

## 05-04-17 HHPNC BOARD MINUTES

A. *Call to Order*—7:04 PM

B. *Roll Call*—Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon (7:08), Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Elizabeth Andalon (7:09), Boo Caban (7:10), Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Suzanne Huerta (7:07), Marcus Moché, Yolanda Nogueira, Jamie Tijerina (7:04). Absent: Diego Silva, Sherri Lunn, and Stan Moore.

C. *Elected Officials*—Mayor's office: NONE; CD1: NONE;

CD14: Lucy Aparicio announces couple of clean ups that are coming: 1. Saturday May 6 at Burbank Middle School from 9:30-11:30 AM, volunteers are need, such as students to complete community service hours. 2. Annandale Elementary School on June 03 from 9:30-11:30 AM, volunteers also are needed to help with the pedestrian tunnel, which will get new mirrors and art along the tunnel walls.

AD51: NONE; SD22: NONE; BOS1: NONE

D. *President's Report*—Agenda item regarding executive meeting updates will provide for the report.

E. *LAPD Report*—Officer Chang, Senior Lead Officer on the north side of Highland Park, 10 years working in the area with 3 and a half years as Senior Lead Officer. Officer Change reports of a 17% reduction in overall crime. Stolen car crime comes in a cyclical manner, when arrests are made then number of cars stolen goes down, and when car burglars are released car thefts go back up. These criminals are placed on a top ten list to monitor them. The murder that took place on San Pascual Park was a male tagger from the Avenues gang, the other gang was HLP and they don't get along; a search warrant was issued for shooter and weapon used was found. The types of cars stolen are mainly Honda Accords and Civic, Toyota Camry, and American cars.

F. *LAFD Report*—NONE

G. *LAPL Report*—Summer reading program starts in June 12<sup>th</sup>. Also an adult summer reading program is open to everyone over 18 years old. There will be raffles of gift cards prizes donated by local businesses, this year Café de Leche and Kitchen Mouse provided raffle prizes. The library needs more businesses to donate. Tai chi sessions are available starting June 24, online community education on astronomy 101 is on June 14 at 6:00 pm. Please see calendar of events for more information on special events and book club.

H. *Board Announcements*—John Darnell, the new Neighborhood Council advocate, announces that a DONE representative will attend every meeting. A couple of announcements regarding NCs: Skid Row attempt to become it's own NC failed and last night filed a grievance, which will allow for another election in 90 days or give Skid Row it's NC; some illegal actions by Downtown NC was reported in a LA Times article. Hermon has become the 97<sup>th</sup> neighborhood council certified with new board as it broke away from ASNC. Meetings and information on the Mayor's initiatives on HHH and H initiative were provided for liaisons these past couple of weeks.

I. *Committee Reports*—**Executive**: NONE; **Rules**: NONE; **Budget**: NONE; **Land Use**: NONE;

**Outreach**: Community clean-up on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Burbank Middle School. **Sustainability**: NONE; **Family Youth Education**: The Town Hall Meeting on Education is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM, set-up at 6:00PM, volunteers are greatly appreciated; **Public Safety**: Scheduled a meeting but there were no one showed up; **Housing and Homelessness**:

Committee is working on finishing up the Housing and Homelessness Directory to distribute to the community. More details to come. **Beautification**: Veterans Square beautification is coming along, a plumber search is underway to help with the fountain, American Legion and CD1 is working on that. **Culture and Equality**: Did not have quorum at the last meeting and held discussions on immigration rights and magnets to develop with type of information to

include. Also, the committee discussed ways to collaborate with other committees, providing training for students to get jobs in the community and other similar topics. A live stream for the 34 congressional runoff elections will take place on May 23. The CD1 runoff election live stream forum will not be taking place.

*J. Budget Advocates Report:* Meeting with budget and finance committee on Friday to highlight interest in revenue producing ideas and helping make the city more efficient. Stakeholders are welcome to make suggestions. One of our concerns is the investment rate of city pension plans is a little optimistic. Committee Chair, Paul Krekorian, did not want to lower the investment rate assumption, which is several points higher than recommended by the finance community, but Retirement and Pension Committee will bring up those concerns to him. The Budget Advocates' recommendation that the City hire a City Manager/Chief Operating Office was rejected with Councilmen Bonin commenting that people would complain about the expense. The City Manager as an investment that would bring savings and efficiencies through coordination of services and slashing the duplications, which not only costs money but are the source of so much frustration to those dealing with the City. Reminder that this year's Budget Day will be on Saturday, June 24th. All stakeholders as well as Council members are invited to breakfast; this is an opportunity to voice your suggestions and concerns in regional breakouts following the main presentations. RSVP at NCBALA.com.

*K. Liaisons—Grievance Panel:* NONE; *Animal services:* Attended meeting, is unhappy about it and no report. *Homelessness:* Attended civic university on homelessness. Full report next meeting. *Legal:* NONE; *Public Works:* NONE; *DWP:* NONE.

*L. Alliances—ARC:* NONE; *LANCC:* Meeting is this Saturday; anybody is welcome to attend at the DWP building. *NC Sustainability Alliance:* Still fighting the gas company that keeps claiming of no air-conditioning regulations and we did have problems of electrical problems.

*NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance:* NONE; *PlanCheck NC:* NONE;

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

1. Jorge Castañeda: Coalition to Preserve LA is a nonprofit to present to NCs about a new forward thinking nonprofit that resulted from the Measure S supporters and coalition, which will tackle issues on HHH and H through workshops and reaching out to everyone throughout city. The hope is to come together to develop a bottom up strategy so city officials have a mode of transparency, fair community plans, and thoughtful conversation. Our number is (323) 617-1606. We want to have a livable LA.

2. Evelin Castañeda: From Franklin High School to announce a Viva La Unidad Rally to give the community an opportunity to stand together in unity, represent its diversity and support for all who live in Highland Park. Also, express themselves to the federal administration, provide resources from CHIRLA on immigration rights and an open microphone, on May 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 PM Viva La Unidad Rally at the Highland Park Recreation Center.

3. Al Strange: Announcing the Veterans' Day Parade on November 5, this is the first Sunday of the month, and to request for funding from NC of \$500 for the parade. The parade is to be grateful for the freedoms we have based on the men and women who died on the front lines.

4. Chase Rojas: A community member of from the Lummis Day Community Foundation to talk about Lummis Day June 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> with a movie showing at Occidental College and York Park will serve as lounge area, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day there will be 4 stages for music and art will be available too. Volunteers are needed.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. *Approval of Agenda.* Item 16 date amended to June 03. All in favor. Agenda approved.
2. *Approval of April 06, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.* Abstain Z. Gardea and Linda "Boo" Caban. Minutes approved.

3. (3 min.) *Motion to reinstate Daniel Andalon as First Vice President.* D. Andalon was suspended because of absences. D. Andalon thanks board members for allowing him to return to the board and apologizes to those board members who put in a lot of work on the council. M. Moche abstains. Motion passes.
4. (5 min.) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] *Discussion and motion to pay \$500 for the HHPNC logo artwork from Joe Bravo for new outreach materials.* Joe Bravo was commissioned 6-7 years ago by HHPNC to work on a logo but somewhere along the lines the logo was changed, instead of asking Mr. Bravo to make some changes. Mr. Bravo proposes to change the logo into a heart with water, sycamore leaves and rocks to look more professional. He will provide a variety of formats to the logo. A. Castillo and L. Amsden suggest having a contract or agreement for copy right issues. H. Slater will contact city attorney regarding a copyrights contract. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden , E. Andalon, L. B. Caban, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, M. Moché , Y. Nogueira J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
5. (4 min.) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] *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.* Misty Iwatsu, North Figueroa Association, and Arturo Nevarez, LANI project manager, presented. The tile mosaics are for the Highland Park Streetscape Improvement Project. The mosaics are placed along various Figueroa street corners. The grant will be go towards a \$12,000 mosaic on Figueroa Street. All other mosaics along the street have been funded from community. The tiles already fabricated for the project to continue and hoping to finish this summer or early fall. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden , E. Andalon, L. B. Caban, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, M. Moché , Y. Nogueira J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. (6 min.) *Occidental College updates on York Blvd property developments at the corner of Armadale St. and York Blvd. The college will provide update on the purposes of those store fronts.* Jim Tranquada, Director of Communications and Allegra Padilla, Community Programs Coordinator, present Occidental College's plans to establish a new home for Occidental College's Oxy Arts on the commercial buildings it owns on York and Armadale Avenues. Oxy Arts is a multidisciplinary arts programming initiative that seeks to engage the community in socially conscious dialogue around contemporary arts practices and scheduled to open in Fall 2018. During the summer, renovations for this new art center, an initiative from the college to embrace multiple art forms, will begin. In addition, two spaces for restaurants or small eateries to be operated by local entrepreneurs are also in the plans. The outside of building will look the same and interior work will include new plumbing, electrical wiring, and heating and cooling systems.
7. (10 min.) *Discussion and possible motion to submit a letter of support to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee for council file number 17-0117, the Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistricts (ARUS), which would serve to restrict the overconcentration of alcohol retailers in areas of the City where the retail sale of alcohol is negatively impacting neighborhoods and residents. The Coalition to Prevent Alcohol-Related Harms in LA Metro (CoPalm) will present.* Representatives from CoPalm, a community based coalition based on substance use prevention, presented to address alcohol related issues in neighborhoods. An ordinance (Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistricts ARUS) under the Council File 17-0117 creates a tool that neighborhood councils can use to designate where new alcohol licenses can be issued. This will help areas impacted by alcohol density, like schools, parks, senior centers as NC protects these areas. The NC would apply to the city council and designate the area of the streets for no new alcohol licenses to provide community relief to address

new licenses by case by case basis. Residents have to fight 6-7 applications and have to attend meetings. The ordinance will allow the NC and residents to designate the zones, which forces the NC and community to work with city council members. This will help residents voice what they want in their neighborhoods and provide for an effective land use policy. This ordinance will not impact the transfer of and is only for new licenses. HHPNC board members bring up concerns of racial profiling, ordinance restricting licenses, substance abuse prevention and objectivity in creating the zones prohibiting alcohol licenses. A. Castillo motions that this issue go to land use committee, seconded by L. Amsden. All in favor. Motion passes.

8. (6 min.) 4849 Eldred St (ZA-2016-846-ZAD-SPP) Discussion and possible action for a proposal to construct an approximately 2,504 SF single family dwelling on a 5,393 SF lot. This item did not go thorough land use committee due to a cancellation at the last committee meeting. The applicant had a public hearing and city is waiting for NC input before they take action. The applicant is building a house close to Mount Washington, square feet is actually 1800 a vacant lot. The request is for new single family dwelling. City requires new development to widen the street to develop new house, which will probably not happen. There are specific standards that they city is paying close attention. J. Ceballos would like to see letters of support from the neighbors and attach them to NC letter. L. Amsden abstains. Motion passes.
9. (6 min.) 4853 Eldred St (ZA-2016-844-ZAD-SPP) Discussion and possible action for a proposal to construct an approximately 2,185 SF single family dwelling on a 5,417 SF lot. L. Amsden abstains. Motion passes.
10. (5 min.) Motion to support a CIS calling for the enforcement of existing billboard restrictions, that the City Council immediately stop using existing CIS filed by NCs as supporting approval of widespread expansion of both digital and static billboards when they were clearly in support of a narrow aspect of the previous Council File, and that input be sought from stakeholders by neighborhood on any future changes. L. Amsden submitted a CIS in October/September and the committee supported certain version of the CIS. The city committee decided to use the billboards to raise money for the city and aggregated the CIS to indicate that NCs were in support of this new version which is not true. All in favor. Motion passes.
11. (5 min.) Motion to request City Council create a Council File to expand online reporting of non-violent crimes and request the LAPD to come up with an appropriate on-line form to save both stakeholder and sworn-officer hours. L. Amsden states that there is a council file addressing this issue to a certain extent and this is to include other items like breaking into car and providing a better reporting. M. Freeland abstains. Motion passes.
12. (5 min.) Motion to support a CIS to City Council requesting Measure M funds be used for their intended purpose, enhanced repair of streets and sidewalks, and a format with transparency be set up so decisions are based on stakeholder input and are spread equitably between the Council Districts and are not diverted or spent based on political agenda. L. Amsden states that this topic came up on LANCC. The city budget is in a big trouble because of the costs of liability, homeless costs and pensions going up. Mayor Garcetti said that Measure M half percent tax funds were to address transit problems, but this is not appropriate. We voted on money to be used on transportation. A discussion between M. Freeland and L. Amsden proceeds on the specifics of Measure M and Vision Zero. M. Freeland motions to table the item until further information is gathered and shared. J. Ceballos seconds. All in favor. Motion to table item passes.
13. (2 min.) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2017. In favor: H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden , E. Andalon, L. B. Caban, J.

Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, M. Moché, Y. Nogueira J. Tijerina. Motion passes.

14. (4 min.) *Motion to adopt the following resolution that the Neighborhood Council support the Los Angeles Annual Congress of Neighborhoods on September 9, 2017 in an amount up to \$100; LA Congress of Neighborhoods-Networking/EmpowerLA Awards event in an amount up to \$100; and LA Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates in an amount up to \$250. Exact funding depends on the availability of funds at the end of May.* L. Amsden motions to amend the amounts for Congress of Neighborhoods to \$200 and Awards \$0 because awards decisions are controversial due to favoritism. Seconded by D. Andalon; Motion to amend item passes (M. Moché abstains). In favor for amended motion H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, L. B. Caban, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, Y. Nogueira J. Tijerina. Abstains: M. Moché. Motion passes.
15. (2 min.) *Motion to approve a clean-up with CD 14 and Annandale Elementary School on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and request for funds up to \$500 to cover hospitality up to (\$250) and paint and painting supplies for (\$250).* R. Rivas exits room due to conflict of interest. Y. Nogueira explains the reason for clean-up. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, L. B. Caban, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, M. Moché, Y. Nogueira J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
16. (4 min.) *Motion to allocate up to \$1500 for outreach materials, such as brochures, tee shirts, whistles, flashlights, reusable market sacks, stickers, key chains, etc., for distribution at community events.* H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, E. Andalon, L. B. Caban, J. Ceballos, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, M. Moché, Y. Nogueira J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
17. (4 min.) *Amend the Funding Request Form, approved at the September 1, 2016 meeting, to increase the allocation from \$1500 to \$1950 for the printing and distribution of 5000 Good Neighbor mailers.* Problems concerning the mailing distribution, printing and costs/funding arose for this Good Neighbor Project. Board members discuss if the project was effective or not. J. Potter passes out light and heavy weight paper for board to vote which one to use for the mailers. Board decides to use the light weight paper to reduce costs. Motion does not pass.
18. (5 min.) *Motion to support, "The Outside," a reading series and chapbook presentation to take place at the Audubon at Debs Park that aims to explore the relationship between our communities and environment in order to support the sense of connection, stewardship, and ownership of our green spaces as practiced by existing communities.* J. Ceballos explains the project is a collective and multidisciplinary multilingual enviro-art experience, which is presented in a four part reading program in July and ends in October. The readings are centered on birds and environmental stewardship, in Spanish and English, then in Mandarin and English. This is just a motion to support the project. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. (5 min.) *Motion to submit a letter of support for Assembly member Holden's legislation, Assembly Bill 287. AB 287 would prohibit the construction of the 710-freeway tunnel between the I-210 and I-10 freeways and establish a local advisory committee to recommend a viable solution.* H. Slater explains that AB 287 at the state level transportation committee did not pass. D. Andalon and M. Moche abstain. Motion passes.
20. (5 min.) *Discussion on the executive committee's recent review of the state of HHPNC as the first anniversary of the current term approaches.* H. Slater wanted to spend time on this item but board is running over time. S. Huerta motions to table item and seconded by D. Andalon. All in favor. Motion tabled.
21. (4 min.) *Discussion and motion to hold a live stream "Know Your Rights" info session.* J. Tijerina explains that another session will be held in the next few months for people to

watch at their leisure concerning their rights immigration rights. All in favor. Motion passes.

22. (4 min.) *Discussion and motion for HHPNC to take a position in support of SB54, which prevents the use of state and local public resources to aid federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in deportation actions.* J. Tijerina states that a letter can be written in support of SB54. All in favor. Motion passes.

23. New Business—NONE

24. Adjournment—9:15 PM