

## 08/04/16 HHPNC MINUTES

A. *Call to Order*—7:00 pm

B. *Roll Call*—PRESENT: Liz Amsden, Boo Caban, Antonio Castillo, Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Susanne Huerta, Stan Moore, Yolanda Nogueira, Sheri Lunn, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Harvey Slater, and Nicholas Soto. ABSENT: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon and Derek Saucedo

C. *Elected Officials*—Mayor's office: None

*CD1*—C. Terrazas: Reported on improvements and upkeep of the Veteran's Square located on York St. and Figueroa, speaking with city offices, Parks and Recreation and Bureau Service, to determine responsibility for the Square, additional improvements include street lights, trimming trees, adding succulents/cactus for beautification, timer for irrigation; updates on the Southwest Museum mural project, which is encountering wall sandblast issues, and once mural is finished a mural night watch to protect from being a graffiti target will need to be established; Latin Jazz at the Sycamore Grove Park is on August 20-21 and community booths are free.

*CD14*—L. Aparicio is the new field deputy replacing L. Ballard and expressed her excitement to work with HHPNC; Update on adding more trash receptacles along York Blvd. due to overflow of current ones and issues on late trash pick-ups, CD14 is working on arranging trash pick-up twice a week; Experienced some delays on San Pascual Park improvements, and Dept. of Recreation and Parks will begin park improvements at the end of the August, which include parking lot resurfacing, fitness zone, basketball courts and ADA access; Eagle Rock Music Festival is on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-10pm along Colorado Street. Also, upcoming community event is the Northeast LA Relay for Life at Garvanza Park in on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am- 10pm; Please send emails on any street resurfacing issues, scheduled street resurfacing along Meridian Street and Avenues 55-57 for Monday August 08 and on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Meridian Terrace to Le Gray and Monte Vista. Aparicio will check on any confusion on dates that affected residents may have received; any issues or concerns regarding graffiti or sidewalk problems contact CD14. Any issues concerning disability access contact the Office of Disability.

*AD51*: None

*SD22*: None

*BOS1*: None

D. *President's Report*—Announcement concerning the Highland Park Vision Day, which will be an outdoor picnic style Brown Act board meeting to involve the community and solicit input on the vision of the HHPNC; the focus group discussions tables will require assistance from 6 board members to moderate, to talk to people, and take notes and help with set-up. More updates and announcements to come.

E. *LAPD Report*—Officer M. Allen welcomed new board members; he covers the area south of York Blvd. and Ave. 45; Crime is down in his area by 33%. The crime that is on the rise is property crimes, such as breaking into cars and residential homes. When there is a target and opportunity these property crimes will occur. Officer Allen suggested to invest in an alarm system, to be proactive not reactive, start a neighborhood watch, and get to know your neighbors. To prevent auto break-ins and theft: do not leave personal property in plain view; car thefts are of late Hondas and Toyotas, install a kill switch. The residential robberies have increased the most. Fighting crime doing well, 57% engagement of youth, gang members declined due to community reaching out to youth, SNL, positive impact on the kids involved. Concerns and problems regarding fireworks and homeless safety issues please contact the LAPD in order to investigate.

F. *LAFD Report*—None

G. *Board Announcements*—S. Moore thanked CD1 and CD14 for honoring the Franklin HS Academic Decathlon, which had encountered some technical competition mishaps this year. S. Moore also apologized for erring in belief that they would not be honored at all for their hard work.

H. *Committee Reports*—Executive: None

*Budget*: none

*Land Use*: A. Castillo reported that in the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chris Morris from the Southwest Museum will provide update about how the Steering Committee goes forward with next phase; the vote to

appoint a stakeholder to the committee was voted down, not voting in the stakeholder; and had a discussion to plan a retreat to formulate the goals and visions of the committee.

*Outreach:* Y. Nogueira had a special meeting to review mayor's "Good Neighbor" project, which will be presented again tonight.

*Sustainability:* L. Amsden meeting went well and thanked H. Slater for attending; getting together with C. Brunk to formulate a purpose and laying out details for the committee.

*Family Youth Education:* R. Rivas is the chair, and Y. Sarceda the secretary; focus of committee will be on Family, Youth and Education; next meeting will be on August 15 at the Arroyo Seco Library.

*Public Safety:* Meeting was short; R. Rivas was selected as chair; discussed the issues of street safety at night, graffiti/tagging issues, organizing neighborhood night watch groups, and informing community on emergency preparedness issues and updates. Next meeting to discuss CERT program and other public safety issues. Additional board members invited to be part of the committee.

*I. Budget Advocates Report:* Budget day was last Saturday, L. Amsden will serve a co-chair Budget Advocates, and budget representative along with N. Soto.

*J. Liaisons—Grievance Panel:* None

*Rules:* None

*Animal services:* None

*Homelessness:* None

*Legal:* None

*Public Works:* None

*DWP:* None

*K. Alliances—ARC:* G. Chabran reported that Gracie Liu DONE general manager provided an overview of NC on-line voting and overall elections; also due date to change bylaws is on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017; an online stakeholders survey is set up and also a paper survey also provided by DONE.

*LANCC:* L. Amsden agenda for the meeting this coming Saturday has not been posted, but will be attending meeting, which will be the first real since the elections.

*NC Sustainability Alliance:* The new representative is C. Brunk, no report.

*NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance:* R. Rivas reported that meeting focused on current status of the city's preparedness strategy which has been strengthened by lessons learned from Northridge earthquake and El Nino emergency preparedness.

*PlanCheck NC:* M. Freeland reported on a presentation by Jodie Levick Metro community outreach on the half-cent sales tax; Levick will present to explain and update HHPNC concerning the Metro active transportation issues and sales tax November ballot.

*L. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)*

1. G. Vizcarra informed board on his homeless situation at Lincoln Park and being referred to All Saints for help after an assault. And the dangerous night situations at the park by library.
2. M. Alcaraz representing Northeast Homeless Coalition requested council participation at meetings to provide ideas, be advocates for the homeless, and be informed on events, current issues, and resources. Meetings are on the first Monday of every month at Eagle Rock City Hall from 7-8pm.
3. B. Bernal: Expresses gratitude for council making him feel part of the community.
4. N. Vasquez: Inquired on how to file a grievance if there is no access to the internet (H. Slater will provide her with information), and expressed gratitude for the council acknowledging the homeless and helping them feel empowered and supported.
5. T. Piffner: expresses interest in getting involved in the council and was advised to visit HHPNC website to subscribe to mailing list to receive announcements of meetings, and volunteering opportunities.
6. L. Barton: running for CD1 and provides his views on good qualities of Highland Park, his experience in community organizing, explains his organization tactics, and passed out fliers.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda: ***Changes made to agenda: Item 2 tabled, Item 5 postponed, Item 8 amended to read "July 2016-17", and Items 9 and 17 deleted. All in favor. Motion passes.***

2. Approval of July 7, 2016 Minutes: **Minutes to be amended per L. Amsden's corrections. All in favor. Motion passes.**
3. (2mins) Presentation by Roberto Cruz representing El Centro del Pueblo to provide the new board information concerning the organization's mission and services, upcoming events and announce an interest in collaborating with HHPNC in the near future. Not present. Will appear next meeting. **POSTPONED to September board meeting.**
4. (10mins) Presentation by RJ Sakai and Julienne Chen from Mayor Garcetti's Innovation Team regarding HHPNC's participation in a pilot community project, "Good Neighbor." Discussion and possible motion for HHPNC to participate in the "Good Neighbor" project.- **Julienne Chen and RJ Sakai provided an overview of the "Good Neighbor" Innovation project, a collaboration with DONE to engage with residents and build strong communities, provide city information and bring neighbors together. Motion to move forward with the project and approve funds later on another agenda. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.**
5. (5mins [Previously Tabled]) Motion to provide a letter requesting that Councilmembers Cedillo and Huizar consider emergency or permanent restrictions on small lot subdivisions and condominium conversions in high density lower income areas of Highland Park and Northeast Los Angeles vulnerable to Ellis Act evictions. -**POSTPONED**
6. (5mins) Follow-up report on hiring an individual to manage the digital and social media communications, and motion to decide to hire someone, select a volunteer, or form a standing committee.-N. Soto **advised by city to go with vendor list otherwise difficult to hire someone; found possible website designer meeting the tasks and needs of digital and media communications. Motion for H. Slater to meet with Kristina Smith to provide her with authorization to get started and establish funds at next meeting. All in favor. Motion passes.**
7. (3mins) Motion to approve the REVISED Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2016 as required by DONE.- **YES: L. Amsden, L. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, S. Lunn, R. Rivas, H. Slater, and N. Soto ; ABSTAIN: D. Silva; INELIGIBLE: M. Freeland ABSENT: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, and Derek Saucedo. Motion Passes.**
8. (5mins) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2016-2017 as required by DONE.- **YES: L. Amsden, L. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, S. Lunn, R. Rivas, H. Slater, and N. Soto ; ABSTAIN: D. Silva; INELIGIBLE: M. Freeland; ABSENT: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, and Derek Saucedo. Motion Passes.**
9. (5mins) Motion to approve \$311 for monthly payment of the HHPNC Public Storage Unit.- **DELETED by N. Soto**
10. (5mins) Motion to approve \$1,584.00 for the next fiscal year, July 2016 - June 2017, allowing the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council to continue meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.- **YES: L. Amsden, L. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, S. Lunn, R. Rivas, H. Slater, and N. Soto ; ABSTAIN: D. Silva; INELIGIBLE: M. Freeland; ABSENT: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, and Derek Saucedo. Motion Passes.**
11. (10mins) Discussion and motion to approve a letter requesting LA City Council to declare housing state of emergency and enact a 6-month moratorium on no-cause evictions in the City of Los Angeles.- **Public Comment: M. Alcaraz: Commented on similar moratoriums experienced in other cities; she has spoken to elected officials on this issue; asking Councilmember Huizar and other NCs to support moratorium letter. Letter amended to read "RE: No-fault evictions"; correction replacing the word "epidemic" to "crisis" on the second to last sentence. Motion to amend letter as indicated. All in favor. Motion passes.**
12. (5mins) Motion to approve no more than \$500 to purchase board business cards.- **YES: L. Amsden, L. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, S. Lunn, R. Rivas, H. Slater, and N. Soto ; ABSTAIN: D. Silva; INELIGIBLE: M. Freeland; ABSENT: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, and Derek Saucedo. Motion Passes.**
13. (5mins) Discussion and motion to appoint a board member to take minutes in case of Secretary's absence.-**D. Silva volunteered to serve as substitute. All in favor. Motion passes.**
14. (5mins) Motion to approve no greater than \$750 for community vision day event on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm.- **YES: L. Amsden, L. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, S. Lunn, R. Rivas, H. Slater, and N. Soto ; ABSTAIN: D. Silva; INELIGIBLE: M. Freeland; ABSENT: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, and Derek Saucedo. Motion Passes.**
15. (10mins) Motion to approve a letter requesting Governor Brown to declare a state emergency on homelessness in California.-**Public Comment by M. Alcaraz to please approve letter. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.**
16. (10mins) - Discussion and possible motion to create an Economic Development Committee or a related committee focused on supporting local community businesses.- **All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.**

17. (5mins) Motion to discontinue the administration and use of the HHPNC unofficial private Facebook group, and consolidate communication to the official Facebook certified government organization fan page to streamline outreach and management of Facebook account.-**DELETED BY H. Slater**
18. (10mins) Discussion and motion to appoint a new Director-at-Large Board member through approved process. Appointed candidate to be seated at the next general board meeting.—**Candidates present for one minute; board votes are counted aloud and Jamie Tijerina with 7 votes is voted in as Director-at-Large pending DONE stakeholder verification.**
19. (25mins) Presentation and discussion on basic NC training: writing and posting committee agendas and minutes on HHPNC website; leading committee meetings; protocols on posting on-line, and also Brown Act related topics regarding public engagement and discussions; and interviewing with the media. **President Slater conducts a training for board on: Posting agenda 72 hours prior to meeting on website and emailing agenda in order to be Brown Act compliant; Protocol to run committees, decisions to consult with committee and what not to; Media and Public representation and commentaries refraining from any related agenda items; need to clarify if speaking on a individual or board member basis.**
20. New Business—**None**
21. Adjournment—**9:20 pm**