

02-02-17 HHPNC MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7: 01 P.M.

B. Roll Call—H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden (7:09 P.M.), E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva (7:13 P.M.), J. Tijerina. ABSENT: J. Ceballos, S. Lunn

C. Elected Officials—Mayor's office: NONE; CD1: NONE; CD14: Lucy Aparicio, field deputy, provides updates San Pascual park improvements approved from last year has encountered a delay due to an archeological investigation taking place, initial upgrades in the fitness zone, and also upgrades to the restrooms.; contact Lucy for other improvements. Secondly, market lights will be placed on York Blvd. between Avenues 50 to 51 in the next months; also looking at creating new mural and restoring murals along York. Concerning issues with trash, three new trash cans have been added on York Blvd., but two have now gone missing. Usually the accumulation of trash happens the weekend after the art walk, but keeping an eye on this problem. The Fuego tag teams working on Marmion Way Street along the senior center. Please contact CD14 for other areas that need cleaning.

AD51: Stephanie Romero, Jimmy Gomez team wanted to share bills gone through session in Sacramento--introduced the fake news act AB 5191, to work with technology experts to help students to detect fake between real news. The other bill is assembly concurrent resolution 7 dedicated to recognize Vin Scully. AD51 is dedicated to connecting community with resources at state level, to legislation, and introducing new laws. AD51 wants to team up with HHPNC to cosponsor an event, like the self-defense courses taking since last September, which will be held in Highland Park on Saturday Feb. 18, please RSVP and all ages welcome. A pet adoption fair will be held at Hermon Park to help with finding some forever homes for 16 animals, at low cost to licenses and spay/neuter services. The other event is a bird watch hike at Debs Park teaming with Audubon Center to go for a walk early in the morning. Due to the special elections taking place in April, there are some restrictions on how and when AD51 can conduct outreach events; and some of these events mentioned were decided the second week of January.

SD22: NONE; BOS1: NONE

D. President's Report—Executive meeting will take place the night of the CD1 forum.

E. LAPD Report—Officer Ochoa filling in for Officer Allen, updating on the homicide of young lady Jessica Rocha that took place on Monte Vista, two individuals are in custody and are awaiting arraignment.

F. LAFD Report—Fire Station Captain Victor Aguirre (Fire Station 12), A fire took place a couple of weeks ago and lives were saved because of a smoke detector. The fire department has installed smoke detectors in the community. Suggests that everyone go home to check on their smoke detector and go to local fire station to get a smoke detector, batteries and smoke detectors at home can be checked for by the fire department. The fire station has been busy the last few months with rain related incidents by drivers driving too fast. Recently, there were some fires to structures in the area and two people in custody for arson due to video provided by residents. The station is on top of fire prevention, especially vacant buildings. Fire station 12 has a cadet program, which is the most successful in the city of LA due to its highest rate in the area where cadets have received employment within the city and LA County. Sand bags are available, but the sand is stored in the fire station in Cypress due to lack of space of Fire Station 12. Another way the community can assist fire fighters is by getting involved with the CERT program.

G. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, highlighting the library’s collection of recently published books; calendar for library’s February programming was distributed. On February 11 there is a book club discussion and a UCLA performance from music from the Arab world will also take place this month.

H. Board Announcements—NONE

I. Committee Reports—Executive: Try to meet on the third Thursday or another day. Rules: No report. Budget: Committee met on Jan. 26 and only two people showed up. In the July minutes the board voted to have finance committee meet monthly, so please attend if meetings are to be monthly. Land Use: A few items from last committee meeting that were continued, one is 20 unit small lot division on Meridian St., a larger development on York Blvd. of a 3-4 development with 22 units, and both applicants will be back to land use committee in the future. Outreach: More will be explained in the action items in the agenda for today.

Sustainability: NONE; Family Youth Education: Organizing the Power to the Youth event for this year and other items discussed in the meetings will be discussed in today’s agenda. Public Safety: Meeting at the end of the month. Housing and Homelessness: A directory with pertinent information for homeless residents is in progress. Beautification: Received certificate award from the clean streets challenge grant and attended the award ceremony.

J. Budget Advocates Report: The Budget Advocates will be presenting this year’s White Paper on concerns and suggestions about the City’ budget to the Mayor on March 8th and will be distributing it widely thereafter including electronically to the NCs for posting on their websites.

K. Liaisons—Grievance Panel: NONE; Animal Services: There are a lot of animal lovers in our community. LA animal service has received major complaints for not providing adequate service. There is a shelter here in the community nearby. Many pets have not been chipped and there are services offering low cost services. There is a 311 app to report animal cruelty and lost pets, numbers to call if you find a wounded pigeon or a dead animal. There are meetings open to the public on Feb. 28 at the West Valley Animal Shelter. Also services in downtown can provide assistance to homeless residents and their pets. For emergency preparedness, portable units will be available to take care of pets in case of a disaster. There is an event by Jimmy Gomez on pet adoption in Hermon Park. Anyone interested in helping with animals services let B. Caban know. Homelessness: NONE; Legal: NONE; Public Works: NONE DWP: NONE

L. Alliances—ARC: Meeting on Feb. 20; LANCC: NONE; NC Sustainability Alliance: Working on the CoolBlocks program already in process; pushing LADWP on 100% renewable energy by 2030; discussion about pressuring the City to focus on SoCal native drought-tolerant trees instead of imported ones that are often invasive and don’t help our eco-system; looking at getting more input into Forestry division; City in process of adding two native trees (the Mexican or Western Blue Elderberry and the Toyon or California holly) to the protected trees list (others are California live oak, bay, sycamore & black walnut) NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance: Meeting on providing an emergency bin to all NC’s containing supplies and will be housed in parks.; PlanCheck NC: NONE

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

1. David Cain: Executive director for Healthy Kids, met with outreach committee to discuss being part of an event, and informs the board of his organization’s exercise program that is great for family events, has worked with other Neighborhood Councils, such as in Venice, and working with Arroyo Seco NC in a joint effort to provide an event for the community.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda. Eliminate item 14; and move items 24 and 25 after item 7. All in favor. Motion passes.
2. Approval of January 05, 2017 Minutes. Item 2, should read J. Ceballos not A. Castillo. Minutes to be amended. All in favor. Motion passes.
3. (5 min.) Motion to reinstate Diego Silva to the HHPNC board.—Statement from D. Silva: He did not receive email from DONE regarding the renewing of code of conduct because it went to a HHPNC email, which he will be checking more often from now on. He would appreciate reinstatement to the board. All in favor. Motion passes.
4. (5 min.) Motion to reinstate Gabriel Chabran to the HHPNC board. —Statement from G. Chabran: He also did not check his HHPNC email, and also had connectivity email issues. He has renewed the code of conduct requirement and would like to remain on the board. All in favor. Motion passes.
5. (5min.) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] 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. —This is a used car business in the community for 25 years, due to location in a zoned residential area, the entitlement needs to be renewed every 5 years and applicant appeared before HHPNC board 3 years ago; because of residential area a landscaping requirement is a requisite. The applicant has worked with Land Use Committee on landscaping aspect and has been in communication with the committee on landscaping plans, and was approved for a vine landscaping along the fence and front of the business. Recommendation from land use is focused on public comments and majority of conversation has been on aesthetics and ongoing maintenance, or lack of maintenance, but committee focused on aesthetics and how to soften the car dealership street presence in a commercial corridor but in a residential zone property by adding planters. Recommendation from board is in support of the application with additional landscaping and to address the parking situation. The application will be revisited in June to review with land use committee landscaping and parking situation. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to change the Budget & Finance Committee status from that of a standing committee to an ad hoc committee.—Discussion about making the Budget committee into an ad hoc committee or stay as a standing committee. Rules committee will meet to discuss changes to bylaws that can be done and have DONE provide assistance and make a motion to present to board.
7. (10 min.) Discussion and motion to approve a budget revision for the 2016-2017 fiscal year which totals \$42,000. —J. Potter requests to board to provide some ideas on the budget revision. Discussion on budget allocations and moving \$900 from community improvement to NPG budget for a total of \$9100. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
8. (5 min.) Motion to provide up to \$500 for support at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th at Highland Park Rec. Center.—Kortley Norris, Highland Park Recreation Park, provides information for this Spring event from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., where prizes, egg hunt, food, and activities will be available to the community at free cost. HHPNC's contribution would be most helpful to provide this free event. L. Amsden would like healthy snacks provided on this day. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.

9. (5 min.) Motion to provide up to \$500 to support the Opening Day of Baseball at the Highland Park Rec Center.—Kortley Norris, Highland Park Recreation Park, explains that every year the recreation center hosts a free community event for youth baseball league in the morning from 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. for boys and girls baseball and softball. The recreation center would like help with decorations and food. LA Dodgers provides some funding and LA84 helps subsidize cost for sports. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
10. (5 min.) Motion to approve an NPG in the amount of \$2000 as requested by the Lummi Day Foundation to support the Festival on June 2-4, 2017. —Carmela Gomes presented regarding the Lummi Foundation’s 12th annual Lummi Festival and HHPNC been a supporter and partner. Then need assistance in acquiring stage performers for the festival and other expenses. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
11. (4 min.) Motion to approve an NPG in the amount of \$600 for Avenue 50 Studio to fund materials for a grant writing workshop to be held March 18, 2017. —Y. Nogueira recuses herself and leaves the room. This is a 2 hour grant writing proposal workshop for artists and school teachers with 30 spaces at no charge. It is open to the community but there is a priority for artists. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes. Y. Nogueira returns to board table.
12. (3 min.) Motion to approve paying \$132.86 to InMotion Hosting for 1 year’s: Launch Plan \$107.88, Domain Registration \$14.99, Domain Privacy \$9.99. — H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Y. Nogueira abstains. Motion passes.
13. (3 min.) Motion to reimburse Councilmember Antonio Castillo \$1,342.08 for: \$999 – 235 backpacks; \$159.12 Epson scanner; \$183.96 Sandwiches. – H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
14. (5 min.) Motion to allocate election money to the NPG budget allotment. —ELIMINATED
15. (5 min.) Motion to approve an NPG in the amount of \$2,500 for AMP LA facility. –D. Andalon and E. Andalon recuse themselves and leave the room. Josh Buck presented; AMP-LA is a nonprofit for the last 3 years ago for youth rescue and exposure to film and photography. Through HHPNC grants and public donations, the nonprofit was able to acquire a new facility on Ave. 64 and York Blvd. with a 5 year lease. They need \$20,000 more to complete the facility renovation and to be ready for the March 4th open house event. The NPG will be used for the costs to installing a kitchen that will serve students and their families who visit the site. Discussion on the grant going towards a kitchen instead of food supplies or other areas to support the nonprofit’s activities. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Oppose: J. Potter. Motion passes.
16. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to approve an NPG in the amount of \$2,000 for CASA 0101 theater to provide a presentation of Disney's Aladdin for youth in Highland Park. —D. Andalon explains that the nonprofit is a small theater in Boyle Heights that conducts community plays and this provides youth and adult programs to get them into theater production. Eddie Padilla, president of board of directors also comments that in 2006 classes were taught for free, and there are few production opportunities to do a family

bilingual play. This is an opportunity to bring public school students from Academia Avance and other local schools to see the show for free. D. Andalon mentions that the grant money will help with costs to make the theater available for the free presentation; will be collaborating with some organizations in Highland Park working with families and community, like Centro del Pueblo, Annandale Elementary School, Hathaway-Sycamores and AMP to coordinate the selection of students. The theater holds 97 seats and cannot cover the entire community but CASA 0101 is open to the public and all are welcome. Board comments of the important for stakeholders to know of selection process so everyone has an opportunity. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor motion passes.

17. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to hold a town hall forum to discuss the state of education in Highland Park with LAUSD School Board Member Dr. Ref Rodriguez. —Xitlali Bravo-Soza and Maria Delgado: Supports the item so that board member and local Superintendent Roberto Martinez can help us understand the educational situation in Highland Park as there are comments made by District that schools with less than 200 students will be closed, and other changes taking place with public schools like combining schools and locating charter schools in public schools. The community is not informed until the decisions have been made until after the fact. The community needs to know what schools will be shut down and stakeholders want to know the process by which decisions are made and what schools will be combined. Parents have a right to know the plans of what is to become of the public schools. All in favor. Motion passes.
18. (5 min.) Presentation by Larry Keefe, School Site Council Chairperson, and Principal Ms. Jennifer Gage from Garvanza Elementary School on ideas to establish a working relationship with HHPNC. —Mr. Larry Keefe explained that applying to become a magnet status school is long arduous process and the school and the School Site Council is grateful for the letter of support and for the \$750 grant to help pay for professional development for teachers on the Accelerated Reader program. He will keep the board updated on the school's progress. Garvanza Elementary wants to build a partnership with the board, which is an area new to them. As the focus of their magnet aim is to focus on technology and leadership. Therefore, we want to teach leadership skills to the students and have opportunities for them to practice those skills. HHPNC can assist the school as well with resource information, events, introducing organizations to the school, and helping us connect to the community. Suggestions by board members to attend the Family, Youth and Education Committee by having a representative attend, and always invited to make public comments and school can also be added in the announcement section in the agenda.
19. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to write a letter for Bushnell Way Elementary School to stop collocation of a charter school in their campus. —Xitlali Bravo-Soza and Maria Delgado (Highland Park Parent Leaders)—Provided background documents and articles regarding collocation of a charter school inside a public school, which is completely disruptive to the host school. The reason this is happening is because LAUSD can be sued if it does not provide collocation to a charter school. Collocation results in various repercussions for the public school: impedes the public school from adding additional programs because of lack of space, it increases traffic around the area, there is no guarantee that students from the area will be granted a space at that charter school, a lot of charter schools already come with their own students and leaving little space for new local students, who have to enter a lottery system any times; and many times charter schools do not comply with the conditions/agreements set forth by the host public school and causes more tension within the school community. They are asking the board to help the students of Bushnell Way

with a letter of support for the school to help prevent a collocation of a charter school. Bushnell Way Elementary school serves the community with approximately 400 students, and the school community is opposed to the collocation. D. Andalon will abstain because he supports quality public school choices. It is LAUSD's fault for neglecting the community, and for placing our communities between charter schools and community schools. The community needs to be at the table about what quality choices are provided to the community of Highland Park. All in favor. Abstain. A. Castillo, S. Moore, and D. Andalon. Motion passes.

20. (5 min.) Discussion and possible motion to hold Measure S information panel along with neighboring NC's supported by Land-Use Committee. —Reaching out to other Neighborhood Councils to verify if they are planning a similar panel to join in the efforts. All in favor. Motion passes.
21. (5 min.) Update and discussion regarding HHPNC's participation and role in the upcoming Northeast LA CD1 Candidates Forum on February 16th.—HHPNC is contributing with hospitality efforts for the event. Outreach committee had a discussion to develop a flyer with HHPNC logo for distribution.
22. (5 min.) Motion to offer financial support in the amount of \$250 for the Northeast LA CD1 Candidates Forum.—Y. Nogueira states that food will be purchased such as refreshments and snacks. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
23. (5 min.) Motion to hold a Facebook Live for the Northeast LA CD1 Candidates Forum, to be broadcasted as a Facebook event. —This will be a live broadcast to get candidates in front of people via social media. The candidates will be asked questions and stakeholders can log on to our website and Facebook page to hear from candidates. A date will be set for this event. All in favor. Motion passes.
24. (5 min.) Motion to approve up to \$500 to provide hospitality for two Highland Park Keep it Clean events at Aldama Elementary School (March 18th) and Buchanan Elementary School (April).—A grant of \$1500 from clean streets is forthcoming and until an account is made on money spent thus far on clean ups and how much is left, item should be tabled to March. All in favor to table. Motion is tabled.
25. (5 min.) Motion to approve up to \$250 to provide arts & crafts and hospitality items for the Monte Vista Block Party /Resource Fair on February 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the 5200 Block of N. Monte Vista Street between Ave. 52 and Ave 53.—Flyer is distributed. Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA) and CD1 are coordinating this event but have not been promoting it sufficiently enough. Block party is focused on gang prevention and community resources. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, E. Andalon, B. Caban, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Abstain: L. Amsden. Motion passes.
26. (5 min.) Motion to appoint Jessica Ceballos as the new Film Liaison to city hall. —Motion is tabled for next month to give other board members opportunity to be considered. All in favor. Motion tabled.
27. (5 min.) Motion to start the approved application process to fill in the vacant Director-at-Large seat. —All in favor. Motion passes.
28. New Business—A. Serving on a committee is important. The committee on culture will meet again to have quorum and make it a standing committee. Remember to send J. Tijerina jpegs of flyers to post on social media. B. A request for beer and wine license for new restaurant which land use approved unanimously will be on next agenda.
29. Adjournment—9:32 P.M.