



Public Works & Telecommunications Committee Meeting
Held on Wednesday August 28, 2020, Noon – 1:30 pm

1. **Call to Order/Roll:** Patricia Murphy called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.
5 Present: Patricia Murphy, Chair; Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Jamie Hall, Larry Leisten; **2 Absent:** Marcia Hobbs; Philip Enderwood.
2. **Motion:** Approve the August 28, 2020 Public Works & Telecommunications Committee meeting Agenda
Moved by: Jamie Hall; **Seconded by:** Larry Leisten second. **5/0/0; passed**
3. **Public Comments:** No public comments made.
4. **Chair Report** – Chair, Patricia Murphy thanked committee members for joining in this re-established Public Works and Telecommunications committee.
5. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Discussion on the scope and purpose of the committee. Brainstorm included “make a difference”, “have an impact”, “outreach and communication”, “specific to the needs of hills community”. Examples of hillside projects that would be within the scope of the committee included “street/road repair”, “hillside bulkhead repair and safety”, “street maintenance”, “DWP projects in district”, “Bureau of Engineering street services, repairs and projects”, “Bureau of Sanitation”, “projects that impact local street trees”. Regarding telecommunications, committee members noted
Motion: That the committee Chair draft a statement of committee Mission and Goals for the representatives to review prior to the next meeting
Moved by: Larry Leisten; **Seconded by:** Jamie Hall; **5/0/0; passed**
6. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Discussion on key priorities of the committee. Jamie Hall recommended that a positive goal would be to identify key community Liaisons in Departments that manage Public Works/Telecommunication projects within our district. Develop relationships with those liaisons so that the committee is made aware of Public Works and Telecommunications projects planned. Discussion ensued regarding the past challenges associated with placing power lines underground. In particular, the complexity and expense vs. relatively smaller numbers of constituents living in the hills to place electrical powerlines underground. Additionally, similar economic obstacles exist regarding the requirements needed to improve telecommunication services to hillside households e.g. cost and environmental objections to new cell towers. Committee members agreed that part of our activity should be to gather information on new technology and/or issues that may cause threats to hillside safety e.g. fires caused by power lines.
Motion: That the committee Chair draft a statement of committee goals and priorities for the representatives to review prior to the next meeting.
Moved by: Nickie Miner; **Seconded by:** Larry Leisten; **5/0/0; passed.**
7. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Local District 4 issues update – Chair shared information regarding the D4 Sunset Plaza DWP pipe replacement project. Due to lack of communication between Bureau of Engineering and DWP, construction traffic caused issues with local access to Queens Rd, Hollywood Blvd and Miller Drive. The issue was addressed (due to support of Bel Air

Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council and Doheny Sunset Plaza North Neighborhood Association) with liaisons for each project identified and connected with reps of BABCNC and DSPNNA.

8. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Local District 5 issues update – Chair shared information regarding per the LA Unified School District August 2020 Bulletin that the Wonderland School construction project is due to begin in October 2020. Chair also updated the committee that the Benedict Canyon road resurfacing has been postponed until water flood of Sunset Blvd at UCLA has been repaired. No date for the restart provided by DWP.
9. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Due to time limitation review of DWP plan for protections against hillside fires, per Controller R. Galperin report will be deferred to the next committee meeting.
10. **Good of the Order** / Other items to agendize within jurisdiction of these committees. No other items discussed.
11. **Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 1.05 pm. **Next Meeting Date:**
TBD