

Notice of Regular Board Meeting and Agenda Thursday, May 03, 2018

A. Call to Order—7:02 PM

B. Roll Call—Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon (arrived 7:10), Antonio Castillo (arrived 7:40), Joan Potter, Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden (arrived 7:07), SuzAnn Brantner, Linda “Boo” Caban, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Marcus Moché, Yolanda Nogueira, Jamie Tijerina. Absent—Sheri Lunn and Stanley Moore.

C. Elected Officials—**Mayor’s office**: Not present. **CD1**: Bill Cody, Field deputy, a filming meeting coming up along the Figueroa corridor; town hall meeting went well; planning to have a stakeholder/Highland Park design meeting and include HHPNC, arts collective, Heritage Historic Trust and business owners and Councilmember Cedillo. **CD14**—San Pascual Park ribbon cutting is Saturday May 19th at 10:00 am and the city will be giving free trees. **AD51**—Alfonso Ruiz, field deputy for Wendy Carrillo, AB 2995 concerning lead paint that can cause damage to the house and need supportive letters from council and community; Free tree adoption at the Senior Center on May 5th at 10:00 am. **SD22**—Not present. **BOS1**—Not present. **34th District**—Roberto Gamma, field deputy for Congressman Jimmy Gomez, distributes pamphlets concerning federal departments and agencies from IRS to Social Security, congressmen introduced letter in response to including the citizen question in the 2020 census to question why the question is included; also introduced a letter on homeland security secretary on the decision made on Honduras program, which ends in June; an event next Saturday May 12th with Inner City Arts.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): No report.

E. President’s Report—No report, but board transition project is going smoothly.

F. LAPD Report—Senior lead officer, Lloyd Chang, overall crime down 6% but burglary up 100% with 18 cases, check your locks and windows and install alarms on the premises, cut down on bushes to prevent hiding; stolen car problems last couple of months, looking for the female suspect. Senior lead officer Mark Allen doing foot patrol on Arroyo Seco on Avenue 60 to monitor private property; finding homeless individuals encamping in private property, contacting residents and doing clean ups.

G. LAFD Report—Not present.

H. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, librarian, Lummi Day workshop on May 12th starts at 12:00 pm, Santa Cecilia orchestra will perform on Sunday May 25th; Monday afternoon focused on engineering at 4 pm; summer reading registration beginning in June.

I. Board Announcements—Joan Potter requests to take some free bottled water.

J. Committee Reports—**Executive**: No report. **Rules**: No report. **Budget**: No report. **Land Use**: One item on the agenda and looking for a new co-chair. **Outreach**: Discussing a few events taking place in the community, a few are on this agenda and the rest at next board meeting. **Public Safety**: No report. **Family Youth Education**: Meeting this month. **Housing and Homelessness**: Getting ready for the Day of Compassion and completing the Homeless Resource Directory. **Beautification**: Discussing a few projects in the community; more details at next meeting. **Culture and Equality**: One agenda item and next meeting on May 9th at Huarache Azteca. **Arts**: No report. **Sustainability**: Also hoping for more people to be in the committee. **Local Business and Economy**: Meeting May 14th at 8 pm.

K. Budget Advocates Report—The Mayor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 has been discussed in the Budget and Finance Committee hearings which started April 27th but with limited time for public comment this year. The Budget Advocates’ presentation was moved with no notice to this afternoon when both co-chairs and other key people were not

available. The chair Councilman Paul Krekorian has said to reschedule or preferably address the full Council since there are serious concerns about the Mayor's proposed budget. Many of the underlying fiscal problems brought up in the White Paper were not addressed including the continuing structural deficit (where deficit growth exceeds income), unsatisfactory pension policies and adequate funding for infrastructure repair and upgrades. The Mayor calls for fiscal resilience, but the budget reserves and budget stabilization funds remain insufficient given the current volatility of the stock market and potential political instability. The City needs to focus on stabilizing revenue increases to exceed deficit growth, reigning in unsustainable increases to city union employees, and financing help for the homeless in our neighborhoods now not by subsidizing developers for overpriced housing in 2 or 3 years. If you are interested in addressing these types of issues, you can ask your Neighborhood Council to appoint/elect them as a Budget Representative. And everyone is invited to attend this year's Budget Day on June 23rd.

L. Liaisons—**Grievance Panel**: No report. **Animal Services**: No report. **Homelessness**: Next meeting is on May 29th, will have report then. **Legal**: No report. **Public Works**: No report. Have not receive emails and have contacted DONE about it. DWP: No report. Film: SuzAnn to contact John from DONE. **CD1**: Bill Cody provided report. **CD14**: No report. **Purposeful Aging**: No report. M. Alliances—**ARC**: No report; **LANCC**—There were presentations on storm water / clean water issues by the County, which is considering a ballot measure for the November elections. Also, the Planning Department talked about addressing the impact of multi-unit buildings on local traffic and transportation. Also discussed benefits and drawbacks of several Council Files the results of which are on the agenda. NCs and NC Coalition groups are ways to multiply our voices for and against City policies. Stepping down need someone else to represent HHPNC at LANCC. **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 non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

1. Daniel Sosa: Planning to open a dispensary marijuana on 5501 Figueroa Street and Ave. 55, a collective established 11 years ago and operate a responsible business.
2. Nicholas: LAPD museum is governed by a new board and want to open museum to community and youth engagement. Planning a street carnival for August 24-26 with live entertainment and approaching community groups to help with the carnival and participate; partnering with northeast LAPD division. Streets Mesa to Milwaukee will be closed along York Blvd. Planning other future events with the community such as a car show, Easter egg hunt, to name a few. Also, need to raise funds for the museum.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda. Motion to add under New Business Motion to change date for Day of Compassion. All in favor. Motion passes.
2. Approval of April 05, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Abstain L. Amsden. Minutes approved.
3. (3 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.
 - A. Motion to reimburse Jamie Tijerina for cash outlay of \$19.70 spent for the April 7, 2018 Gentrification Forum.

- B. Motion to reimburse Yolanda Nogueira for cash outlay of \$82.65 spent for the April 14, 2018 community clean-up.
 - C. Motion to provide additional support for the Highland Park Recreation Center Baseball Opening Day of \$98.00.
 - D. Motion to reimburse Yolanda Nogueira for cash outlay of \$97.41 for the April 14, 2018 Baseball Opening Day.
 - E. Motion to reimburse Joan Potter for cash outlay of \$138.35 spent for the April 19, 2018 board recruitment social.
 - F. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2018.
 - G. Motion to approve giving \$250 in support of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.
 - H. Motion to approve a revised budget that moves \$2000 from Community Improvement, \$350 from Elections, and \$780 from Operations all into Outreach to facilitate end of fiscal year spending.
 - I. Motion to approve spending up to \$7000 to replenish outreach items used to engage our stakeholders at community events. This amount far exceeds what remains in the treasury but ensures that we have authority to drain our account.
 - a. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, S. Brantner, B. Caban, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, M. Moché, Y. Nogueira, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.
4. (5 min.) 5611-5619 N. Figueroa Street (ZA-2018-1895-CUB) - Discussion and possible action on a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,238-square-foot grocery store (Cook Book) with proposed hours of operation of 7am to 11pm daily.
- a. Veronica Vizerra presents that business on Figueroa St. is applying for an offsite beer and wine permit to sale at the high-end grocery store. Objective is not to sale only alcohol but as a compliment to the food for sale. Planning on selling a few kinds of sustainably organic beers and wine. Store has been in Highland Park since September of 2017. Applicant reached out to the neighborhood and accumulated 50 signatures from nearby residents. A. Castillo mentions that the vote of land use committee was not unanimous, but majority was in support to write a letter in support of application. S. Brantner motions to submit letter of support and A. Castillo seconds. Abstain: L. Amsden, D. Andalon, and R. Rivas. Motion passes.
5. (2 min.) Motion to participate in the Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 30th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM taking place at the Highland Park Senior Center. Requesting no more than \$100.
- a. H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, S. Brantner, B. Caban, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, M. Moché, Y. Nogueira, J. Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes.

6. (4 min) Review of and discussion on 6 months of timekeeping data from HHPNC board meetings.
 - a. M. Moché presents timekeeping report which collected data for six months of meetings. Goal is to ensure stakeholder access, to ensure meetings run within limit time and maintain Brown Act compliance. S. Brantner mentions that there are topics that go over and must be fair and not too rigid on the time. A. Castillo mentions an email from DONE regarding some suggested ground rules to run the meeting to stay on track and would be good to discuss this further in the executive committee to rethink how to restructure the agenda. L. Amsden has attended other meetings and the hot button issues where everyone speaks takes time and suggests having one person for the group to speak.
7. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a letter of support or CIS and stand in support of day laborers at the local Home Depot, who are experiencing harassment by point2point security company.
 - a. J. Tijerina explains the incident where a body was found in a dumpster at the Home Depot, which hired a new security company that caused some problems like threats to call ice based on an LA Times article. H. Slater suggests selecting another company and/or use reasonable tactics, but Home Depot as a business can use the company they want but should be reasonable. L. Amsden suggests making an amendment suggesting encouraging day laborers to be treated with respectful. D. Andalon acknowledges that Home Depot is a stakeholder, but letter should convey a strong voice on how members of community are being treated. Motion to amend letter by L. Amsden and seconded by B. Caban. All in favor for amendment to make a more balanced letter protecting day laborers and customers and have right as a business to make their own decisions but take community feedback into consideration. Oppose amendment: Z. Gardea. Motion to submit letter. Abstain: J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
8. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS in support of the Budget Advocates' White Paper.
 - a. L. Amsden states that the letter addressed to mayor and city council. All in favor. Motion passes.
9. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS on CF 18-0600 addressing specific concerns to NELA – immediate homeless shelter/service needs, infrastructure upgrades and replacement, impact of deficit on the next generation, to name a few.
 - a. L. Amsden most important is the deficit and the homelessness issue must be addressed. Opposed: M. Moché; Abstain: Z. Gardea. Motion passes.
10. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS in support of CF 18-0270 concerning the management of City Special Funds.
 - a. L. Amsden letter requests that the City act on the City Controller's recommendations and expedite review and approval of new policies to use the Special Purpose Funds more efficiently. Abstain: A. Castillo and D. Andalon. Motion passes
11. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS in support of CF 17-0042, a Ban on Developer Campaign Contributions.
 - a. L. Amsden there are restrictions now on contributions but does not cover real-estate companies. Letter is intended to limit donations. Discussion on types of developers and when contributions are made. L. Amsden states that decisions being made on land use

change and should be included in the ban. H. Slater states to amend letter to identify the types of developers to ban. Opposed: Z. Gardea, J. Potter, M. Freeland, M. Moché, H. Slater, D. Andalon, A. Castillo. Abstain: S. Brantner, R. Rivas. Motion does not pass.

12. (2 min.) Discussion and possible motion to submit a CIS in support of 15-1088-S1 - Matching Funds Rate Increase.
 - a. L. Amsden states that it's helpful to everyone when we keep small donations or people funding government. Large companies have influence and need to change it to a level that is compatible to costs today. Oppose: J. Potter. Motion passes.
13. (6 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS thanking the City Council for opposing SB 827 and encouraging their continued opposition to this and SB 828, which would move control/oversight of local land use to the state.
 - a. L. Amsden states that the intent of Senator Weiner has suggested that any place with a quarter mile within transit to release all land use controls that increase density and allows building taller buildings. Control over land use should be controlled by Los Angeles and not by Sacramento. M. Freeland states that SB 828 is different, the city of LA is not developing based on housing needs, but that bill stipulates which amount has to be paid. L. Amsden mentions that parking space will be limited. M. Freeland and Marcus Moché mention that land use is used in an exclusionary manner. M. Freeland asks to eliminate SB 828 from letter. A. Castillo states that SB 827 is in discussion in land use committee, the bill was killed in one committee but it's still pending. Motions to continue discussion on two senate bills in land use committee. D. Andalon seconds. Oppose: L. Amsden. Tabled.
14. (6 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS opposing the waiving of public hearings, environmental reviews and local zoning requirements in fast-tracking HHH development.
 - a. L. Amsden explains that the development of HHH was to get homeless into housing, and has been spent on developments that take too long. The people who benefit are developers with low costs, the more they spend on developing housing and trying to void existing regulations will be detrimental. M. Freeland mentions that several lots have been zoned for low-income housing. H. Slater states that it will forgo public input and environmental impact that could have long term consequences. Discussion continues on dangers of waiving zones. A. Castillo states that discussion should go to land use committee, M. Moché motions to refer discussion to land use; Z. Gardea seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
15. (2 min.) Discussion concerning submission of committee minutes in a timelier basis to Kristina Smith to post on HHPNC's website.
 - a. H. Slater states that chairs in charge of committee submit minutes to Kristina Smith to post on website. Do not have to post them until approved and post discussion meetings if there is no quorum. B. Caban comments to post if they met or not.
16. New Business—Motion to update the approval of the Day of Compassion to note the change of date from Sept. 23, 2017, to June 16, 2018. All in favor. Motion passes.
17. Adjournment—8:27 PM