



## HDCA General Meeting & Annual Election

### **Attendees:**

David Brewer  
Arturo Castillo  
John Clark  
Clark Crites  
Linda Deutsch  
Judy Kass Dowden  
Terri Gerger

Gregers Heering \*  
Sarah Kalbeitzer \*  
Kwock Koe  
Tom Meredith  
Lisa Meredith  
Thomas Moore  
Patti Negri  
Ray Schuldenfrei

Harvey Schwartz  
Merle Singer  
Alexa Iles Skarpelos  
Athena Skarpelos  
George Skarpelos  
Justin Walker  
Adam White \*

\* denotes new residents of the Dell

*Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm*

### **Welcomes & Introductions, Patti Negri**

### **Report from our state (42<sup>nd</sup> dist.) Assembly Members Office, Nicole Carcel**

California State Assembly Member Mike Feuer's new field officer, Nicole Carcel introduced herself and gave a brief update on what's happening in Sacramento. She presented certificates to the "outgoing" HDCA board members. Assemblyman Feuer has been working on; a health care bill (#2244) that allows kids who have pre-existing conditions to get and keep their health insurance, and a bill to cap insurance rate hikes (#52), he is also working on small business legislation and welcomes input and feedback from small business owners. She encouraged us to sign a petition in support of the insurance rate cap. She also mentioned that the Assemblyman Feuer is in his Hollywood office each Friday.

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### **HDCA Elections**

Patti Negri reviewed the HDCA board positions and candidates. She thanked Merle Singer for her service as HDCA secretary. She specifically asked people to consider volunteering for the open slots for:

**HDCA webmaster:** our current webmaster has moved away (to San Francisco) from the Dell and we need someone who is reasonably tech savvy and willing to do minor updates and keep the site current.

**HDCA historian:** our current historian is moving out of the neighborhood. We need someone who is interested in the rich and colorful history of the Dell to maintain the archives and write articles for the newsletter.

**Federation of Hillside & Canyon Associations Rep:** we need someone to attend the monthly meetings held the first Wednesday of the month at the Nissan dealership on Cahuenga.

Linda Deutsch made a motion that we vote to approve the entire slate by a show of hands. Arturo Castillo seconded the motion. Patti called for a vote and all were approved.

The 2011 HDCA Board officers elected are: Patti Negri, president, Justin Walker, vice president, Alexa Iles Skarpelos, secretary, Terri Gerger, treasurer

### **HDCA Bylaws**

Patti Negri announced that as part of our goals for the year, we have created official Bylaws for the HDCA (attached) and that copies were provided. Alexa Iles Skarpelos made a motion to officially adopt the Bylaws. Harvey Schwartz seconded. Patti Negri called for a vote by show of hands and the Bylaws were approved. A copy of the Bylaws will be posted on the website (hollywooddell.com)

### **Some Dell Volunteer Stats, Patti Negri**

- Well over 75 people have volunteered in some way in the past couple of years.
- Of those 75+, 17% contribute their time and energy in more than 2 areas, and many in 3 or 4 projects or committees
- 21 “delivery angels” hand-deliver the neighborhood newsletter to over 1,100 homes
- Volunteers are from all over the Dell, and live on 20 of the 42 streets
- We have 13 committees, a newsletter, a website and volunteers to support all of them

### **Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Safety Committee Update, Justin Walker**

The committee is focusing on getting apartment owners and adjacent businesses involved to stay on top of trash, graffiti, and dumping in the Dell.

Post Security armed response policy change was averted by swift, organized and overwhelming objections from Dell residents.

### **Cheremoya Foundation Update, Justin Walker**

The Cheremoya Foundation (cheremoyafoundation.org) has raised \$1,000 for the Cheremoya teacher wish lists. A Dell resident has donated a grade-appropriate book for each child to take home and have for their personal library. Additional donations of books are being accepted. Contact Justin Walker (jwalker536@sbcglobal.net)

### **Yucca Corridor Coalition Update, Merle Singer**

The Yucca Corridor Coalition (ycchollywood.org) is a non-profit organization founded with the mission to improve the quality of life for those who live in, work in and visit Hollywood. Their “Gateway to Hollywood” project needs funds to construct and maintain lighting for the Hollywood sign on the triangle at Franklin and Cahuenga. Contact (merlemsinger@earthlink.net)

### **Franklin / Ivar Park Project Update, Terri Gerger**

Several grant proposals have been submitted. Due to the state and city budget crisis grant funding is drying up.

### **Friends of La Rocha Update, Alexa Iles Skarpelos**

The committee should have something to report at the next meeting. We are currently still in negotiations with the property owner and have yet to finalize a deal. We are actively seeking volunteers with fundraising experience.

### **HDCA Newsletter, George Skarpelos**

Next issue is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Submit articles by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Topics were suggested for the newsletter:

John Clark suggested a real estate column focused on our area. He also suggested that Ray Schuldenfrei would be a great columnist on that topic. There was agreement that this would be a good subject for the newsletter.

Linda Deutsch asked about the Vedanta society, and wondered if we could do an article about them.

### **Traffic, Roads & Parking Committee**

This committee needs a leader. Anyone interested should contact Justin Walker (jwalker536@sbcglobal.net)

**Permit parking:** in an effort to protect those streets most affected by the infiltration of cars from nearby clubs and venues. Justin Walker mentioned that in addition to the inconvenience of the parking spaces being taken up – there is also an increase in drug activity, prostitution and vandalism.

**Roads:** a map of the Dell identifying potholes resulting from the recent rainstorms was given to our contact in Councilmember Tom LaBonge’s office January 15<sup>th</sup>. Several potholes have been filled as a result.

### **Misc.**

There was some discussion about the poor mobile phone reception in our neighborhood, and inquiries about which ones were best and ideas for solving this problem.

**Treasurer's Update**, Terri Gerger

The overhead of the HDCA has increased. Organizations like HBT used to provide tunnel cleaning and trash pick-up for free. Due to the economy and government budget cutbacks those costs must now come out of our HDCA budget. Those costs, along with the cost of printing our newsletter and other costs of doing business (our web domain and maintenance, PO Box etc.) must all be covered in our annual budget.

The HDCA income is derived primarily from membership dues and advertising sales (newsletter ads) with additional income generated from HDCA sponsored fundraising events.

In the past, in addition to supporting the HDCA, portions of the proceeds of Dell fundraisers have been allocated to support various local organizations:

PAL (Police Activities League)  
Los Angeles Fire Department  
PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support)  
Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School  
Franklin / Ivar Park Project

We currently have 150 members in a neighborhood of 1,100! In order to keep up with rising costs and continue to improve our neighborhood it is a goal for 2011 to increase our membership significantly. We ask everyone to reach out to at least 5 people and encourage them to become HDCA members. You can write a check or pay by credit card online at the HDCA website ([hollywooddell.com](http://hollywooddell.com)).

**March Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2011 at the home of Harvey Schwartz.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.*

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Meeting Handouts:

Bylaws  
Disaster Preparedness  
HDCA Committee Descriptions  
HDCA Projected Income and Expenses  
Health Insurance for Children Flyer  
Los Angeles Police Dept. Crime Prevention Tips & Contact Numbers

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