

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Minutes
Thursday, January 3rd, 2019
Highland Park Senior Center
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order: 7:01 pm

B. Roll Call: Present: Rocío Rivas, SuzAnn Brantner, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Linda “Boo” Caban, , Zacharias Gardea (7:08 pm), Sheri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Yolanda Nogueira, Mary Pickert, Jeffrey Rex, Clint Schaff, Joe Tarr, Jamie Tijerina, Ross Ufberg Absent: Melanie Freeland, Stanley Moore, Gavin Pierce

C. Elected Officials: CD1: Bill Cody: money for veteran’s square for contractor and fixing fountain due to vandals, invite HHPNC a beautification project around it and more money form street services, another car show in the spring, winning 500,000 for Highland Park for great streets any street can apply for economic growth. CD14: Lucy Aparicio, December events and thank you for partnering for HLP tree lighting and toys out and support various schools and toy donations; Jan 12 11 am – 2 pm. Recycled Resources drive at city hall Monday through Friday, home sharing and vending ordinance recently passed.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Not present.

E. President’s Report: No report.

F. LAPD Report: Senior Lean Officer Lloyd Chang: Increase enforcement in the area, projects quality of life monitoring RVS and homelessness and providing social services. Veteran’s plaza extra patrol and keep it clean; Officer Allen 24.8% in crime reduction 39 less victims; 13.4 % down in property crime; problems of homeless issues, RVS and encampment, it is a process implemented by mayor’s office, process doesn’t move fast but it moves, Northeast LAPD Division took 700 kids shopping for the holidays.

G. LAFD Report: no report

H. LAPL Report: see calendar, discovery go program to check out free passes to cultural attractions, go to website up to 3 months in advance, Vida tax people for tax preparation in January all the way to April 15 first come first serve basis.

I. Board Announcements: None.

J. Committee Reports: **Land Use**: few applications coming in the next few months on commercial corridors rezoned, business owners getting applications to get a nonconforming permit, applications to do with alcohol establishment will not go through land use and go to the board, but one application wants to present at board, and food for less decided not to come before the council due to the councils action, so contact city. **Outreach**: photos with Santa, served 150 hot chocolates and tree lighting with CD14 and passed out churros. **Family Youth Education**: Meeting this month and preparing for Power to the Youth Wellness Fair. **Housing & Homelessness**: having our second day of compassion teaming with cd1 and 14 date in March and avenue studios update directory. **Beautification**: work with CD1 for Veterans fountain. **Culture and Equality**: in November and December had two successful workshops and have another one January 24 at library and Neighborhood councils 101 before election to run, and Jan 26 3 pm art in the park with Hermon to do a renters’ rights workshop from LA tenants’ union, check out BLVD sentinel on the newspapers. **Sustainability**: met on December 10 for a March 23rd fair for green jobs and sustainability and other sponsors meeting with water and power to get storm water power and Gavin met with gas plants to get renewal projects and talked about earth day. **Local Business/Economy**: having a joint meeting with culture and equality. **Elections**: Ross has been going to farmer’s market flyers in English and Spanish; started in January till end of January.

K. Budget Advocates Report: over holidays working on reports from their departments contact Jamie white paper out in January, with what city should do with budgets.

L. Liaisons: Resilience: city’s effort to localize a plan in case of an emergency, local groups on making a resilience project, to create a template for each community.

M. Alliances (ARC, LANCC, NC Sustainability Alliance, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, PlanCheck NC): None

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. Caroline Aguirre: letters and response referred to federal grand jury on decisions on the Land Use and Pay for play.

2. Luis Antonio Pichardo: providing follow up to the NPG grant used to produce the Zine art walk support of HHPNC and will apply again and submit art work for the zine for emerging artists for 16 and older.

3. Manuel Murguia: comment heard about work shop for renters for that, provide affordable housing, gone to hollenback police dept but where do we alliance for affordable housing and home owners to learn how to better serve the renter and be fair for landlords to provide better service and make a profit.

4. Gemma Marquez: 180 day moratorium concerned about food for less bypassing board and not bringing anything to board but if anything coming down the pipes to be posted in the community for people to speak, make sure the applications still have to notify and go to website to voice personal opinion.

5. Richard Marquez: Northridge has 60,000 residents and Highland Park has about the same and Northridge has more than one neighborhood council and classifies as city that doesn't need representation and voice but Northridge got leverage. But not Highland Park because of demographics, because of the voice we are losing out especially when development is taking place and this needs to look into.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda. S. Brantner motions and S. Lunn seconds. All in favor. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of December 06, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and December 08, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes. TABLED
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 approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2018. J. Potter
 - B. Motion to approve paying invoice # I-17678, for \$250, from Continental Interpreting for services rendered at our special Saturday meeting, December 8, 2018. J. Potter
 - C. Motion to approve renewing the rental of Post Office box 50791 for one year at a cost of \$112. J. Potter

Roll call. All in favor. Motion passes.

4. (15 min) Motion to approve letters rescinding support for Sunset Beer and Hermosillo Wine Bar as per the stakeholders of Highland Park during the Special Meeting held on December 08, 2018. The reasons for rescinding support are as follows: over saturation of liquor licenses in one mile radius, traffic congestion, lack of parking, noise level, littering, lack of business diversity, lack of community support and proximity to residential homes.
 - M. Moche explains process of changing verbiage on letters and voting on the letters rescinding support.

Public Comments

1. Sasha S.: Sunset Beer is a block away from Yorkdale elementary and why has the letter not been sent, and curious on moratorium, and why Food for Fess cutting out of input from community.
2. Rosa Rivas: why is that Food for Less doesn't want to come before HHPNC, also supporting no more liquor licenses to given out in the community because there are way too many.
3. Betty Markowitz: city planning has nothing to do with liquor licenses.
4. Caroline Aguirre: Spoke to LAPD Officers Sandoval and Corrosco, several went out 150 signatures against the liquor and establishments.
5. Gemma Marquez: There is no reference to church across the street to be added to the letter, northeast be part of the role, NELA police work together and they did not rescind their letter and should be working together. Hold them accountable and get it done.
6. Mark Marquez: approve a letter prepared at the time write details in the land use letters, bar next to a church, being more specific in the letters that coincide with ABC and planning department to give them in detail about the letter.

Board discussion: A. Castillo explains why Food For Less did not come before Land Use and HHPNC to present their application. And cautions the terminology used in the letters, such as on and offsite sales, goes for all establishments on sale or off sale, all-encompassing term. Also explains the process of the last 4 years is the land use committee contacts applicant to invite them to the meeting and a lot of cases reach out to us, and we ask if they received support from neighbors and council a question but not required to do so. From now on, if an application is submitted, we will notify and invite them to board meeting and find a way for the community to be notified. Motion to on and off business and to be more specific reasons concerning bars near a school and places worship. S. Lunn motions, and M. Moche seconds. B. Caban abstains. Motion to amend letter passes.

Motion to approve the letters rescinding support, M. Moche motions and S. Lunn seconds. Oppose A. Castillo. Abstain R. Ufberg and J. Tarr. Motion passes to approve letters rescinding support.

(15 min) Motion to approve letter rescinding support for 616-620 N. Avenue 66 (VTT-82095-SL) due to environmental issues, protection of trees and expressed concern from stakeholders.

Public Comment

- a. Clara Solis thank you for listening to our concerns and motion was to oppose the project
- b. Jeffrey Hernandez thank you and heard letter read aloud. This was a pretty messy case that violated a lot of environment regulations.
- c. Nancy: city hall during the planning the reason to get extended because they deceived you and architect did not have answer about sewers and pump needed . and no environmental impact and that why extended for feb. 6th.
- d. Richard Marquez: Raises concern over projects not keeping up with their agreements like 7-Eleven and need CD1 and CD14 to listen to us.

S. Brantner explains the letter from the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance chair that helped suspend the project and that will be attached to HHPNC letter rescinding support. Board discusses other factors to add to the letter explaining the reasons why support is rescinded. Motion to amend letter to address trees in danger, historic site ignored, dirt removal and building on a slope, wildlife risk, and sewage contamination, no right of passage, to pass. S. Brantner motions and S. Lunn seconds. Motion passes. Motion to submit letter by M Moche, second J. Tijerina. Oppose: A. Castillo, and J. Rex and J. Tarr. Abstain R. Ufberg and B. Caban. Motion passes.

5. (15 min.) Motion to approve holding a Neighborhood Council Candidate workshop on January 17th to provide information and help-in-filing for prospective HHPNC candidates. The public at large would be welcome to attend in the hopes of enlisting more candidates that evening. Cost not to exceed \$250 for promotion and hospitality. J. Potter asks to strike the funding aspect due to HHPNC already voted for in December, this gives it the date. Mary, where at time, here at 7-8 pm and do outreach. Randy Packer public comment: elections only for vacant seats: deadline to apply January 28. Motion seconded by M. Pickert. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. (2 min) Discussion and motion to begin the HHPNC application process to fill the vacated Secretary board position. Voting for new secretary will take place at next board meeting 02/07/19. R. Rivas Motion to approve, all in favor. Motion passes.
7. New Business: None
8. Adjournment 8:51 pm