

LaBrea Hancock Homeowners Association
Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 18, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance:

Tammy Rosato
Cathy Roberts
Jane Prentiss
Bob Eisele
Jill Brown
Genia Quinn
Phil Messina

Absent Board Members:

Justin Urcis
Michelle Owen
Brad Jewett

Block Captains, Guests,
Community Members:

Frank Rosato
Juanita Kempe

The meeting of the Board was called to order by Tammy Rosato at approximately 7:47 pm

Approval of minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting was deferred.

A motion based on the draft motion shared last month was approved by the GWNC Board regarding the Crenshaw Line's proposed northern extension (draft attached). The motion specifically addresses the proposed La Brea option which is one of the five routes under study.

Tammy met with Rob Fisher, CD4 Field Deputy, and reported the following:

- The LAPD performed a speed study on 6th Street. Requested that the results be sent to the La Brea Hancock Board.
- Street re-paving is still under discussion. No updates.
- All are invited to the Meet your CD4 Field Rep session from 8:00-10:00am on June 20 at *Meet Her at a Bar* on La Brea.

Tammy also reported that she met with the GM of the 6th & La Brea microbrewery/restaurant regarding the drop off/pick up locations for Uber and Lyft. The car services have been told they should no longer stop on 6th Street and should pull into the alley behind the restaurant.

Tammy reported that while we generally have low crime in our area, homelessness encampments in our neighborhood come and go in various locations such as the park behind Avalon, under the Ficus trees on the 400 block of S. Sycamore, and in the alley behind the 300 block of S. Sycamore. Unfortunately, the unhoused population has increased city-wide. The community is encouraged to use LA-HOP (info attached).

It was reported that new zoning bills SB330 and SB592 are making their way through the legislative process in Sacramento. These bills are presented as solutions to the housing crisis, but are actually bills to strip local zoning control from cities and allow run away development. Locally, CM Ryu has introduced a vacancy motion to address the affordability issue. See the attached for more information.

During public comment, Bob Eisele reminded the community that it is mosquito season and all should be vigilant to make sure there is no standing water in flower pots, etc as this is where they breed. A new variety of mosquito can lay eggs in as little as a few drops of water.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council's board members and stakeholders actively participated in the information sessions sponsored by Metro on the alternative routes for the Northern Extension of the Crenshaw line. Together with the Mid City West Community Council, the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council, the City of West Hollywood and other organizations, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council sponsored a community forum on the alternative routes proposed for the Crenshaw Line's Northern Extension on April 25.

The GWNC understands that Metro's studies for the Crenshaw Line's Northern Extension are understandably still at a very preliminary stage with many details and options yet to be defined and evaluated. However, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council takes the position that, with respect to any potential rail route along La Brea, any configuration at or above grade within the corridor would be totally unacceptable and impractical as well as contradictory to the realization of the vision for livable transit-oriented communities in this corridor.

La Brea Avenue is already today operating at and above capacity during significant portions of the day, even with the removal of curb parking for local businesses during morning and evening peak periods and is likely to be experiencing even greater levels of gridlock in the future with the limitations of the City's arterial grid. The intrusion of an aerial structure in the median would impinge on traffic operations, left turn movements and general safety and visibility.

La Brea is one of the primary corridors for emergency vehicle access, both from the LAPD Wilshire Division and LAFD Fire Station 61 and the use of the median lane is crucial during peak traffic hours. If the present-day median lane were to be eliminated, police cars, fire trucks and paramedic ambulances could be forced to race through narrow neighborhood streets, creating grave safety risks as well as serious delays in critical services.

An aerial rail viaduct in the middle of the La Brea would have trains directly impacting the new upper story development for new housing and other uses that are envisioned to be fostered by pending Transit Oriented Communities. Even more adverse, however, the aerial structure would over-shadow and obstruct the street, sidewalks and building frontages below, virtually assuring that La Brea Avenue would become a blighted and hostile place for pedestrians, residents and businesses.

For reasons such as these, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council would strongly urge Metro to remove consideration of an aerial or any at-grade rail configurations for a La Brea route alternative.

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Posted by Mark Pampanin  on June 11, 2019

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"We need to get serious about tackling our affordable housing crisis, and that means taking stock of every vacant unit in Los Angeles, and holding those who keep housing off the market to account," Councilmember Ryu said. "We know that our City has more than enough luxury housing but not nearly enough affordable and moderate-income housing. What we need is a factual, data-driven picture of vacancy to understand our housing needs. I co-introduced this motion today because our City and our residents cannot afford to wait any longer."

Read more about Councilmember Ryu's housing solutions here (http://davidryu.lacity.org/homeless_plan).

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Los Angeles City Councilmember David E. Ryu represents the 4th Council District which includes Griffith Park, Sherman Oaks, Toluca Lake, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Miracle Mile, Hancock Park, Windsor Square, Larchmont and portions of Koreatown and Van Nuys.

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Quick Tips

-  You can use LA-HOP to request homeless outreach services for yourself or someone you see experiencing homelessness.
-  For medical or mental health emergencies, please call 911.
-  For crime or illegal activity, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

Due to high demand, it may take a few days for an outreach team to be deployed. With nearly 40,000 people living on the streets, the need for outreach services is great.

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What is LA-HOP?

With just a few clicks on a smartphone, tablet, or computer, **The Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Portal (LA-HOP)** makes it easier to request help for people experiencing homelessness on the streets of LA County.

To learn more about the tool visit www.la-hop.org.

When should I fill out a request?

Did you see someone experiencing homelessness who needs help? Notice a homeless neighbor who seems to be struggling with their physical and/or mental health? You can help them by filling out an outreach request and alert us as to any specific concerns you may have regarding the person's well-being. Please be as detailed as possible.

When should I not fill out an outreach request?

If you come across a family with minor children experiencing homelessness, have them call 211 and ask to be connected to the Coordinated Entry System for Families. If you are concerned about illegal activity, contact local law enforcement. For medical and mental health emergencies, call 911. Outreach teams are not able to serve individuals who are couch surfing, temporarily living with friends or family, or already staying in a homeless shelter.

What do outreach workers do?

Outreach workers have many different skills, including homeless services navigation and mental health first aid. Some teams even have physical health, mental health, and substance use professionals. Their efforts can be as simple as helping someone experiencing homelessness get an ID card or as complex as helping to meet medical and mental health needs. But the ultimate goal of outreach services is to help people move from the streets into a permanent home.