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Dear All,

Thank you all for participating in the West Hollywood Heights Neighborhood Association meeting held on Tuesday, June 9th in the Horn Plaza Community Room. Please forgive the late distribution.

INTRODUCTION

Another year of strong attendance for our third annual meeting. This year about 40 people attended, including neighborhood residents, both homeowners and renters, and several representatives from the City of West Hollywood, including two council members.



WH SHERIFF'S STATION: DEPUTY KEVIN CONNORS

For the second year, we again welcomed Deputy Kevin Connors from the West Hollywood Sheriff's Division who reviewed the criminal statistics in the area for the previous year. Fortunately, the area has a very low crime rate with most of the activity related to club traffic, minor vandalism and burglary related to unlocked vehicles and open garages, and the occasional domestic dispute.

More information can be found at <http://www.wehosherriff.com/>

For detailed information on area crime – including alerts, go to <http://www.crimereports.com>

To receive the West Hollywood Weekly Crime Summary, go to <http://www.weho.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/detail/navid/390/cid/4208/>

It is recommended to program the Sheriff Station's direct number (310) 855-8850 into your home and mobile phones for quicker response than standard 911.

GUEST SPEAKER: MAYOR ABBE LAND

Mayor Land introduced Lindsay Horvath, the newest council member who was appointed following the death of long term council member Sal Guarriello. Lindsay greeted everyone, said she was there to listen and to get to know the neighborhood's issues and concerns. Abbe talked about her own long involvement with the city and the city council, and reviewed the plans for the 25th Anniversary Capital Improvement Plan, including the new library and parking garage that has recently broken ground at West Hollywood Park. She also talked about the upcoming Sunset Strip Music Festival that will be held in September. A street fair aspect of the festival will close off Sunset between Doheny and San Vicente for several hours on Saturday, September 12th.

TOWER RECORDS

Unfortunately, the Tower Records Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is not yet complete. It is now anticipated to be ready in late August. We requested from Brian Lewis, Marathon Communications, local representative for the Tower developer Centrum Properties, to hold a neighborhood meeting at Horn Plaza to discuss the development when it is ready for review. We will keep you informed of related

developments.



DOWN ZONING WEHO HEIGHTS & GENERAL PLAN UPATE: DAVID DEGRAZIA,

BIANCA SIEGL

David DeGrazia from the Community Development Department (CDD) announced that during the recent City Council vote on the Interim Zoning Ordinance (IZO) replacement decision, the Council supported that department's recommendation to lower new construction residential building height from 45'/four stories to 35'/three stories in the WeHo Heights district. This was greeted with enthusiastic applause as this was a unanimous request from the 2008 WeHo Heights annual meeting. This decision will be incorporated permanently into the General Plan which is currently going through its first amendment process since the city was incorporated. Congratulations to the neighborhood and much gratitude to the CDD and City Council for this difficult task!

There was concern about the three condominium projects (one each on Clark, Larrabee and Horn) that have been approved at four stories in the past few years but have not yet been built. The Horn project's permit will be coming up for its second renewal in September 2010. Representatives from the neighborhood have already been in discussion with the property owner about a lower project. We will be closely following the permit renewal process for the Clark and Larrabee projects and request redesigns at lower heights when appropriate. However, as all three projects are already entitled, there is no guarantee we will be successful.

Bianca Siegl, also from the CDD, presented city wide aspects of the General Plan and the amendment process.

Questions from the attendees related primarily to parking and traffic issues, both in the neighborhood and in other areas of WeHo, including specific concerns about Fountain Ave. There was also a lot of discussion about adding street trees to the neighborhood as numerous trees have been lost due to new development and have not been replaced, and some consideration of purchasing property to develop green space for the neighborhood for a dog park and possibly a community garden. There is no public green space within one mile of WeHo Heights.

SUNSET STRIP BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: DONN UYENO

Donn Uyeno, Engineer with the Public Works Department and the Sunset Strip Project Manager, presented the plans for the roadway improvements and enhancements to Sunset Blvd from Harper on the East to Sierra Drive on the west. This project is also intended to improve the pedestrian experience and is now scheduled to begin Fall 2009, taking about nine months to complete. The SS Beautification Fact Sheet is attached.

A suggestion after the meeting to Donn about the possibility of a pocket park/green space to be constructed above the municipal parking lot on Sunset at Sherbourne (former Tower overflow lot) appeared to be well received and warrants further discussion.

Also brought up after the meeting was a request for consideration of a speed bump at the eastern end (the dead end section) of Shoreham.

1147 HORN, ROBERT BYRD ARCHITECT: RICHARD MAGGIO

1147 resident Richard Maggio presented the history on this charming rental apartment building built in 1954 that was recently purchased in foreclosure. Further investigation into the possibility of designating this site for historic preservation to prevent its redevelopment is recommended, as well as investigating the possibility of the large tree on the property to be designated a Heritage Tree, a city program for preserving old growth trees.



2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Sibyl Zaden announced plans for the 2009 National Night Out annual event, Tuesday, August 4th, and requested donations and volunteers.

We would like to thank everyone for their contribution to - and continued interest in - improving the quality of life in our small neighborhood.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 National Night Out and next year's annual meeting.

Best,
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