



HOLLYWOOD DIGEST

Updates from the City Commission Meeting

The City of Hollywood is conducting its Regular City Commission Meetings in both a virtual and in-person format. However, due to limited public access to City Hall, the City is offering several options for members of the public to view and participate in the meetings.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit hollywoodfl.org. Members of the public may watch the City Commission Meetings via the City's website at hollywoodfl.org/WatchMeeting, on Comcast Channel 78 or ATT U-Verse Channel 99. To provide comments or speak in-person on an Agenda item (except presentations and proclamations), please complete and submit the online comment form, which is available from the Thursday before the Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. until the Tuesday before the Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. Comments will be read into the record during the meeting.

*This **Hollywood Digest** is an update of the actions taken and information shared during the City Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. In case you missed the live meeting, the archived video can be viewed on the City's website at hollywoodfl.org.*

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Best Wishes to Deputy City Attorney Alan Fallik on his Retirement

Deputy City Attorney Alan Fallik was honored with a proclamation in recognition of his retirement after 27 years of dedicated and well-respected legal service to the City. The Mayor and Commissioners, City Attorney Doug Gonzales and City Manager Dr. Wazir Ishmael praised Alan for his exemplary work, excellent communications skills, willingness to listen, extensive knowledge of the law, strong writing ability and sound judgment.

Alan, who was born in Longbranch, New Jersey and grew up in Rome, New York, attended the University of Miami Law School. Upon graduation from law school, Alan worked in the private sector for a few years before entering government service. Alan served as City Attorney for the City of Lake Worth for eight years, and then joined the Hollywood City Attorney's Office as the Senior Assistant City Attorney in 1994. In 1999, Alan was promoted to Deputy City Attorney – the position he has held for the past 22 years.

"Thank you for the proclamation, but more importantly, thank you for giving me a home for 27 years," said Deputy City Attorney Fallik. "I have enjoyed every minute of it."

City Manager Ishmael said it best: "The world sorely needs people like Alan – kind, thoughtful, self-deprecating people."

Alan's last day with the City is Thursday, May 27th. On behalf of the entire City of Hollywood, congratulations on a well-deserved retirement and best wishes on your next journey, Alan.



Youth Ambassadors

Congratulations to our graduating Youth Ambassadors. These outstanding youth leaders have participated in the City's Youth Ambassador program for two years and are headed off to college. The Ambassadors are:

- Danielle Miller (Hollywood Hills High School) will be attending the University of Florida. Danielle's Mentor is Comm. Shuham.
- Caitlyn Morales (McArthur High School) will be attending the University of Florida. Caitlyn's Mentor is Comm. Callari.
- Jeremy Acaba, (Hollywood Hills High School) will be attending American University. Jeremy's Mentor is Comm. Gruber.



The City of Hollywood's Youth Ambassador Program fosters open and positive communication between City government, law enforcement, and the youth of our community. Students serve as leaders in raising awareness of youth-related issues and the impact these issues have on young lives.

Ambassadors are a diverse group of students who reside in Hollywood and attend a high school located in the City. Students partner with the Hollywood Police Department, the Office of the Mayor and City Commissioners and the Broward County School Board.

Participants take on a leadership role and work together to develop and implement education and awareness programs designed to create safer communities. Ambassadors focus on topics that affect young people today such as drug and gang education, anti-bullying campaigns, underage drinking and driving, and gun violence.

As leaders of tomorrow, (eligible) participants in good standing during their senior year are awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for higher education.

3500 Building

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously to approve an application to allocate residential to commercial flex of an approximately one-acre property for a proposed office building (3500 Building). Located at 831 N. Highland Drive on the corner of Johnson Street and 35th Avenue, the land use designation for the proposed construction of a 19,000 square foot medical office building is currently zoned as residential, and the Commission approved the applicant's request to change a portion of the land use to commercial flex through the application of the 5% flexibility rule.



For the past two years, the applicant has worked extensively with staff, surrounding neighbors, and the District Commissioner, Comm. Callari, to gather feedback and address any concerns raised throughout the development process.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (GOB) PROJECTS

Commission Approves Pre-Construction Services for New Hollywood Police Department Headquarters

The Mayor and City Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to authorize City staff to execute an agreement with Moss and Associates, LLC for Phase I Pre-Construction Services for the new police headquarters. This agreement includes a Construction Manager at Risk who will attend project meetings, prepare monthly Project Schedule updates, provide monthly reports and more. This highly anticipated General Obligation Bond project will replace the existing police headquarters with a 130,000 square foot building that will house training, a firing range, property and evidence room, quartermaster, patrol unit, holding cells, detectives units, recruitment division, administration, public information, and secure structured parking for approximately 385 vehicles with a high first floor bay for large vehicle storage.



The existing Police Headquarters Building is 76,040 square feet

Consulting Services for Hollywood Beach Golf Course and Clubhouse Approved

Resolutions R-2021-106 and R2021-107 were unanimously approved by the Mayor and City Commission. These resolutions authorize City staff to execute professional services agreements with RMGA, Inc. and Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc. (BA) for design, architectural and engineering consulting services for the Hollywood Beach Golf Course and Clubhouse, located at 1650 Johnson Street. RMGA, Inc. will provide complete golf course architecture, irrigation design and landscape architecture services for the renovation of the 18-hole golf course and work closely with BA to provide a unified drawings package for permitting and construction that will include the golf course and clubhouse. Once complete, this General Obligation Bond project will include improved drainage and raising the east side of the golf course to allow faster recovery after rain events, a new golf course maintenance and restroom building, enhance landscaping and irrigation, and a new clubhouse that reflects the original Spanish style architecture from 1924.



New Playground Equipment, Safety Surfacing and Shade System to be Installed at Cathy & Bob Anderson Park

The Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved a resolution to purchase and install new playground equipment, safety surfacing and a shade structure at Cathy & Bob Anderson Park, located at 5800 Thomas Street. The improvements to this popular neighborhood park are funded through the General Obligation Bond that voters approved in March 2019.



Dowdy Field to get New Lighting System

The Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved a resolution to replace the lighting at Dowdy Field. This General Obligation Bond park improvement project will replace the current lights with a new and improved LED sports lighting system that may be controlled remotely. Dowdy Field is located at 2161 Johnson Street.

To find out about the progress of the City's GOB projects, please visit hollywoodfl.org.

Other Agenda Items

"Andy's Land" Plat



The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved a resolution to approve the "Andy's Land" plat for development. The owner of this property, which is located at the southeast corner of State Road 7 and Orange Drive, is proposing 274 apartment units, 202 hotel rooms, 8,500 square feet of commercial space and a 2,500 square foot restaurant with a drive thru. As part of the plat requirement, the applicant will dedicate a 24 foot right of way and a bus shelter.

Commission Approves Surveying and Engineering Services for Stan Goldman Park

The Mayor and City Commission unanimously approved a resolution for design and construction administration for Stan Goldman Park, located at 800 Knights Road. This capital improvement project will include drainage improvements at the dog park, widening of the walkway from 6' to 10', installation of LED lighting along the walkway; and designing an entryway at Johnson Street.

PRESENTATIONS

Historic Preservation Month Awards Presentation

On behalf of the Historic Preservation Board and the City Commission, Leslie Del Monte, Terry Cantrell and Steve Toth presented awards for notable preservation initiatives by residents and businesses for their outstanding achievement in historic preservation. The selections were made by the Historic Preservation Board. [Click here to watch the presentation of awards.](#)



Clive Taylor
President, Historical Society
Historic Person of the Year



1345 Hollywood Boulevard
Renovation - Residential



1903 Hollywood Boulevard
Renovation
Twin Peaks



311 Nebraska Street
Renovation
Marlin Hotel

Historic Preservation Presentation

In honor of Historic Preservation Month, Leslie Del Monte presented the City's historic preservation regulations and requirements. The City of Hollywood is a Certified Local Government (CLG), which are municipal and county governments that have made historic preservation a public policy through the passage of a historic preservation ordinance. Hollywood also has an active Historic Preservation Board that works closely with City staff to help preserve properties of historical, architectural and archeological merit; protect and encourage the revitalization of historic sites and districts; and more. A hearty discussion ensued, and the Mayor and City Commission shared their thoughts on the historic preservation of buildings and residential properties in the City.

PROCLAMATIONS

- **National Safe Boating Week, May 22-28, 2021:** In celebration of National Safe Boating Week, the Mayor and Commission presented Lt. Raymond Milne of the Coast Guard Station in Fort Lauderdale, with a proclamation to support and bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so they can have a safer, more fun experience on the water throughout the year. According to the National Safe Boating Council, in 2019, Florida was ranked number one for having the most boating accidents, deaths and injuries. To review a list of boating safety tips, please visit the [National Safe Boating Council website](#).



- **Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2021:** On behalf of National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Broward, Volunteer Jennifer Luciani accepted the City's proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental illnesses are biologically based medical problems that disrupt a person's daily functioning. Approximately one in five adults will be diagnosed with a mental illness in their life, and only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness will seek treatment. NAMI Broward advocates for improved healthcare, housing, criminal justice rehabilitation, meaningful job opportunities for people with mental illness, and supporting public education programs designed to help eliminate the pervasive stigma surrounding severe mental illness. For more information, please visit the [NAMI Broward website](#).



- **National Historic Preservation Month, May 2021:** Terry Cantrell, Chair of the Historic Preservation Board, accepted the National Historic Preservation Month proclamation. With the theme "We're in this Together," this proclamation recognizes that historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, maintaining community character, and enhancing livability. The City of Hollywood is committed to historic preservation – through the adoption of historic preservation ordinances, designating historic sites and districts, and continually supporting



historic preservation activity throughout the City. To learn more about the Historic Preservation Board, visit hollywoodfl.org.

- **Haitian American Heritage Month, May 2021:** Deandrea Moise, Planning Administrator with the City's Development Services Department, accepted the City's proclamation in recognition of Haitian American Heritage Month. May marks the anniversary of the birth of Toussaint Louverture, one of the leaders of the Haitian revolution, and the creation of the Republic of Haiti flag – a major celebration in Haiti and the Diaspora. Haitian Americans have made their mark and contributed to the betterment of our nation as educators, authors, community leaders, activists, athletes, artists, musicians and politicians. And, many Haitians are on the frontlines as our nurses, doctors, restaurant workers, emergency services and home healthcare workers, who put their lives on the line every day to protect all residents of Hollywood. The Haitian community greatly contributes to the rich history, culture and vibrant diversity of the City of Hollywood, and the City promotes intercultural understanding, mutual respect and universal acceptance of our community's cultural melting pot. Learn more about [Haitian American Heritage Month](#).



- **Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, May 2021:** The Hollywood City Commission presented a proclamation in recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to Jeff Jiang, Senior Project Manager with the Department of Public Utilities. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States in May 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 by a majority of Chinese immigrant workers who laid the tracks. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have helped build this country and made valuable contributions to arts and science, government, business, education, civil and labor rights, law enforcement, and military service for more than a century. This year, we celebrated the first person of South Asian descent being elected to the Office of the Vice President. With the recent emergence of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, we must recommit, through action and solidarity, for mutual respect and universal acceptance of our City's cultural diversity. Learn more about [Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Granicus Host Compliance- Improving Vacation Rental Compliance and Registration:** The City is now working with Granicus to help track and reach out to all properties being used as short term or vacation rentals in the City of Hollywood to ensure compliance with the changes to the ordinance the City Commission approved earlier this year. Currently, the City has 611 registered vacation rentals. This includes 379 new applications since January 20th and we've also seen 504 Local Business Tax Receipts issued since January 20th.

- **ArtsPark Movie Night is Back!** If you want to get out and enjoy a movie in the open air, check out the weekly ArtsPark Movie Night at the ArtsPark Amphitheater on Friday nights. This week will feature Lego Movie 2 (PG-13) on the big screen. Bring your popcorn, a blanket or beach chair for lawn seating. Social distancing will be enforced. Showtime is at 8 p.m. and admission is free. There's a new movie every Friday night at 8 p.m. – visit the event calendar at <http://www.hollywoodfl.org/> for the movie schedule. Single-use plastics are prohibited at the ArtsPark, so please consider bringing a reusable bottle of water instead.
- **Join us at the ArtsPark this Saturday night for a New World Symphony Video Concert.** The free concert takes place at the ArtsPark Amphitheatre on Saturday, May 22nd from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Please bring a beach chair or blanket for lawn seating. Single-use plastics are prohibited at the ArtsPark, so please consider bringing a reusable bottle of water instead.
- **COVID-19 is not over.** Beginning Tuesday, May 25th, the Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward), in partnership with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and Broward County, is providing the second round of free, voluntary Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations to students, staff and their families ages 12 and up at all public high schools and participating charter high schools in the county. No insurance is required, and no appointment is necessary. Meanwhile, we want to remind everyone that the TY Park vaccination site will be closing as of May 22nd. Reopening of park amenities will follow. All are encouraged to use this site before May 22nd. For more information on vaccination and testing sites, please visit the DOH - Broward website.
- **Special City Commission Meeting, Annual Advisory Board Appointments:** A Special City Commission Meeting for the Annual Advisory Board Appointments will take place on Wednesday, May 26th at 3:30 p.m. For more information, please visit hollywoodfl.org.
- **Next City Commission Meeting:** The next City Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 beginning at 1 p.m. For more information about the meeting, please visit hollywoodfl.org.