

NoHo Neighborhood Council
Beautification Committee
Wednesday, July 5, 2017
Senior Center at North Hollywood Park
5301 Tujunga Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601

Draft Minutes

Council Members Present

Adria Brodie
Paul Storiato (Ex-Officio Member)
Robyn Sumners

Council Members Absent

James Askew
Jonathan Brown
Jennifer Jackson
Bob Peppermuller

1. Roll Call

- a. 3 Present, 4 Absent

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Stakeholder Matthew Fine stated he is concerned about the degrading state of the NoHo Plaza, that he believes BID is doing a better job of cleaning up NoHo and that the Scientologist' flyers are being dropped on the ground and littering NoHo.
- b. K. Flores recommends the council purchase grabber arms and plastic buckets for community cleanups. In addition, she wanted to inform the committee that Styrofoam is close to being to banned in the City of LA and asked the board to support CF17-0656 with a CIS to reduce foam pollution in our watershed. She also wanted everyone to know that Heal the Bay is having a Coastal Cleanup Day September 16, 2017, this cleanup also applies to other waterways like the LA River.

3. Kathy Morrill of Church of Scientology re: Burbank/ Lankershim/ Tujunga Adopt-a-Median Project

- a. Kathy was inspired by the medians on Laurel Canyon close to the 101 freeway wherein river rock was imbedded in concrete and the current plans now have 6" river rocks imbedded in concrete along the edges of the project areas.
- b. The interior areas of the median project will have black metal edging surrounding 3"- 6" crushed river rocks with 39 Aloe Striata and 88 Blue Spruce Stonecrop plants spread throughout.
- c. K. Flores mentioned to Kathy that she has a contact with a native plant organization which would provide plants that require weekly water for the first

year and then only need rainwater to survive. Kathy is going to contact K. Flores to discuss using native plants.

- d. Kathy said they wish to preserve the bent metal side of the NoHo monument, but that it may not be possible, in which case, she wishes to put plants in it's place.
 - e. Paul Storiato expressed concern about keeping the current plaques on the monument.
- 4. Angelina Schneider of Councilman Krekorian's Office Update re: Vineland Walkway**
- a. The nearly mile long walkway will have decomposed granite pathways, native grasses, woodchips and 15 flowering native plants including Sage, Coast Sunflower, California Poppy and Milkweed.
 - b. Robyn Sumners asked about maintenance, Angelina said the area will be maintained every other week.
 - c. Paul Storiato asked if there would be signage or poop stations, Angelina said that was not in the current plans. Paul, Adria and Robyn suggested that perhaps the council could assist with these items.
 - d. Angelina requested that the council consider donating snacks and beverages for the 150+ volunteers that are expected at the October 7th Vineland Walkway Beautification Project.
- 5. Recap of Whitnall Dog Park Cleanup**
- a. This item was tabled because the organizer, Jennifer Jackson, was absent.
- 6. Shall the Beautification Committee hold an August Meeting?**
- a. Adria Brodie thought having a meeting while the rest of the board was dark seemed unnecessary.
 - b. Robyn Sumners agreed with Adria and there will be no committee meeting in August.
 - c. Paul Storiato confirmed that this item did not require a committee vote.
- 7. Membership changes to the committee**
- a. June 24th Adria Brodie was elected Budget Advocate of the Neighborhood Council's Region #4 and, as a result, officially resigned from the Beautification Committee. Adria is also a new Vice President of the council in addition to serving as Chair of the Outreach Committee.
 - b. Robyn Sumners also officially resigned from the Beautification Committee citing more council responsibility than she has time and energy for what with her new position as Secretary of the council in addition to serving as Co-Chair on the Outreach Committee.
 - c. Both Adria and Robyn agreed that these newly opened spots will allow the rest of the board the opportunity to become more involved.