

04-06-17 HHPNC BOARD MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7:01pm

B. Roll Call—Harvey Slater, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden (7:04), Elizabeth Andalon (7:07), Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Marcus Moché, Stan Moore, Diego Silva (7:02), Jamie Tijerina. Absent: Daniel Andalon, Boo Caban, Yolanda Nogueira, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn

C. Elected Officials—Mayor's office: NONE; CD1: NONE; CD14—Lucy Aparicio, field deputy, An unfortunate shooting took place at San Pascual Park, and want to share that funding is allocated for much needed improvements at the park, such as new restrooms, basketball courts, to name a few. CD14 is committed to being more proactive in raising awareness on graffiti, which they take seriously and are working closely with LAPD. A mural on Meridian and Avenue 56 gets tagged a lot, and it takes time to get cleared for cleaning, which was recently cleaned since March 20th. Secondly, a cleanup is set for Highland Park and teaming up with HHPNC on Saturday May 6th at Burbank Middle School and cleaning along the streets of Figueroa and York. Sanitation has added two more trashcans along York Avenue. And the Fuego Group continues to help.

AD51: NONE; SD22: NONE; BOS1: NONE.

D. President's Report—The executive meeting was productive, more details in the committee report section.

E. LAPD Report—Senior Lead Officer Lloyd Chang reports that crime statistics indicate an 8% reduction in crime, mainly in burglary of stolen car, which is one less than a year today. Overall in Highland Park car thefts are down 23%. Yesterday there was a shooting in San Pascual Park at 9:00 pm where one male was shot and killed. The investigation taking place as clues are gathered to piece together what happened. All RVs are being monitored and informed of the rules and regulations on what they can and can't do. LAPD is trying to provide services for them if they desired. Also, Officer Chang is conducting cleanups with the park ranger along 110 FWY. Joining CD 1 and American Legion to beautify Veteran's Square, and working on fixing the fountain by raising funds. Senior Lead Officer Mark Allen reports that crime south of York to Avenue 45 is down 10.8% total in crime, burglary down and violent crime is up by three more crimes than last year, which were aggravated assaults mainly, family disputes, neighbor disputes. There is a large influx of RVs coming into Highland Park. We have a mapping system by created by the mayor's office, which indicates the green areas where RVs can park; however, there are certain areas that are green that can be a problematic, and are working with Council District 1 office on this issue. LAPD is alerting the RV campers what are the green and yellow areas where they can stay and not.

F. LAFD Report—NONE

G. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, Arroyo Seco Library librarian, announces programs coming up, such as a resume workshop on Saturday, and also a musical performance by USC on the 24th on a program by Michael Herrera on Aztec stories for all ages.

H. Board Announcements—NONE

I. Committee Reports—**Executive**: The committee met to discuss the state of the NC, which was a productive discussion on the strengths and opportunities. The discussion was postponed for next board meeting as this current agenda was too long. Received a public records request concerning surveillance cameras that the city has was supposed to install and reserved funds for them. If any board member has information on this topic, please let me know in order to notify the stakeholder. **Culture and Equality**: Now a fully formed committee and discussing current immigrations issues on ways HHPNC can help and collaborate with organizations.

Rules—NONE; **Budget**—Reminder that funds are getting cut off in early June. Any NPGs to get approved or sponsored must be done prior to June 7th, which is the last day to cut a check. June 11th is last day to use the credit card. **Land Use**—NONE; Outreach: Easter extravaganza and baseball day at the Highland Park Recreation Center is on April 8. **Sustainability**—NONE **Family Youth Education**—Education Town Hall Meeting will take place on May 11, 2017 at Luther Burbank Middle School from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. Flyer coming soon. **Public Safety**—NONE **Housing and Homelessness**: Working on the directory and attending NELA Homeless Coalition meeting. **Beautification**—Two community cleanups coming up with CD1 on April 29th at Buchanan Elementary School, which was already approved by the board and with CD14 cleanup in May 6th on Burbank Middle School is on today's agenda for approval.

J. Budget Advocates Report—Budget Day will be Saturday, June 24th, this year – always interesting, everyone invited. Budget Representatives are needed for the upcoming year, especially open to interested community members with policy interests and differing skills. If anyone is interested, please contact L. Amsden and/or visit the budget advocates or HHPNC's website for more information. The City's Budget is being released April 20th, the Budget Advocates have serious concerns about escalating costs/loss of income, and lack of transparency as set forth in the White Paper.

K. Liaisons—**Grievance Panel**—NONE; **Animal services**—NONE; **Homelessness**: J. Ceballos liaison meetings City Hall is informing on the ways to use resource information for the community. A report to come soon. **Legal**—NONE; **Public Works**—NONE; **DWP**—NONE.

L. Alliances—**ARC**—A presentation on LA DWP information on customer bill of rights and efforts to improve customer relations; and additional information is available in their website. The new customer bill of rights came about due to a class action suit. DWP is also working on being more proactive in customer service with a three minute waiting time; also, the new DWP general manager has a new approach with a revamped strategic plan; have a double pipe replacement, but even at 50 miles/year, it will take over 100 years to upgrade Los Angeles and most pipes have an 85 year lifespan, and much of the water system is old or goes through the older pipes and not reaching the appropriate replacement level. A G1 parcel housing development is a proposed project being built in the bowtie section in between in Glassell Park and Atwater Village, which is part of the national parks system, and some concerns are being raised on limited and private access to that LA River adjacent to the development, and affordability and street access concerns. A meeting will be held on May 15th to discuss this issue and for community input on G1 and G2. **LANCC**—A content survey for Congress of Neighborhood is on Grayce Liu DONEs blog until April 7 to provide input ideas on who and what issues to include and focus on, such as how can all NCs support issues city wide; how can NCs introduce Council Files tracking CIS, engaging community. The Neighborhood of Congress will be held on September 9. There is a meeting on April 23 at 1pm at the Hollywood Constituent Center on Fountain to get NC councils involved. Street surveys are supposed to be updated at the end of the year to help enforce speed on streets. **NC Sustainability Alliance**—NONE; **NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance**—NONE; **PlanCheck NC**— NONE

M. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)
NONE

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda. Correction for item 8, which is supposed to be Arts Committee (delete Culture). All in favor. Motion passes. Motion by S. Huerta to move item 22 and 23 after item 4. All in favor. Motion passes.

2. Approval of March 02, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Amend minutes to delete those who were late and did not vote. Abstain: S Huerta and M. Moché. All other board members in favor. Motion passes.
3. Approval of March 02, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.
4. [Previously Tabled] (5 min.) 322-326 S. Leslie Way and 5719 Omaha Street (VTT-744486-SL) – Discussion and possible regarding the demolition of a duplex and construction of a seven-unit small lot subdivision with one affordable unit.—The applicant presented twice before the Land Use Committee and second time was approved unanimously. The total redesign was based on recommendations and incorporated a component of low income housing section. The design is a little dense due to the low income unit added. Added a green space based on committee suggestions, windows also changed. There are two car garages and no real community space onsite for children to play. The space for the building is a combination of two lots; two residents have been notified and receiving relocation funds.
Oppose: D. Silva, J. Ceballos, R. Rivas. **Abstain:** S. Moore and M. Moché. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
5. (5 min.) 5326 York Blvd. (ZA-2016-4508-CUB) – Discussion and possible action to support a Conditional Use Beverage to allow an existing 2,500 square-foot 7-Eleven to continue off-site consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages and operation 24 hours daily. This is for a transfer of an existing alcohol license since 1974. The applicant is asking for support in the transfer alcohol license to the 7-11 store. The exterior will undergo modifications and overall building remaining the same size. Distilled spirits will be behind counter, upon request only, and in a locked cabinet. Limited on beer and wine, a decrease of inventory. Feedback from Land Use Committee on the design; the architects are working on design to make aesthetic changes to fit more to the community architectural style and to appear more friendly. Applicant suggested that HHPNC choose the design preferred based on two different renderings. Over 300 signatures from the community presented to the board.
Public comments: First Male Stakeholder: Works night shifts, and can go to this store at 2:00 am, which is closer than the one in Eagle Rock. The 7-11 will provide more jobs for the community. First Female Stakeholder: Her husband works late and doesn't have a place to go except for the 7-11. Second Male Stakeholder mentions that the store is good for the neighborhood because mothers can purchase children's formula/food. Third Male Stakeholder does not support, because the 7-11 will aggravate morning rush and create lot of traffic. It also raises safety issue for children in the morning, and opposes the store open for 24 hours. A. Castillo mentions conditions: the biggest concern was not so much the sale of alcohol due to the many years of the previous liquor store in business, but the 24 hour aspect that has pros and cons. One condition was to sell alcohol 10:00 am-11:00 pm if state allows to have a security plan camera and lights, and submit to city for LAPD review. Additional conditions were to clean all the trash from the packages from immediate areas, remove the billboards, applicant return after one year of operation, two employees present at all times and to keep area clean and secure. Comment by A. Castillo in support of the application because the previous liquor store did not have a condition use permit, and the 7-11 will require getting a conditional use permit. The city will issue more conditions on hours, noise, operation, etc. All in favor with the conditions. **Abstain:** M. Moché, G. Chabran. **Oppose:** J. Ceballos, D. Silva, R. Rivas. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, S. Moore, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.

6. (2 min.) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2017. **Abstain:** M. Moché. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, S. Moore, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
7. (2 min.) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2017. **Abstain:** M. Moché. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, S. Moore, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
8. (4 min.) Motion to adopt Budget Revision #2 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. **Abstain:** M. Moché. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, S. Moore, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
9. (2 min.) Motion to reinstate the Arts Committee. J. Ceballos informs that the reinstatement is due to the recent budget cuts by federal administration, and a community discussion is needed. J. Ceballos is the arts delegate, starting a new program, and wants to engage Highland Park community. All in favor. Motion passes
10. (3 min.) Motion to support city funding for the proposed budget item concerning adding emergency preparedness employees at Emergency Management Department and EmpowerLA for the distribution of emergency bins throughout the city, which is an important first step for preparedness and sustainability. All in favor. Motion passes.
11. (2 min.) Motion to provide funding for hospitality of no more than \$250 and translation services of \$300 for the town hall meeting with Dr. Ref Rodriguez and LAUSD District Central Superintendent Roberto Martinez, date and location still pending. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, S. Moore, M. Moché, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
12. (2 min.) Motion to approve a clean-up with CD 14 and Burbank Middle School on May 6th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and provide hospitality up to \$250. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, S. Moore, M. Moché, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
13. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to pay \$500 for the HHPNC logo artwork from Joe Bravo for new outreach materials. TABLED
14. (4 min.) Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1500 to support the Franklin High School Robotics Team (robo-nerds). Robo-nerds is 4 years old team at Franklin High School. Asking HHPNC to help with fees for the competition and materials needed. L. Amsden supports the NPG, and would like advertise to include the involvement in community and request for organization to include HHPNC logo on a banner. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, S. Moore, M. Moché, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
15. (4 min.) Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose grant in the amount of \$2000 to support the North Figueroa Associations participation in the LANI historical tile streetscape plan. J. Potter/Misty Iwatsu TABLED
16. (4 min.) Discussion and motion for a CIS in support of the Budget Advocates' 2017 White Paper. Request to provide budget suggestions to the Budget Advocates. The Mayor and City Council promised to balance budget but now, with additional homelessness costs, lawsuit settlements, additional hiring, increased pension costs, the city is facing a \$250 million in "budget gaps." The City needs to focus on its long term infrastructure – both planning AND funding, with comprehensive operations and financing plan for city streets, sidewalks, water system, power grid, etc. In addition, make Los Angeles more business friendly, but improving services for the benefit of residents, traffic. The city council needs to be accountable and city manager focuses on finding savings. And all stakeholders have the right to make suggestions, to support the white paper, if more NCs support it, the more

power NCs will have. If anyone has ideas on how to save money and making new money without raising taxes, email L. Amsden or visit the budget advocates website. **Abstain:** M. Moché. Everyone else in favor. Motion passes.

17. (4 min.) Discussion and motion for HHPNC to take a position of solidarity and collaboration with our community members who have been adversely affected by ICE activity in our neighborhoods, and with community organizations who are advocating for undocumented members of our community including Academia Avance, NDLO, and Indivisible HLP. On February 28th, a father from the Highland Park community was detained from ICE that went nationally public. There are organizations working together to advocate against ICE detentions and deportations. It's important for HHPNC to be more proactive by taking a leadership and solidarity position on immigration detentions and issues. A letter will go to city and county level. All in favor. Motion passes.
18. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to hold a livestream candidate forum for the CD1 runoff. The forum will be like the one done previously for CD1 election. The information will be distributed to the community. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to hold a livestream candidate forum for a 34th district congressional race runoff. All in favor. Motion passes.
20. (5 min.) Approval of funding (no more than \$100) for small refrigerator magnets and leaflets where community members can list emergency contact information. This item is linked with issue of ICE detentions. Creating a contingency plan when communication is blocked/difficult is important, especially due to leaving behind children. Emergency information is needed and the magnets/leaflets will serve that purpose. The information can include other emergency information and add HHPNC website. They leaflets/magnets will be distributed at different events, such as "Know Your Rights" meeting by CD1. J. Tijerina will design them, and HHPNC will approve the design. All in favor. Motion passes.
21. (5 min.) Motion to submit a community impact statement with recommendations for protecting immigrants' rights and affirming the status of LA as a sanctuary city. **Abstain:** M. Moché. Everyone else in favor. Motion passes
22. (5 min.) 1457-1463 Highgate Ave. (ZA-2016-4185-ZAD-ZAA) – Discussion and possible action for the construction of a new single-family dwelling on a vacant public right-of-way. The project also includes an access driveway and bridge to the property. Single family home on a hill side in an undeveloped land, proposing a four level home that is embedded into the earth, on a steep slope with a bridge, swimming pool and parking area. Requesting to deviate from their expansion in the road way. Location is on a narrow street and a cul-de-sac. Presented before the Land Use Committee twice, and supported unanimously. The applicant doesn't want to extend to the street and the city is not giving providing any land. **Oppose:** S. Moore, L. Amsden, J. Ceballos, J. Potter, and G Chabran. **Abstain:** M. Moché and J. Tijerina. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, R. Rivas, E. Andalon, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, D. Silva. Motion passes.
23. (5 min.) 5010 York Blvd. (ZA-2017-50-CUB) – Discussion and possible action to support a Conditional Use Beverage to allow for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at the Highland Café from the hours of 8 am to 11 pm, Sunday through Thursday, and 8am to 12am on Friday and Saturdays. Applicant applied due to change in landlord and raised rent is making harder to make a living otherwise restaurant cannot remain open. The restaurant owner wants to be provide an option for the community to dine, and does not want to raise prices to make it expensive. Land use committee reviewed at last meeting and discussed the hours of operation and use of outdoor seating. Committee recommends a condition to revisit with Land Use after one year once established with alcohol license. No alcohol will be served at outdoor seating area due to the narrowness of sidewalk. D. Silva has trouble

with voting on it because this will be adding another liquor license in an area already saturated with alcohol licenses. **Oppose:** D. Silva, J. Ceballos, R. Rivas, and S. Moore.

Abstain: G. Chabran. **In favor:** H. Slater, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, S. Huerta, M. Moché, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.

24. (5 min.) 1829 N. Ave 53 (ZA-2016-743-ZV) - Discussion and possible action to support the legalization of a previously permitted 2,300 FT dwelling into a duplex and add new 400 SF carport. This is to legalize a non-permitted unit but because zone does not allow three units, requesting a variance. The building in question number three appears to be a duplex and divided in one of the units in the back and other rented out. The family believed that for 27 years the duplex was legal and wants to legalize it now. They are adding a parking to go with requirement. It's rent control and city inspects the property. Motion to support that variance. D. Silva motions. Seconded J. Ceballos. **All in favor.** Motion passes.

25. New Business—NONE

26. Adjournment –9:04 p.m.