

Hollywood Council of Civic Associations

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2011

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order for the Hollywood Council of Civic Associations at 7:00pm on March 21, 2011 at David Park Community Center.

II. Roll call

Maria Jackson Ratliff conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

| <i>Representatives</i> | <i>Civic Associations</i> |
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| Lawrence E. Shafer | Boulevard Heights Neighborhood Association |
| Jim Carver | Driftwood Civic Association |
| Maria Jackson | Highland Gardens Civic Association |
| Mel Pollak | Hollywood Hills Civic Association |
| Sara Case | Hollywood Lakes Civic Association |
| Donna O'Keefe | Lawn Acres Civic Association |
| Linda Anderson | Liberia Civic Association |
| Cliff Germano | North Central Civic Association |
| Pete Brewer | North Central Civic Association |
| Bill Canizarro | Park East Civic Association |
| Andre Brown | United Neighbors of South Hollywood |
| Helen Chervin | United Neighbors of South Hollywood |

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Maria Jackson Ratliff read the minutes from the last meeting following the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were approved as read. Liberia paid dues and now 16 of 18 associations have joined the HCCA. Mel Pollak gave treasurer's report (below):

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| \$1,010.73 | Previous |
| \$140.00 | Deposit |
| \$61.25 | Checks |
| <u>\$1,089.48</u> | <u>Balance</u> |

IV. Open issues

- a) Sara Case spoke about the water billing problems which seem to be in all areas of the city. The city cut back on the meter readers due to Wi-Fi anticipated. There is a link on the HCCA website for a form to fill out for credit on the water bill if there is an overcharge for a specific reason/time. Also there is a link for how to tell if you have a leak by looking at your water meter. Mel stated that FPL has a system for reading meters remotely and wonders if this is a solution for the water meter reading.

- b) Sara brought members up to date on Wastepro contract with Miramar where residents of Miramar pay 18./month and Hollywood pays 32./month. Sara mentioned a “me too” clause in Hollywood contract which may allow us to match Miramar rate. Also Sara got the Miramar contract from Sue Gunzburger.

Pete says he spoke to Commissioner Blattner in reference to the Wastepro contract and was told that Greg Tourek said there was an exclusive in Miramar contract and Hollywood does not have exclusive. Commissioner Blattner told Pete he believed Hollywood price is 15.39 and we cannot redo the contract. 9. Added for tipping. Admin ads 7.11 to make it come out to 32./month. Pete says that the City carries the admin fees over into the budget at the end of each year. Bill Canizarro says that Mr. Tourek said Miramar gives all condos and commercial deals to Wastepro. Hollywood pays for any cart maintenance. Miramar has dollar amount specific for tipping. Hollywood has clause that will pay for tipping fees with no specific amount. Management in Hollywood is on the City payroll. And also the City gets a percent. Miramar got free carts and Hollywood paid 1.7 million for carts and Hollywood paid man hours delivered them. Can Hollywood City legally enforce a business to use their waste company? The exclusive clause Miramar has may be due to continuation of former exclusive use situation.

Maria said that she has personal experience of not receiving points due to her black chip fell off the bin and she e-mailed Recyclebank and was told to call sanitation. The number given in New Horizon magazine is not sanitation and no reply yet or way to continue receiving points for recycling. Clif says he has called a number and it is Wastepro. So why are we being charged for City Administration when there is no customer service at the City level.

Mel asked, at what point do we ask the City to make a decision that Wi-Fi is not working? Also Pete said there should be accountability for City employees who say it is working when it is not. He said they should be fired.

People who read water meters are outsourced. Sara said we were supposed to save that money when Wi-Fi works. Agreed to do Wastepro letter and table Wi-Fi. Neighborhood forum at 5:30 for refreshments.

V. New business

- a) Cliff reported on Neighborhood forum. One aspect is communication with the City. City will get better communication with the neighborhood associations. Mel said that the fact that there are certain associations that are in a better position to educate their communities via newsletter, etc. should assist those who are not communicating in their communities. Sara suggested that the community concerns are fragmented and that we need to come together and support each other. Bill Cannizarro and Helen

Chervin mentioned that when there is an issue then the meetings are packed but then they drop the issue and do not come back. Linda Anderson mentioned that the meetings need to be kept to an hour and membership grows. She said when meetings are more than an hour membership drops off. Maria said that City staff such as code can refer residents to assistance programs available and also to the Civic Associations for help with their violations/concerns. This would help neighbors become linked in with the association and what is available in their communities.

- b) Pete said that there needs to be another lottery system similar to Nova based on demographics to select students at Beachside. Discussion about possible bias in school board. A school board member called African Americans by the N word. And it is alleged that the lottery was held at a private home. Sara asked, what is the status of Commissioner O’Sheehan’s complaint? Maria suggested that children in surrounding communities at low scoring schools should be able to apply now even past the magnet deadline if there is space available in any grade, i.e. 7th and 8th grade. Sara said that Maria should research that.

Discussion about HCCA letter to school board stating that any school board representative who uses racist language should not be on the school board.

Cliff also asked about the presentation HCCA will make at the Commission on April 6th. Commissioner Assef had suggested that each association take turns presenting at the first commission of every month. It was suggested we present on the results of the upcoming Neighborhood forums.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: [Name]

Minutes approved by: [Name]