

# Hollywood Council of Civic Associations, Inc.

Minutes

August 15, 2005

Meeting held at Police HQ 3520 Hwd. Blvd.

Present: HCCA Members Mel Pollak, Pete Brewer, Cynthia Eason, Suzanne Kincaid, Jamie Willis, Irwin Oster, Selma Kahan Ken Crawford, Pat Smith, Andre Brown, Sara Case; and visitors Marla Dumas, Diana Pittarelli, MaryJean O'Donnell, Howard Sher, David Mach, Maurice Tremblay, Jim Stoodley, Ted Rosz, and guest speaker, Brion Blackwelder

President Ken Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM..

The minutes of the July meeting were adopted with corrections. Pat Smith had no treasurer's report but said no new members had paid dues since last report. Sara Case announced that HCCA's one recurring annual expense would be due next month: \$65 to the State Corporations Division.

Announcements: Sara Case will put together slate of officers for next month's election and will e-mail the slate to members before the Sept. meeting.

Demolition of the Great Southern Hotel will be on the City Commission agenda Sept. 7, Sara to notify members as to time once that is known. Richard Vest will be speaking at North Central Civic Association next Tues. Also representative from Property Appraiser's office.

Mel Pollak presented facts on the precarious nature of the City of Hollywood's finances, caused in part by \$120 million in unfunded pension liabilities for fire and police dept. and the City's cadillac benefits package for city employees.

Brion Blackwelder discussed the State of Florida law on eminent domain and responded to a number of questions. As a matter of federal law, eminent domain may now be used to condemn property and give it over to a private developer, provided that state law permits this. Traditionally, the Florida Supreme Court has ruled that this is not permissible in Florida. However, there is now a lower court decision out of Miami that would permit the use of eminent domain for such a private purpose. Florida law does allow eminent domain to clear "slum and blight" in CRA districts. The term "slum and blight" is defined in Florida Statutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Case