

12-01-16 MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7:02 P.M.

B. Roll Call—PRESENT: (16 total) L. Amsden, E. Andalon, D. Andalon (7:12PM), B. Caban (7:05PM), A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas, D. Silva (7:48PM), H. Slater, J. Tijerina; ABSENT: (2 total) G. Chabran and D. Suacedo

C. Elected Officials—Mayor's office: NONE; CD1: NONE; CD14: HHPNC is thanked for taking part in the Holiday Tree Lighting at 6:00PM with the arts and crafts table. The event program will showcase local schools and contact CD14 to include other schools. Councilmember Huizar will be in attendance and giving toys to needy families and kids overall. City has a Safe Sidewalks LA program for sidewalk repair, which includes three ways to get sidewalks fixed; starting with sidewalks for people with disabilities, which can be accessed through the department of disability through their access request program. There is also the rebate program and basic report the problem program, like 311 request, go to the website www.sidewalks.lacity.org to get more information. Fuego tag team helps once a week to facilitate in different projects, like bulky items, and they went to York and Ave. 56 and Aldama St. to clean up bulky items and also along Bridewell St., over the past month. Call our office for any problem streets with bulky items and weeds.

AD51: NONE; SD22: NONE; BOS1: NONE

D. President's Report—A reminder to committee chairs to submit mission statements due by January's meeting.

E. LAPD Report—Officer Chang, Senior Lead Officer, who in three weeks will have served for 20 years on the job. Crime overall is low, except for private property break-ins up by 12%; with incidents overall, crimes down: 7% gang activity decrease and taking guns out of the street. Holidays coming up so be careful, especially with using your smartphones in the public because you need to be alert to who's around you. In San Pascual Park and Garvanza Park there are no homeless encampments; the Veteran's Square cleaning it up again next week. Get to know your neighbors to help watch out for your packages, this is why neighborhood watch is important to help with law enforcement. Report missing parcel packages through the postal service and through the LAPD for a theft report. Senior Lead Officer Marc Allen on the job since 1998 in Highland Park. On November 13th there was a shooting, but no one was hit on Ave. 45. Violent crime is down 34% with 43 less crimes than last year, basically the community is the eyes and ears and are getting more involved. The big issue is stolen cars, 15 total in 4 weeks, Honda accords and Toyotas cars, looking for specific part. The Northeast station is having a toy giveaway on Dec. 17th 8AM, please register kids 12 and under; there are 900-1000 toy donations.

F. LAFD Report—NONE

G. LAPL—Updates: new staff members in the Children's library and a new clerk, so please stop by to say hello; on Dec. 10th a guitar performance is scheduled; book clubs for English learners and Spanish language on first and third Tuesday; and people are welcome to join the library staff in the holiday parade on Sunday.

H. Board Announcements—S. Lunn recognizes today is World AIDS Day, which represents the 37 million living with HIV-AIDS and 1.1 million people have died in 2015 from an HIV-AIDS related disease; Wall Las Memorias also has an Aids memorial.

I. Committee Reports—Executive may have a meeting in January, but there is nothing too pressing going on.

Budget:NONE; Land Use—Last meeting was on November 15th with a busy agenda and some of the items are on tonight's agenda, this Saturday is the Land Use retreat in all Saints Church's building in the back, and will be drafting mission statement and is open to public.

Outreach—A very busy month with holiday celebration events and parade is this weekend, please come to participate. Also, met with mayor's innovative team to conclude the logistics in the city services mailing that will be going out soon.

Sustainability—Stan Moore offered to be chair, Liz Amsden as back up and with a stakeholder member Steve Crouch. If anyone interested in helping to sustain society or a disaster then please be on the committee.

Family Youth Education—Meeting at the end of the month.

Public Safety—Meeting at the end of the month.

Housing and Homelessness— collaborating with Northeast NC's to put together a homelessness service directory for people facing homelessness, and working on homeless kits , and also having discussions for HHPNC to cook for the homeless.

Beautification—Concluded project at Veteran's square, a community member is donating succulents and Officer Chang will plan in January to have a planting day.

J. Budget Advocates Report—concluding meeting with various departments, a preliminary report will be ready by end of month, which will be discussed; and a regional meeting will be held at Glassel Park.

K. Liaisons—Grievance Panel: NONE; Animal services: emailed DONE and in 9 months have not started the meetings; Homelessness—had a big meeting in city hall, which covered 64 strategic plans that will be provided to NC's to have the information to assist the homeless residents;

Legal: NONE; Public Works: NONE; DWP: NONE

L. Alliances—ARC: NONE; LANCC: wasn't able to go to meeting; NC Sustainability Alliance: later in agenda; NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance: Not able to go to meeting; PlanCheck NC: no meeting.

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

1.) M. D. Ortiz: Inquiring about an NPG application that Garvanza elementary school submitted for its accelerated reading program for ELD. HHPNC has experienced a situation with the previous treasurer, who has the application, and recently resigned. HHPNC will investigate and expedite the NPG application as soon as possible.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda—*Item 10 is tabled as applicant postponed item for next meeting. All in favor (16). Motion passes.*
2. Approval of November 03, 2016 and November 17, 2016 Minutes. A. Castillo abstains from the Nov. 17th agenda vote—*Nov. 17 Minutes approved (15); and L. Amsden, J. Tijerina, and J. Ceballos abstain from the Nov. 3rd agenda vote. Nov. 3rd Minutes approved (13). Motion passes.*
3. (5mins) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] Motion to approve MER for November as requested by DONE.—*H. Slater motions to amend item to change from November MER to August MER, J. Tijerina seconds. All in favor (16). Motion to amend item passes. Motion to approve the MER for August is TABLED.*
4. (5mins) Discussion and possible motion to participate in the Lummis Holiday Noise event, on Sunday December 11th at the Lummis House from 4:40 P.M.-7:30 P.M. Provide light refreshments and finger foods for \$100.—*This event take place same day as tree lighting event. HHPNC asked to donate finger food and have a HHPNC outreach table. The event is in collaboration with Heritage Trust, Lummis Day Foundation, Occidental College, CD1, CD14*

and ASNC. A. Castillo and J. Tijerina recuse themselves and leave room as they are members of the Heritage Trust. All in favor (L. Amsden, E. Andalon, D. Andalon, B. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina;). Motion passes. A. Castillo and J. Tijerina return to room after vote is over.

5. (5mins) Discussion and possible motion to collaborate with CD1 and SEA/GRYD on a Block Party on February 10th. —*This will be a two block long party with music stages, resources and outreach booths for the community, food trucks, LAPD, and promoting Keep it Clean Campaign. More details to come as event unfolds. All in favor (16). Motion passes.*
6. (10mins) 5715-5717 N. Figueroa Street (ZA-2016-3320-CUB) - Request to allow the on-site sale of a full line of alcohol in conjunction with a 3,125-square-foot restaurant and barbershop. The restaurant would include 59 seats and would operate from 6 pm to 2 am daily with limited live entertainment.—*a. Seeking conditional use permit for alcohol, total of 59 seats, hours for barbershop from 12-9pm daily. Co-occupancy use for facility, the owner collected over 36 signatures, building owner has renovated the building and maintaining original details of the building, Frank’s Camera. The restaurant aspect will not be overpriced, \$20-\$40 service. b. Land use recommended reaching out to business community and survey community to notify them. Returned with a second letter with signatures and received positive feedback because the building was empty and Councilmember in favor. Received land use committee approval. c. Public comments: Ericka community member to address the liquor license’s impact on Figueroa Street and all of Highland Park. She is concerned with the noise level, alcohol use, and increase in traffic, and pedestrians. Public Comment: Shannon, a resident for 14 years, states that business establishments are taking over the neighborhood, leading to the increase in homeless encampments, and the displacement of people; also, the establishments are expensive and bringing in a luxury lifestyle and dissolving any sense of local community. d. Board discussion on the number of alcohol licenses in Highland Park. e. **Motion by D. Silva to table item until next January meeting in order for the community to be better informed of the establishment. Seconded by S. Moore. All in favor (16). Motion passes.***
7. (5mins) 323-325 N. Avenue 50 (ZA-2016-3526-ZV-ZAA) - Request to add 482 square feet to an existing rear duplex to create two additional units. The front building currently maintains a 4-plex. Request includes a variance for side-yard passageway, a reduction in parking by one parking space, and relief for required open space. —*L. Amsden questions number of parking spaces. L. Amsden opposes. S. Moore abstains; (14) in favor. Motion Passes.*
8. (5mins) 4874 E. Granada Street (DIR-2016-3700-SPP) - Construction of a single-family dwelling on a vacant hillside lot located in the R-1 zone within Mt. Washington Specific Plan. —*There is no discretionary entitlement by the city; land use committee recommended support. All in favor (16). Motion Passes.*
9. (10mins) 5904 N. Figueroa Street (ZA-2016-3961-CUB, ENV-2016-3962-CE-CUB) – Request to allow the sale of beer and wine incidental to meal service and expansion of existing 1,172-square-foot restaurant (Kitchen Mouse) into an adjacent tenant space for a proposed 3,556-square-foot restaurant and new market in the C2-2D-HPOZ zone. —*a. The restaurant, established in 2008, is expanding its business to include a market place and a license for beer and wine, 7am to 11pm hours; also provided letters of support from the community, and collected over 500 signatures not all from the community. b. Land use recommended approval. c. (14) in favor. D. Andalon abstains and J. Ceballos opposes. Motion Passes*
10. (5mins) 6515 N. Figueroa Street: Request to permit the continued use of an existing used car sales in RD1.5 zone; permit public parking extending into portion of the lot within 0 ft.

front line; continue the 6 ft wrought iron fence across property line and existing landscape.—S. Huerta, A. Castillo **TABLED**

11. (5mins) Request for funds not to exceed \$100 to cover fee to the All Saints Episcopal Church for the Land Use Committee Retreat on Saturday, December 3rd. —All in favor (16: L. Amsden, E. Andalon, D. Andalon, B. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Ceballos, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina;); Motion passes.
12. (5mins) Motion to discuss and receive report from Outreach committee regarding HHPNC's participation in the NELA Holiday Parade, the Santa Giveaway and the Tree lighting events.—Y. Nogueira informs board on parade participation, time to meet and come in bikes, meet at rec center at 10:00 AM in festive mood, parade starts at 1:00PM and ends at 3:30PM. Santa toy giveaway is on Dec. 10th with photos with Santa, at the Recreation Center and working with ASNC and CD1 on this event; Tree Lighting event on Dec. 11 with CD14 will have a table, Harvey will say some words, there will be pan dulce, giving out toys with Santa.
13. (15mins) Motion to select new HHPNC board treasurer per the approved process; candidates will have an opportunity to make a public statement and then the board will take a silent vote.—Motion to select Joan Potter as treasurer. All (16) in favor. Motion passes. Joan Potter selected as treasurer.
14. (5mins) Motion to appoint L. Amsden as Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance representative for HHPNC in replacement of C. Brunk.—All (16) in favor motion passes.
15. (5mins) Motion to urge the City of Los Angeles and City Council to expedite the creation of the Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure the funds from Measure HHH are used efficiently.—L. Amsden states that the funds for under HHH need to be spent wisely, and not going to organizations but helping people directly. Needs to be done immediately. All (16) in favor. Motion passes.
16. (5mins) Motion to request for immediate investigation of and action on the irregularities in connection with the Seabreeze apartment complex. —All (16) in favor. Motion passes.
17. (5mins) Motion to request that the City Council agendaize the creation of a Commission on Retirement Security as recommended by the 2020 Commission to address the City's ballooning pension obligations. —L. Amsden states that the City has not used the best processes; this is a major concern for the 2020 commission and city council is not doing anything and it needs to be placed on their agenda and start acting on it. All (16) in favor. Motion passes.
18. (5mins) Motion to put on record opposition to the growing practice of the City allowing developers to have four bicycle parking spaces instead of one car parking space. —L. Amsden states that waivers are given for people who live in these areas, which results in a lot of double parking and happening all over the city. This is a request stemming from the Silver Lake community, but coming up in rezoning plans on affordable housing, and cutting back on parking. M. Freeland states that cars that are not in use are taking up space, which can be used for another purpose. If we provide more parking, more people will buy cars, than bikes. Board continues discussion on use of public transportation, need for more affordable housing, and parking problems. In favor (3): L. Amsden, S. Moore, J. Tijerina. Opposed (13): D. Andalon, H. Slater, A. Castillo; M. Freeland silva, J. Ceballos, S. Lunn, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, E. Andalon, S. Huerta, Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas. **Motion does not pass.**
19. New Business –Taco Fix is having one year anniversary on January 13th from 12:00PM-2:00PM pm buy everyone tacos and tamales for HHPNC and the public from 2:00PM-4:00PM.
20. Adjournment—9:25 P.M.