



HDCA General Meeting

Attendees:

Clark Crites
Linda Deutsch
Jeff Dowden
Judy Kass Dowden
Gregers Heering

Michael Hollar*
Sarah Kalbeitzer
Patrick Mohr
Monica Morris
Patti Negri
Harvey Schwartz

Merle Singer
Nathan Singer
Alexa Iles Skarpelos
Athena Skarpelos
George Skarpelos
Justin Walker

* Denotes new residents of the Dell

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

I. Welcomes & Introductions, Patti Negri – HDCA President

II. Rebecca Bernal, field representative from Senator Curren Price's office

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Sen. Price was elected to represent the 26th District in the State Senate in May of 2009. The 26th District includes the Hollywood Dell and a diverse group of neighborhoods (map handout). For more information please check out his website: www.dist26.casen.govoffice.com

Examples of constituent services that Sen. Price can assist with:

Medi-Cal
Auto Insurance
Consumer Complaints
Unemployment Insurance
Child Support and Child Care

Disability Insurance
Department of Motor Vehicles
Worker's Compensation
Franchise Tax Board
Government Forms and Applications
Small Business Assistance.

Committees

Senator Price is the chair of the Legislative Joint Committee on the Arts, is the chair of the Legislative Black Caucus, and has been selected to serve on several committees (Appropriations, Banking, Finance & Insurance, Education, Governmental Organization & Local Government etc.)

Town Hall Meeting

Sen. Price is hosting a Town Hall meeting on March 18, 2011 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the California Science Center, to discuss the California High Speed Rail Project *AND* Small Business Contracting Opportunities. For more information or to RSVP, please contact: Lisa Martin (916) 651-4569 lisa.martin@sen.ca.gov

“SHeroes”

In May of 2011 Sen. Price will be honoring 26 outstanding women who reside in the 26th District at his 5th “Annual Tribute to SHeroes” Awards Ceremony. If you would like to nominate a woman who has “demonstrated leadership, pride, volunteerism and commitment to her community in a remarkable manner” you will find the nomination forms on his website. Nominations are due March 25th.

III. Nicole Carcel, field rep for CA State Assembly Member Mike Feuer (42nd dist.)

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Budget Vote Postponed

There was supposed to be a vote on the California State Budget today, but it was postponed until sometime next week.

Bill to Open State’s Dependency Courts

There was a recent Op Ed piece in the LA Times (March 8, 2011) about Assembly Member Feuer’s work on a bill that would stop the secrecy in the state’s dependency courts. They describe him as “one of the state’s most conscientious legislators.”

Ivar / Franklin Park Project

The Assembly Member’s office is working with the Ivar / Franklin Park Committee, headed up by Dell resident Terri Gerger. They are creating a coalition of state, city and private support to identify funding sources to complete the park.

Holocaust Memorial Project

This is a CA State Assembly Project that puts remaining Holocaust Survivors together with outstanding high school students. Their interviews are filmed and become part of an archive that is shared with schools and libraries. This project is near and dear to Assembly Member Feuer. They will be filming on March 27th. They have two slots left. It was suggested that Rowan Katz and Jasmin Kumar from our neighborhood would be ideal participants. For more information, please contact Nicole Carcel.

IV. Shauna McClure, Executive Director of the Hollywood Arts Council

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About the Hollywood Arts Council

Started as a grassroots effort in 1978, the Hollywood Arts Council was founded to address the role of arts in Hollywood. It is a “non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to contributing to the quality of life in the community of Hollywood by promoting, nurturing and supporting the arts.” For more information please visit their website: www.hollywoodartscouncil.org

Support

You can support the Hollywood Arts Council by becoming a member. For just \$25 a year you will be invited to special events and enjoy the privileges of membership, including discount cards, a newsletter, volunteer and networking opportunities. Many Dell residents are already members, and several serve as volunteers on the Executive Board and Board of Trustees.

Project S.O.A.R.

Project S.O.A.R. (Students Overcoming All Risks) is a Hollywood Arts Council after-school and in-class art program offered to public schools, where arts education has disappeared from most curriculums due to budget cuts. These FREE workshops are offered in 2-hour sessions, once a week, over 4 consecutive weeks in a variety of arts disciplines including: ceramics, photography, painting, dance, drama etc.

Charlie Awards

On Friday, March 25, 2011 the Hollywood Arts Council is hosting the 25th Annual Charlie Awards at the Historic Roosevelt Hotel. The “Charlies” recognize contributions of merit to Hollywood and its arts. It is also an auction fundraiser. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by March 18th. Tickets are \$100 per person. If you cannot attend, but would like to bid on auction items online, go to: www.biddingforgood.com/hollywoodartscouncil.

V. Alexa Iles Skarpelos, co-chair Friends of La Rocha Trail

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Exciting Developments Purchase Deal

A year ago we thought it would take over \$550,000 to purchase the lots along La Rocha Trail and save them from development. After much effort and the recent assist from City Council candidate Tomas O’Grady, we were able to put together a deal for significantly less \$’s.

Purchase price: \$299,000 for all 10 lots

Down Payment: \$75,000

Balance due in two years (the owner will charge 10% to hold the paper, which would be an additional \$45,000 if it takes the entire two years to raise the balance)

Maintenance: \$25,000 for SMMC/MRCA to hold to pay for annual brush clearing in perpetuity.

Total To Be Raised = \$369,000

We have to act quickly to get the down payment money collected. The deal is not a deal until we have the down payment and the paperwork is completed. We need everyone to contribute!

Our deadline for getting the down payment is Friday, March 18, 2011.

Anyone willing to donate should contact Alexa (323.469.4977) immediately to let her know. The clock is ticking and we are very close! Let's not let this opportunity slip away.

VI. Merle Singer, Hollywood Gateway Project

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Committee Update

The "Light Your Legacy" committee is making progress to find a donor to fund their project. There has been interest by David Wexler, the owner of Hollywood Vaults. The committee is putting together the numbers, and a video to present to potential donors. Anyone interested can find out more by visiting:

www.lightyourlegacy.com
www.ycchollywood.org
www.hollywoodgateway.org

VII. Patti Negri, HDCA Annual Membership Drive

For those who have paid their dues, thank you! If you haven't paid your dues don't hesitate, you might miss your chance to get free tickets to the Hollywood Bowl unless you ACT NOW! You can write a check or go online to: www.hollywooddell.com and pay through PayPal.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 pm

Meeting Handouts:

26th District Map
Town Hall Meeting Flyer
SHeroes Nomination Forms
Sen. Curren Price Brochure
Hollywood Arts Council Flyer
Arts Council Donation Form
Charlies Invitation

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