A. Call to Order, Vice president Lisa Brewer acting as president in Chris Smith’s absence.

B. Welcome
Announcements and Public Comments: Stan Moore announced: LAPD Northeast Division hoping to give away 100 Holiday baskets; has Turkeys for $5; accepting food and toys
Rudy Martinez introduced himself as a candidate for City Council for the 14th District—that he is angry at the neglect of the 14th District’s needs. Born and raised in Echo Park.
Al Strange
Zenay Loure announced tree lighting events
Paul Bonsell: Announced that the HHPNC was going to give out bags of food at the Christmas/Holiday Party on December 8—going to schools to identify most needy families (on Dec. 8 over 130 families received bags of food)
Joe Carmona announced the gang/violence conference on Dec. 9 and the need for a “Gang Summit” here in Highland Park. At the request of the HHPNC Joe will develop a list of potential invitees to a summit.


D. Janet Dodson, HHPNC Legal Liaison, report of discussion with City Attorney’s Office: (1) HHPNC can’t contribute to SWMuseum legal fund. (2) Neighborhood Purpose Grants must benefit only 501 c(3) organizations, public schools only. Groups must have an “identifiable, transparent public purpose” and cannot be for a “narrow purpose.” Does it benefit the community as a whole? (3) Regarding grievances #10-14 conflict of interests. We must call the City Attorney if we are concerned about a conflict of interest. (4) Liability: HHPNC can’t use power washer until further study by the City Attorney’s Office. Can’t use generator and moon bouncer. Can’t remove Graffite. (5) Letters: cannot operate individually. (6) Cameras are still being investigated. (7) HHPNC can’t sponsor “Kiwanis” road trip to Sacramento. (7) Lisette at DONE will answer questions. The HHPNC has $45,000 for (a) operations, (b) community outreach, and (c) Neighborhood Improvement. We can make “Neighborhood Purpose Grants” to, for example, Franklin High School, to take students to Sacramento with the grant going to the PTS Association at Franklin. The City Attorney’s representative is brand new to Neighborhood Council issues and is still learning.

E. Treasurer’s Report: Mark reiterated the procedure for HHPNC funding. A proposal with come from a HHPNC committee or from a single member of the HHPNC, or from a stakeholder to the Council. The Council will discuss it, maybe modify it, and then send it to Budget and Finance. B and F will process it by either approving, denying or modifying and then send it back to the Council.
The Council will then either approve it, deny it, or modify it as the whole Council sees fit.

1. Adoption of Agenda. MSA unanimous

2. Approval of the Minutes of Nov. 18 tabled to Dec. 16 to give Council members time to read them. M Garcia, Second Anson MSA Unanimous

3. Motion: To approve letter to Council members Huizar and Reyes requesting rescission of amendment to end the subsidy on Lifeline Subsidy. M Garcia, Second, Anson then, Motion to Table for rewriting and reintroduction on Dec. 16 M Lisa Brewer, Second Moore MSA Unanimous

4. Motion: To write a letter to the Los Angeles Visitors Guide, put out by the L.A. Convention and Visitors Bureau, expressing concern about Highland Park, and NELA in general, not being represented in their Visitors Guide. Moved, Moore Second, Marquez Letter to also be sent to Huizar, Reyes and Mayor’s Offices. Dr. Moore to write the letter. Vote: 13 yes, 1 no MSA passed.

5. Motion: To provide a HHPNC PA equipment for a HHPNC announcement booth at the Northeast Christmas/Holiday Parade Booth. PA equipment to be signed out by Teri Bonsell, and will be supervised by former HHPNC Council member Yvonne Sarceda. Franklin High School students will be announcing the Parade. (Bonsell) Moved, Bonsell Second, Lisa Brewer MSA Unanimous

6. Motion: To write CD 1 a letter requesting that the two burned out spotlights on the flag above the Veterans Memorial Square be replaced. (Marquez) Moved, Moore Second, Reback Marquez will write the letter. MSA Unanimous

7. Motion: To write CD 1 a letter inviting a representative to the HHPNC meetings for a public Q and A to resolve sensitive community issues. Moved, Marquez Seconded, Moore MSA Unanimous Marquez to write the letter.

8.—Motion: To invite and schedule all CD 14 candidates to regular HHPNC meetings throughout January and February 2011, so that the public and Council may meet and question them. Moved, Marquez Second, Moore MSA Unanimous

9. Motion: To consider preparing argument for some of the ballot measures for March 11, 2011 proposed by the City Council. (Dodson) Moved, Dodson Seconded, Trish Gossett MSA Unanimous Four measures were selected with the guidance of Janet Dodson.

10. Motion: To approve the six-step procedure, developed by Budget and Finance, for requesting HHPNC funding/grants. (Reback) Tabled Referred to Budget and Finance. MSA Unanimous

11. New Business: None

12. Adjournment: Unanimous

13. translation needed. (Marquez) Tabled. Sent to Outreach Committee. Find out if there is any alternation(s) available. Can there be a show up fee, or less of a fee if the consumer of translation leaves early?

14. Discussion and Motion: For the Council to determine the process and requirements for signing “letters” as a HHPN Council member. Discussion: this is a policy and procedure matter. Tabled. Sent to the Rules Committee.

15. Adjournment.
Welcome: President Chris Smith
Quorum Established. Members present: Anson, Antezana, Bonsell, Dodson, Escobar, Gossett, Kekone, Marquez, Moore, Reback, Smith, Zuniga; Stakeholders: Paul Bonsell, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps.

1. Motion to approve HHPNC Dec. 5, 2010 Holiday Parade and party (use of balloons decorations, etc.) participation plan, Council assignments, and budget up to but not exceeding Budget and Finance Committee’s approved $300. (Dodson) Motion: Dodson, Second, Anson MSA Unanimous
2. Motion: To approve HHPNC’s Dec. 5 2010 Holiday Parade Program advertisement of one-half page, and budget not to exceed $200 previously approved by Budget and Finance. No further Council approval required. (Bonsell) Motion: Dodson, Second, Zuniga MSA Unanimous
3. Motion to approve full page advertisement. Tabled.
4. Motion to approve HHPNC Dec. 8, 2010 Holiday party plan, assignments, and budget up to but not exceeding the Budget and Finance Committee’s approved $1,700. (Bonsell) Motion: Moore, Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
5. Adjournment. Unanimous