywood and the Knolls, but when we specifically asked them how they were going to help us, they were vague. There was never any money on the table. Also, there was a lawsuit in the works against Universal...I'm not sure where that stands at this point, because Universal seems to be proceeding with the off-ramp restructuring as if there's nothing to stop them. We decided that we'd rather that the off-ramp remain open and to support that effort."

PPD Update

In the waning days of Councilman LaBonge's term he introduced several council motions ordering DOT to study the potential expansion of PPDs in Hollywoodland, and they all passed. The residents who live on streets that currently have weekend/holiday PPDs are being proposed to be extended to 7 days. The sections of Beachwood Drive from the Village north to LedgeWood will also be added to the study. The process includes petitions being presented to each ppd. If enough residents are in favor, the petitions are then submitted to the City for review and City Council approval. Signs then have to be manufactured and installed. The whole process, even under this emergency provision, can take a year or more.

City Fights: Wins and Losses

A ruling on the Hollywoodland Specific Plan was finally resolved after ten years. This involved a series of court hearings including appeals in the California Supreme Court. The court ruled in favor of the specific plan.

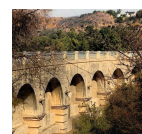
A "Dirt" Mulholland Hwy property owner fell on the roadway and sued the city. Settlement was made to plaintiff.

Two lawsuits against the City affecting our neighborhoods: Sunset Ranch is suing the City to uphold their ingress and egress easement that dates back to the 1940's. In another suit, some neighbors took legal action against the city over the opening of the end of Beachwood Drive on January 2, 2015. Language about the unauthorized "vista" at Mulholland and Canyon Lake is also included.

Mobility Plan Update

The City actually listened. Mobility Plan 2035 changed! Last month we alerted you that Beachwood Drive had been included in the massive Los Angeles Mobility Plan 2035. This designation would have left our street open to such "improvements" as bicycle lanes. We urged you to write letters, and you did. The Final EIR and Staff Reports have just been posted and **Beachwood Drive is no longer included**. Thank you for your excellent letters to the City.

There are other things in this plan that will affect residents who drive and commute through Los Angeles and particularly Hollywood. The plan was presented and approved at the City Planning Commission meeting Thursday, May 28th. You can view the plan here: <http://www.hhwnc.org/node/3802>



Recent Motions by the HHA

May meeting 2015

*Motion: HHA supports the Secured Family Picnic Area at the Lake Hollywood Park- Motion By Lucy, Second by Christine- unanimous

*Motion: HHA does not support Porta-Potties in the Lake Hollywood Park Motion by Lucy, Second by Chris- Yeah-7, Opposed- 3- Passed

*Motion: Because 100% of lower Beachwood residents are committed to signing a petition to be included in PPD G, The HHA moves to recommend to the Department of Transportation and the Office of Councilman Tom LaBonge and his Successors that all of the Hollywoodland Preferential parking districts originally proposed by Councilman LaBonge be honored going forward- including the now excluded district comprising: Beachwood Drive north of Belden and south of Ledgewood. *New language: The HHA supports all efforts by residents to resolve the parking issues affecting them.*

June 2015 - No motions.

July Meeting

*Motion: That HHA to pay 1/3 of total cost of the "No Smoking Signs" to be installed around Lake Hollywood Park and the Illegal Vista at Mulholland Hwy and Canyon Lake Drive, with a letter to the Councilman's office to ask for reimbursement. Lucy 1st, Chip 2nd- unanimous

August Meeting

*Motion: The HHA supports the immediate removal of the blue directional "Scenic View" signs along Mulholland Hwy, leading to the unofficial Scenic Vista at Mulholland Hwy and Canyon Lake Drive, as a result of the response from Google Maps directing people to this area because of these signs. See below for Google's response to our request to have the unofficial Scenic Vista, at Mulholland Hwy and Canyon Lake Drive, removed from their site.

Response from Google:

"Thanks for reaching out to us. We have reviewed your request for amendment of the "Hollywood Sign Overlook" listing. Not only are there "Scenic View" signs along Mulholland Highway pointing to this overlook, but Street View imagery shows the area to be a well-kept scenic point in Los Angeles, and we have therefore left the feature on Maps. If you have additional official information that can enable us to further evaluate this issue, please feel free to reach out.

Thanks for your consideration.
Regards,
The Google Team"

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