

HHPNC MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2010

Acting Secretary, Dr. Stanley Moore

- A. Call to Order, President Chris Smith
- B. Welcome

Announcements and Public Comments: Announcements

Feb. 8, 2011 TERA and ERNC sponsoring a CD 14 Election Forum

Feb. 23, Wednesday, at Franklin High School Auditorium, the NELA Coalition and Franklin High School are cosponsoring a LAUSD District 5 Candidates' Forum. Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar is not running for reelection and there are five or six candidates running to replace her. NELA Coalition is being formed and is currently meeting at Glassell Park Senior Center and led by Phillip Iglauer of GPNC.

May 14, Saturday, the fourth annual "Peace in the Northeast March"

Sunday, June 5, 2011. Lummis Day Celebration at Sycamore Grove Park
Benjamin Ramos, BSA Troop member working on a merit badge, announced his attendance at the HHPNC meeting in partial fulfillment of the badge's requirements.

Joe Carmona, said he would be working closely with David Kekone, Chair of Public Safety (Thursday, Jan. 13th. Committee meeting) and Stan Moore, Chair of Human Relations, Education and Youth Development (Tuesday, Jan. 11, at noon at Las Caszuelas Restaurant) for an end of January, 2011, Summit on Gang Violence.

Daniel Andalon, Council District 1 Field Deputy wanted to speak to Agenda item 4, but said he would wait for that Agenda item to come before the meeting.

Al Strange, expressed appreciation for the Holiday Party, the food provided, the gifts for the children and the pictures with Santa Claus provided by David Kekone and Heinrich Keifer, and to Teri Bonsell, Janet Dodson, Paul Bonsell, Ophelia Zuniga, Miriam Escobar and the rest of the participating members of the HHPNC for all of their hard work on Dec. 8, at the Ebell Club. Remember the Boys and Girls Clubs on NELA!

Raymond Yu announcement.

C. Roll Call: Present—Andrei Anson, Luis Antezana, Theresa Bonsell, Steve Crouch, Janet Dodson, Erik Duarte, Miriam Escobar, Mauro Garcia, Trish Gossett, Rick Marquez, Stan Moore, Mark Reback, Chris Smith. Quorum established. Excused absence: David Kekone—birth of baby to the family announced.

Quorum Established.

- C. President Chris Smith expressed the HHPNC's appreciation and thanks for all of the individuals and groups that contributed food and presents to the Dec. 8 Holiday Party, reading off the list posted on the Dec. 16 Agenda.
- D. Janet Dodson gave a report on the Ballot measures for the March, 2011, election and reported on the lack of time provided by the City for the NCs to respond to them.
- E. Report from the Outreach chair, Teri Bonsell, on the HHPNC's participation in the Holiday Parade, the announcing booth with the HHPNC's banner and the help of Charles and Yvonne Sarceda's help at the booth. 147 food baskets were

handed out. The Dec. 8 Party was overwhelmed by the community response and ran out of food by 8:30 p.m. Next year a larger venue is needed—something which was also pointed out by the public comment of Al Strange, president of the Democratic Club of NELA above.

F. Treasurer's Report: Mark Reback. Clarification of DONE outlay policy. The Dec.8 Party cost slightly more than the allocated \$1,700. Reimbursements require the original receipt(s) and only Council members can be repaid for their outlays.

1. Adoption of Agenda.. Moved, Anson, Seconded, Bonsell MSA unanimous
2. Minutes of November 18 approved. Moved, Anson. Second, Marquez. MSA Unanimous
3. Minutes of Dec. 2 approved. Moved, Anson. Second, Marquez. MSA unanimous for approval. (Dodson) Moved, Moore Second, Gossett MSA Unanimous

4. Motion: To approve the hiring of a stenographer/secretary through one of the service agencies approved by DONE with cost not to exceed \$250 per meeting. Discussion followed. Marquez asserted that the secretary position was a difficult one to fill and had caused problems for previous Councils. Competence and impartiality was needed. Mr. David Levine introduced himself. He is a professional and has taken 230 plus Minutes for 6 Neighborhood Councils. He has been doing minutes for four years for Greater Wilshire, Palms, etc. When asked what the cost would be he said that that would be determined by which of the four agencies the HHPNC contracted with. Acting Secretary Moore pointed out that the HHPNC was the only NC with a Ph.D. taking the minutes who had published three books and 25 plus published articles and was one of 83,000+ individuals lists in Who's Who in America. To spend up to \$6,000 a year was a waste of HHPNC resources. The City has reduced our \$50,000 to \$45,000. Inflation has eaten up another \$5,000 since we began in 2000. The LA City Council is discussing whether to reduce the annual amount to \$20,000 and the chair of that CC committee, Paul Krekorian, is fighting to maintain the \$45,000 and cannot guarantee that he can win that fight.

Mauro Garcia spoke in favor of "Stan is free" and we shouldn't waste money. Lisa Brewer said an impartial party was needed and that David Levine has some parliamentarian experience. Mr. Levine said that he was not a trained "Parliamentarian."

Mr. Daniel Andalon, former HHPNC first vice president and presently a stakeholder living two blocks from the Senior Center, and presently CD 14 Field Deputy, noted the financial problems of the State, County and City, and argued that the HHPNC's resources were needed to fill in the holes made by budget deficits at all levels of government. He said that all that was required of Minutes was the recording of the actions taken by the HHPNC, of motions, seconds, and the decisions.

Al Strange said Dr. Moore is qualified to take the official Minutes.

Ms. Ramos said, it sounds to me that Dr. Moore is qualified.

Paul Bonsell said, save the money for important functions of the Council.

Rick Marquez said that there were four quotes regarding cost of hiring a professional and that \$75 an hour was the highest. Other service agencies charged less. Taking minutes diverts the input from Dr. Moore.

Lisa Brewer said the same—taking minutes does stop the minute taker’s attention to the items at hand.

Andrei Anson said, “times are tough.” “If Dr. Moore can’t be here, I will take the Minutes.” Dr. Moore thanked him for volunteering in his absence.

Chair, president Smith, attempted to end discussion. He was challenged by Lisa Brewer who wanted to question Dr. Moore further. President Smith said that Dr. Moore was not going to be interrogated by Brewer. Brewer moved to override the Chair’s ending of the discussion:

Motion: To continue discussion. Moved, Brewer. Second, Gossett. Yes 5, No 7. Motion failed.

Motion to approve the hiring of a professional stenographer, at up to \$250 a meeting. Motion: Marquez. Second, Brewer. Yes 4 No 8 Motion failed.

5. Motion: To approve the renting of the Senior Center for HHPNC committees at \$60 an evening times 3 additional nights, for a total of \$180 on top of the present \$120 being charged by the Senior Center. (Marquez)

The meeting dates will be alternate Tuesdays and the 2nd. Thursday of each month. Discussion: Paul Bonsell—if you don’t make a reservation at Coco’s but simply go in and go back to the back room, you won’t be charged for reserving the room. The problem is that some members of the HHPNC are calling ahead and making a reservation. Just go to Coco’s without making a reservation.

Ramona Hall: The problem is that you must get out by 7:50 p.m.

The Arroyo Seco Library: Again, you must get out by 8 p.m.

Moved, Marquez. Second, Garcia. MSA Unanimous
Land Use Committee, 1st. Tuesday. Garcia, City Services will use it the 1st. Tues. Outreach: 2nd. Thursday.

Motion: To send the issue to Budget and Finance for its approval.

Moved, Marquez. Second, Brewer. MSA Unanimous

6. Motion: Approve purchase of 3 battery lanterns (storage facility has no lighting) 2 large metal shelving units, and 10 plastic tubs, labels and markers for the storage unit costing no more than \$600 pending Budget and Finance approval. (Bonsell) Motion, Bonsell Second, Moore: Vote: 12-1 MSA to send the Budget/Finance
7. Motion: To Approve Request For Quotes (RFQ) for website to be sent out for bids and approve expense of no more than \$7500 pending Budget and Finance approval. (Brewer) A copy of the proposal was handed out to all members of the HHPNC who were present.

Moved, Kristin Flores. Second, Marquez MSA Unanimous

8. Motion: To approve RFQ for graphics suite (new logo, print collateral, signage) to be sent out for bids and approve expense of no more than \$7500 pending Budget

and Finance approval. (Brewer) A copy of the proposal was given to all members of the HHPNC present. RFQ approved by Outreach Committee. Move, Marquez. Second, Brewer. MSA Unanimous

9. (A) In the absence of Kekone, Tabled.
(B) In the absence of Bonsell, Tabled.
(C) Tabled request by president Smith for reimbursement for Holiday Party of \$6.70, since he hadn't brought the original receipt.
10. Motion to approve an invitation letter to Council District 14 candidates to address the HHPNC and stakeholders with the letter to be written by Marquez. (Marquez) Motion, Marquez. Second, Anson. A friendly amend to expand the time from 10 minutes to 10 minutes for the candidate(s) manifesto, and 15 minutes for Q and A from the Council and stakeholders. (Moore) A friendly amendment to the amendment from Anson, to make it 10 minute presentations and 20 minutes for Q and A. MSA Unanimous
11. Motion to approve Ms. Kristin Flores as Council member and Economic and Development chair. (Marquez) Move, Moore. Second, Anson. MSA Unanimous
12. Discussion of HHPNC Committees, meeting dates, and membership. (Brewer)

Moore, chair of Human Relations, Education and Youth Development. Next meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 11 at noon, at Las Caszuelas Restaurant.
Members: Moore, Steve Crouse, Luis Antezana, Eric Duarte
Stakeholders: Arturo Valdez, principal, Luther Burbank
Joseph Cruz Nacorda, principal, Franklin High School
Carlos Pérez, manager and part owner, Las Caszuelas
Richard Ledesma, Hathaway-Sycamores and past commander, American Legion, District 17
David Kekone, Chair, Public Safety and Health; 2nd. Tuesday
Rules Committee: Chair, Janet Dodson, Rick Marquez, Lisa Brewer, Carmela Gomes, Gemma Marquez
Land Use: David Baird, Chair, Dodson, temporary chair in Baird's absence, Bonsell, Linda Phelps, Charlie Fisher
Outreach Committee: Bonsell, Chair; Luis Antezana, Paul Bonsell, Lisa Brewer, Janet Dodson, Erik Duarte, Stan Moore
Budget and Finance: Chair, Mark Reback, (not listed during meeting)
13. Discussion and Motion to request each Board Member to participate in a year-end self- assessment at the Jan. 6, 2011, meeting, and to make this an agenda item for Jan.6, 2011. (Brewer)
14. Tabled until the HP Heritage Trust officially declares that it will receive \$1,000 from the HHPNC to be used by the Friends of the SW Museum system maintenance expenses.
15. Motion to approve a grant to the Lummis Day Foundation Coalition at 501c(3) organization not to exceed \$3,500 pending approval by Budget and Finance.

- (Smith) Garcia amendment: “with the stipulation that Lummis has matching funds.” Move, Moore. Second, Smith. MSA Unanimous
16. Discussion and Motion that the Council will hold an egg dying event for kids as a “Spring Event” on Thursday, April 21, and an Egg Hunt on April 24. Suggested by Venita Strange. (Smith)
Further discussion and discovery for a possible Spring Event for kids in HP.
Motion, Smith. Second, Marquez. Yes 10 2 abstentions. Passed
17. Motion to send the drafted letter regarding the CC’s decision to end the subsidy on Lifeline Subsidy of the Solid Waste Collection to Council members Huizar and Reyes. Move, Marquez. Second, Anson. MSA Unanimous
18. Discussion of the creation of a new Economic Development Committee, to be formed by the new chair, Kristin Flores, during Jan. and Feb., 2011, with an agenda to be determined by the Committee but perhaps including:
- a. Kiosk at the Metro Stop on Avenue 57
 - b. Fold-out paper map of Historic Highland Park NC’s area with attractions designated
 - c. Quarterly 4x6 postcard with HHPNC news
 - d. Holiday banners on selected light poles
 - e. Tree lighting in the HP Veterans Square in December
 - f. Welcome to HP decorative banners and/or permanent welcome signs
 - g. Etc.
19. Motion to write a letter to the LA Dept. of Transportation and CD 14 requesting an update on the status of the 2008 HHPNC request for bike corrals for York Blvd. and Figueroa Blvd. (Marquez)
Moved, Marquez. Second, Moore. MSA Unanimous
Marquez will write the letter.
20. Request and encourage the Public Safety Committee to host an HHPNC Neighborhood Watch Forum, inviting all organized HP Neighborhood Watch groups, SLO and LAPD Northeast Division Captain Murphy to discuss how to improve the Watch groups/program as well as discuss community problems. (Marquez) MSA Unanimous
21. Request the Human Relations, Education and Youth Development Committee to develop a Highland Park Education Forum highlighting outgoing LAUSD Board Vice Chairman, Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar (District 5), to address students, parents, teachers and administration. Forum to be held in February after the Feb. 8 CD 14 Forum sponsored by TERA and ERNC and before the Feb. 23 Forum sponsored by the NELA Coalition presenting all of the candidates for District 5 seat on the 7 member LAUSD Board. (Marquez) Dr. Moore will immediately contact Mr. Ron Palacios, Field Deputy of Yolie Flores Aguilar to try to get her commitment and will ask Mr. Joseph Cruz Nacorda, principal of Franklin, to host the Forum at the Franklin High School Auditorium.
22. New Business
23. Adjournment