

Hollywood Council of Civic Associations, Inc.

Minutes
March 21, 2005

Members Present: Ken Crawford and Andre Brown (UNOSH), Sara Case and Suzanne Kincaid (HLSCA), Mel Pollak (Hills), Charlie Pepin (Boulevard Heights), Chuck Vollman (Park East), Pete Brewer and Elen Mata (North Central), Andre Brown (UNOSH), Estelle Loewenstein (North Beach), Pat Smith (Driftwood), Cynthia Greene-Eason & Bunny Mestel (Alliance), and Carlos Llanos (Lawn Acres).

Visitor: Lorie Mertens, Director, City of Hollywood Intergovernmental Affairs

Ken Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and introduced the speaker, Lorie Mertens, who gave an update on the status of the General Obligation Bond (GOB) projects. The Bond Advisory Committee has been appointed and will meet quarterly. In response to a question at the outset, Ms. Mertens stated categorically that no Artspark funding will come from the GOB.

The Parks and Rec Department will be managing the small park projects like re-surfacing, fencing, showmobile, security lighting, furniture, etc. and the City hopes to move those projects quickly. Ms. Mertens said she would provide HCCA with a detailed list of which parks are to receive these improvements.

The Design and Construction Department will manage the larger projects like new or expanded community centers and the larger park projects,

Parks and Rec staff will be attending homeowner and civic association meetings as plans are underway for GOB projects in their neighborhoods. This will give residents an opportunity to provide more detailed input about the design of these projects.

In response to a question, Ms. Mertens said staff have estimated approximately \$1.4 million will be required to staff and maintain the GOB improvements once all projects are completed, and this additional money will have to come from the General Fund.

Since the Planning Department will be required to do site plan reviews on all the construction projects, the city is using GOB funds to hire an Associate Planner to work on GOB-related plans. The Building Department is dedicating one staff person to handle bond projects.

Ms. Mertens passed out her cards and expressed willingness to respond to resident questions about the GOB at any time.

MINUTES APPROVED: On a motion by Pete Brewer, seconded by Chuck Vollman, minutes of the February meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Smith reported that HCCA currently has \$575.41 in the bank, (the 41 cents being interest earned). Driftwood, Lawn Acres, and Hollywood Beach Civic Associations have not yet paid dues. Pat said she would contact the Driftwood officers. Carlos Llanos said he would send a check to Pat, and Sara said she would contact Irv Oster.

WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASES: Pete Brewer announced that North Central would be hosting Whit Van Cott at its meeting March 22 and all were invited to attend to learn about the steep rate increases being proposed.

HOLLYWOOD PLAYHOUSE: After some discussion, the group decided that HCCA should send a letter to the Mayor and City Commissioners expressing our sadness at the demise of the Hollywood Playhouse and urging the City to take steps to preserve and reinvigorate it rather than letting it slide into oblivion.

On a motion by Chuck Vollman, seconded by Bunny Mestel, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by
Sara Case, Secretary.