

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 06, 2018  
Highland Park Senior Center  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

A. Call to Order- 7:04 pm

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

C. Elected Officials: CA 34<sup>th</sup> District: Roberto Gama, Field Deputy, Coffee with Congressman successful and focused on Immigration issues. Lucy Aparicio, Field Deputy for CD14- El Mercado was August 11 and was successful. Music on the porch day also celebrated. Bureau of Street Lighting are installing electric vehicle charging stations in CD14 and the board can submit suggestions for location to Huizar's office. Boo recommends using different charging vendor than one on Figueroa in CD1 as that one has been broken and not fixed since February. Installation of no right on red on York and San Pascual. Cleaning of Annandale Tunnel, Bridewell Exit, and Figueroa and York. AD51: Danni Wang from Assembly District 51 discusses Wendy Carrillo's voting record. Tree giveaway on September 22nd.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): John Darnell on Resilient LA on October 30th. Recommends registering for Congress of Neighborhoods on Sep 22nd.

E. President's Report- HHPNC is mentioned in LA Weekly article on **Tenants Counsel Program and housing**.

F. LAPD Report: SLO Ochoa discusses reduction in crime in South Highland Park. Northeast Division is employing extra patrol cars on Figueroa corridor due to crime. Theft is increasing 42% in North Highland Park and SLO recommends increased lighting and security cameras around your home. Northeast Division open house on October 20th. SLO discusses activity around York & Ave 46 and Monte Vista & Ave 52. Citizens academy started today once a week for 3 hours about police work, east la college

G. LAFD Report: Battalion Chief Jaime Lesinski discusses LAFD.org tool to look up statistics and response times for each neighborhood. Hopes that it increases transparency.

H. LAPL Report-Sarah Moore, librarian. Arroyo Seco had 2nd highest number of participants in citywide summer reading program. Violin concert at 3pm on September 9th. Walk Highland Park meets on September 15th.

I. Board Announcements-Rocio recommends Council members attend NCS Congress of Neighborhoods on Sep 22. Asphalt street repair program on October 15th. Hermon Disaster Fair on Saturday, September 8, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; CERT Training check out their website: <http://www.cert-la.com/>; CD14 Board of Public Works Meeting; Public The Bureau of Street Services scheduled a Small Asphalt Repairs

J. Committee Reports: Executive- August 29th meeting, discussed ways to focus budget on best serving most number of constituents and creating a metric for allocation guidelines for NPGs.

Budget- Joan discusses committee budget draft revision and reluctance to give out NPGs until we have better idea of total budget as Executive Board recommends \$3750 out of remaining \$5000.

Land Use- No report.

Outreach- Movie Night with Arroyo Seco on Sep 15th at Sycamore Grove Park and Jazz Night on Sep 29th and 30th.

Public safety- No report.

Family Youth and Education- Meeting this month.

Housing-homelessness- Homelessness continues to be major concern. Rocio reads stakeholder's letter concerning dirtiness of Senior Center due to homeless loitering. Rocio and Yolanda suggest doing

Community Town Hall and inviting Jimmy Gomez and Wendy Carrillo to find long-term solutions to homelessness and sanitation and safety.

Beautification- Postponement of Annadale Tunnel mural due to possible grant with LANI and CD14.

Culture and equality- Discussing event series with neighboring councils. Discussion of Highland Park Pool renovation.

Sustainability- Partnering with Oxy to discuss tree canopy survey. York Park ground tested repeatedly for safe levels and passed repeatedly dating back to 1999, 2001 and cleared out soil on 2009, with tested soil and water in 2012 with safe levels. Next meeting September 24.

Local business and economy- Another meeting planned soon.

K. Budget Advocates Report: Trying to prioritize agenda and outreach events.

L. Liaisons: Animal Services: Boo discusses of animal cruelty and hotline number.

Public Works: No update

Film: No update

CD1: No update

CD14: No update

Purposeful Aging: No update

Resilience: No update

M. Alliances (ARC, LANCC, NC Sustainability Alliance, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, PlanCheck NC): Sustainability discusses new city database program of sustainable needs where you can zoom in on your neighborhood.

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. Gaby Cervantes (Burbank Middle School)- Wanted to let neighborhood know that the school is now a Magnet School. Council support helped with 2017 school posada. Homelessness affects school families.

2. Peter Casada (youth gang intervention counselor)- Breaking Through Barriers is the agency he works for. Works with youths throughout NELA and Echo Park. War between three local gangs: Avenues, Highland Park, and Dogtown.

3. Charlie (Highland Park resident)- Discusses hazing and threats to locals on social media, including council board members.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda. Items 13, 16, 17, and 25 moved to Consent Calendar. Item 4 C August MER report deleted per J. Potter, 19 and 20 removed per S. Brantner.
2. Approval of August 02, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.
3. [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] (2 min.) Discussion and motion to appoint a board member as chair for the Rules Committee. Rocio and Antonio will co-chair. All in favor. Motion passes.
4. (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 approve the HHPNC Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2018.
  - B. Motion to approve the HHPNC Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2018.
  - C. Motion to approve the HHPNC Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2018. *Removed from agenda per J. Potter's request.*

- D. (2 min.) Motion for HHPNC to participate in Council District 1 Jazz Festival on September 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Sycamore Grove Park from 11 am-9:00 pm. Request for \$250 for arts and crafts and snacks booth to share with ASNC. Y. Nogueira  
*(Items 13, 17, and 25 were added to Consent Calendar per J. Potter Request and all in favor.)*

Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, J. Potter, A. Rivera, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, S. Moore, M. Moche, J. Tarr, J. Tijerina, M. Freeland.

5. (6 min.) Presentation by Cecilia Mejia of One Degree, a free bilingual technology-driven nonprofit organization website and mobile platform that helps low-income families access the resources they need to achieve social and economic mobility, and ultimately, improve their lives.
6. (5 min) Update from a representative from the Our People Our Port, Port Workers Coalition, of which HHPNC is a member. Jamie discusses port lease that ends soon. Urging city to have lease holder that is ethical.
7. (5 min) Presentation from Lauren from LAANE to discuss Measure W ([safecleanwaterla.org](http://safecleanwaterla.org)) that will be on the ballot this fall. Measure W is on the ballot for a public funding measure that will address water quality and water supply in Los Angeles. Discussion of alleviation of extreme heat, renewing groundwater supply, river runoff, and water storage. Funding from property tax increase would lead to creation of new jobs for construction and maintenance.
8. (3 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by EnrichLA at the \$1000 level as recommended by the Executive Committee for garden program at Yorkdale Elementary. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, J. Potter, A. Rivera, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, S. Moore, M. Moche, J. Tarr, J. Tijerina, M. Freeland. Motion passes.
9. (3 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by the Arroyo Arts Collective for exhibit at Southwest Museum for no more than their requested amount of \$1600. The Executive Committee recommends support at the \$1000 level. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, J. Potter, A. Rivera, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, S. Moore, M. Moche, J. Tarr, J. Tijerina, M. Freeland. Motion passes.
10. (3 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by the North Figueroa Association for Highland Park Independent Film Festival from Oct 4th-7th for \$1500. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, J. Potter, A. Rivera, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, S. Moore, M. Moche, J. Tarr, J. Tijerina, M. Freeland. Motion passes for \$1500 NPG.
11. (3 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by Justice for my Sister at no more than their requested amount of \$2,500. The Executive Committee recommends support at the \$750 level. J. Potter Daniela from collective discusses non-profit youth filmmaking program. S. Moore amends amount to \$1000, Jamie seconds. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, J. Potter, A. Rivera, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, S. Moore, M. Moche, J. Tarr, J. Tijerina, M. Freeland. Motion passes for \$1000.
12. (3 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by the Center for the Arts Eagle Rock for Eagle Rock Music Festival and arts education outreach at \$750. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, J. Potter, A. Rivera, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, S. Moore, M. Moche, J. Tarr, J. Tijerina, M. Freeland. Motion passes.

13. (3 min) Discussion and motion to assist and participate in the LA River Workshops, which are open and free to the public, organized by the Alliance of River Communities (ARC) for October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am-2:30 pm to be held at the Van De Kamp Bakery building in Atwater Village. The workshop topics include: River, Flood Control Channel and Environment; Gentrification and the River; and Pros and Cons for Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District. Request to contribute no more than \$500 towards the costs of the workshops. Item moved to Consent Calendar. Motion passes.
14. (3 min) Discussion and motion to request an additional \$850 in funding for the 7-workshop community learning series, to bring the total funding from HHPNC to \$1275, sufficient to cover up to 3 of the 7 workshops. Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> or Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, Feb, Mar, and April TBD. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, J. Potter, A. Rivera, B. Caban, Z. Gardea, S. Moore, M. Moche, J. Tarr, J. Tijerina, M. Freeland. Motion passes.
15. (3 min) Discussion and motion to allocate \$1020 to co-sponsor two Photo Exhibitions with arts collective Chicax Unknown. The first is to be held on either December 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of 2018, the second is to be held in May of 2019. Motion passes.
16. (3 min) Discussion and motion to request that HHPNC contribute \$500 to the Budget Advocates for this current fiscal year. The NC Budget Advocates are funded by contributions from NCs throughout the City. Item moved to Consent Calendar. Motion passes.
17. (3 min) Discussion and motion for HHPNC to purchase projector equipped with bluetooth and WiFi ready. Requesting no more than \$500. Item moved to Consent Calendar. Motion passes.
18. (3 min) Discussion and motion to send a Community Impact Statement to Department of Recreation and Parks, elected officials, and relevant council files and commissions (no council file required) to advocate and stand in favor of getting updated pool facilities that are open year-round at Highland Park and Yosemite pools. Amendment and letter both pass.
19. (4 min) Discussion and motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 18-002-S106 to support SB168 which will require beverage containers generated and sold in the State of California to be made, in part, with recycled material. S. Brantner deleted item.
20. (4 min) Discussion and motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 18-002-S108 in support of SB 452 which will financially support California recyclers and bring our statewide beverage container recycling rate back to meeting or exceeding statutory goals. S. Brantner deleted item.
21. (3 min) Discussion and motion to submit CIS in support of Council File Number: 03-1459-S3 to support the initiative of Councilmembers Paul Koretz (CD5) and Mike Bonin (CD11) in their November 22, 2017 Motion to City Council to strengthen the City's Protected Tree Ordinance. All in favor. Motion passes.
22. (3 min) Discussion and motion for HHPNC to sign on to a letter from various neighborhood councils in the northeast to the LAUSD Board of Education and Superintendent regarding the lack of representation for the families and children in LAUSD's District 5. All in favor. Motion passes.
23. (3 min) Motion to update and approve the Election Information Worksheet for the 2019 Neighborhood Council elections as indicated by the Los Angeles City Clerk. All in favor. Motion passes.

24. (3 min) LB&E committee: Discussion and possible motion to replace the firehouse with another place for Brown Act-mandated public posting of meeting agendas. Motion did not pass.
25. (2 min) Discussion and motion to provide refreshments at LUC meeting at \$70/meeting for remainder of year, not to exceed \$600 total. Item moved to Consent Calendar. Motion passes.
26. (2 min) Discussion and motion to appoint a board member to spearhead an Elections Committee or Ad-hoc Committee to begin organizing, educating and recruiting stakeholders for the 2019 neighborhood council elections. TABLED.
27. New Business: None.
28. Adjournment: 9:27 pm