11-03-16 MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7:03 P.M.


C. Elected Officials—Mayor’s Office: NONE; CD1: Gives thanks to HHPNC on a successful Keep It Clean event with 115 volunteers, conducted a 311 app training, 750 pounds of trash and bulky items removed, and recruited 29 block captains; scheduling 3 more 311 app walks at Aldama Elementary, Buchanan Elementary and 57th and Benner Street on bulky items. And on Jan 21st conducting a bulky item e-waste on Monte Vista Elementary School. Also, planning a block party on Monte Vista Street with SEA/GRYD and asking HHPNC to collaborate on this block party focusing on intervention from gangs and information on resources/programs including a band and music is in the planning for Feb 11th, 2017. For Veteran’s square looking for volunteers to help with keeping it clean and following up on landscaping. Circulating flyers for Councilman Gil Cedillo’s State of the District Town Hall meeting on Thursday November 10th at Ramona Hall, and various city departments will provide reports on what they are doing.  
CD14—Thanks to the HHPNC for a great Pumpkin Patch event, with 300 pumpkins distributed. Circulating flyers for the Highland Park Tree Lighting event at the Senior Center December 11th at 6:00 P.M., please help spread the word, and requesting for schools to participate in the event. Also distributing flyers for the Veteran’s Day Parade this Sunday at 1:00 P.M., along Eagle Rock Blvd. beginning with Solemn Prayer at 11:30 A.M. Light entertainment and food after the parade.  
AD51—NONE  
SD22—NONE  
BOS1—NONE

D. President’s Report—A reminded to all committee chair people to provide mission statements to fulfill bylaws by end of year. Also reminder about purchases made from personal funds and with prior board approval of funds, which then would turn in a reimbursement form. But if the funds were not approved by board, then said reimbursement has to approved by the board first with an explanation as to why reimbursement has to be placed on the agenda. In regards to the Marmion Way Tenants Union, the landlords of the apartment building were informed of the approved letter of support and informed them to contact HHPNC if they wanted to be on the next agenda to speak, but they have not responded.

E. LAPD Report—NONE  
F. LAFD Report—NONE

G. LAPL—Launching on the November 12th a new program called LA Plays to check out a toy and toy that goes with the book, encouraging all to attend and check out the toy kit. A bike ride taking place at 10 A.M. and other activities include a book sale and a Renters’ Rights workshop. For holiday parade on December 4th, anyone interested in joining to dress up as favorite character of a book.

H. Board Announcements—Dia de los muertos art show fundraiser for AMP-LA taking place at Craft Beer, a sponsor along with Rik Rocs, in Eagle Rock at 5:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

I. Committee Reports—Executive: Working with Finance and Budget, but otherwise going well.  
Rules—NONE  
Budget—NONE  
Land Use—On October 10th had full agenda items that are on today’s board agenda to hear them.  
Outreach—Discussing various events that are on today’s board agenda.  
Sustainability—C. Brunk has left the Highland Park area and need a new chair.  
Family Youth Education—Working on the Power to the Youth event for November 12th.

Public Safety—Emergency Preparedness workshop postponed for another time.
Housing and Homelessness—Working on creating a resource directory for Housing and Homelessness. Meeting soon later in the month.

Beautification—Keep it Clean campaign went well and working on future cleanups with CD1. Meeting later in the month.

J. Budget Advocates Report—Surveys on City Neighborhood Council went out a couple of weeks ago. 1st survey was on the City’s emergency services, the second on City services (tree trimming, rod repair, etc.) within the council districts. Requesting people from all areas to respond to the survey and next one is on tree services. Meeting with city department regarding their budgets and asking council to be more transparent.

K. Liaisons—Grievance Panel: A meeting coming up related to LA 32.
   Animal services—NONE
   Homelessness—NONE
   Legal—NONE
   Public Works DWP—NONE

L. Alliances—ARC: An HHH measure meeting took place at All Saints Church, representing both sides of the issue, 15-20 people attended with a lot of questions; another meeting taking place on measure M soon.
   LANCC—Unable to attend meeting.
   NC Sustainability Alliance—Need to person to replace C. Brunk
   NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance—Unable to attend meeting because conflicted with Keep it Clean event.
   PlanCheck NC—NONE

M. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)
   1. C. Gomes: Board member for Lummis Day and Highland Park Heritage Trust, announcing that on December 11th at 4:30-7:30 P.M. a Holiday Noise event is taking place help bring awareness for the Lummis House. The house will be open during those hours and please save the date.
   2. X. Bravo: On November 16th at Eagle Rock High School at 5:30 P.M. a LAUSD meeting on local control accountability will take place for parents and community to provide input, recommend for HHPNC to attend showing Highland Park representation and participation. As tax payers we are all stakeholders, and LAUSD needs to hear from all of us.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda—Motion to amend agenda: Items 18 and 19 sponsor changed from Y. Nogueira to D. Andalon due to conflict of interest. All in favor, except B. Caban abstains. Motion passes. All in favor to approve agenda with changes. Motion passes.

2. Approval of October 06, 2016 Minutes—All in favor. Motion passes.

3. (5mins) [Previously Tabled] Motion to approve the August 2016 and September 2016 monthly expenditure report as requested by DONE.—TABLED.

4. (5mins) Motion to approve the October 2016 monthly expenditure report as requested by DONE.— TABLED.

5. (5mins) [Previously Tabled] Motion calling on the City Council to create a Council File on merging the Great Streets and Vision Zero programs to increase synergy and reduce duplication of efforts, and to immediately fund speed surveys on streets identified by the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and our neighborhoods necessary to appropriately regulate speeding.—After discussion, funding the street surveys is priority and will separate this issue from the merging of Great Streets and Vision Zero programs at a later date. Motion focus on funding surveys and to strike first sentence of item to read: Motion for city council to immediately fund speed surveys on streets identified by the Los Angeles Police Department.
6. (5mins) [Previously Tabled] Motion calling on the City Council to insist that the State’s high speed rail project 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 and pollution. Also request the State revisit their plan and, in return for our tax dollars, require a safety-enhanced 21st century rail system, not noisy 19th century steel-on-steel technology.—All in favor. Motion passes.

7. (5mins) [Previously Tabled] Motion calling on the City Council to create an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability as called for by the 2020 Commission starting by opening a Council File on the matter.—After discussion, letter to be amended by adding that HHPNC is joining the effort with San Pedro on this issue. Letter will be amended. All in favor. Motion passes.

8. (5mins) [Previously Tabled] Motion calling on the City Council to evaluate existing programs on the handling of terrorist acts in schools and take appropriate steps to implement the most efficacious procedures and training for both staff and students in conjunction with the City’s emergency responders in all Los Angeles schools from pre-K through university.—All in favor. Motion passes.

9. (5mins) [Previously Tabled] Motion demanding the City Council require that the wording of all propositions and other legislation be referred to the City Attorney prior being voted out of committee for review to ensure they contain no language that inadvertently or deliberately impacts directly or by implication any current zoning laws and regulations, and that any such language be revised or removed as appropriate and remaining issues be addressed to the appropriate parties for future review prior to going back to committee.—D. Andalon and A. Castillo abstain, Motion Passes.

10. Motion to request City Council demand the LADWP accelerate their schedule so they can move to 100% clean energy by 2030.—All in favor. Motion passes.

11. (5mins) Discussion and motion to approve NPG $2,500 for Bushnell Way Elementary School.—School is seeking funds to help sustain school garden to help with tools, composting, books for lessons for students. Amount of grant is amended to $1250. All in favor. Motion passes. A. Castillo, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, R. Rivas, H. Slater, B. Caban, D. Silva, Z. Gardea, G. Chabran, S. Huerta. 10 yes, 9 absent, motion passes.

12. (5mins) Discussion and motion to approve NPG $800 for Buchanan Street Elementary and Magnet Center.—School’s music budget was reduced and seeking for different funding sources, The Music Center is expensive and PTA helping to pay a portion of two assemblies for 450 students. A. Castillo, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, R. Rivas, H. Slater, B. Caban, D. Silva, Z. Gardea, G. Chabran, S. Huerta. 10 yes, 9 absent, motion passes.

13. (5mins) Adoption of support letter for 5323 Abbott Place requesting to construct a new two-story single-family dwelling into two parcels within the R-2-HPOZ zone.—Project appeared before land use 2 months ago and committee supported project unanimously; a good looking design and compatible structure with HPOZ, no one is being displaced. All in favor. Motion passes.

14. (5mins) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness and Certificate of Compatibility for restoration of existing residential structures, conversion of existing garage to a dwelling, and...
construction of a new single-family dwelling with a detached recreation room within the HPOZ on 6511-6517 Crescent Street. Project is providing parking at site, has been through HPOZ, community happy about site, good craftsmen buildings. Project restoring and compatible to the immediate area. Approved unanimously by land use committee. All in favor. Motion passes.

15. (5mins) Request to introduce in 420 N. Avenue 61 a new 2,171-square foot two-story single-family dwelling and new 1,956-square foot two-story duplex on a 15,000-square foot lot within the HPOZ that is currently developed with four existing units. Project presented by architect and owner before land use committee this month, discussion mostly on conditions of site, awkward shape lot. Proposing four additional units, six in total, addressed landscape issues brought up by committee by softening entire site to enhance landscaping. Within HPOZ regulations. B. Caban abstains. Motion passes.

16. (5mins) Request for a 350-square foot addition to the existing McDonalds restaurant located on 5725 York Blvd and a condition use permit for the addition of a second order point to the drive-thru in the [Q]C2-1XL Zone. Discussion of additional 350 square footage. Passed unanimously in land use committee with additional refinements to the landscaping. Building will be demolished and adding 5976 square footage and keeping play place. The basement and footing/slab will be saved, play area will remain indoors. Revision to letter to address the additional square footage. All in favor. Motion passes.

17. (5mins) Motion to reimburse Board Member Yolanda Nogueira for items purchased: One Coleman wagon (made in the U.S.A.) $88.28 and Michael's Glendale Arts & Crafts for 3 Halloween events; 3 separate receipts for 3 separate events: York Park Pumpkin Patch $120.40, Highland Park Farmer's Market $5.40, Highland Park Rec. Ctr. $8.63.—Item deleted, no need to motion as events and funds were approved in previous board meeting.

18. (5mins) Motion to approve an ad for NELA annual Christmas Parade program on December 4, 2016. $500 (full page); $300 (half page); $200 (quarter page).—Item sponsored by D. Andalon. After discussion, board approves to purchase of half page not to exceed $300. A. Castillo, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, R. Rivas, H. Slater, B. Caban, D. Silva, Z. Gardea, G. Chabran, S. Huerta. 10 yes, 9 absent, motion passes.

19. (5mins) Motion to approve Christmas parade entry fee $50.00 for HHPNC. A. Castillo, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, R. Rivas, H. Slater, B. Caban, D. Silva, Z. Gardea, G. Chabran, S. Huerta. 10 yes, 9 absent, motion passes.


24. (5ins) Motion to Approve: Burbank Middle School "Posada Event", December 10, 2016. Backpacks for event $400.00- TABLED


27 New Business—NONE

28. Adjournment—9:08 P.M.