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Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Board regular meeting minutes
October 26, 2020
Virtual -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82384880370>

Draft minutes — not yet approved

[6:00 pm] Meeting called to order. Elvina Beck presiding.

[6:00 pm] The roll was called.

Present (8): Louis Abramson, Eman Al-Hassan, Elvina Beck, Roger Davis, Alexander Massachi, Daniel Perez, Joe Rehfeld, and Ferris Wehbe

Absent (1): Charles Taylor

[6:02 pm] Presentation by Congressman Adam Schiff with questions from stakeholders.

Rep. Schiff -- still hoping for stimulus package deal before election. Principal difficulty is Senate. Worked hard to include freelancers and contractors (gig economy workers) in CARES Act; successful. Mixed-income earners---traditional + gig---still under-compensated. Bill introduced to cover those as part of the HEROES Act. Need a strong nat'l strategy for combatting COVID-19.

Beck -- are there ways to extend vouchers to more kinds of housing, including communal housing?

Schiff -- we're told shared living doesn't disqualify from using public assistance; let's follow up; if there's a need for corrective measures would be happy to work with you on it; we want to provide the maximum amount of flexibility. Underscores the need to create more affordable housing.

Davis -- what could be done in the event that the president fails to vacate the white house after losing the election?

Schiff -- best protection is high turnout.

[Other Q&As]

[6:03 pm] Presentation by government representatives.

Sean Starkey (CD13) -- DOT enforcement back. Street sweeping, etc. now enforced. Census extended to 10/31. CM O'Farrell moved to obtain a report on County mental health efforts within City borders, focused on people experiencing homelessness. Cole Rec Center feasibility study has passed Council; awaiting results. Retan Hotel housing conversion will not proceed (owner pulled out). Salvation Army slated to open 30 additional beds by early next year. Dorothy Smith Park getting additional lighting. CM Buscaino has moved to modify CARE+ engagements across the City, to be heard by Council in coming weeks (CF 20-0147-S21). CM Bloomenfield has moved to reform LAMC 4.1.18 to ban sleeping w/in 500' of all freeways (CF 20-1376). Beck -- Will city reapply BLM art on Hollywood Blvd and will CHNC be involved? Starkey -- it's permanent on the blvd; NC participation asked for but [unclear what happened].

[6:33 pm] General Public Comment

None.

[6:33 pm] On agenda item F, Elvina Beck made a motion to "Consent Calendar"

[6:33 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Consent Calendar"

Ayes (8): Louis Abramson, Eman Al-Hassan, Elvina Beck, Roger Davis, Alexander Massachi, Daniel Perez, Joe Rehfeld, and Ferris Wehbe

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[6:34 pm] On agenda item H.7.A, Roger Davis made a motion to "Resolution to serve as a co-sponsor for the 2020 Japan Film Festival."

[6:34 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Resolution to serve as a co-sponsor for the 2020 Japan Film Festival."

Ayes (8): Louis Abramson, Eman Al-Hassan, Elvina Beck, Roger Davis, Alexander Massachi, Daniel Perez, Joe Rehfeld, and Ferris Wehbe

Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[6:35 pm] On agenda item H.8, Ferris Wehbe made a motion to "MOVE TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF USE FROM (E) OFFICE TO (N) HOTEL WITH ADDITIONAL

CONSTRUCTION RESULTING IN A 10-STORY HOTEL WITH PENTHOUSE, WHILE REMOVING THE D LIMITATION TO ALLOW FOR AN FAR OF 6 TO 1 LOCATED IN HOLLYWOOD SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM LAPD VICE OF ROOFTOP PROGRAMMING AND WORKING OUT OF DETAILS WITH HOLLYWOOD HERITAGE."

[6:35 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "MOVE TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF USE FROM (E) OFFICE TO (N) HOTEL WITH ADDITIONAL

CONSTRUCTION RESULTING IN A 10-STORY HOTEL WITH PENTHOUSE, WHILE REMOVING THE D LIMITATION TO ALLOW FOR AN FAR OF 6 TO 1 LOCATED IN HOLLYWOOD SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM LAPD VICE OF ROOFTOP PROGRAMMING AND WORKING OUT OF DETAILS WITH HOLLYWOOD HERITAGE."

Ayes (5): Louis Abramson, Eman Al-Hassan, Alexander Massachi, Joe Rehfeld, and Ferris Wehbe

Noes (0): none

Abstentions (1): Daniel Perez

Recused (2): Elvina Beck and Roger Davis

The motion passed.

[8:02 pm] Meeting adjourned.

The neighborhood council does not count abstentions as votes.