

January 24th 2018 - Culture and Equality Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee members present: Jamie Tijerina, Mauro Garcia, Marcus Moche.

1. Motion to approve agenda. All in favor.
2. Motion to table approval of meeting minutes to next meeting. All in favor.
3. Motion to add new member of the committee, Marcus Moche. All in favor.
4. Updates were provided regarding the LA Port Workers and questions were answered. Currently the City Council is investigating labor abuses at the port following a vote in City Council. Immigrant rights continue to be an important issue for Highland Park. The community is in fear and these valid fears need to be addressed with policy. The impact of the introduction of "Real IDs" federally on immigrant communities will also be researched by the Council office (CD1)
5. Update provided by Bill Cody (CD1) field deputy regarding the Highland Park Pool – it appears that the whole recreation center requires updates, including the pool, and the city needs to find the funds to make these updates to the facilities. Will continue to work on this issue.
6. Stakeholders approached the board about hosting an event on March 10th entitled the Self Love Photography Exhibition. This was referred to Culture and Equality committee and the event falls within the mission of the committee. This is an all-women event; poetry; art; music; entrepreneurship. Participating in the event was discussed. Referring the event to the full board to request fully funding the event was also discussed. Motion to participate in the event as a committee and refer to the full board to request full funding of the event. All in favor.
7. Update on Inclusive Business Practices guide – the guide is still in progress. CD1 is also looking to plan an event in the spring and will provide more details as they become available.
8. Update on CIS to Cultural Heritage Commission re: Lindsay Olive Orchard. CIS are powerful tools for advocacy: this CIS resulted in further investigation of the matter. If there are future updates, they will be shared. We should continue submitting CIS in response to injustices in our community and city.
9. Discussion to receive suggestions and input from the committee regarding equitably scheduled City Council Meetings and the motion presented in CF 18-0045. Would like to present a CIS for the full board to vote on, the committee suggested that the CIS should advocate for more meetings well after 5pm, especially since people who get out of work at 5pm would need time to commute to the meeting and LA traffic can increase travel time. The committee agreed that presenting a CIS for a full board vote to submit to the council file would be a good idea.
10. New Business/Announcement: Quince Night Benefit at the End of January happening in Highland Park. Homeless Count happening in Highland Park – meeting point is Recycled Resources for the Homeless (All Saints Church), 8pm on 1/24. Website for the homeless count – theycountwillyou.org
11. Meeting Adjourned.