

Meeting Minutes

- A. Call to Order – 7:03pm, Arroyo Seco Library
- B. Welcome – Introductions. Anna Pearson, Sammy Herdman, Diego Zapata, Liz Richman, Jenny Low, Lucy Aparicio, SuzAnn Brantner, Jamie Tijerina; Liz Amsden Arrived just after ~7:30
- C. No Public Comments

Action Items

1. Agenda was approved, no changes needed.
2. Selection of committee members – all members present agreed to be on the committee. SuzAnn Brantner was voted as committee chair, Jamie Tijerina as secretary.
3. Discuss the committee's purpose, goals, and Mission Statement – mission statement, subject to change as needed. "The HHPNC Sustainability Committee aims to make Highland Park a more sustainable community through education, engagement, and collaboration between public officials, community organizations, and stakeholders."
4. Discussion and possible action to approve an event for Highland Park businesses about the city's new recycling program – The event will be held at the HLP Senior Citizen Center on September 27th at 6pm. Partners will include the HLP Chamber of Commerce, CD1, CD14. We will approach the HHPNC board for \$100 in funding to cover any printing costs. CD14 or the HLP Chamber of Commerce may also be able to assist with printing and distribution.
5. Discussion around making the Highland Park pool open year-round – Discussed the environmental positives with respect to potential for reducing the need for air conditioning usage when families are at the pool; increasing the amount of sustainable outdoor physical activity options available in our neighborhood by offering an affordable year-round swimming pool nearby with teams for kids and adults is a forward thinking way to address the fact that, as temperatures rise, we need physical activity options that do not involve air conditioning large spaces; affordable and accessible pools could improve public health outcomes; could create opportunities throughout the community as the Olympics is approaching in 2028. Will do research on how the Glassell Park pool became a year round pool—could mean petitions and conversations with council offices and parks+rec. There is also demand for the Yosemite Pool to become year-round as well. Year-round pools are a sustainability issue as much as they are an issue of equity and access to resources for the community.
6. Discussion around putting on a sustainability fair – possible locations: HLP proposed city hall location, Eagle Rock City Hall, Audubon Ctr at Debs Park, Oxy; Collaborations with local businesses and NCs; educate the public on solar panels, modernized lightbulbs, EVs, DWP initiatives; Finding Community partners to offer giveaways of relevant goods—for example, the Audubon Center or Home Depot could donate plants; potential date – February 10th, 2018.

7. Discussion around ideas for committee events and programs – it seems that we have plenty on our plate as far as events already discuss and proposed initiatives so we will revisit this as needed.
8. Discussion around advocacy and Community Impact Statements – the value of community impact statements was discussed, as was the benefit of submitting these and how they can help amplify the voice of the community. Examples were also given and folks were directed to view the LA City Council File system for further reference. The goal will be to submit a CIS regarding the Greyson Power Plant in Glendale as it does have an impact on our community.
9. New Business – our next event will be the recycling event Sep 27th.
10. Adjournment