10/05/17 HHPNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call—Present: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Stan Moore, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira (Total: 14) Absent: Elizabeth Andalon, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 5)

C. Elected Officials—Mayor’s office: not present; CD1: not present; CD14: Lucy Aparicio, Field Representative, gives thanks to Yolanda Nogueira for organizing El Mercado and to all those who attended. The Eagle Rock Music Festival on October 7th is a free event and the headliner is Las Cafeteras, a donation is requested but not mandatory; York Blvd cleanup is on October 21 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm; supporting the HHPNC Pumpkin Patch on October 27th from 4:00-7:00 pm; Sunday November 5th is the Veterans Parade; and the Tree Lighting event in December; the Department of Transportation has its speed bump program going on now, so please contact them if you need to request one in your area; planting trees at local parks, such as in Garvanza and San Pascual Parks in November and December.

AD51: not present; SD22: not present; BOS1: not present

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): John Darnell, on Tuesday the city council voted on NC elections for 2019; next year a selection of NC board members can be done as a town hall/ caucus style, where candidates with the most votes gets a seat. The mayor will sign to make this official. The by-laws process has opened up and April 1st is the deadline.

E. President’s Report—Executive committee meeting will be held soon.

F. LAPD Report—Senior Lead Officer Chang, provides year to date crime statistics with an 18% decline in crime in his area. The burglary in homes has gone down; receiving calls and emails regarding RV and are now monitoring them due to the 72 hours parking restriction and otherwise getting towed. Open house for the new Northeast LAPD station on October 28 with food and entertainment from 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

G. LAFD Report—Not present.

H. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, announces 4 programs on Saturdays on print making workshop, next Saturday October 14 ballet folklorico, October 16 a puppet show, and finally on October 21 and 22 a class, which requires registration, on grass free sustainable garden designs, which helps with saving water.

I. Board Announcements—None

J. Committee Reports—Executive: Planning a meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month. Rules: No report. Budget: No report. Land Use: No report. Outreach: Pumpkin patch on October 27 and Cleanup on October 21. Family Youth Education: Committee is discussing a Family Health, Fitness and Nutrition Fair, more details next month. Public Safety: Rocio Rivas is stepping down as chair and seat available for another board member to take it on. Housing and Homelessness: Beautification: Still awaiting to hear from CD 1 regarding fixing the Veterans Square fountain, Culture and Equality: No report. Arts: No report. Sustainability: The recycleLA informational event taking place at Senior Center regarding the new waste and recycling
program, next meeting is on October 19. **Local Business and Economy:** First meeting taking place this month

K. **Budget Advocates Report:** Currently meeting with departments to discuss their plans for next year’s budget, the mayor does not want any department to spend more than last years but that may not be feasible and addressing both the structural deficit – how more has been committed in pension obligations and union contracts as well as the problems with City services we all experience. This year’s Regional Budget Day for January 20th or 27th and will send around a save-the-date shortly. Working on attracting a greater turnout of stakeholders as well as NC board members. Additionally, looking to host an event or provide materials to Neighborhood Councils late April/early May to give people more info on what it means to be a Budget Rep or Budget Advocate in the hope of attracting more interested and better educated participants in Budget Day 2018 which will be on June 16th.

L. **Liaison—Grievance Panel:** No report. **Animal Services:** No report. **Homelessness:** Attending the mayor’s Civic University Days of Compassion meetings. The mayor is currently asking religious leaders to open their doors for those in need of shelter. **Legal:** No report. **Public Works:** No report. **DWP:** No report.

M. **Alliances—ARC:** No report. **LANCC:** No meeting last month due to Labor Day weekend, October meeting this Saturday in Chatsworth stakeholders are welcome to attend. Jill Stewart of the Coalition to Preserve Los Angeles will present on updating community plans; Councilmember David Ryu, who chairs the committee overseeing Neighborhood Councils, will be requesting input on land use, grievances, funding and other issues facing our neighborhoods; City Attorney Mike Feuer will talk about the City’s homelessness plans; and, following the devastations of recent hurricanes, NC reps will vote to ask City Council to expand Los Angeles’ Emergency Preparedness aka CERT trainings; and to have the City investigate and resolve some of the problems businesses and multi-unit buildings new franchise trash system addressed last month including inappropriate fees, missed pick-ups and general lack of response. As mentioned, our Sustainability Committee has organized an event for businesses in Highland Park, here at the Senior Center on October 11th to learn more about the issues and how to make the transition with as few problems as possible. **NC Sustainability Alliance:** No report. **NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance:** No report. **PlanCheck NC:** No report.

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)

1. John Wong, neighborhood fitness instructor, most LA city Parks have no fitness programs for adults. Health and fitness is key and local parks should implement more programs for adults. especially in northeast LA.

2. Paul Makley, Shakespeare in the park, thanks the board for contributing to the event. Provided a report, informed that they received funding from 8 NCs and placed logos on program; reached out to 10 schools by delivering flyers to reserve seats, and all 10 performances were booked. Conducting a fundraising benefit on October at a haunted house.
3. Jasmine Sarp from Milagro Allegro Community Garden will be asking for beautification funding for community garden for general upkeep. At a later time also need help with plumbing and adding more gardens. They will be asking for maximum.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda. Amending item 14 to read “popcorn machine;” Item 16 from requesting $650 to $450; Item 18, delete all dollar amounts as entrance fee will be waived; and Item 19 correct the ad prices t read as follows — $250 (full page); $150 (half page); $100 (quarter page). All in favor. Agenda approved.


3. [Previously Tabled] Approval of August 03, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Correction for item 7 to read “Motion to continue discussion until appeal is reviewed.”

4. [Previously Tabled] (3 min.) Motion to request no more than $1500 to purchase outreach items of bags, stickers, notebooks and brochures with new logo. HHPNC Brown bags have depleted. Need to purchase more bags, stickers and other outreach items; in addition to printing new HHPNC brochures, and use recycled paper. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

5. [Previously Tabled] (3 min.) Motion to request no more than $550 to print Housing and Homelessness NELA Directory. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

6. [Previously Tabled] (5 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS and take a stance as a board against the proposed Grayson Power Plant in Glendale, which will affect our community. Glendale has 2 power projects, San Fernando Road taking off line and expanding it to bigger gas burning facility. Funding is based on green/natural gas fuel. The pollution from this new larger pipe will affect Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park and Pasadena. All in favor. Motion passes

7. (4 min.) Motion to approve an NPG from the Lummis Day Community Foundation for $2500 in support of the 2018 Lummis Day and Festival. This is a regular annual request; event will take place the first weekend of June. The funds can go towards stage support, get an ad in program and website as supporter and HHPNC booth space at festival and recognition in social media. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

8. (5 min.) Motion to approve an NPG from Red67 Entertainment in the amount of $2000 to support a Dia de los Muertos community event in 5601 N. Figueroa St on November 4th, between 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cynthia Sandoval presented and distributed packets of past events, has worked with other east LA neighborhoods; in 2012 held first event with a small
altar, have specific agenda, vendor application and agreement. The organization wants to bring this event to the community of Highland Park. The organization is composed of entertainers, artists, musicians, who want to collaborate with community on this event. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

9. (10 min.) 5607 N. Figueroa Street (ZA-2017-2958-CUB) - Discussion and possible action on a request to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption in conjunction with a new 1,500-square-foot bar with 49 seats and live entertainment (DJs) with hours of operation from 11am to 2am daily. This applicant did not go through land use committee due to not making it by the agenda deadline and applicant asked to come to board meeting. The applicant has owned Stone Cold Records for 14 years. This is for a new bar, which is separate from record business, and asking for letter of support. Allowing clientele to bring in outside food. There are 16 employees, three of them women, no parking agreements because occupancy is under 50 people and near the gold line.

Public Comments: Jesse Rosa, who supports the business, which has been very helpful for the community, and the bar will be unique. Nil Lubern has lived in Highland Park for 45 years and is in support of this applicant, which helps neighbors. Nick Cabrera born in northeast LA, employee working for them for 10 years and great people to work for.

Motion to write a letter of support. SuzAnn Brantner motions and Marcus Moche seconds. Abstain: Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden and Daniel Andalon. Motion passes.

10. (10 min.) 6561 and 6565 E. Pickwick (ZA-2017-3449-ZAD-CCMP and ZA-2017-3451-ZAD-CCMP) – Discussion and possible action on the proposed construction of a 2,026-square foot single-family residence at 6561 E. Pickwick and a 2,120-square foot single-family residence at 6565 E. Pickwick. Both sites are located in the HPOZ and require a certificate of compatibility. In addition, both projects are requesting relief from zoning standards because the sites front on a substandard hillside and are accessed on a road with a width of less than 20 feet. Land use committee vote in support, two separate projects and applications but suggestion was to address them together. Land Use committee reviewed application and voted in favor. Cleared HPOZ.

Marcus Moche motions to write a letter of support subject to satisfactory fire safety, seconded by Antonio Castillo. All in favor. Motion passes.

11. (10 min.) 1864 and 1900 N. Avenue 55 (ZA-2017-3386 and ZA-2017-3384) – Discussion and possible action on the proposed construction of a 2,026-square foot single-family residence at 1864 N. Avenue 55 and a 2,161-square foot single-family residence at 1900 N. Avenue 55. Both projects are requesting relief from zoning standards because the sites are accessed on a road with a width of less than 20 feet. Andy Thomas appeared before land use concerning undeveloped land and substandard road access, requesting to not expand road way and to leave it under current condition 9 ft 2 inches. Recommendation was not unanimous and was to not support application, but merits public discussion. Received 8 letters in support for this project. Richard Marquez, Kim White, Eric Wildschutz, Eugene Caleb and John Crowder are present to oppose this project due to it causing high fire danger, danger of trees falling, landslides especially during rainy season, cars being crashed by cars coming down street due to steep hill, jeopardizes 30 homes, and does not allow for emergency traffic, wildlife in danger, such as hawks, raccoons and other wildlife. In addition, over 30+ signed affidavits by neighbors directly affected by the development of the empty lots based on safety concerns was submitted by Kim White.
Antonio Castillo recommends that if opposed, then if city approves need to stipulate the recommendations and concerns, which is the width of the road. Marcus Moche seconds. Motion to oppose SuzAnn Brantner and seconded by Liz Amsden. Oppose: Antonio Castillo and Marcus Moche. Motion passes.

12. (3 min.) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2017. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

13. (3 min.) Motion to accept the $1500 grant awarded for last year's Clean LA project, and spend those funds on community clean-ups. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

14. (3 min.) Motion to partner with ASNC and CD1 for Movie Night at Sycamore Grove Park for two Saturdays on October 14 (Guardians for the Galaxy) and 21st (Pirates of the Caribbean). Requesting funding of no more than $250 to purchase popcorn machine and healthy snacks and printing flyers. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

15. (3 min.) Motion to assist Highland Park Recreation Center for their Halloween event. Requesting no more than $250 to assist in water, candy, arts and crafts, and small Halloween goodie gifts. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

16. (3 min.) Motion to partner with CD14 for the Pumpkin Patch event at York Park on October 27 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The event will consist of a costume contest parade, arts and crafts table, pumpkins, and music. CD14 will help with candy, water, and tables. Requesting no more than $450 to purchase costume contest prizes for two winners, arts and crafts, decoration items, small flashlights and pumpkins. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. Abstain: Liz Amsden. Motion passes.

17. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to assist Garvanza Elementary School for their Fall Festival Literacy Night on October 25 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Requesting funding of no more than $350 to purchase arts and crafts, candy, snacks and water. HHPNC and Garvanza ES is partnering on this event. School will provide parent volunteers, tables, and candy. HHPNC will not be purchasing candy. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

18. (4 min.) Discussion and possible motion for HHPNC's participation in the Veteran's Parade November 5th and Christmas parade December 3rd and approve parade entry fees. Item needs to be amended as no fees to participate in the event will be charged. Daniel Andalon motions to amend, Harvey Slater seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to approve ads for NELA annual Veterans and Christmas parades—$500 (full page); $300 (half page); $200 (quarter page). Up to $1000 for both ads. Outreach will decide which ad size to buy. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

20. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to partner with CD14 for a community cleanup along York Blvd. from Avenues 55-45 on October 21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HHPNC will also provide a quick information session of the 311 app. Teaming with Highland Park Runners to help with volunteers. Requesting no more than $250 to provide hospitality for volunteers with water, donuts, orange juice, and pizza. CD14 will provide all the tools and gloves needed for the cleanup and the pickup of trash bags. HHPNC logo will be added to the event flyer. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, , Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

21. (2 min.) Motion to request no more than $200 to purchase ink for Cannon color printer. In favor: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, , Zacharias Gardea, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira. All in favor. Motion passes.

22. (5 min.) Discussion and possible motion to write a letter in support of Councilmember Huizar’s and Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council’s opposition to the City of Glendale’s BioGas Generation project at the Scholl Canyon landfill. All in favor. Motion passes.

23. (5 min.) Motion to request good faith responses from Councilmember Cedillo and Councilmember Huizar documenting their commitment to actively support input from HHPNC and other Neighborhood Councils on all issues of local concern pursuant to Charter Section 9 of the Los Angeles City Charter, and repudiating Kevin De Leon’s recent remarks that City Council members told him that “we have been strangled, we have been handcuffed by the NIMBYism and the threats from Neighborhood Councils within our own communities.” Antonio Castillo requested to remove Senator De Leon’s name from the letter and correct “Charter Section 9” to “Charter Article 9.” All in favor. Motion passes.

24. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to partner with CD1 for a "Small Business Saturday" event on Figueroa St. in November. Other participants include the Business Improvement District and Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. Date and times to be determined. No funding required. Councilman Cedillo wants to have small businesses like those on York Blvd. Requested to use PA system and will add our logo to outreach materials. All in favor. Motion passes.

25. (2 min.) Motion for HHPNC to host a Town Hall event with Councilman Gilbert Cedillo. Date and further details TBD. During last city elections Conrado Terrazas, field deputy, asked Yolanda Nogueira, Outreach Chair, to have an open town hall, and new field representative Bill Cody and CD1 are open to it. All in favor. Motion passes.

26. New business: Glassell Park Improvement Association is having a debate forum for the two run-off candidates for CA Assembly 51st District. Harvey Slater requesting for a board member to follow-up and to sponsor for next board agenda.
October 11th is the recyCLA informational event from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Highland Park Senior Center where Universal Waste Systems will provide an overview of the new public-private partnership with the city of Los Angeles.

27. Adjournment—9:05 pm