Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Regular Board Meeting and Agenda
Thursday, December 07, 2017
Highland Park Senior Center
6152 N. Figueroa St., Los Ángeles, CA 90042
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Elected Officials (Mayor’s office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD22, BOS1)
D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
E. President’s Report
F. LAPD Report
G. LAFD Report
H. LAPL Report
I. Board Announcements
J. Committee Reports (Executive, Rules, Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Family Youth Education, Housing and Homelessness, Beautification, Culture and Equality, Arts, Sustainability, Local Business and Economy)
K. Budget Advocates Report
L. Liaisons (Grievance Panel, Animal Services, Homelessness, Legal, Public Works, DWP, Film, CD1, CD14, Purposeful Living)
M. Alliances (ARC, LANCC, NC Sustainability Alliance, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, PlanCheck NC)
N. General Public Comments On Non-Agenda Items—Comments from the public on nonagenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of November 02, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
3. (2 min.) CONSENT CALENDAR: The following routine matters can be acted upon by one motion. Individual items may be removed by the Board for separate discussion. Items removed for separate discussion will be heard following New Business items.
   
   3A. Motion to pay the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, $792 for use of the Highland Park Adult Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning July 18, 2017 and ending June 19, 2018. We are paying a reduced rate; this is for staff fees only. J. Potter
   
   3B. Motion to pay the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, $792 for the use of the Highland Park Adult Senior Center on the first and third Thursdays of each month, beginning January 4, 2018 and ending June 21, 2018. We are paying a reduced rate; this is for staff fees only. J. Potter
   
   3C. Motion to approve up to $500 for the HHPNC sustainability fair next year for flyers, drinks and promotions. S. Brantner, J. Tijerina
   
   3D. Motion to approve up to $550 for Burbank Middle School’s Holiday Posada to help pay for food for approximately 230 families on December 9. R. Rivas

4. (3 min.) Presentation by Amit Thakkar to explain a city-wide policy-making competition challenge, which is a civic engagement project that requests Angelenos to submit a policy proposal and Councilman Ryu will select one policy to convert into a new city program or legislation. Competition ends on December 11. H. Slater

5. (5 min.) Presentation by Dennis Arguelles from National Park Conservation Association followed by discussion and motion to submit CIS to relevant council files, commissions and lawmakers supporting the Rim of the Valley Proposal. The Rim of The Valley Corridor Preservation Act would make the Rim of The Valley (The Rim of the Valley Corridor comprises the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Simi, Conejo and La Crescenta valleys) part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Debs Park is part of the Rim Of the Valley thus impacting Highland Park. S. Brantner, J. Tijerina
6. (5 min.) 5715 N. Figueroa Street (ZA-2017-4458 CUB) – Discussion and possible action to support a Conditional Use Permit for on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages incidental to a new 1,702-square foot restaurant with 72 seats. A. Castillo, S. Huerta

7. (5 min.) Discussion and possible action on a proposed Commercial Cannabis Signage Ordinance. The Commercial Cannabis Signage Ordinance is a proposed Los Angeles Municipal Code amendment that would establish restrictions on advertising of cannabis and cannabis products on signs in the City. A. Castillo, S. Huerta

8. (2 min.) Request that additional funds and personnel be assigned to work on neighborhoods-specific plans for emergency preparedness given the recent hurricane and fires and the potential of a devastating earthquake not only cutting LA off from the rest of the state, but also fragmenting our neighborhoods when bridges and freeways collapse, trees block roads and the power, sewage and water systems are nonoperational/. L. Amsden

9. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS requesting Councilman Huizar to act to improve safety on North Figueroa due in response to recent traffic deaths in Council District 14. M. Freeland

10. (3 min.) Motion to create a Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee to review and make any necessary changes, particularly regarding operation of committees. H. Slater

11. (3 min) Motion to approve the appointment or selection process for open board seats for the one-year extended HHPNC term in the event an existing board member or officer is not able to serve. H. Slater

12. (3 min.) Motion to submit letter of concern regarding LAUSD school board member Dr. Ref Rodriguez’s felony charges and conflict of interest implications, which affect the institutional effectiveness of LAUSD and, thus, the public education service for all the students and families of Los Angeles. R. Rivas

13. (3 min.) Presentation followed by discussion and motion to support signing onto a letter that urges assurance that Measure H funding goes directly to service based providers and transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness. J. Tijerina

14. (3 min.) Presentation followed by discussion and motion to support the efforts and be part of a coalition to stop the abuses at the port of LA and submit a CIS to 17-0725-S1, other council files, and commissions that address this issue. J. Tijerina

15. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to present a CIS with recommendations to the police commission and any council files that address Special Order 40. Special Order 40 is a police mandate preventing LAPD officers from questioning people for the sole purpose of determining their immigration status. J. Tijerina

16. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS to the Cultural Heritage Commission regarding a tree that may have been illegally cut down at Lindsay Orchard. J. Tijerina

17. (2 min.) Discussion and possible motion to write a letter of support to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for Westwood Forward in their efforts to create a new neighborhood subdivision and form their own neighborhood council called North Westwood Neighborhood Council. Z. Gardea

18. (3 min.) Motion to submit a letter of support for the Arroyo Arts Collective to assume maintenance and programming of La Culebra Art Park under contract with the city. H. Slater

19. New Business

20. Adjournment