

GWHFC Meeting held on August 24, 2010 at Hollywood City Hall Community Room

Report by Jim Omahen, HMD Operations Manager

Meeting regarding feeding program located in HMD/BID, at corner of Sycamore and Romaine.
Meeting began at 8:30am and lasted for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

Attending: Carol Cassella, Mike Parker, Jim Omahen, LAPD Capt. Beatrice Girmala, Ted Landreth, Mark McCaslin, Paul Lerner, Peter Robinson

As noted:

Issues and problems involve those who come to feeding program early and stay in area afterwards loitering, use of drugs and drinking, littering, public urination and defecation, aggressive and treating behaviors.

Landreth mentioned that there are about 200 individuals the program feeds, and that the number varies from day to day that they actually feed. He also mentioned that there is a small number, perhaps only five percent of the individuals, who create problems by “misbehaving” and/or not following certain rules. He said these individuals are known and can be identified, of which he and the volunteers will begin doing.

Landreth said he would talk to certain individuals and he would reinforce the rules and limitations to them as per the posted signs. He also said that he could refuse to serve anyone who does not comply and obey the rules.

Parker suggested screening individuals that come and give a preference to those who are the non-problem individuals.

Capt. Girmala was asked if “No Loitering” signage is possible. She said that LAPD can not enforce loitering laws unless there is reason for criminal intent. She said City Attorney’s Office will not act on just loitering violations. She said that she has assigned extra patrols, but LAPD resources are thin. She said no loitering signs is realistically not that effective, but new sign are possible and that she would address that.

Capt. Girmala said she could be contacted directly on her cell phone or by text, when there is someone breaking the rules or creating a problem. She also said that she could send a patrol, if available, to the location.

Parker asked for consistency in both LAPD enforcing the law and for GWHFC in enforcing the program rules and management of the program. He also mentioned that there is a camera at the corner.

Parker ask about liability issues concerning the individuals who have dangerous and violent behaviors, whether an incident occurs on public or private property. He pointed out that everyone is taking a risk

with this and that anyone could be held liable. He emphasized that serious problems are inevitable. He asked Capt. Girmala if the City would step up and address these issues.

Landreth asked if the HMD green shirts could help patrol. Cassella responded and said no. She said that the HMD security is for all the District and that they could not take on that responsibility and give that much specific attention to any one location or thing. Parker said security issues are the responsibility of the Feeding Program.

Landreth said he's aware of liability issues and has been advised by their attorneys that if they do all they can to minimize risks, then that is that. He said they are doing what they can, but their resources are limited.

Cassella said it is the Feeding Program's responsibility to provide security for the program.

Parker asked Landreth to do a survey by observing the Program from 3 to 5pm so that we would have a better idea of who's who and what's going on.

Cassella asked for next meeting to include Feeding Program volunteers.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 14th, beginning 8:30am, same location.

GWHFC Meeting held on Sept. 14, 2010 at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall, Community Room

Report by Jim Omahen, HMD Operations Manager

Meeting regarding feeding program located in HMD/BID, at corner of Sycamore and Romaine.
Meeting began at 8:30am and lasted for approximately one and one half hours.

Attending: Carol Cassella, Mike Parker, Jim Omahen, LAPD Capt. Beatrice Girmala and several LAPD Officers, Peter Robinson, Paul Lerner, Ted Landreth and about 15 or 20 program volunteers.

As noted:

Robinson opened meeting with question: How can food line and law enforcement, and those vested in area partner to move forward?

Parker said, speaking as a representative of the business community, when the program began some 10 years ago he didn't believe it would impact and effect the area as much as it does now. He mentioned the problems with those who come for the feeding early before 6pm and stay late after ending at 8pm, and those who just generally stay in the area on the sidewalks. He also mentioned the problems with trash and the need for his business to now have 7-24 security. Parker said that he has his employees clean up the trash left and he has had to have the sidewalk steam cleaned. He said this all costs his company money and that it is a burden on his company to do all this, but they do this to make the area better for his employees and those who come to his business. Parker also mentioned that his employees do not feel safe out on the street due to all the homeless-type folks loitering around. He asked for mutual respect regarding all these matters. He asked Ted and the volunteers to make the area as clean as possible.

Landreth commented that what we need to do is manage the situation.

Several comments from the program volunteers were that the area also has many other issues with prostitution, street sex, and drug related activities. It was mentioned that The Zone sex club is very nearby, but any related problems are very late at night.

Capt. Girmala said that restricting the problem individuals from coming to the feeding program and enforcing the hours and rules needs to be done. She said the area now has more businesses and that many more people are frequenting the area, and that these people are intimidated by the feeding program clientele.

Robinson summarized with saying that the issue of hours is of the foremost concern, and also the issue of bad behavior of those patronizing the feeding program. He mentioned that the hours are from 6pm to 8pm, with a one-half hour grace period either way.

Capt. Girmala said an entrance and exit strategy is needed. She continued by saying that PD officers very often have to be near the corner of Sycamore and Romaine, and that they do not have enough resources for this. Also, Officer Davis commented that if they are called response time might be slow.

Landreth said they have distributed a flyer that reinforces the hours and rules. He also said they want and need “No Loitering” signs. He mentioned that on Wednesdays they have tables set up to do outreach offering services to those coming to the feeding program.

Officer Davis said that signs are all well and fine, but a call to PD may not result in a timely response. He also mentioned that when PD responds to an incident it takes two officers, and if an arrest is made it can take up to five hours of reporting time.

Parker commented that maintenance and enforcement is at the core of the problems. He said the BID was established to help and improve the area because the City could not provide adequate services.

Robinson asked the volunteers if they would be comfortable assuming more of a role to enforce the hours and rules. General comments from the volunteers were that they would be comfortable doing this.

Officer Davis asked the volunteers if they would agree to be identified if they report or call PD about a problem. There was some general discussion regarding this, but not enough to establish the overall consensus of the volunteers.

One volunteer suggested putting a “no service” list together of those who create problems.

Lerner commented that the Melrose Action Committee is not the adversary to the feeding program. He emphasized the need for allies and not adversaries. Landreth acknowledged this and agreed.

Capt. Girmala asked if the program needs to change now after ten years, and possibly the time has come due to the ongoing problems. She commented that the feeding program would be better suited for an indoor location in a building.

Parker said there is a need for persistence regarding all these issues.

Next meeting: TBD

GWHFC Meeting held on November 23, 2010 at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall, Community Room

Report by Jim Omahen, HMD Operations Manager

Meeting regarding feeding program located in HMD BID, at corner of Sycamore and Romaine.
Meeting began at 8:00am and lasted for approximately one and one half hours.

Attending: Carol Cassella, Mike Parker, Jim Omahen, Ted Landreth,
Peter Robinson, and Mark McCaslin

As noted:

Parker began by saying that at last week's BID Board of Directors meeting David Bass and Janine Cohen attended. He said they presented their case regarding Producers Film Center's legal action against the feeding program. Landreth said he had received the letter from Janine Cohen of David Bass & Associates law firm.

Landreth said that Leslie Fritz from the Producers Film Center came over to the feeding one evening. He told her that they have been trying to solve the problems that concerned her. Landreth said that she said to him she wants the feeding program and truck to just go away. Landreth mentioned he later received a follow-up phone call from Fritz, and she said that he would be hearing from their lawyer. Landreth continued by saying that he then contacted a lawyer. Robinson mentioned that he was not aware of any of this until now. It was mentioned that Michael Harris owns the Producers Film Center, and Leslie Fritz is the property manager.

Parker mentioned that as part of the Solomon Building renovation project, at corner of La Brea and Romaine, a 3-story parking structure is planned to be built adjacent to it. He added that it is his understanding that the building will become mixed use with retail at street level and offices above. He continued by saying that the corner of La Brea and Romaine is going to change and the feeding program will be greatly affected. Both Parker and Cassella agreed that the BID continues to support the position that feeding program should move into a facility/building somewhere. Cassella added that the BID needs to be more proactive than reactive. She said it's not only about PR, but also more about developing a plan of action.

Parker mentioned that he is on the Board of his family's company, and that this Board may take a different position than his or that of the BID. He continued by saying that possibly Michael Harris may be in a similar situation as he, regarding a family owned property and decision-making. Parker said that he will continue to work to negotiate an amicable solution to the program's problems.

Landreth said that some years ago he was involved with a feeding program located where The Grove is now. He continued by saying a similar situation occurred there, and he had to deal with developer Rick Caruso. Landreth continued by saying Caruso told him that the feeding program would have to move and the kitchen would be torn down. Landreth added that Caruso had told him that he would help the program find a new location for the kitchen, but this never happen.

Landreth asked Parker and Cassella if they could help him find a building where the current feeding program could relocate and also have their kitchen. He mentioned that Al Sweet at one time entertained this possibility, but this never materialized. Robinson asked if this is something that could be discussed, regarding the possibility of helping Landreth move the feeding program and perhaps its kitchen. Landreth mentioned that an indoor facility for the feeding would greatly change the program, and that it perhaps would make the program not as successful as it is now by being located on the street.

Cassella said she and the BID Board understands all the reasons why an indoor facility would possibly change the program, but change is inevitable. Landreth said that by being out on the street the feeding comes to the homeless rather than the homeless coming to the feeding. He added that this is a subtle issue but nevertheless very important. Landreth added that the feeding is user-friendly.

Landreth expressed concern about whether the feeding program volunteers could manage a building, and he added that the costs would also be a problem for the GWHFC. Cassella mentioned that perhaps this would require partnering with another organization. When asked who possibly to partner with, Landreth responded by saying he knows whom that could be. He mentioned Step Up On Second and PATH. Landreth continued by saying these other organizations are specifically geared to serving the mentally ill. He said his program does not have this as their core mission. He added that he has spoken to these other organizations, and they are very different from the GWHFC as to what they do and whom they serve.

Parker said his knowledge of Step Up On Second was that the program is involved with housing and care, and it is very structured. He also said he believes they have all their permits to open the facility on Vine St. Parker continued by saying that if Aileen Getty could get involved, then perhaps she could donate the money to buy the building adjacent to the Step Up On Second building on Vine. Landreth's program could move in there. Cassella added that this would be a convenient location and right next door to other services. Parker said this could work, but would involve quite a bit. Landreth mentioned that if there were a few different organizations on Vine with services for the homeless, that area would have the potential of evolving into a new Skid Row.

Cassella mentioned that the empty old Hollywood Rubber Stamp building on Santa Monica Blvd. is empty and that it could be an ideal location for Landreth's program. She went on by saying she has been in the building and there is quite a bit of off street outdoor open space contained within. She added that there are no for sale or lease signs on the building, and she knows that the owner is very hard to reach.

McCaslin added that from his perspective Landreth's feeding program located at corner of La Brea and Romaine is somewhat doomed because of the future development. He continued by saying that the idea of a building such as the old Hollywood Rubber Stamp building sounds ideal. He added that the City and/or County would need to be involved for this to be a success. Robinson added that if a building like the old Hollywood Rubber Stamp building could be purchased, there would still be many issues of ongoing finance and management. Cassella added that bringing the old building up to code would be a formidable challenge. Parker said the building could become a multi-service facility and Landreth's organization would be just one of the tenants there. Others could be medical services and such.

McCaslin summed up things by saying, or rather asking, if the old Hollywood Rubber Stamp building could be a focus and to begin looking for other organizations to partner with in the effort to obtain the building. He also added that a written proposal would be needed.

Parker said that the old Hollywood Rubber Stamp building possibly could be leased and not purchased, which could be an advantage for the property's owner. Parker continued with mentioning that two of the BID's Board members are in real estate, Mike Malick and Thor Lee, and they could possibly be helpful. He continued by saying they could get information about the building. McCaslin added that when contacting the owner or getting information, it may not be the best idea to mention who would be the new tenant. He said the owner could be reluctant and put off by the possibility of leasing to such new tenants.

Parker and Cassella said they will discuss all with Mike Malick and Thor Lee, and they will come back to the group with some information.

Robinson wrapped up the meeting by saying this meeting is McCaslin's last. He will not be attending future meetings. Also, Robinson asked the group when they would like to meet next. The group decided on Thursday, Dec. 16th, 8am for their next meeting.

GWHFC Meeting held on January 17, 2011 at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall, Community Room

Report by Jim Omahen, HMD Operations Manager

Meeting regarding feeding program located in HMD BID, at corner of Sycamore and Romaine.
Meeting began at 8:30am and lasted for approximately one and one half hours.

Attending: Ted Landreth and two others with GWHFC, Mark McCaslin, Mike Parker,
Jim Omahen, Paul Lerner, Capt. Girmala, SLO John Washington

As noted:

McCaslin told group Peter Robinson was ill and he would not be attending.

Landreth handed out a single page flyer-type of appeal from GWHFC entitled "Hollywood Helps The Homeless." It was an appeal to Warner Brothers to organize and operate a portable bathroom trailer for the feeding program at the corner of Sycamore and Romaine.

Parker asked Landreth if he had heard anything recently about lawsuit being filed by David Bass representing The Producers Center. Landreth responded by saying that last week he and Lerner had attended a meeting regarding this. Landreth mentioned that they had a long list of complaints and are trying to drive the feeding program away. Parker added that the BID may be put into a very difficult position if any of the Board Members are deposed for questioning or statements.

Parker mentioned he had seen a new sign for "No Loitering" on the west side of the Harris building. He added that it has gone up just within the past few weeks. Capt. Girmala said there have been more cuts, layoffs, and furloughs in the City and enforcement is not going to be any better this year.

Landreth mentioned that a small group of homeless people had done an encampment near to the corner of Romaine and Sycamore. SLO Washington said he had not seen this but will check. Parker reinforced to the group that his primary concern is keeping the sidewalk clear and clean.

Landreth mentioned that he knows of two men with very serious drug problems that have created encampments in the past. Capt. Girmala added there is recent evidence of bonfires that have been done. It was also mentioned that HBT in the past has cleaned up what is left by encampments, and they are having to do this once again. Landreth said his feeding program discourages encampments being established nearby and they do not want these either. Capt. Girmala said the PD needs more information and communication from Landreth regarding problem individuals. She also said that other areas where there are feeding programs there are concentrations of crime. Capt. Girmala asked Landreth to provide her/LAPD with a list of people that are known for creating problems.

Capt. Girmala asked Landreth to have an advance team of volunteers at the feeding site, perhaps at 3pm, to tell the clients the times of food distribution and about the rules. She also suggested the Media District security patrol have a greater presence. Landreth said they often do have people at the location early and they do tell the clients the times and explain the rules. Parker added that the BID is not in a

position to enforce the programs rules. He continued by saying that SLO Washington and the PD needs to be more vigilant and not to become complacent as to enforcement.

Parker mentioned the possibility of Landreth moving his feeding program into the old Rubber Stamp building on Santa Monica Blvd. Capt. Girmala said she could not support such a proposal because of the nearby residential areas and the nearby school. She said to use the old Rubber Stamp building for the feeding program is not a good idea.

McCaslin asked if there is an area in the City where a street or building feeding program works best. Responses were that these programs need to be located in industrial areas. It was mentioned that the location has and will change where Landreth currently has his street feeding.

Parker mentioned that New York's Mayor Giuliani had done quite a bit addressing the homeless issue and especially around Times Square. He said there needs to be a political will and we need to do the same thing here.

Lerner added that this group has been meeting for a year and a half and all the problems still exist.

Next meeting: TBD

GWHFC Meeting held on April 15, 2011 at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall, Community Room

Report by Jim Omahen, HMD Operations Manager

Meeting regarding feeding program located in HMD BID, at corner of Sycamore and Romaine. Meeting began at 8:30am and lasted for approximately one and one half hours.

Attending: Peter Robinson, facilitator; Ted Landreth, Paul Nyhart, Cordell Sherrod, with GWHFC; Mike Parker, Carol Cassella, Jim Omahen, with HMD BID; SLO John Washington, LAPD Hollywood Division; John Darnell, CD5.

As noted:

Robinson said he was unable to attend the last meeting. He also said what he recalled from the meeting before that, there was a sense of frustration regarding the feeding program finding a permanent facility. He added that Capt. Girmala was not in favor of the feeding program moving into the old Rubber Stamp building on Santa Monica Blvd. Parker mentioned the Capt. Girmala may not want the program any further into Hollywood. SLO Washington said that he believes Capt. Girmala opposed the old Rubber Stamp building because it is located right on Santa Monica Blvd. Also, SLO Washington said there is a very busy night club and a school very near to the old Rubber Stamp building. Landreth told the group that he has spoken with Capt. Girmala and said she is not opposed or against the feeding program, but wants it to be located somewhere with less traffic and congestion. Robinson asked if anyone knows of any other locations where the distribution of the food could be done. Those attending said they do not know of any other potential buildings or locations, and all said they would be on the lookout for such a place. Parker added that within the next few years the corner of La Brea and Romaine will be changing, and inevitably the food distribution at the corner of Romaine and Sycamore will be forced to either end or move somewhere else.

SLO Washington told the group he had spoke with an LAPD Capt. Troy regarding no loitering signage for the feeding program location. Washington continued by saying that "No Loitering" LA municipal code signs are available in a size 12" x 18", and they cost \$50 each. Discussion followed pertaining to whether arrows on the signs are necessary on the signs to indicate the exact no loitering areas. SLO Washington said that if the signs are put up in the general area it would not be necessary to add arrows, and the PD would be able to enforce the no loitering code. Cassella said that we must consider the residents in the area as well and suggested signs that read "No Loitering in this area, neighborhood, or block." Parker asked if it would be permissible to put up any of these signs on the West Hollywood side of our LA boundary. Robinson asked what would be the hours of or for no loitering. SLO responded to all by saying that generally the code applies at all times, but most enforcement would be done from 6am to 6pm. Parker added that enforcement of the no loitering code will be challenging and that the PD cannot selectively enforce. Parker also added that the signs might be interpreted as no loitering just immediately around the signs. Parker continued by asking what locations and surfaces would have these signs. Robinson asked how many signs would be necessary. After some discussing, all attending agreed that 8 to 10 signs are necessary. After discussion it was agreed upon 3 signs on the cement company wall, 3 signs for Mole-Richardson property, 1 or 2 signs on Highland Plating, and 2 signs at Producers. Cassella mentioned it would be necessary to contact the owners of these locations and ask

their permission to put up these signs. She said that she would talk to Producers and Parker said he would talk to his company. Omahen and SLO Washington said they would contact the cement company and ask for their permission. Parker said that the Media District Board would have to approve paying for the cost of the signs, and that would not be for another few weeks. Cassella continued by asking SLO Washington if the money for the signs is needed in advance. Washington responded with yes. In a gesture to move this forward, Robinson offered to pay for one sign. He only had \$30 and gave it to Parker. Continuing with this, Parker said he would right now write a check for \$500 to cover the costs. Parker did this and gave SLO Washington a check for \$500 paid to the order of the City of LA.

Robinson asked about the status of lawsuit and if the BID or the PD will be involved in any way. He continued by saying that both the BID and the PD may be approached regarding this matter. Landreth added that everyone should be honest and address the facts. He also said that the filed lawsuit had only a few exhibits and he had no idea who else may be contacted. Robinson asked if the Media District BID has taken a position regarding the GWHFC's feeding program. Cassella responded by saying that they have, and the BID is not in favor of the feeding program located on the street as it currently is.

Parker asked Landreth about whether any permits are required for the feeding program and if anything about this is mentioned in the lawsuit. Landreth responded by saying that the GWHFC only needs permits to operate a kitchen and the truck. He continued by saying that the City Attorney's office had advised him that no special permit was required for the actual truck as it distributes the food. He added that the kitchen is permitted by County Health Department and City Zoning. Parker asked why there is not permit requirement for such distribution of food. Cassella answered by saying a permit would only be required if the food was for sale, and not for just giving it away free. Parker added that this matter sounds similar to catering trucks selling food on the street, and continued by saying that if the feeding program sold the food they would be better protected.

Robinson asked if there are any other issues such as trash. Parker answered by saying trash is being picked up and trashcans are being emptied. Robinson continued by asking about the status of portable toilets. Landreth responded by saying there has been no progress mostly due to the costs for these.

Parker mentioned that it is important that Paul Lerner and the Melrose group continue participating in these meetings. Omahen mentioned that Lerner had sent out an email expressing his frustrations. Landreth said that Lerner and the Melrose group may need to lessen their expectations.

Robinson summed the meeting up by saying he sees two things that are needed. One is a security plan for the current location for the feeding and what that would be. And the other is to continue to look for either a permanent building or another location for the feeding.

Next meeting: Cassella mentioned that she will be out on vacation from May 19th through June 5th. Proposed dates are either on Tue., May 17th, Thur., May 26th, or Fri., May 27th. Robinson will email all and confirm what is date for next meeting.

GWHFC Meeting held on May 17, 2011 at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall, Community Room

Report by Jim Omahen, HMD Operations Manager

Meeting regarding feeding program located in HMD BID, at corner of Sycamore and Romaine. Meeting began at 8:30am and lasted for approximately one hour.

Attending: Peter Robinson, facilitator; SLO John Washington, LAPD Hollywood Division; Paul Lerner, Melrose neighborhood; John Darnell, CD5; Jim Omahen, with HMD

As noted:

Omahen told those attending that Carol Cassella had just phoned him before arriving. She said she was running late for the meeting. Omahen said he had told her if she didn't make the meeting, he would email her and others the notes from the meeting.

Robinson postponed calling the meeting to order because Ted Landreth and Mike Parker were not there. After about twenty minutes and with those in attendance, he began the meeting.

Robinson asked SLO Washington about how much criminal activity occurs around and near to the feeding program location at Romaine and Sycamore. Washington responded by saying that there isn't much and very little has been reported. Lerner added that in his neighborhood area most of the crime involves burglaries. Lerner added that although crime may not be associated with the feeding program, there is quite a bit of trash along La Brea and many homeless people on the street, in alleys, and frequent encampments.

SLO Washington brought to the meeting the ten No Loitering signs as previously discussed. He turned them over to Omahen, and Omahen said he would arrange for them to be put up. It was mentioned that the Producers Center has offered to pay for two of the signs. Washington said that the check Mike Parker had given to him, the City would not accept. Washington had the check and told those attending that he will stop by Parker's office and return it to him. Washington also continued by saying the City produced the signs and that there would be no cost. Omahen said the BID had already reimbursed Parker for the \$500, and that he would follow up with Parker regarding this matter. Also, it was mentioned that at the last meeting Robinson had given a cash contribution towards the signs to Parker. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Lerner said he is pleased that the Hollywood PD and SLO Washington have given much attention to the feeding program and the problems in the area stemming from it. Lerner continued by saying that even with this extra attention to the area and now after the two years of this mediation, the areas along La Brea neither look nor seem any better. He said it is worse. Lerner continued by saying he believes very little has been achieved by this mediation. He added that now with a lawsuit regarding the GWHFC's feeding program, there is more attention being given the feeding program and questions referring people in his neighborhood to David Bass's legal firm. Robinson said that the judicial system would ultimately determine and decide what the future of the feeding program at Romaine and Sycamore will be.

There was some questioning and discussion about the status of the old Solomon Building. SLO Washington mentioned he had the contact information of the owner, and he would invite him to the next mediation meeting.

Next meeting: Robinson proposed next meeting to be held on **Tuesday, June 28th**, beginning at 8:30am at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall.

Hollywood Media District BID / GWHFC Meeting held on July 21, 2011 at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall, Community Room

Report by Jim Omahen, HMD Operations Manager

Meeting regarding feeding program located in HMD BID, at corner of Sycamore and Romaine. Meeting began at 8:30am and lasted for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

Attending: Peter Robinson, facilitator; Mike Parker, Carol Cassella, and Jim Omahen, HMD; Ted Landreth and Paul Nyhart, GWHFC; Paul Lerner, Melrose neighborhood

As noted:

Robinson began the meeting by suggesting three agenda items for discussion. 1) the old Rubber Stamp building as a possible location for the GWHFC's program, and what if anything is going on with this, 2) are there any other potential or possible locations, and 3) what has been going on at the current feeding program site near corner of Sycamore and Romaine.

Lerner said that he believes the old Rubber Stamp building is not a possible or potential location for Ted's program because LAPD Hollywood Division's Capt. Girmala does not and would not ever support this. Lerner continued by saying that Capt. Girmala has stated this, and it was based on that the old Rubber Stamp building is too close to a public school. He also said that he believes Capt. Girmala does not want the program moved any further into the Hollywood Division area because of the related problems stemming from it.

Robinson said that it is his understanding that Capt. Girmala is not in support of the GWHFC move to the old Rubber Stamp building on Santa Monica Blvd. solely because it is near a school. Landreth added that Step Up On Second is moving into the old Galaxy building and that is much closer to a school and also well within the Hollywood Division. Landreth said that the old Rubber Stamp building would be a good location for his program because of the open outdoor courtyard. Robinson asked Landreth if he would like to meet with Capt. Girmala to discuss the old Rubber Stamp building location. Landreth agreed that he would.

Parker mentioned that the US Postal Office at corner of Santa Monica Blvd. and Wilcox will be closing by the end of this year, and that this perhaps could be another location to consider.

Parker mentioned that he and fellow BID board member Mike Malick had met and had lunch with Aileen Getty. Parker said because Getty is involved with the Hollywood homeless issues and the feeding program held at Blessed Sacrament Church, he wanted to better know what she is doing and what she is interested in. Parker said he and Malick did not ask Getty for anything, but rather this was an opportunity to find out how much she is trying to do. Parker continued by saying that Getty had indicated that she wants a community center approach with services and housing placements. He added that he was given the impression that Getty would like to bring all the different and various groups, agencies, and services together and collectively to address homeless and transient issues.

Lerner asked Parker if she had committed to anything. Parker responded by saying that she did not, but they were not asking for anything. Parker continued by saying that their meeting with Getty was to just get acquainted and to explore the possibilities. Parker said he believes that developing and creating a homeless BID approach to address the homeless and transient issues would be a good concept.

Cassella asked if the Get Love program has the same issues and problems as Landreth's feeding program. Landreth responded by saying they do.

Lerner said that he has become very frustrated with these mitigation meetings and that nothing of any consequence ever comes out of them. He added that he is looking for a reason to continue coming to these meetings. Parker said he has been dealing with the homeless issues for quite some time and he knows that he can not end it – only help make things better. Lerner continued by saying neither Parker, nor any of the others attending, live in the area near to the feeding program and do not understand the nearby residents' concerns. Robinson asked Lerner what types of crimes are occurring in his neighborhood. Lerner responded by saying mostly property crimes, and he believes this relates to the homeless and transient population in their area.

Cassella mentioned that David Bass had tried to contact her, but she has not gotten back to him. Lerner added that the GWHFC lawsuit case will be heard on Monday, Nov. 28th, 9am at Superior Court in downtown Los Angeles. Lerner said he has been asked to testify, but has not yet decided if he will.

Next meeting: Robinson told those attending that he will email everyone to schedule the next meeting.