

HHPNC Board Meeting Minutes

April 05, 2018

AGENDA

A. Call to Order –7:04 PM

B. Roll Call— *Present*: Liz Amsden (Arrived 7:20 PM), Daniel Andalon (Arrived 7:32 PM), Elizabeth Andalon, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Antonio Castillo, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Sheri Lunn (Arrived 7:08 PM), Marcus Moché, Stan Moore, Yolanda Nogueira, Joan Potter, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva (Arrived 7:11 PM), Harvey Slater and Jamie Tijerina. Absent: Susanne Huerta

C. Elected Officials—**Mayor's office**: No present. **CD1**: Bill Cody, Field Deputy, events this month LA Sanitation Earth Day on April 21st, community clean up with Kiwanis club on 14th, working on a town hall with council man. **CD14**: Lucy Aparicio, Field Deputy, work on the parklet started today and may take a few weeks, 1518 York Blvd. There will be a ribbon cutting for it on El Mercado, San Pascual Park improvements still taking place with a new playground and bathrooms; Garvanza Park working on lights and trees, LAPD mentions that after hours in the park gets dark and need to brighten up for visibility; passing out a flyer for Yorkdale Elementary School fundraiser at High Hat on April 8th. **AD51**: During spring recess break, Wendy Carrillo visited in the district different places/organization and met with LAPD; May 5th tree planning; community coffee April 21st at Antigua bread 9:30-11 am. **SD22**: Not present. **BOS1**: Not present.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)—Reminder to complete ethics and code of conduct requirement, if expired.

E. President's Report— Still working with CD1 for a possible town hall.

F. LAPD Report— SLO Mark Allen, violent crime is down 13.4% and down 10% in property crime. There have been garage thefts by leaving them open; bicycles and mail theft is a big deal in the city, make a theft report with LAPD. Grand theft auto along Figueroa corridor along Ave. 50-60 due to the attraction of restaurants and new shops. Late model Hondas and Toyotas are popular. Street robbery happens every now and then, phones especially.

G. LAFD Report—No report.

H. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, librarian, announces events in April, book club, giving copies of the book to keep; arroyo arts collective conducting a workshop on April 15th and presentation on terrariums, and April 30th a drum show. Please see library calendar of events for all activities.

I. Board Announcements—L. Amsden updates: Still fighting both Glendale's expansion of the gas Grayson power plant near Griffith Park and the 5 Freeway that will spread pollutants throughout Northeast LA, people can to oppose acceptance of Glendale Water & Power's bad EIR on Grayson expansion at the Glendale City Council meeting on April 10th, still fighting with support from Councilmember Huizar's office the gas production facility slated for the Scholl Canyon Landfill above Eagle Rock.

J. Committee Reports—**Executive**: No meeting but things are well. **Rules**: No report. **Budget**: Have access to \$1500 from clean streets and have access to funds for clean-up activities, last meeting is June 7th. **Land Use**: Reporting that co-chair is stepping down from committee but will be a member, looking for another co-chair. **Outreach**: We have some events coming up for the summer and will vote on them in June. At El Mercado will be the parklet ribbon cutting and all are invited. **Public Safety**: No report. **Family Youth Education**: Discussed two items that are on the agenda tonight. **Housing and Homelessness**: Day of Compassion is still in the works, just looking for a date and the directory is in the printers and working out some kinks here and

there. **Beautification:** A clean up is coming up with CD1, voting on it tonight. **Culture and Equality:** Gentrification and community healing this Saturday with renter's rights workshop, resource fair, and Romulo preparing lunch. **Arts:** No report. **Sustainability:** Impasse for community garden, no senior is interested and no one at recreation center will speak to her. Had a good meeting this month on ways to work with Oxy, and partner with students on a tree canopy census to track trees being cut down. Oxy is having earth day events, on sustainable oxy and check our Facebook. **Local Business and Economy:** Met on Tuesday and had no quorum; doing outreach and meeting this or next month.

K. Budget Advocates Report— Liz Amsden reports: I have a hard copy of our White Paper for HHPNC, people should have received it in pdf form; request NC and stakeholder input in support of or adding to the White Paper as a CIS on CF 18-0600; asking all NCs if they have leftover funds consider contributing to Budget Advocates; will need to appoint Budget Reps for the coming fiscal year; will have Budget Day on June 23 for anyone interested in our work and the City's finances.

L. Liaisons— Grievance Panel: No report. Animal Services: No report. Homelessness: Meeting coming up at end of the month. Legal: No report. Public Works: No report. DWP: No report. Film: No report. CD1: No report. CD14: No report. Purposeful Aging: No report.

M. Alliances—ARC: No report. LANCC: Meeting this Saturday. NC Sustainability Alliance: No report. NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance: No report. Could not attend meeting. PlanCheck NC: No report.

N. By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee—Item 15 on the agenda.

O. Elections Ad Hoc Committee—Item 14 announces for next meeting, need to check with city attorney if those leaving can vote, will need quorum next board meeting.

P. 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. Carmela Gomes: Provides a general comment on the importance of the NC process and participation. Update on NELA newspaper archives and its accessibility to the public. Explains how monies from various NCs have donated to Lummis Day. Lummis board community foundation is getting ready for June events, and Saturday at the Ebell Club is the Noisemaker event with Amy Inhuye from Future Studio, which has put together a lot of initiatives for the community. In June will need teams of volunteers to help with specific tasks.
2. Dori Sharp: Representing Kenneth Mejia, who is running for Congress as US Representative District 34. He's not taking any corporate money and campaign is community/volunteer driven.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda.
Delete item 13 per Jamie Tijerina. Approved.
2. Approval of March 01, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
Minutes approved.
3. (8 min.) Presentation by Jane Demian concerning a proposal for Neighborhood Councils to designate a committee focused on Housing and Renters.
 - a. Jane D. and Carol, assembly delegates, with the urban design preservation committee. They are working with tenant rights issues, asking NCs to consider adding a housing/renters committee as an ad-hoc and/or a standing committee. 65% of residents in LA are renters and need to be represented in NCs to learn about their rights and protections. The committee should be titled Housing and Renting/Tenants' Rights in the title of the committee, so people know where they can go. The housing

department is not helpful, and people don't know where to go. The committee can help facilitate information and be a conduit on these issues. Suggestion to hold a workshop on renters' rights with other NCs and create a housing renters alliance.

4. (8 min.) Presentation by Nihal Satyadev, CEO & Co-Founder of The Youth Movement Against Alzheimer's, a nonprofit recently partnered with USC to launch a low-cost respite care program (www.youthcaregiving.org). This program is aimed to help caregivers who are taking care of loved ones who have dementia. NOT PRESENT.
5. (1 min.) Motion to approve the HHPNC Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2018.
 - a. Roll Call: D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater and J. Tijerina. Abstain: L. Amsden. Motion passes.
6. (3 min.) Motion to collaborate with CD #1 and Kiwanis Club on a community clean up on Saturday April 14th from 8 AM-12PM, which will meet at the Highland Park Recreation Center. Requesting no more than \$100 to help with food and drinks.
 - a. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater and J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
7. (3 min.) Motion on collaborating with ASNC on a community movie night showing Coco at Ramona Hall on April 20th at 6 PM. Requesting up to \$100 for popcorn.
 - a. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater and J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
8. (3 min.) Motion to participate in the LA Sanitation Earth Day event at the Highland Park Recreation Center on April 21st and host an earth friendly kids' activity. Requesting no more than \$100.
 - a. Suggestions to provide coloring books, t shirts, recycling games with oxy student by SuzAnn B. Joan P. to make a flyer to make it as a clean-up event to spend from \$1500 grant. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater and J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
9. (3 min.) Motion to collaborate with CD 14 on a community tree planting in various areas along York Blvd. for Arbor Day in late April.
 - a. Y. Nogueira moving event to May for event to be more of a tree maintenance. All in favor. Motion passes.
10. (3 min.) Discussion and possible motion for HHPNC to participate in El Mercado Arts and Crafts fair on May 12th. Y. Nogueira event moved to September 12th. Tabled for August.
11. (3 min.) Motion for up to \$500 for an outreach question and answer event for stakeholders who are interested in applying for open board positions. The purpose of the event is to answer questions and assist people in submitting their applications. Funds requested will cover refreshments and possible facility rental for two hours.

- a. H. Slater explains the election process. Joan P. amends motion to spend \$200 for hospitality; Liz A. seconds, all in favor and motion passes. Roll Call: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater and J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
12. (3 min.) Motion to hold the second annual community town hall meeting on education with Dr. Ref Rodriguez and Local Superintendent Roberto Martinez in Highland Park in last week in April. Place and time TBD. Requesting any funds that are remaining in the budget, no more than \$350.
 - a. Marcus M. motions to amend by deleting funds requested, seconded by Liz A. All in favor. Motion passes. Bill Cody from CD1 will contribute \$350 for food. All in favor. Motion passes.
13. (3 min.) DELETED Discussion and motion for up to an additional \$1000, if needed for the April 7th Gentrification Forum. Motion deleted per J. Tijerina. Deletion approved.
14. (4 min.) Motion to fill the following board positions per the approved process: President, First Vice President, and 5 Director at Large Seats, 7 positions total. New appointees will be selected per the approved process at the May 2018 board meeting, and installed at the June, 2018 board meeting.
 - a. H. Slater explains that new appointees will be selected by preapproved process, board will be sent all applications before the next meeting, candidates will present and have a silent vote and installed in the June meeting. Board members leaving will be resigning at the next meeting, which are Liz Amsden, Diego Silva, Susanne Huerta and Elizabeth Andalon, Harvey Slater and Daniel Andalon. All in favor. Motion passes.
15. (3 min.) Discussion and possible action to amend the HHPNC By-laws.
 - a. A. Castillo explains what ad hoc committee reviewed. Board discussed changes in amount of meetings allowed to miss before board member has to be reinstated under Section 7. Land Use committee added as a standing committee. Liz A. motions to accept the changes are they are done. All in favor. Motion passes.
16. (3 min.) Discussion and possible action to address the impacts of clothing donation boxes throughout the community.
 - a. A. Castillo large donation boxes in the neighborhoods have good intentions but often are a nuisance, abandoned and messy. They are also located in areas not permitted and no one is responsive for the donation boxes. Trish Gossett from the land use committee, who is also working with Highland Park resident Rosa Rivas, introduced item and a council file on this issue was done in May 9th 2014, which reveal that committees in city council have discussed this. Calling the number on the bins leads to a travel service company. Rosa Rivas provided written public comment of cleaning up around the donation bins, those placing the bins to take responsibility, if not, then advocates for their removal with the possibility of returning following city regulations and NC approval. Motion to submit a CIS of the issues by SuzAnn B. and seconded by Jamie T. All in favor. Motion passes.
17. (1 min.) Motion to submit CIS for CF 16-0596-S1 Comprehensive Youth Development Strategy that aims to create an Executive Task Force on Youth Development to coordinate

an approach to address barriers and improve the sustainability and effectiveness of youth development.

- a. Liz Amsden wants to make sure that letter indicates for city council to be actively involved in this effort. S. Moore abstains. Motion passes

18. (1 min.) Motion to submit a CIS for council file: 14-0655-S6 Homeless Youth and Families / School System Outreach / Coordinated Entry System (CES).

- a. This CIS calls for coordination between all city departments, LAUSD, and LAHSA regarding homeless students and their families. All in favor. Motion passes.

19. (2 min.) Discussion to submit a letter to Occidental President Jonathan Veitch and the Occidental College Board of Trustees in support of the restoration efforts of Fiji Hill being spearheaded by students at Occidental College under the Food, Energy & Sustainability Team for the purpose of making green spaces more accessible to Highland Park residents.

- a. Diego Silva recuses himself and steps out of the room. SuzAnn's stakeholder/committee members brought it to committee's attention. All in favor. Motion passes.

20. (1 min.) Motion to submit a CIS for CF 16-0461 (In-Lieu fee ordinance) in opposition to the ordinance relating to city trees when they are removed for private development or residential projects.

- a. S. Brantner motions to amend motion to add council file 13-1339 to CIS as it addresses both. All in favor. Motion passes. Developers can just cut down a tree with out permission. Letter says to do a tree assessment. Explains how ordinance is written that does not protect certain trees. All in favor. Motion passes.

21. (3 min.) Discussion item on engaging more people in the democratic process including educating them on the need to vote at all levels of government and how to research the ballot to understand how the choices presented will affect their interests.

- a. Liz Amsden states that this issue that has been in the background because people get flyers to vote for or not and don't do the research. Important to educate voters before they vote. If we can do this before June and tag on to an event, it would be ideal. Harvey Slater mentions to post information on social media. Rocio Rivas mentioned adding resources/information table at an event to provide information to voters, such as a candidate/election forum.

22. New Business—Mural by Paola Lopez near York Park, a ribbon cutting on the starlight blue building. Oxy showing movie Coco Friday the 6th at 8 pm and free for all community members. Alex Villanueva running for sheriff.

23. Adjournment—8:54 PM