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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2016

Highland Park Senior Center

6152 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90042

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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09/01/16 Minutes

A. Call to Order—7:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call—PRESENT: Harvey Slater, Sheri Lunn, Liz Amsden, Yolanda Nogueira, Jamie Tijerina, Gabriel Chabran, Derek Saucedo, Boo Caban, Zacharias Gardea, Rocio Rivas ABSENT: Stan Moore, Antonio Castillo, Susanne Huerta, Nicholas Soto, and Jessica Ceballos

C. Elected Officials—Mayor's office: NONE

CD1—C. Terrazas: Thanks to those who attended the jazz festival; the Veteran's square update on starting a Go Fund Me page to buy a huge flag with American Legion and CD1 getting a back-up flag and D. Bloom will help fund a second back-up flag. Bureau Services doing improvements general cleaning, replaced a water source part, sprinklers have to be replaced, and fountain may not be usable, trees will be trimmed, more lights will be added, not installing a timer but hiring a company to clean every two weeks, shelter area cleaned again. Met with Rocío and Yolanda to do a Keep It Clean Highland Park campaign to do 4 quadrants to train on 311 app, and improving block/apartment block captains. Bulky item e-waste pick-up after the holidays and finding a location available, any suggestions, please let him know. Having a housing rights workshop October 5th at Franklin High School. State of the district meeting will be November 7 or 10 a Franklin H.S. with Councilman Cedillo.

CD14—L. Aparicio: Provided flyers for upcoming El Grito event on Mexican and other countries' Independence Day, it's a free event with activities from 5:30-11:30 p.m. at City Hall steps. Announce locations fixing some ADA non-compliant ramps at Senior Center; York Park has an overdue ramp and engineering details to get work done; report on efforts on clean initiatives for clean services the city is lacking in, a cleaning crew weekly goes to different locations, such as in the alley 56 and Aldama and Figueroa with illegal dumping on every Thursday. If you have locations that need cleaning overgrown parkways, trash, bulky items, contact office. Another no dumping signs on La Prada off of Figueroa is first location, other locations to benefit let office know. Working with city to curb illegal dumping. Holidays coming up and would like to partner with HHPNC and speaking to outreach committee on Halloween ideas and a possible clean up.

AD51—None

SD22—None

BOS1—None

D. President's Report—Thank you for those who came to vision day. The budget package is scheduled to pass, but will approve funds for now. DONE won't approve until it passes

E. LAPD Report—Officer Allen Good news violent crime down 36%, property crimes still an issue, but no incidents recently; car break-ins still a problem, 118 cars broken in 14 weeks, street robberies are happening, one on 50 and Figueroa happened recently. Looking for distracted people not paying attention and take their phones. Distributes Citizen's Academy free course next week every Thursday 6-9 pm see flyer; conduct fieldtrips with transportation, listen to 911 calls.

F. LAFD Report—Dale Drummond, new battalion chief on York and Eagle Rock. It is emergency preparedness month. Fire detectors are important and make a difference, every station has supply for free and installation too. All information is on lafd.org or stop by fire station 12. Stresses to have an emergency escape plan and good location to meet, example meet at front lawn for earthquakes to see who is out and safe. Last thing, have good emergency kit, brought copies of ready.gov.com, mysafe.la.com, firesmartla.com and earthquakesafela.com

G. Board Announcements: NONE

H. Committee Reports—Executive meeting third week of the month

Budget—None

Land Use—None

Outreach: Y. Nogueira working with C. Terrazas and L. Aparicio on projects they mentioned.

Signed up residents to mailing list during jazz event and vision day had a great turn out.

Sustainability—Meeting pushed till next month.

Family Youth Education: Working on an event for the youth, Power to the Youth.

Public Safety: Attending the Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Alliance meetings; discussing emergency preparedness plan.

Housing and Homelessness: Rebecca Prine was at committee meeting teaming up with committee; working with CD 1 and NELA Homeless Coalition and Recycled Resources to do clean ups; and discussing welcome kits for homeless families who need them now waiting for their home, working on mission statement, good turn-out at meeting and lot of things to work on

Beautification: Working with CD1 with Veteran's square and partnering with clean streets to be announced, and discussing Highland Park signage.

I. Budget Advocates Report: Most board got email to place budget advocates on agenda. Passed a motion concerning Rams games with less police on the streets and to have cost to be paid by Rams owner. Sending Mayor letter for fiscal year and meeting with city department. Website is up and running. Any concerns with city budget talk to L. Amsden.

J. Liaisons: Grievance Panel—None

Animal services: Slow roll out and Highland Park not contacted yet.

Homelessness: During Cedillo's great streets announcement, spoke to mayor to have a meeting with him on the Homelessness issue and getting Highland Park involved to get shelters for the winter.

Legal—None

Public Works—None

DWP—None

K. Alliances—ARC: meeting today and addressing homeless bond.

LANCC: meeting Saturday and no agenda posted, met August 6 addressed homeless bond, illegal dumping; presentation by police on increase speed limits on some streets; Film LA filming in the community, will post something on website on wild and feral animal concerns, such as coyotes 51 min video what is to be expected of coyotes; pushing city council to declare emergency on homelessness. Updating more next month.

NC Sustainability Alliance: Passed on to Charles

NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance—Meeting last Saturday on various emergency preparedness organizations.

PlanCheck NC—None

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

C. Trigueros—Represent SEA community an intervention organization met with Yolanda and Rocío on backpack giveaway last month. Working with people from 14-25years old to empower the youth and community to be outstanding citizens, helping middle and high schools learn respect; works closely with Centro de Pueblo; helps with mentoring and guiding youth and families and provides resources. Leaves brochures about SEA for more information.

M. Martinez—Mentions policies and procedures regarding executive committee, which has not met; Robert Rules of Order, which dictates policies and procedures not being applied for a consensus, such as in the Welcome Home project, there's not on record because it was not a vote, have to rely on [Board] ethics.

K. Castillo—Announces a York park clean up taking place September 10th organized by Northeast Youth Council.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda: *Amending Item 5, changing word "approve" to "discuss."* All I favor. Motion passes.
2. Approval of August 4, 2016 Minutes. *All in favor. Motion passes.*
3. (5mins) Motion to approve a revised NPG for RFO International in the amount of CHANGE TO UP TO \$2000. –H. Slater reminds the board of the first NPG for RFO International, and why the application needed to be resubmitted. Representative Darlene Cabrera works with RFO International, states that they need support for parenting classes in English and Spanish; the non-profit working with Highland Park Recreation center, by providing tutoring and parent classes. *The NPG application*

approved pending the condition of providing an itemized list of expenditure. All in favor, motion passes.

Move to amend amount up to \$2000. Roll call: H. Slater, S. Lunn, L. Amsden, Y. Nogueira, J. Tijerina, G. Chabran, D., B. Caban, Z. Gardea, R. Rivas All in favor motion passes.

4. (5mins) Motion to approve the August 2016 monthly expenditure report as requested by DONE.- N. Soto *TABLED*
5. (5mins) Motion to approve the HHPNC budget report for the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year as requested by DONE.-N. Soto *The budget is complete, states H. Slater, who provides a breakdown of Vision Day Special Board Meeting. Strategies were developed in focus groups and budget. May need a special meeting to go approve the budget. TABLED.*
6. (5mins) Motion to approve funds in the amount of \$4,300 for virtual admin services to be provided by Kristina Smith of The Mailroom. Services provided will include set up and administer HHPNC website, weekly email blast to all subscribers, digital posting and emailing of all agendas, fielding email inquiries, fielding phone inquiries, and all details are outlined on the vendor's proposal.- motion to amend amount \$4080, seconded D. Andalón. All in favor. Motion passes. Voting for the approval of funds *Roll call: H. Slater, S. Lunn, L. Amsden, Y. Nogueira, J. Tijerina, G. Chabran, D., B. Caban, Z. Gardea, R. Rivas All in favor motion passes.*
7. (10mins) Motion to approve funds of no more than \$1500 for printing and mailing of City Services trifold mailer, from the "Good Neighbor" outreach initiative, to 5000 households in Highland Park. The Mayor's Office will match the amount, print and distribute the mailing to neighborhoods selected by HHPNC board.- *Roll call: H. Slater, S. Lunn, L. Amsden, Y. Nogueira, J. Tijerina, G. Chabran, D., B. Caban, Z. Gardea, R. Rivas All in favor motion passes.*
8. (5mins) Motion to approve applying for the Clean Streets Grant Program and partnering with CD1, Recycled Resources, NELA Homeless Coalition, Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, All Saints Church, and Freedom Church to conduct a street clean up, neighborhood bulky and illegal dumping pick-ups, and promoting and registering residents to 311 app. – *All in favor. Motion passes.*
9. (5mins) Motion to approve partnering with Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council for four community movie nights and approve funds of no more than \$400.- *Roll call: H. Slater, S. Lunn, L. Amsden, Y. Nogueira, J. Tijerina, G. Chabran, D., B. Caban, Z. Gardea, R. Rivas All in favor motion passes.*
10. (5mins) Motion to approve funds of no more than \$600 to subsidize a CPR training class in Highland Park for 15 participants under the supervision of CERT. CERT is requesting for HHPNC to cover \$40 and participants pay the remainder of \$10. – *Roll call: H. Slater, S. Lunn, L. Amsden, Y. Nogueira, J. Tijerina, G. Chabran, D., B. Caban, Z. Gardea, R. Rivas All in favor motion passes.*
11. (5mins) Discussion and action on Community Impact Statement rejecting expansion of billboards outside of current zones – *NO exceptions. All in favor; motion passes.*
12. (5mins) Discussion and action on Community Impact Statement calling on City to identify and convert vacant City property for low/no-income housing as part of its war on homelessness. *Public comment via email by Carmela Gomes in support of the letter but would like changes in the usage of the word "war." All in favor. Motion passes.*
13. (5mins) Discussion and action on Community Impact Statement opposing the homelessness bond without real parameters for accountability and a plan to execute.-*Motion to amend some grammatical content to approved letter. All in favor. Motion passes.*
14. (5mins) Discussion and motion to support a letter calling for significant fines for and enforcement of illegal dumping. *J. Tijerina provides some changes to letter, motion made pending amended changes. Motion to pass. All in favor.*
15. (5mins) Discussion and motion to support a letter calling on City to pass regulations on payday loans businesses to protect Angelenos.- *All in favor. Motion passes.*
16. (5mins) Motion to appoint Jamie Tijerina as the digital communications coordinator and liaison for the board.- *All in favor; motion passes.*
17. New Business: *Committee bylaws will be posted on website; take a consensual votes and record yes and nos.; for now do First and Second motions. Official committee not exempt and falls under brown act rule.*
18. Adjournment 9:05 p.m.