

10-06-16 MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call—PRESENT: Liz Amsden, Boo Caban, Antonio Castillo, Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Zacharias Gardea, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stan Moore, Yolanda Nogueira, Rocio Rivas, Harvey Slater, Nicholas Soto (7:05 p.m.), Jamie Tijerina. ABSENT: Elizabeth Andalon, Daniel Andalon, Melanie Freeland, Derek Saucedo and Diego Silva.

C. Elected Officials—CD1: Update on the improvements of the Veteran's Square include flag lights, upgraded lights, all trees trimmed, waiting on Dept. of Bureau services estimates on landscaping; American legion cleaned the square along with Officer Chang; also LA League Conservation will clean the area once a month too; working on a permit to get fountain working and getting permission to paint benches in a week or two. Approximately 90 people attended Housing Workshop on renters' rights at Franklin High School; any concerns on housing call them to get a case worker to help. Lastly working with HHPNC on Keep It Clean Campaign at Monte Vista Elementary on October 22 at 8:30 a.m.. Special recognition certificate presented to Stan Moore for his support of the Franklin High School decathlon team.

CD14—Community updates: ADA compliance complete at York Park; installed new stop sign on Meridian and Ave. 50, looking at other areas to add stop signs. Working on new bins for the York Blvd overflow of trash, sanitation picking up twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays and will also ask for Monday pickups; also working with art walk organizers to help clean up trash. Sending out crews to help on Bridewell St. and San Pascual St. with removing bulky items. Behind the field office located on Colorado, a bulky item bin is available on the 4th Saturday of month, which will be on October 22 for bulky disposals. Collaborating with HHPNC for York Park Pumpkin Patch event on October 28 from 4-6 p.m. Also coming up is the Northeast Veteran's Parade for November 6th at 11 a.m.. Lastly, is the Highland Park Tree Lighting on December 11th at the Senior Center at 6 p.m.

AD51—NONE

SD22—NONE

BOS1—NONE

D. President's Report—HHPNC new website launch and email system and more frequent correspondence from HHPNC to update stakeholders. On the website will be all weekly information, sign up as subscriber, and view agendas posted and other HHPNC related information. HHPNC Facebook page is certified by the government; click like to receive posts concerning neighborhood events and information.

E. LAPD Report—Senior Lead Officer Chang provides local crime statistics: violent crimes are down 23% this year with 46 incidents decreased by 12%, property crime down 66%, and burglary down 8%. Stolen cars are Honda Civics and Camrys; be sure to have a club system in place and park on lighted areas. Since January 1st, 35 guns have been taken out of streets. Street robberies on York Blvd mainly outside visitors coming to York Blvd and most of the time distracted on their phones, and a lot of iPhones get robbed or rob them because walking unaware. Officer Change will be at Veterans' square every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. to conduct a cleanup with American Legion to keep it nice. Thanks to CD1 for all their work on the Veteran's Square.

F. LAFD Report—NONE

G. Board Announcements—All Saints Gala Fundraiser is on Nov. 5th for \$100 a ticket; Planning 101 on city planning will take place at Glassel Park Senior Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. this Saturday on city planning. Highland Park Heritage Trust community forum with members of the steering committee is on Monday 7 p.m. on Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe. The 24th Annual Arroyo Arts

Discovery Tour is on November 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Christmas parade will be on December 4th at 1:00 p.m.

H. Committee Reports Executive—Meeting covered some treasury items and working on becoming compliant. Budget—No meeting yet, but meeting this month.

Land Use— Last meeting was on September 20 discussing the item that is coming up in the meeting today and retreat to identify goals and objectives to handle the land use issues and items

Outreach— CD1 and CD14 covered the past and upcoming events we have been and currently working on.

Sustainability— NONE

Family Youth Education— Organizing the Power to the Youth event and providing more information later in the agenda.

Public Safety— Workshop on 5 Steps Emergency Preparedness with EMD for Oct. 15th at the Arroyo Seco Library from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Housing and Homelessness— The Recycled Resources Gala at the All Saints Church, please try to attend or make a donation. Working on making donations for Mayor's homeless welcome home kits and talking to Orquiza to make homeless kits for homeless people who need them now. Teaming up with Highland Park runners. Working with Stan Moore on putting together a homeless services directory based on the Vision Day discussions. Working on placing a drop off box for collecting clothes on York Blvd. CD1 housing workshop was amazing with a lot of valuable information and had huge turnout.

Beautification— Updates were provided on the work on the Veteran's Square and also the Keep it Clean Campaign for October 22, which will provide a 311app training.

I. Budget Advocates Report— Finally received letter from Mayor on policy directives for budget. Discusses concerns from departments. Presented position paper past Monday to address 2020 commission and address spending, budgeting in 3 year blocks; also need to address the pension liability and return on investments, have concerns on tax measures, which need to be looked at separately and understand who it benefits.

J. Liaisons—Grievance Panel: NONE; Animal services: NONE; Homelessness: Four churches last week give food once a week and others twice a month, which are not many and a problem in Highland Park is getting food to homeless people. Legal: NONE Public Works: NONE DWP: NONE

K. Alliances— ARC: Alliance addresses interests along the river share in terms of resources and environmental concerns. LANCC: wasn't able to attend meeting, which addressed the propositions. NC Sustainability Alliance: NONE. NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance: Meeting covered the preparation of Department of Recreation and Parks in case of earthquake emergency; Department is ready to provide shelter in various parks to residents. PlanCheck NC: NONE

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

1. M. Alcaraz: Recycled Resources Gala Night to help with shelter, drop in center for donated clothes from 7am to 1pm and to continue with providing winter shelter.
2. S. Moore: This weekend smart series on stress techniques for student taking ACT tests. Upcoming library events: Open house on 11/12 with community bike ride short and no hills, having book sale with friends group, launch of LA toys for children and would like HHPNC to come and music provided by CD1 will start at 3pm.
3. M. Martinez: Asks board to move item 13 to 6 for Marmion apartment tenants.

4. Free Community Car Visual Inspection and free safety belt inspections on Saturday October 8th at Highland Park Senior Center from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. sponsored by Chris Auto Car Repair Experts and CD1.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda—Amending Agenda: move item 17 after item 2, and items 13 and 14 after item 4. All in favor. Motion passes.
2. Approval of August 20, 2016, September 1, 2016 and September 15, 2016 Minutes-- Move to vote on August 20th minutes separately; seconded Castillo. Vote to approve 08/20 discussion. Abstain: L. Amsden, J. Ceballos and S. Huerta, and B. Caban. Motion passes. Minutes from 09/01 amended to show arrival of 8:01 p.m. and 09/15. Abstain: A. Castillo, S. Huerta and J. Ceballos. Motion passes.
17. (5mins) Motion to provide an NPG for North Figueroa Association for the Highland Park Independent Film Festival in the amount of \$1000. – L. Amsden, B. Caban; A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas, H. Slater, N. Soto, J. Tijerina. 14 yes and 5 absent. Motion passes.
3. (20mins) Presentation by Amanda Mejia, East Area Representative, on the Mayor's Office of Public Engagement report on progress of Mayor Garcetti's 'Back to Basics' agenda and collaborative opportunities moving forward.— Every other month Ms. Mejia will come to council meetings on an initiative by the mayor on policy issues and can invite policy makers to talk to the community. There are many Halloween events at recreation centers posted on her newsletter. Leaving constituent service intake forms for residents to submit to her to start a case to provide support needed. Youth council members selected from an application process for 2016-2017 all high schools represented, mentors come to help from last year. Great Streets challenge: choose a project on street infrastructure, which is a good opportunity to come up with a project for Figueroa Street.
4. (10mins) Presentation by Monica Alcaraz, Northeast Regional CES Coordinator, on "What is the Coordinated Entry System and how can it help our homeless neighbors?— The purpose of the Coordinated Entry System is to identify and validate homeless residents and their needs in the regional area, which is broken down to cover CD14, CD13 and CD1; also helps locate the services available to them. The main source of assistance is from Recycled Resources. Housing opportunities are scarce and most found in Skid Row. Overall, there are less housing opportunities for homeless residents. Currently, conducting outreach with LAPD and neighborhood councils.
13. (5mins) Discussion and possible motion to assist Marmion Royal Tenants in their effort to preserve and secure their current housing.—Discussion: Tenants are requesting a letter of support to maintain their current homes/housing. Various tenants and union organizer took the floor to explain the Marmion Royal Tenants Union formation and mission; and their current living situation. Letter from landlord read indicating that they were not informed of the meeting with the HHPNC board and due to the court case, they cannot speak on the situation with the tenants.
Motion to provide support in terms of resources available in HHPNC's capacity to help the tenants preserve the life they are accustomed to and to provide letter of support to the landlord. All in favor. Motion passes.
14. (5mins) Motion to support the proposed development at 231 N. Avenue 53 and 5300 E. Monte Vista. The project is a request to subdivide a single parcel with a duplex and single-family dwelling into two parcels within the R-2-HPOZ zone. No new construction is proposed.-Lland use committee supports this development and provides letter of support. Not changing any structures nor increasing density of lots, keeping the integrity of existing original structures. Will remain a rental and for single family home. All in favor. Motion passes.

5. (5mins) Motion to approve the August 2016 and September 2016 monthly expenditure report as requested by DONE.—TABLED
6. (5mins) Motion to create a Culture and Equality standing committee.—All in favor. Motion Passes
7. (5mins) Motion for board to offer reimbursement of registration fee (\$30) for Neighborhood Council board members registering in advance for the LA Historic Neighborhoods Conference on October 15th.- L. Amsden, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas, H. Slater, N. Soto, J. Tijerina. 13 yes and 6 absent. Motion Passes
8. (5mins) Motion to request LADOT to continue service through Garvanza and not change the route of the Highland Park/Eagle Rock Dash line.-Letter to be amended to include Eagle Rock route. All in favor. Motion passes.
9. (5mins) Discussion to go over protocol and policies for submitting digital communication items and posting agendas on website, and bring missing information up to date. – H. Slater provided directions on how to send newsletter outreach information to Kristina and Harvey.
10. (5mins) Motion to purchase a scanner to be used to scan signed board approved letters and community impact statements. Cost not to exceed \$200.- L. Amsden, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas, H. Slater, N. Soto, J. Tijerina. 13 yes and 6 absent. Motion passes.
11. (5mins) Motion to organize and appoint someone to produce a simple live stream of board meetings, in a format such as Periscope, Zoom, Google Hangout, or some platform that makes it easy for stakeholders to log on and watch remotely.-TABLED
12. (5mins) Discussion on notice and instructions to committees to submit final mission statements by December 31, 2016. - Committees are given until the end of year to post on website a concise one-paragraph mission statement . All in favor passes.
15. (5mins) Presentation and motion to partner with Highland Park Recreation Center to establish the “Power to the Youth” event on November 12th from 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. organized by the Family, Youth and Education Committee. Cost not to exceed \$2000.–Event will provide workshops on college and career preparedness, in addition to motivational speakers, college and non-profit booths, and other educational and youth related information for teens, young adults and their parents. Free food will be provided. , A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, , R. Rivas, H. Slater, N. Soto, J. Tijerina. 13 yes and 6 absent. NAY: L. Amsden and Y. Nogueira. 11 yes, 2 no, 6 absent. Motion passes.
16. (5mins) Motion to participate and contribute with arts & crafts table and goodie bag for Halloween events taking place in Highland Park: Farmer’s Market October 25th; York Park with CD14 and Highland Park Chamber of Commerce October 28th; Highland Park Recreation Center October 31st. Cost not to exceed \$600- L. Amsden, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas, H. Slater, N. Soto, J. Tijerina. 13 yes and 6 absent. Motion passes.
18. (5mins) Discussion and motion to request the City Council fund speed surveys on streets identified by LAPD, LADOT, and the communities that need immediate attention for public safety and the City merge the Great Streets and Vision Zero programs so that they work together on their mutual goals.-TABLED
19. (5mins) Discussion and motion to support the request for the City fast track legislation to apply same regulations for the sale of pot as to alcohol and tobacco, if proposition passes.- 12 yes, 1 no, 6 absent, motion passes.
20. (5mins) Discussion and motion to support the request for the City to insist high speed rail use existing transport corridors (rail or freeway) to lessen environmental impact and, in LA, remove threat of eminent domain seizures and multi-year construction disruption & pollution. Also request

the state revisit their plan and require a 21st century rail system, not 19th century steel on steel.-
TABLED

21. (5mins) Motion for HHPNC to support the immediate creation of an independent Office of
Transparency and Accountability to address City spending.- TABLED

22. (5mins) Discussion and motion to support the requirement for safety training of teachers and
administrators in response to in-school violence/threats.- TABLED

23. (5mins) Discussion and motion to support the required wording of propositions that do not de
facto rezone areas from R1.- TABLED

24. New Business—None

25. Adjournment—9:31 p.m.