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Brief Summary: On 9/21/09 the Board of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council voted to support efforts by the City Council to fully review its ordinances pertaining to cellular antennas and new pole installation. We would particularly like to see a better notification process for neighbors in cases where none is required now, as well as greater consideration given the aesthetic impact of new antennas.

Additional Information

**Hollywood United Neighborhood Council  
Minutes of Full Board Meeting  
Monday September 21, 2009 at 6:30 PM  
First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood Community Room – 6054 Yucca St. (East of Gower)**

**1) Welcome and Roll Call**

Present: Robert Abrahamian, Debbi Aldahl, Bechir Blagui, Maurece Chesse, Rodney Hargrove, Scott Larson, Margaret Marmelejo, Susan Polifronio, Jamie Rozenthal, Cara Rule, Erik Sanjurjo, David Schlesinger, Susan Swan, Charles Suhayda.  
Excused: Jordan Birnbaum, Ryan Hass. Absent: Don Paul.

**2) Approval of Minutes for August 17, 2009 Board meeting.**

**Motion: Robert Abrahamian—To approve the minutes of the HUNC August 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.**

**Second: Cara Rule**

**Vote: Yes—8 No—0 Abstain—2**

**3) LAPD and LAFD Updates**

Senior Lead Officer Mike Shea gave the LAPD report:

- There were no violent crimes in this one week period (9/6/09 to 9/12/09) in the Hollywood Hills north.
- The 40 new LAPD officers are now assigned to the Hollywood core area.
- Total violent crimes are up 2% on a year-over-year basis.

Regarding LAPD response times to calls:

- Code 3—crime in progress/violent crime—the average response time is 5.2 minutes.
- High priority call—average response time is 14.6 minutes.
- Low priority call—average response time is 28.1 minutes.

No reports from LAFD

**4. Los Angeles City and County Updates**

A. Haeyoung Kim, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Mike Feuer, 42nd District  
Haeyoung Kim reported that Mike Feuer had sponsored AB91—a Public Safety bill dealing with drunk driving. Los Angeles is a pilot project city for this measure. Under this bill, first time offenders have to install an ignition starting device into their vehicles. The vehicle can only be started after blowing into a breathalyzer.

Mike Feuer was selected as the Assembly chair of the Select Committee on Reform in September 2009. This bicameral committee will identify ways to reform California government to make it more innovative, efficient and make state government more transparent and accessible to constituents.

Also, Assemblymember Feuer is in Washington DC seeking additional federal funds to help alleviate the state budget crisis.

Susan Swan reported that there is an upcoming meeting regarding AB1818—the state bonus density law on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Yucca Community Center.

**B. City Council Office Updates**

Council District 13—HUNC received the Hollywood Monthly Report from Councilmember Garcetti's Hollywood Field Deputy.

**C. DONE (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment) Update:**

Susan Swan reported that Bong Hwan Kim, DONE general manager sent an announcement on September 11, 2009 stating that Neighborhood Councils will be able to access their roll-over balances.

**5. DWP/DOT updates**

No updates at this time.

**6. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)**

Raymond Yu—general announcement on the upcoming Neighborhood Congress.

Anne De Bello—Franklin Village Street Fair reimbursement request.

**7. Update on "Neighborhood/Community Walks" initiated and promoted by Hollywood Seventh Day Adventist Church**

These walks continue in Hollywood. Get more information at: <http://hollywoodcommunitywalks.blogspot.com>

**9. Request by Cindy duHaime for up to \$350 to assist with the annual Garfield Neighborhood Watch Halloween Safety Pumpkin Carving Party on the Sunday before Halloween, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 8 PM on Garfield Place.**

**Motion: Erik Sanjurjo, "That HUNC approve up to \$350 for the Garfield Neighborhood Watch Halloween Safety Pumpkin Carving Party."**

**Second: Maurece Chesse**

**Vote: Yes—12                      No—0                      Abs---0**

**10. Hollywood United Newsletter update**

Maurece Chesse reported that invoices need to be paid for those who worked on the newsletter with editing, formatting, etc.

**11. Update on Hollywood development notification, or lack thereof, including Prop 1c funds made available to projects in Hollywood including 5555 Hollywood Blvd, 6200 Hollywood Blvd and possible methods to urge CRA and other agencies to partner with NCs on development in their areas.**

Erik Sanjurjo reported that there is a real need for updates from CRA on the progress being made on development projects. He noted that the CRA Streetscape along Hollywood Blvd excluded everything east of Gower.

**12. Request to support efforts for comprehensive City review of Cell Tower proliferation and request for revised ordinances regarding installation.**

Alexander Von Wechmar (Oaks Home Owners Association) spoke before the board. He has been concerned about cell tower proliferation and wants to see this issue addressed in an effective manner. He reported that currently there is no regulation or a permitting process. He noted that Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Janice Hahn had proposed new rules for cell sites but no rules have taken effect. He also reported that there are two groups actively working on this problem: Pacific Palisades Residents Association (PPRA) and the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC). The PPRA is working with LA City Councilmember Bill Rozendahl and is asking for a new comprehensive ordinance in Los Angeles that will regulate cell towers. There are three areas of interest regarding cell towers: Aesthetics (shape and color), Location, Density, and Size and Power.

Alexander Von Wechmar further asks, Why does the City of Los Angeles belong to the joint pole committee? Companies trade rights and make money. Why shouldn't the City make the money?

Erik Sanjurjo stated that phone companies are characterized as public utilities; therefore they have access to City power poles. The DWP's main concern is getting paid for the electricity used by the cell towers.

Conclusion: HUNC supports the efforts of Pacific Palisades Residents Association, Pacific Palisades Community Council and those of Councilmembers: Tom LaBonge, Janice Hahn, Bill Rozendahl, and Jose Huizar in their call for change and regulation of wireless facilities in the public right of way and supports the concept of a temporary moratorium on cell towers.

**13. Executive Committee report by the President.**

Susan Swan reported that HUNC should be looking for a date for a fall workshop between Halloween and Thanksgiving. The Congress of Neighborhoods is Sat. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. There will be a Neighborhood Council Action Summit on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 AM at LA City College. <http://ncactionsummit.wetpaint.com>

**14. Committee Reports.**

A. Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)---Reported that the Hollywood Plan may be ready by mid- or end- of November.

B. Public Safety & Transportation Committee (PS&T)—Reported that the new Fire Station 82 at Van Ness & Hollywood Blvd will open in 2011. The old FS 82 site will be renovated for use as a new training facility.

**ADJOURN at 8:10 PM**

Charles Suhayda, Recording Secretary, Hollywood United Neighborhood Council