

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 05, 2018  
Highland Park Senior Center  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

A. Call to Order- 7:04pm

B. Roll Call: PRESENT- Zacharias Gardea, Antonio Castillo, Rocio Rivas, SuzAnn Brantner, Joan Potter, Stanley Moore, Jamie Tijerina, Mary Pickert, Marcus Moche LATE- Melanie Freeland  
ABSENT: Boo Caban, Sheri Lunn, Yolanda Nogueira, Jeffrey Rex, Clint Schaff, Joe Tarr, Ross Ufberg

C. Elected Officials (Mayor's office, CA 34<sup>th</sup>District, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD22, BOS1)-

Bill Cody (CD1)- distributed flyers for Highland Theatre mural, Saturday at 7 is the unveiling of the mural; working to have cleanups in August; on Ave 56, there is a new neighborhood watch group.  
Lucy (CD14)- Saturday morning coffee with Huizar at 6336 York Blvd.; Annual El Mercado on Ave 50-52 will be August 11<sup>th</sup>, during second Saturday art walk; HHPNC can participate and have a booth.

Alfonso (AD51)- assembly is deliberating budget; assembly member wants \$500k for more access for the state park by Broadway; two franklin students received Latino caucus award; On July 23-24<sup>th</sup> meet and greet with Assembly member Carillo.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

John Darnell (DONE)- city's attorney is the board members attorney for NC affairs; \$5 left in HHPNC budget; definition of stakeholder is being vetted by BONC; reminded board members of conflicts of interests.

E. President's Report- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Rocio as president

F. LAPD Report- None

G. LAFD Report- None

H. LAPL Report-

Sarah (LAPL)- high participation in summer reading program in HLP; adult events- tai chi Saturday morning at 10am; guitar concert on 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm; arts and crafts for kids; Monday at 4pm-children programming

I. Board Announcements- CERT free disaster preparedness training at Glassell Park Community Center July 11 from 7-9:30; LA Conservancy is hosting walking tours of City Hall.

J. Committee Reports (Executive, Rules, Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Public Safety, Family Youth Education, Housing and Homelessness, Beautification, Culture and Equality, Arts, Sustainability, Local Business and Economy)

Executive- June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, discussed ways to create budgets for committees; online file storage; simplifying the secretary position

Budget- combined with executive committee

Land Use- None

Outreach- did fireworks Sunday; stakeholders signed up for newsletter; Mercado will be discussed during next meeting

Public safety- None

Family Youth and Education- has a time sensitive item on agenda.

Housing-homelessness- handed out kits on day of compassion; produced services directory to be distributed.

Beautification- no meeting; thinking tunnel cleanup in near future

Culture and equality- most items will be on agenda

Sustainability- Met on June 25<sup>th</sup> with 12 people in attendance; discussed year plan.

Local business and economy- recruiting stakeholders to join committee

#### K. Budget Advocates Report

Jamie- budget day on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, budget advocates were elected, Liz Amsden re-elected as co-chair in Region 8 budget advocates

L. Liaisons (Grievance Panel, Animal Services, Homelessness, Legal, Public Works, DWP, Film, CD1, CD14, Purposeful Aging, Resilience)

None

M. Alliances (ARC, LANCC, NC Sustainability Alliance, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, PlanCheck NC)

Sustainability alliance- hopes to have a meeting to learn more about how to participate in \_\_\_\_

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)

Bonnie St. Clair (local homeowner)- is involved with Cert training; training lasts for seven Wednesdays; training can provide needed training for emergency situations/disaster situations; training offered at Glassell Park Community Center

Mr. Ali (local business owner)- owns small business/liquor store in HLP; has complaints about alcohol license application for cookbook; has lived in HLP for 25 years

Timmy (local stakeholder)- SEIU 721; wanted additional information on budget advocate report

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda.

Removing item 7, Antonio motions for amendment, Marcus seconds, amendment passes; Suzanne wants to change council file to motion in #17

2. Approval of June 07, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Rocio wants changed Margarete Anderson to the minutes, Rocio motions amendment, Suzanne seconds, motion passes

3. (2 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 submit an application from the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, for use of the Highland Park Senior Citizen Center on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) for Neighborhood Council Meetings at a cost of \$1,584. The HHPNC pays no room fee. The cost is for 1 staff member to be on site for the 24 meetings. Staff hourly rate is \$22. This is for fiscal year 2018-2019 running from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

B. Motion to submit an application from the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, for use of the Highland Park Senior Citizen Center on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) for HHPNC Land Use Committee meetings at a cost of \$792. This pays for the cost of one City staff member.

C. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to assist Avenue 50 Studio for the community reception for the unveiling of Through Walls: Community Report Out mural project in Highland Park and requesting no more than \$200 for food. R. Rivas

- D. (2 min.) Request and motion to assist in the Summer Night Lights' "Back To School Night" with backpacks and school supplies for early August; budget request not to exceed \$1500. Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas
- E. (2 min.) Discussion and motion for HHPNC to participate in the Understanding Homelessness' Community Forum organized by Recycled Resources to take place on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Highland Park Senior Center. Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas

Item 3C is for Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>

Motion passes unanimously

4. (8 min.) Motion to appoint two new HHPNC board members per the approved process for Secretary and Director-at-Large. R. Rivas

Secretary position:

Alexis Rivera-lived HLP and formerly owned a business; wants to be involved locally

Tally- Alexis, unanimously

Director At-Large position:

Gavin Pierce- lives in HLP; originally from Kansas; involved in community organizing; on AB 19- worked with Assembly member Santiago; was also a March For Our Lives organizer

Bonnie St. Claire- lived in HLP for 30 years; wants to keep the neighborhood charm with its growth

John Ohara- lived in HLP for 3 ½ years; HLP has a neighborhood feel, unique around LA; former middle school teacher and now an attorney

Tally- Bonnie, John, Gavin, John, Gavin, Bonnie, Gavin, Gavin, John, Bonnie

Gavin wins

5. (6 min.) 511, 515 N. Avenue 50 (VTT-75004) – Discussion and possible action for request to demolish two single-family dwellings and one apartment building and construct a 10-unit small lot subdivision. A. Castillo

Luis (Project Rep.)- proposed 10-unit project; pushed side buffer back a couple of feet; 22ft driveway; 2-car garage for each residence;

One lot has an existing single family, other lot has a 6 units apartment complex

Melanie- project should meet current subplot subdivision requirements; design guidelines and standards that took effect April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018; new standards provide larger setbacks, rooftop patio setbacks, refined so projects can have more compatibility to the neighborhood.

Tony motions to support as presented and with substantial conformance to meet as many of the current subplot subdivision requirements, Marcus seconds, Suzanne abstains for conflict of interest because she lives within 500ft of project, motion passes.

6. (6 min.) 616-620 N. Avenue 66 (VTT-82095-SL) – Discussion and possible action for request to construct a 13-unit small lot subdivision on a vacant site. A. Castillo

Site is also known as the George Wilson estate; wants to maintain the existing stone stoop, wants to swap palm trees with shaded trees, proposing 13 units with 3 guest parking spaces.

Antonio applauds the architectural design (southwestern Spanish style and courtyard) of the project. Antonio motions to reaffirm the LUC recommendation to support the project with the condition to include the historic stone stoop of the site and to include canopies on sidewalk,

Motion passes.

7. (5 min.) Discussion and Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$4000 requested by Let's Give, acting as a fiscal sponsor for Alexis Chavez and Johan Moreno. Funds will cover expenses related to a benefit concert and art show to be held in Lincoln Heights. Motion Deleted.
8. (3 min.) Request and motion for HHPNC to participate in the National Night out on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm to be held at the Rio de Los Angeles State Park organized by Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA); budget request not to exceed \$1000. Y. Nogueira, R. Rivas  
A public safety event that expects 3500 local residents to attend; Joan wants to amend to \$500, Susanne seconds amendment, amendment passes  
Motion passes
9. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to host a community learning series, up to 7 workshops over the course of this fiscal year. Requesting \$425 in funding to start. J. Tijerina  
Jamie will approach other NCs for funding; topics of the event will include immigrant rights, NCs, health and wellness; funding will be for translation services, refreshments, outreach materials  
Plan for outreach is social media, flyering to local schools, reaching out to nonprofits, contact boulevard sentinel; council offices; expects 25-40 people in attendance  
Motion passes
10. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS letter in support of Council File 18-0610 (Right to Counsel Ordinance/Program / Tenants Facing Eviction) submitted by Councilman Paul Koretz, which proposes for a Tenants' Right to Counsel Program, which identifies the link between homelessness and increased evictions/rent increases and aims to reduce those numbers by allowing tenants right to counsel. Motion passes
11. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a letter to LAUSD Superintendent and School Board in support of community schools and to allocate funds for their operation. A community school, sometimes referred to as a full-service school, is a school that strives to address the needs of the "whole child" (e.g. intellectual, psychological, physical and emotional development) by situating itself within a network of community partnerships to offer a complete range of wraparound support services. R. Rivas Not much action on LAUSD board on this front. Motion passes
12. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to take a stance and submit a CIS to City Council, Committees, and Commissions, including CF #17-0002-S41 and related CF, in support of AB1506 repealing Costa-Hawkins. City council would like to include in its support of the 2017-18 State legislative program support of AB1506, repeal of Costa-Hawkins Act. J. Tijerina, A. Castillo  
Marcus- good first step to address housing issues  
Melanie- Costa Hawkins sets arbitrary date on cap of rent control in 1995  
Antonio- currently exempts single-family homes and mobile homes  
Motion passes
13. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to provide a letter of support for the Oxy Development Principles. J. Tijerina, A. Castillo  
Valerie (Oxy Rep.)- neighborhood purpose community group (NPCG) is the working group for the recently bought property by Oxy on York Blvd; group has drafted and proposed principles

to guide its development; college should implement community engagement in the development of the property.

Oxy doesn't have a master plan but has a specific plan.

Properties will be an Oxy art building and two other buildings will be more commercial spaces.

Motion passes

14. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS to City Council, Committees, and Commissions, including CF #18-0467 and related CF with support and recommendations for Neighborhood Council System Reform. Councilmember Ryu introduced a comprehensive motion to consider reforms of the Neighborhood Council system and has requested time-sensitive feedback from all NCs. J. Tijerina

Melanie- might be supporting something against our bylaws since our bylaws allows 16 years and older to vote and the reform allows 18 years and older.

Motion to amend to include property owners, business owners in definition of stakeholder and 16 years and older

Jamie opposes, amendment passes

Motion passes unanimously

15. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to take a stance and submit a CIS to City Council, Committees, and Commissions, including CF #16-0181-S2 and related CF, urging the decontamination of properties contaminated by Exide Technologies, supporting City efforts to take the necessary action within its power to demand accountability and action from the parties responsible for cleanup, and supporting decontamination of all parcels. J. Tijerina, S. Brantner

Motion passes

16. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to take a stance and submit a CIS to City Council, Committees, and Commissions, including CF #18-0002-S83 and related CF, and #18-0186 in support of upholding Net Neutrality and supporting municipal broadband. J. Tijerina

Motion passes

17. (2 min.) Discussion and possible motion to submit a CIS for Council File 18-0247 to support requiring DWP to reach 100% renewable energy by 2030. S. Brantner

Bonin and Koretz have put this forward in council.

Joan opposes, Motion passes

18. (2 min.) Discussion and possible motion to submit a CIS for Council File 18-0131 to recommend that the City Council use the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) for the City's Zero emissions Maintenance Equipment Pilot. S. Brantner

Motion passes

19. (1 min.) Discussion and motion to appoint Jeffrey Rex the second representative for the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. S. Brantner

Motion passes

20. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to grant SuzAnn Brantner and Jeffrey Rex permissions to access the filer system to submit Community Impact Statements. J. Tijerina, S. Brantner

Motion passes

21. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to appoint board members to liaisons and alliances requiring board representation. R. Rivas

Tabled

22. (3 min.) Discussion designed to lead to a revised 2018-2019 HHPNC budget that reflects the plans and fiscal needs of the HHPNC Committees. Committees may submit budget requests by next August board meeting and approved by September board meeting. Target date for approving and submitting a revised budget to the City Clerk is on or before December 6, 2018 board meeting. J. Potter  
Melanie- we should have another vision day/budget retreat to have the community inform us on what to spend  
Joan- aim for an annual budget as soon as committees can instead of the December date

23. New Business: None

24. Adjournment: 9:05pm