

## 07/06/17 HHPNC BOARD MINUTES

A. **Call to Order**—7:04 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**—Present: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Boo Caban (Departed 8:39), Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Stan Moore, Diego Silva and Jamie Tijerina (Total 12). Absent: Elizabeth Andalon, Melanie Freeland, Gabriel Chabran, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, and Yolanda Nogueira (Total: 6)

C. **Elected Officials**—Mayor's office: NONE; **CD1**: Conrado Terrazas, Field Deputy: The illegal fireworks in the area and of all of LA was out of control this year and a big problem. A meeting with 50 residents, LAPD and Fire Department took place to discuss this issue as many residents were upset. CD 1 will be introducing more legislation and educating residents on this issue. If you see or know of anyone setting off or selling illegal fireworks, report the address to the police. Culebra Park, which is owned by Department of Recreation and Parks, has had some problematic issues for a while and a group of community members have managed the programming. CD 1 is recommending that Arroyo Seco Arts Collective take over the management of the park; and working on a contract with them and Recreation and Parks. A small business training workshop is taking place on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at NELA Homes. Latin jazz on Sycamore Park on September 23 and 24 with two of the Los Lobos singers on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CD14**: Sean Starkey, Field Deputy: At Eagle Rock Park are the concerts at the park for all of northeast, and free Pilates classes. Sunday at 6 pm is the sleeping bag drive for recycled resources. The Adelante awards in June 2 for students from every school. The award ceremony included an award and lunch. The San Pascual Park forum was a success with approximately 500 in attendance. Services for parked RVs will be available to them soon through various services including bathrooms. Cannabis discussion is working its way in council, and if you have a strong stance with cannabis speak at the upcoming community meetings. The discussion includes having an 800-foot buffer zone around schools, parks and libraries. Working on Ellis Act changes, particularly on evictions, as the city is working to make it harder to evict people, including to make measures like a moratorium on condominium conversions.

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

D. **DONE**—John Darnell: The issue of equity funding has come up due to Hermon becoming a neighborhood council and receiving the same budget of 42,000 as Koreatown or Highland Park, which represent a larger number of residents. The board commissioners are working on this, so talk to your commissioner to take a position as a board. Other events by DONE was a workshop called "Beyond neighborhood councils, how to run for office," that provided tips on how to be a commissioner and get a government job, elected officials spoke. Civic university workshops are to education citizens about city issues, like homelessness, HHH and Measure H. DONE and mayor's office are working on having more speakers and a workshop on how money is being spent in August. The next big annual event is the Congress of Neighborhoods on September 9 with 40 workshops and the theme this year is diversity. On Budget Day Liz Amsden was selected as the co-chair for Budget Advocates. The civic youth leadership program allows the youth to be involved with what is taking place in the city and how to become a civic leader.

E. **President's Report**—Elections are coming up next spring, H. Slater will be termed out and a need to start thinking about candidates for next term. We will discuss this more as a committee is put together.

F. **LAPD Report**—NONE

G. **LAFD Report**—Chief Bednarchik: This fourth of July received over 2000 at 911 call center and at our station. There were 19 structure fires, responded to 90 grass and tree fires, and a couple of brush fires on El Sereno area, which kept firefighters very busy. No homes or serious fire damages on homes or lives taken. The fire department is trying to get control of the situation of illegal fireworks but it's a hard task. They are working with CD 1 to address this issue. Stay hydrated as the next couple of days are going to be hot.

H. **LAPL Report**—Sarah Moore, The Arroyo Seco Library is in the middle of summer reading, please sign up children and adults. Stop by in person or online, enjoy some of the activities. On Mondays is the program for kids, there are teen days and tai chi on Saturday morning for adults.

**I. Board Announcements—NONE**

**J. Committee Reports—Executive:** *Met to go over the budget, but did not have quorum and had just a discussion. The strategic budget plan will be discussed later in the meeting. Rules: NONE; Budget: NONE; Land Use: NONE; Outreach: NONE; Family Youth Education: Discussing organizing a community health and fitness fair. Collaborating with Hathaway-Sycamores on a backpack giveaway event, which will be discussed later in the meeting. Public Safety: NONE; Housing and Homelessness: Finishing up the Housing and Homelessness resource directory by this month. Also discussing and planning a Day of Dignity for our Homeless neighbors. Beautification: NONE; Culture and Equality: There are a few of areas discussed will be presented on items later in the meeting. Ice Out of CD1 went great as lot of people were in attendance. A forum on gentrification in the works and discussion on this a little later in the meeting. Arts: NONE*

**K. Budget Advocates Report—L. Amsden:** *Budget Day went well with engaging speakers outweighing the boring ones. L. Amsden was re-elected as one of the Region 8 (north-east LA) Budget Advocates along with William Morrison of Lincoln Heights and Lynda Valencia of Arroyo Seco. L. Amsden was re-elected Co-chair (with Jay Handal), and Budget Advocates are especially interested in involving stakeholders and board members in areas of special interest or expertise. Budget Advocates will be looking at shifting City department policies to move away from the line item approach which tends to perpetuate micro-managing when a bigger picture view is needed. If anyone is interested in any City department or service or any issue related to the City budget, please contact L. Amsden.*

**L. Liaisons—Grievance Panel: NONE; Animal services: NONE; Homelessness: NONE; Legal: NONE; Public Works: NONE; DWP: NONE**

**M. Alliances—ARC: NONE; LANCC:** *Requested a report-back on Neighborhood Council subdivision elections and that DONE's election challenge regulations be made more efficient. They are also requesting an attendance policy for BONC commissioners to ensure NCs have effective representation, as well as giving NCs input on the appointment of BONC commissioners. Finally, after board members bringing NC statements to the recent meeting on Air B'n'B were not allowed to enter since it was packed 2 hours early with industry advocates LANCC is requesting seating be held for official NC board members at City Council & committee meetings. NC Sustainability Alliance: is hosting a forum in Westchester from 1 to 4 on Saturday, July 15 to hear from experts and local advocates about the status of the LADWP study on transitioning the City to 100% renewable energy. It will be an opportunity to network and to learn about how stakeholders and Neighborhood Councils can act on initiatives to green our City. NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance: NONE; PlanCheck NC: NONE.*

**N. General Public Comments On Non-Agenda Items—Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)—**

**1. Jesse Rosas:** *States that the bike lane is not wanted and has a petition to present. The street lanes are already too narrow, and trucks and trailers drive down Figueroa. The bike lane will interrupt easy flow of traffic down the Figueroa corridor, which encounters a lot of traffic during peak hours and will cause a fiasco A different plan is needed. The Vision Zero objectives are good, but the plan comes from Europe, and not appropriate for our neighborhood. We must be open minded on how we can make it better. But this is bad planning because not enough people working together.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda. B. Caban motions to move item 11 up after item 4. Seconded by S. Lunn. All in favor. Motion passes.
2. Approval of June 01, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Abstain A. Castillo. Motion passes.
3. (15 min.) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] Presentation by Murakawa Communications regarding the City of Los Angeles' Safe Sidewalk LA program. — Gayle Greenberg presents the basic understanding of the Safe Sidewalk LA program's goal to improve mobility in the city by making sidewalks and ramps accessible to everyone. This program is a result of a lawsuit settled with the main crux is accessibility with those with

disabilities. The city will prioritize the repairs on city owned properties, the sidewalks in major corridors, and smaller residential streets. The focus is to get all city facility repairs in the first 5 years. This is the first 6 months in this 30-year program that has three ways to get sidewalks repaired, 1. Access for those with disabilities, for sidewalks they frequent in the city; 2. a rebate program for property owners for commercial and residential, one per property; 3. report a sidewalk problem where anybody can report any sidewalk, lowest priority. The website has FAQs to check out.

4. (15 min.) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] Presentation by a representative from LADOT to provide update and discuss the Mayor's Great Street and Vision Zero Initiatives for North Figueroa. —**Nat Gayle** director of Vision Zero. The city's goal is to diminish pedestrian and car collision deaths launched by the Mayor in August 2015. Collisions is the number one death of children. Traffic deaths is a problem that demands attention and city is investing resources in this vision. Analysis of data where collisions are taking place and using context based solutions. The action plan reports 40 priority corridors and where to go first for design solutions and Figueroa is one of them north 43 to York. In 2016, during Fig Jam some conceptual ideas were presented for Figueroa pedestrian safety, such as the flashing beacon on Avenue 60 and Figueroa, intersection tightening to make turns slower. Working with the council office to prioritize with pedestrian safety. Redesigning of plan is on hold because waiting for CD 1 on prioritization on the direction to take just on pedestrian safety. What makes vision zero different is the focus on education and enforcement to wear a helmet and don't drink and drive. The number of vehicles that come down Figueroa and the impact was analyzed for 3 years. The high amount of volume was in the south bound direction in the am period, so it would mean repurposing one left lane, but this is not currently part of the design. The focus is to protect the most vulnerable for people walking and biking. **Monique Lopez**, LA county bicycle coalition, states that regardless how we get through the city we all share similar values that at the end of a long day we want to be home safe and second on is to open to respectful dialogue and opening solutions together. There is a full range of possibilities to get us home safely. **Conrado Terrazas** states that the plan is to take a lane of traffic out and Cedillo is all about pedestrian safety. CD1 is content of the implementation of two pedestrian signals, the beacon on Avenue 60. **Jesse Rosas** states that there is nothing against bicycle lanes per se, but Figueroa is too narrow for bike lanes. People have been dying because of not enough signals. We must be open to other solutions and not just put bike lanes.
5. (10 min.) [Item moved from 11<sup>th</sup> place, per request of B. Caban] Discussion and motion to appoint a candidate for the vacant Director-at-Large seat. —**H. Slater** received emails from two candidates notifying that they will not be present today. The only candidate present is SuzAnn Brantner, the rest of the candidates not present forfeited. SuzAnn Brantner provides a brief presentation and states that she wants to be in the sustainability committee to educate community as she recently received sustainability certificate from UCLA extension. Motion to approve SuzAnn Brantner as new Director-At-Large by L. Amsden and seconded by A. Castillo. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to partner with Hathaway-Sycamores for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Giveaway for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to distribute approximately 1000 backpacks, school supplies, hygiene items, and clothing items to students from preschool through high school in the community. Request of funds not exceeding \$550 to provide water and snacks for the students. —**Flyers** for the event are distributed by Yvonne Sarceda from Hathaway-Sycamores. This event is to help the community with distribution of free backpacks with school supplies. Hathaway-Sycamores' fund development office located funds to purchase backpacks and items. All children in the area are welcome to participate. A form must be completed or call Hathaway-Sycamores to be placed on the list. The event will be posted in HHPNC newsletter and website. HHPNC will provide water and snacks to all participating children. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, B. Caban, A. Castillo, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (12). All in favor. Motion passes.
7. (4 min) Motion to approve the NPG request from Buchanan Street Elementary and Magnet Center in the amount of \$1500 for playground enhancement. —*The school community wants to upgrade the*

playground by bringing color to the grey asphalt and the school overall. A sixth of the track was painted, and the cost to paint the finish the rest is \$2200, \$700 of which was fundraised by the PTA. The NPG funds will be utilized to purchase cement paint, which is costly because a thick coat is required. The labor is free. D. Silva motions to amend amount to \$1000 and A. Castillo seconds. Oppose: Z. Gardea, D. Andalon and J. Potter. Remaining board members (9) in favor. Motion to reduce amount to \$1000 passes. Roll call to grant NPG \$1000 to Buchanan: D. Andalon, B. Caban, A. Castillo, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (11). Opposes: L. Amsden (1)

8. (4 min) Motion to approve the NPG request from EnrichLA in the amount of \$1500 in support of the weekly Garden Ranger Program at Luther Burbank Middle School. —TABLED
9. (4 min.) Motion to approve the NPG request from the Arroyo Arts Collective in the amount of \$1500 to provide a free, family friendly production of “Alicia in Arroyoland” to be staged at the Audubon Center at Debs Park (date not provided). —Ralph Waxman presented to the board about the play, which was written four years ago. The play is based on Alice in Wonderland but Alicia in Arroyoland version is set in Highland Park. This is a play relates to the community as a young 15 years old girl encounters problem with her family and ends up in Arroyoland in Highland Park. The characters include Charles Lummis and Chicken Boy and other local iconic people and places. They received a grant to provide a \$30 stipend for pay actors and others involved in the play. The play is scheduled for 8 performances for the community over the course of two weekends. Plans are to show the play to schools and video tape as well it to show at schools. Z. Gardea motions to lower amount \$1000, S. Moore seconds. All in favor Oppose: A. Castillo, H. Slater, L. Amsden, D. Andalon, J. Potter, R. Rivas. Motion to reduce amount to \$1000 does not pass. Motion to amend amount to \$1250 by D. Silva, seconded by Z. Gardea. In favor: A. Castillo, L. Amsden, R. Rivas, Z. Gardea, D. Silva, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Tijerina. Oppose: J. Potter, D. Andalon, H. Slater. Motion to grant NPG of \$1250. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (11)
10. (4 min.) Motion to approve the NPG request from Giving Music in the amount of \$1005 in support of the presentation of three free public performances at the Highland Park Senior Center by 5 musicians/vocalists (dates not provided). —Pat Singer presenting for Giving Musing a nonprofit organization that provides 60 music one-hour performances to senior centers in Los Angeles. This helps to bond with the community, especially around the holidays because it’s the loneliest time for seniors. Performances are open to the public and money goes to pay the musicians and outreach. Giving Music is working the director of Highland Park Senior Center to coordinate the best dates, specifically holidays, for the performances. Request from J. Potter to conduct more outreach and flyers if possible. Roll Call: L. Amsden, A. Castillo, S. Lunn, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (8). Abstain D. Andalon, S. Moore (2). Oppose Z. Gardea (1)
11. (5 min.) Motion to approve the NPG request from The Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles for an amount up to \$2500 in support of the production of Macbeth, to run for two weeks in September and be staged at the Lummis House. Accredited teacher training will also be offered. Attendance at Macbeth and training is free. —The play is free to high school and middle school students, seats will be available to the public and training for teachers will be provided by Louis Fantasia, a Shakespeare scholar. Requesting funds from the community and to get the community involved in the success of the project. Risers are being built and will be donated to Lummis House. Board members raise concern on the amount of money requested, that the organization is expecting NCs to fund the production and NPGs are not necessarily guaranteed to be granted. D. Silva suggests that if the organization had to cancel the production then the money would be returned. Motion by S. Lunn to reduce NPG to \$1000, S. Moore seconds. Opposed by J. Potter and Abstained by Z. Gardea. All else in favor. Motion to passes. D. Silva motions that the NPG be awarded on August 3<sup>rd</sup> after two additional NCs approve requested NPGs; Seconded by D. Andalon. Roll Call: D. Andalon, A. Castillo, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (11). L. Amsden Opposes. Remaining board members in favor. Motion passes.

12. (3 min.) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2017. — *Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (11). All in favor. Motion passes.*
13. (5 min.) Discussion and revisions of the draft Strategic Budget Package for fiscal year 2017-2018. —*The strategic plan is based on the results from Vision Day held last year, which included the goals, strategies and mission. Discussion focused on voting for the Strategic Budget Package and amend fund allocations at another meeting. L. Amsden requested to address outreach as it needs additional funds. The board decided to vote on the Budget Package and amend the fund allocations but the strategy and goals remain the same.*
14. (2 min.) Motion to approve the finalized HHPNC Strategic Budget Package for fiscal year 2017-2018. —*L. Amsden requests more money for outreach \$15,000 and moving away from NPGs that are too narrow. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (11). All in favor. Motion passes.*
15. (5 min.) Motion to support a CIS to City Council requesting Measure M funds be used for their intended purpose, the enhanced repair of streets and sidewalks, that stakeholder are given a role in what projects are prioritized and that the funds are spread equitably between the Council Districts. —*L. Amsden explains that the focus of letter is to use the funds only for intended purposes, and not cover any shortfalls as the Mayor requested. The tone of the letter was changed as well. Z. Gardea abstains. Everyone else on in favor (12). Motion for CIS passes.*
16. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to support Gentrification Forum scheduled for Saturday, August 12, 2017, hosted by a coalition of community members from NELA and provide an allocation of \$250 for refreshments and administration costs for the event. AMP Studios will sponsor location. — *J. Tijerina explains that a coalition of community members from different organizations are coming together for this free public event to hear community stories, conduct a literacy training, get educated on gentrification, how to deal with it and find solutions. The program is four hours long and food provided. Donations sought from local businesses. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, S. Moore, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater, J. Tijerina (11). All in favor. Motion passes.*
17. (5 min.) Motion to send a CIS for 17-0620 regarding the Paris Climate Agreement and to take a stance in support of policies that protect our environment and our communities. —*J. Tijerina recommending that HHPNC that a stance on this issue. All in favor. Motion passes.*
18. (5 min.) Motion to send a CIS for 15-1343 regarding the establishment of Indigenous People's Day. in *Culture and Equality Committee discussed at last meeting to take a stance on this issue. Recommending allowing Columbus Day to exist as educational tool and have an Indigenous Day in August. August is the most ideal month as there are no city or federal holidays. All in favor. Motion passes.*
19. (5 min.) Motion for a CIS to support Council File 17-0002-S93 (Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (Portantino)/President Barack H. Obama Highway), which is to support the resolution requesting the City of Los Angeles include in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (Portantino) that would designate the portion of State Highway 134 between State Highway 2 and Interstate 210 as the President Barack H. Obama Highway. —*R. Rivas recommending that the HHPNC support this resolution to commemorate President Obama's connection to NELA. J. Potter opposes. All other board members (11) in favor. Motion passes.*
20. New Business—None
21. Adjournment—9:30 p.m.