

CCCHA Board of Directors Meeting June 15, 2021

Called to order at 7:03 p.m. Meeting was held via Zoom

PRESENT: Derek Barton, Marilyn Braunstein, Jerry Davison, Bob Guerin, Bertrand Leroux, Michael Quinn, Allyson Saunders, Steve Shpilsky, Jane Wishon

ABSENT: Alexis Dumortier, Tamir Nadborny

MINUTES of May 18, 2021: Jerry moved to approve, Mike seconded, 7 yes, approved with two abstentions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Allyson reported that California COVID restrictions have been lifted as of June 15th. No need to wear a mask outside, but CDC still recommends using common sense when it comes to social distancing in groups of people. People who have not been vaccinated should wear a mask in crowded, indoor public places. Businesses can still set their own rules requiring masks and social distancing inside their facilities.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mike Quinn – Acting Treasurer):

Treasurer's report is combined with Finance report. Mike reported that the Finance Committee discussed the ongoing bookkeeping needs. The committee interviewed the bookkeeper based in Silver Lake, in addition they will interview the current firm and two other firms for comparisons. • Even though our CPA has retired, we are still a client of the firm, so no anticipated drop in coverage, although they have increased our costs for their service. The current accounting firm is economical but lacks some services we need. • Allyson reported that after the second email was sent for past dues, we collected another \$2,700. In total we have collected close to \$40,000 of HOA dues at the end of May. Since we do not collect 100% of the fees and have to pay fees for online payment, coupled with fact that HOA Dues have been held to same level for a few years, discussion ensued regarding raising our HOA annual fees from \$150 to \$175 next year. • Discussion on increasing our architectural fees and charging the builder for re-submissions, which we have not done in the past. Architectural committee will discuss and bring back their recommendations.

RECOGNITION:

Derek recognized Board Members Allyson Saunders and Bertrand Leroux for their work to clarify in a "visual" spreadsheet the current and new safety patrol schedules proposed by Tamir and Alexis. Derek also recognized CCCHA homeowners Helen & Byron Beede, who are sharing some of their profits with their neighbors on Edith Street from a TV show being filmed in their home. It is their way of saying "thank you" to their fellow homeowners for any inconvenience. Well-deserved applause from fellow Board Members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Covered in the Treasurer's report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Neither Tamir nor Alexis was present. Allyson reported that Alexis talked to Vernon; we are very close to finalize the deal for the new patrol coverage/schedule. We will get a new contract/addendum at the next Board meeting.

ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE: Fees covered in Treasurer and Finance report above. Committee is working diligently with developers to allow new styles, but meeting Guidelines. We are expecting a lot of construction in the months and years to come.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: Regarding the Queensbury roundabout, we asked the city for stop signs, but have not received any action plans. We are working with a design engineer to wrap up the plan, with additional marks. Several Board members are concerned with many drivers running through stop signs throughout our neighborhood.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Derek reported that the website is up to date. The owner of WebHappy, our webmaster, has retired. Russ Winer of Red-Creative, based in Culver City, will now be our acting webmaster to do our updates until we find another person who can do everything else we need for CCCHA.org.

LEGAL COMMITTEE: Discussion of the homeowner on Edith Street who was doing business refurbishing furniture in their garage and backyard. It has been quiet lately so we will monitor this issue and if it resumes, bothering neighbors again, the legal committee will send a cease & desist letter to the owner.

GREEN COMMITTEE: Alexis was not in attendance. Allyson mentioned that LA put in place a \$2,500 grant to keep LA beautiful, an effort to improve our community. Since we do not have a public space in our HOA, and due to the price of our houses, we may not get that grant, but worth exploring.

FILMING COMMITTEE: Derek sent out the Filming Revenue spreadsheet to the Board before the meeting. We have billed \$21,750 in filming revenue to date. On track for this time of year prior to the pandemic. Derek is chasing a payment of \$1,000 with the production manager for the Honda commercial that was filmed last month in our CCCHA.

BLOCK PARTY COMMITTEE: Rory Posin announced that he plans to produce his Block Party on Aug 22 at Triangle Park, the same location as his prior party in 2019. Board was in favor of having our Block Party in October as we usually do. Derek to bring back a proposed date.

WNC REPORT: Please see detailed report from Jane at the end of these Minutes.

CD-5 REPORT: Meeting took place via Zoom with Councilmember Paul Koretz on Saturday June 12th. Subjects discussed were: 1) Homeless encampments on Burton Way, Westwood Park, Genesta Park in Encino; 2) Proposed Rapid Transit line between San Fernando Valley and LAX to stop at Westwood; 3) No new grocery store yet to replace Ralph's on Pico & Beverwil; 4) A better plan for an urban forest on Wilshire between Fairfax and San Vicente; 5) Senate Bill 9 (SB9) re single-family zoning; 6) Oil wells in need of inspection.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Allyson proposed August for our annual meeting. Steve to see if we can use the Griffin Club and what date they can give us.
- (2) Allyson reported that Cedars Sinai desperately needs blood, but they do not have any dates available before August. Discussion on combining our next blood drive with our block party in October.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:26pm

Respectfully submitted by Bertrand Leroux, Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 20, 2021

WNC report June 15, 2021

Senior Lead Officers from LAPD reminded us to park in a garage if possible, since theft of catalytic converters is still happening. The homeless camp at Military has been an issue - a local homeowner's home was broken into repeatedly by a single individual who is now in custody. Remember, if you see blocked sidewalks by homeless encampments you can use the My311 App to report it.

From Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

Strengthening Oversight of School Law Enforcement Services I was happy to see the Board pass a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Holly Mitchell giving the Board a more significant role in overseeing LASD's School Resource Officers program. The decision to enter into a contract with LASD is up to each local school board. The motion recognizes, however, that there are services and supports within the County's control that could reduce the school boards' perceived need to rely heavily on the presence of law enforcement on school grounds. To that end, the motion focuses on bringing a data-driven approach with a mental health lens to the services provided under these contracts, and on scrutinizing the contracts. The Board's concern is that "enforcement" is just that—enforcement. Enforcement does not promote health. Enforcement does not prioritize the well-being of students. And worse- reliance on its presence on school grounds can steer students away from the help they truly need and towards the school-to-prison pipeline. Our young people need consistent and easy access to trusted peers and adults who believe in prevention and positive interventions that promote youth development. They need access to support systems that will not criminalize behavior that is part of "growing up." This motion seeks to accomplish that while still allowing for local school district control.

Addressing Suicide Among First Responders First Responders, Emergency Service Professionals, and Crime Scene Personnel play a critical role in public safety, but, because their jobs often come with a personal cost, we need to do our part to look out for them. People in these roles are at a heightened risk of stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicide, due to the nature of their work, which at its best is unpredictable and, at its worst, exposes them to traumatic and stress-inducing scenarios. In 2018, the Board asked for a report on how we might reduce suicide amongst the County's first responders in the Sheriff's Department, Probation, County Fire, and the Medical-Examiner/Coroner. A motion the Board passed this week, authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, asks for an update on the policies and programs outlined in the report to gauge their effectiveness and see if there are further opportunities to protect and support our first responders.

SB98: Protecting the Press A free and open press is critical to the survival of democracy, as is the right to assemble peacefully. We passed a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Hilda Solis instructing the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to oppose SB 98 (McGuire) unless the bill is amended to remove language that said the press could do their job only "with authorization from a commanding officer on scene". Law enforcement should never harass and intimidate the press for doing their job, as doing only represses information the public needs to hear. SB 98 was intended to support this concept, but, unfortunately, the amendment cited above effectively hampers the bill's true intent, which is why the Board supports its removal. SB 98 is important and timely legislation that ensures safe access for journalists to cover protests and demonstrations. We live in a restive moment when many Americans, concerned about longstanding injustices, are taking their concerns to the streets. We need an unfettered press to show us what is really happening.

Supporting Federal Immigration Reforms The Biden administration has been doing its part to undo the damaging, xenophobic, and draconian immigration policies put in place by the previous administration, and this week, the Board passed a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Hilda Solis that seeks to support this return to a more humane immigration policy. The motion delegates authority to County Counsel to participate on the side of the administration in litigation challenging Biden's immigration policies, like the preservation of DACA and revocation of the Muslim Travel Ban, which

some states are opposing. It also allows County Counsel to join advocates in challenging the legality of certain agreements the Trump Administration made with states to influence Department of Homeland Security policy.

Sheriff's Budget the Sheriff's department, like all departments, is expected to operate within its adopted budget. While there has been some progress in collaboration with the CEO, overspending and budget deficits persist. This week, the Board received a report on the financial status of the Sheriff Department's budget. The Sheriff has attributed his continuing large deficit to settlement costs. It's not fully correct, but, the solution to this particular concern is not more funding, as we are already pouring millions into these settlements. The focus should be on proper training and effective prevention to reduce the necessity for such payments in the first place. All County departments have experienced curtailments in FY 2021 as a result of the economic impact of COVID-19. I look forward to an ongoing discussion between the Sheriff's Department and CEO that will, hopefully, result in more progress towards a balanced budget.

As of Today over 65% of people 16+ in LA County have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. However, we continue to see disproportionally low rates among our most disadvantaged communities. This is especially concerning as we move towards the June 15th re-opening and loosening of masking requirements. To counter this LA County and City are allowing for walk-ups appointments at every vaccination site. We are also transitioning from the megapods to small community-based pharmacies, clinics, federally qualified health centers and pop up vaccination sites in communities across the county. DPH is also partnering with schools, faith-based, and other community orgs to ramp up the community ambassador program. This program teaches individuals the tools they need to share fact-based information about the importance and safety of the COVID-19 Vaccine in their community. Additionally, DPH is working with our large employers across the county to provide vaccinations at places of employment. If you know if a business who is interested in partnering, pleased don't hesitate to reach out to our office. As we move closer to the June 15th Date of reopening, Los Angeles County will align with the State's masking guidance that reflects CDC recommendations and prevents transmission at higher risk settings.

Masks will not be required for fully vaccinated individuals, except in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare, and other youth settings. Note: This may change as updated K-12 schools' guidance is forthcoming, pending updates for K-12 operational guidance from the CDC.
- Healthcare settings (including long term care facilities) State and local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Homeless shelters, emergency shelters and cooling centers Masks will be required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public). Additionally, employers and workplaces must continue to comply with Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards.

From the Mayor's office

<u>Included in this week's Westside Bulletin:</u> COVID-19 Updates; Eviction Defense Program; L.A. Optimized Accelerator Academy; Earn, Learn, Play; Updates from Department of City Planning; Office of Community Beautification Grant; World Refugee Day LA; Fireworks Safety Survey; No Place for Hate Training Series

COVID-19 UPDATES

Here are the facts you need to know:

- ELIGIBLE NOW: All Angelenos 12 and older are eligible to receive their vaccine at City sites. Eligible Angelenos can pre-register for a vaccination or find the nearest location. Please note that only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for those 12 years and older, while the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for those 18 years and older.
- 'MOVE' MOBILE VACCINE PROGRAM: We're still vaccinating Angelenos in our hardest-hit neighborhoods through our MOVE vaccination program. Since launching this initiative, we've delivered over 116,700 doses to Angelenos, with over 90% given to people of color. These mobile sites visit new areas of our city weekly. By August 1, the City will be operating a fully mobile vaccination program with at least 14 mobile teams spread out across Los Angeles. The first group of new mobile teams will head out on June 7, with four more added a week later. You can find the latest information plus locations and hours on our website.
- BY THE NUMBERS: The City of Los Angeles has administered 1,338,682 vaccine doses at our Cityrun vaccination sites and mobile clinics, skilled nursing facilities, and fire stations. Since last Monday, our centers have provided 39,268 life-saving vaccinations.
- VACCINATION SITES: More than 755 locations are currently vaccinating people in L.A. County. Remember to bring proof of age to the site. While appointments are not required, you can still preregister for your vaccine ahead of time by contacting the County's Call Center open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at (833) 540-0473.
- **NOTIFY LA:** As we continue expanding our vaccination efforts, it's important to get the latest news. You can **sign up for Notify LA** to receive text alerts from the City about vaccine rollout, locations, and more.
- STAY INFORMED: As we continue expanding our vaccination efforts, it's important to get the latest news.
 - You can sign up for <u>Notify LA</u> to receive text alerts from the City about vaccine rollout, locations, and more.
 - o **Sign up for email updates** from the L.A. County Department of Public Health.
 - o Tell your friends and family to **sign up for this VaxFacts newsletter** or follow us at @MayorOfLA on Twitter.

June 15th Reopening

Most places across the County will see physical distancing and capacity limits disappear. And if you're fully vaccinated, you can safely take your mask off in most locations, with the exception of the following locations where everyone has to wear masks:

- Public Transportation
- Hospitals
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- K-12 Schools and Childcare Facilities
- Congregate Shelters

If you're unvaccinated, you need to keep those masks on in all public indoor settings, like restaurants, grocery stores, retail, and movie theaters. Additionally, as we await further guidance from Cal/OSHA, masks and distancing will still be required at work. But otherwise, the choice is simple – get vaccinated, or wear your mask until you do!

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

HCIDLA EVICTION DEFENSE PROGRAM WEBINARS

HCIDLA's Rent Division is hosting a series of webinars in collaboration with the new COVID-19 Eviction Defense Program (EDP). The presentations will focus on an overview of the legal services that will be provided by the EDP. Services include assistance with eviction prevention, case management services offering housing stability, financial counseling and homeless prevention resources to families. Sessions will be via Zoom. Register or call 213-928-9075 to sign up to attend.

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday June 23

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3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday, June 16

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday, June 30

L.A. OPTIMIZED ACCELERATOR ACADEMY

Tuesday, June 15th from 10:00am-11:00am

Please join the Mayor's Office of Economic Development and USC Center for Economic Development for the launch of the L.A. Optimized Accelerator Academy, a monthly webinar series that will help small businesses and entrepreneurs market and grow in the digital marketplace. Register here.

EARN, LEARN, PLAY

Join Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles County Superintendent of Education Debra Duardo to ensure that all youth have opportunities this summer to Earn, Learn, and Play as they get ready for the academic school year. Highlighted below are opportunities listed that include both virtual and in-person activities and will follow proper COVID-19 health and safety protocols. There are also subsidized and low-cost options:

- EARN
 - o Career exploration and paid internships for young Angelenos between the ages of 14 to 24: Students can find summer job placements in their career fields of interest and earn a paycheck while learning valuable skills. Applications are available here.
- LEARN
 - o Opportunities to learn beyond the classroom: Through a range of learning enrichment programs offered both virtually and in-person, students can catch up and prepare themselves for the 2021-22 school year. From STEM to literacy and more, these programs will turn Los Angeles into an academic playground for young people.
- PLAY
 - o Sports, arts, and day camps to explore and play: Young Angelenos of all ages can enjoy the great outdoors, play recreational sports, and discover new worlds through engagement in the arts.

Learn more **HERE**

UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

LA's Transportation Demand Management Program

Tuesday, June 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register here.

This past January, Los Angeles City Planning released an <u>informational video</u> and <u>fact sheet</u> about the proposed updates to the TDM Program. Currently, information about the TDM Ordinance and program guidelines are available to the public on the Los Angeles City Planning website.

Both webinars will contain the same information about the proposed TDM Program, followed by Q&A.

Ridgeline Protection Ordinance Public Hearing

Thursday, June 17th, at 1:00 p.m.

Los Angeles City Planning has prepared and released the <u>Ridgeline Protection Ordinance</u> (CPC-2021-3001-CA), which establishes a new Ridgeline Protection Supplemental Use District (SUD) in the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The Ridgeline Protection SUD will contain development regulations to preserve and protect the natural crests of the mountains that surround and bisect the City of Los Angeles. Application of the proposed Ridgeline Protection Ordinance will occur through a separate Zone Change Ordinance (CPC-2021-3059-ZC), which will apply the SUD to a Pilot Area in Bel Air - Beverly Crest, as well as a portion of Hollywood.

City Planning is holding a combined virtual Staff Public Hearing for both the Ridgeline Protection Ordinance, which was released on April 19, 2021, and the related Zone Change Ordinance. Prior to the start of the Public Hearing, staff will provide an overview presentation of the proposed ordinance and its application in a pilot area.

Attendees will then have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions to staff prior to the start of the actual Public Hearing, at which point attendees are encouraged to provide comments and testimony for the public record. Click here for all the details on how to access the public hearing, which is scheduled for June 17th starting at 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The City of L.A., together with Keep Los Angeles Beautiful (KLAB), an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful – the nation's leading community improvement nonprofit, have launched the Beautify LA Grant. The new grant program will support the efforts of community-based groups to beautify public spaces throughout Los Angeles. The Beautify LA Grant is a competitive matching grant of up to \$2,500 that will be awarded to selected community-based groups to fund exceptional neighborhood beautification projects that are designed to enhance the public spaces where they live, work, and play. Grant proposals can be submitted until **Wednesday**, **June 30**, **2021**. For details, click here.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY LA 2021

Friday, June 18th from 5:30-7:30pm

June is Refugee Awareness Month and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs would like to invite you and your community members to join us virtually at the Refugee Forum of Los Angeles' (RFLA), World Refugee Day LA 2021 "Breaking Bread" event. The event will feature a Guatemalan cuisine cooking show with Chef Ever, followed by a live panel discussion on how to start your own small business. We encourage community members to pre-register in order to receive email updates with the recipes so they can cook along, resources on how to support refugee or immigrant owned businesses, and resources to start their own business. To pre-register for the event, click here. To view the event through RFLA's Facebook, click here. If you can't make it on June 18th, the recorded cooking show and panel discussion will also be shared on Facebook Sunday, June 20th, 2021 at 12:00pm.

2021 FIREWORKS SAFETY SURVEY

The issue of illegal fireworks use is an important community safety issue. It is also a complex issue, as fireworks (any and all types) are illegal to possess, sell, or use within the City limits. In order to evolve and improve policy and statues on fireworks and fire safety, it is critical to gather quality data from the public. I encourage you to take this anonymous survey and share your opinions and concerns, which will help identify possible steps that may have a positive impact on reducing illegal fireworks and increasing fire safety. You can access the survey here.

NO PLACE FOR HATE TRAINING SERIES

LA Civil Rights, in partnership with city agencies and community partners, is launching the No Place for Hate Training Series to share information and resources on hate crimes, including knowing your rights, bystander intervention training, and in-language reporting tools. Trainings will take place on the last Tuesday of every month from June through October. Click here to sign up for virtual trainings.

If you or someone you know is a victim of a hate crime or incident, please report them by calling 211, 311, or 911. If you are an ally looking to help, click here for additional resources.

RESOURCES

RENTER PROTECTIONS

HCIDLA: COVID-19 Renter Protections

FREE LEGAL SERVICES

INFO: LA Represents

COVID-19

VACCINATIONS: Vaccine Appointments
TESTING: Free COVID-19 Testing

HOMELESS SERVICES

GET HELP:

- Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Support

PARKING CITATION ASSISTANCE

LADOT: Payment Relief Options

REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

COMPLAINT FORM: Fireworks