

HCCA September Meeting

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Lawrence Shafer, Boulevard Heights, HCCA Corresponding Secretary

Chris Lundy, Highland Gardens

Matthew Gouthro, Driftwood, HCCA VP

Terry Cantrell, Hollywood Lakes

Frank DeRisi, Hollywood Beach

Peter Hernandez, Commissioner District 2

Idelma Quintana, Hollywood Gardens West

Shirley Bonvisuto, Hollywood Gardens West

Bill Cannizzaro, Park East

Cliff Germano, North Central

Henry Graham, Liberia

Nancy Fowler

Helen Chervin, United Neighbors of South Hollywood

Nadine McCrea, Washington Park

Maria Jackson Ratliff, Highland Gardens Civic Association, HCCA Recording Secretary

Mel Pollak, Hollywood Hills, HCCA Treasurer

Charlotte Greenbarg, Hollywood Lakes, HCCA President

Motion to approve minutes, Matthew Gouthro 2nd motion, minutes approved

Treasurer's report:

Balance of 6/30 1256.70, web page fee was 111.96, balance of 7/31 was 1144.74, balance of 8/31 was 1144.74, balance as of 9/16 after 44. expenditure for cake for Vollman award was \$1100.74

Guest Speaker; Matt Lalla, Budget Presentation:

FY 2014 Budget is an increase of 28.4% due to recognition of fund balance as required by Audit law, general fund increase of 21%. This does not represent any additional funds to Hollywood, just changed accounting procedures recognizing balances that roll over for projects. Fund balance is 22.7 million , 3.6 million shortfall. rate at which balance can be added to general fund will slow as expenditures for employee contracts increase. Expenditures, increases explained as recognition of fund balances. Sustainable financial decisions such as attempting to make employees compensation "middle of the pack" budget Impact for 2014 includes increase in tax revenue. Need to restore reserves for self-insurance to 2.6 million. Continued cost of labor litigation such as attorney and actuarial costs. Compensation issues such as 2nd year cost of police and fire contracts, AFSCME Bargaining Units, Non-represented Employees. Need to be conservative in budget forecast for revenue. A conservative strategy will mean a balanced budget and fiscal health. No millage fee and no increase in Fire Assessment Fee. Capital Program, Pay as you go funded at 525, 000. Projects Theme was Recovery through sustainability, Rescore Fund balance, Restore wages in phases, Rescore Credit Ratings, revive Capital Program, Fund New Initiatives. Charlotte asked why doesn't debt service amount decrease, Answer, that is the way it is structured, amount stays the same until the debt is paid. Maria asked if money allocated for beautification in Highland Gardens will still be available if money is not spent as of beginning of new year, Matt says may roll over and need to ask Davon Barbour. Matthew Gouthro asks how much money has been allocated for AFSCME for negotiations. Matthew Gouthro says 2.1 million dollars and Matt asked if money budgeted for non- represented employees ? Matt said there are reserves but may not have enough money to pay for everything asked for in that plan. Matthew wants to know if millage rate will increase and Matt Lalla says that fund balance replacement rate will slow down. And City will pay required benefits according to actuarial requirements. Matt says city is trying to get consultant to help the City develop long term plan, 10 to 15 years. Larry asks does revenue projection take into account ax discounts. Matt says that the City is required to take the maximum 5% discount into consideration. Are liens taken into consideration in budget? Matt says liens will appear on property ta bill now. Commissioner Hernandez says parking revenue increase says 33% and how is that when parking downtown is free and parking garage destroyed and CRA fills in the gap. Additional net assets recognized but no additional operating funds. Frank said due to structure of budget report is it possible for commissioners to see reasons for changes in budget. Matt said it is not possible to tell all nuances or budget process would be too long. Terry Cantrell wants to know if the detailed budge is online. Matt said it will be put online before the budget meeting. Cliff said he wants to know why the budget is not a detailed line item budget. Matt said he does not find that useful. He prefers the recommended budget format he is using now. He would recommend a service of cut it and not make 5% or 10% cuts across the board. Cliff asks how much increase in budget is actual funds and not just accounting for existing funds not previously accounted for. Matt said he does not have that information now and he will get that figure. Henry Graham asks how are expenditures determined? And states that in past years citizens were considered in determining how money is expended. He is concerned that budget recommendations have drifted away from community input. Matt said the reason that citizens were not consulted is due to no money was available for discretionary spending. Nancy Fowler asked if information on loss of revenue due to charter schools replacing properties that pay taxes is given to commissioners when they decide to approve these special projects.

Charlotte asked Matt if we can advertise civic associations on the water bill. Matt said that may be done in the note section.

Ben Gamla Charter school, Charlotte said that the school sent a letter to the School district saying that Peter Deutsch does not speak for the school. Charlotte said plan on being at the October 3rd meeting. Peter Hernandez said that the meeting was not advertised on the City website before now and he has asked it to be advertised there. City Manager and Planning and Development Staff are holding the meeting. Commissioner Hernandez said that Nancy suggests we go to Ben Gamla School Website to read letters written by Ben Gamla Principal, Sharon Miller. Terry said his community in the Lakes is dealing with charter school nightmare in the wrong location. Terry said Hollywood Lakes has a situation where twice a day 17th Avenue is blocked off for an hour. Helen said that Ms. Miller wrote thanking the City for supporting the school. Maria mentioned that if Peter Deutsch does not represent the school why is he contacting the civic association leader and the Commissioner and City Manager and Engineer about the school. Message about traffic

Topic: Sheridan Station Park named for Chuck Vollman. Maybe Mayor is not in favor of this. However, Brian Blackwelder is looking into the possibility.

Johnson Street Project is having a meeting of business people at Rinconcito Ccolombiano on September 24th. The group will clarify their organization purpose and plan a street fair for spring.

Nominating Committee chair making report that officers will serve another term and there are no new nominations. President is Charlotte Greenberg, VP Matthew Gouthro, Recording Secretary is Maria Ratliff, Lawrence Shafer Corresponding Secretary, treasurer is Mel Pollak, unanimous motion for the same officers to serve for 2014.

CERT definition and needs community support. Charlotte said for Mel and Maria to write a letter asking for HCCA support of CERT.

Charlotte welcomed Liberia and Washington Park to join HCCA. Henry Graham thanked Lawrence for sending e-mails.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.