

Hollywood Council of Civic Associations, Inc.

Minutes
April 18, 2005

Members Present: Mel Pollak, Pete Brewer, Chuck Vollman, Sara Case, Ann Murray, Bunny Mestel, with guests Carl Hron, Eva Petrillo, and Heidi O'Sheehan, and from the City's Public Utilities Department, Whit Van Cott and Joel Wasserman..

Vice President Chuck Vollman called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and introduced Mr. Van Cott, Public Utilities Director and his assistant, Joel Wasserman. Mr. Van Cott gave his powerpoint presentation on the pending increases in water, sewer, and stormwater charges. This presentation included a wide range of replacement and new facilities needed to upgrade outdated and/or inadequate ones, a whole range of inflationary cost increases, and greatly increased debt service.

In response to a question, Mr. Van Cott stated that the new sewers planned for State Road 7 will be paid for entirely by development. This cost is not covered by the rate increases. He also said that Hollywood residents on sewer will not be paying the full cost of the sewer upgrades because the other cities using the wastewater treatment plant (large user cities) will be paying increased rates also. He noted that the new biosolids treatment plant was working well, but there are some problems with trucking the sludge out of the city.

Mr. Van Cott said our water and sewer rates would increase over five years, 7% in each of the first two years, 6.5% in each of the next two years, and 6% in the fifth year.

After Mr. Van Cott and Mr. Wasserman left, minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion by Bunny Mestel, seconded by Ann Murray. Pat Smith, Treasurer, was not present but had given her treasurer's report to Sara Case who reported a total of \$605.72 in the HCCA bank account. Pat had recently deposited dues received from Lawn Acres and Driftwood.

HCCA members were pleased to welcome back Heidi O'Sheehan who has recently returned from a tour of duty in the Middle East.

Neighborhood Concerns:

1. High Rises on the Beach. Bunny Mestel from the Alliance asked for help in support of an amendment to the Zoning Regulations proposed by Commissioner Anderson that would limit height for three blocks north of the Summit to 65 feet. Carl Hron also spoke on this issue which was before the City Commission on April 20 on first reading. HCCA members were urged to attend and speak out in support of this density limit.
2. Eva Petrillo and Heidi O'Sheehan gave an update on the Hollywood Hills chabad lawsuits. There are two: one filed in state court by the city against the chabad, and another in federal court filed by the chabad against the city. They urged HCCA members to ask the city to let the courts decide instead of giving in to pressure from the Department of Justice which has notified the city of its intent to enter the federal lawsuit on the side of the chabad.

3. Sara Case reported briefly on the developer's proposal to build residential housing on the Hollywood Beach golf course as part of a proposal to move the clubhouse from its existing location to the southwest corner of the course. She said HLSCA was monitoring the issue and would notify HCCA members if help was needed.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9 PM on a motion by Pete Brewer, seconded by Mel Pollak.

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