Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Special Meeting and Agenda
Saturday, August 20th, 2016
Highland Park Recreation Center
6150 Piedmont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90042
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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08/20/16 MINUTES

A. Call to Order—11:40am
B. Roll Call—PRESENT: Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Jessica Ceballos, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Yolanda Nogueira, Rocio Rivas, Derek Saucedo, Diego Silva, Harvey Slater, and Jamie Tijerina. ABSENT: Gabriel Chabran, Boo Caban, Liz Amsden, Daniel Andalon, Nicholas Soto and Stan Moore.
C. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)—None
D. Introduction by President Harvey Slater: explains the purpose and function of neighborhood councils, and the purpose of the special board meeting and the five focus groups. The overall input will be part of the vision for the HHPNC board and Highland Park community. Given permission to HHPNC, the vision statements and discussion will be shared on HHPNC’s website.
D. Activity and Discussion Groups- “Creating the Vision” for the 2016-2018 term. Public will be asked to participate in discussion groups and provide input. Participants disburse into desired focus group for discussion and board member facilitates the discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda—All in favor. Agenda approved.
2. Board Discussion and Action- summarize and draft vision and mission of HHPNC council for 2016-2018 term. Focus groups discussions presented: A. Youth, Family, & Education: Improve and Foster Resources—1.) Working with Art Park to develop programs for youth; 2) Matching students needing internships with local businesses, 3) Working with schools to match students needing community service hours with organizations in the area, 4) Youth driven & youth led programs, 5) Put on a resource fair or open house for organizations to connect with youth in the area, 6) Foster student leadership within schools; Facilitate tutoring programs for students in the area. B. Housing and Homelessness: Address and Advocate for Affordable Housing and Solutions for Homeless Stakeholders. Design, publish, and post a map of homeless resources to be distributed to homeless people in the area. 1) Create a list of churches, food banks, miscellaneous services, shelters, showers, that are accessible to homeless stakeholders, 2) Identify who our homeless neighbors are and reach out to them, 3) Develop or facilitate a way to get healthcare delivered to homeless residents in urgent need, 4) Develop a Housing Resources arm of our outreach assets and human resources, like website, social media, and committees, 5) Advocate for affordable housing through responsible development and sensible housing policy at city hall, 6) Facilitate resources for low income residents and renters to be more empowered in securing their housing futures, and educate residents on ways they can acquire affordable property. C) Economic Development/Local Business: Emphasize Local Business Growth. 1) Create a directory of local businesses and services, 2) Advertise local events and strategic partnership opportunities to local businesses, 3) Reach out to smaller mom and pop businesses to help with marketing and advertising. D) Outreach: Improve Outreach, Strategic Partnerships, and Community Engagement. 1) Hold a community non-profit fair- meet and greet to engage community, 2) Create a HHPNC info card to distribute to first time attendees at council meetings, 3) Participate in the next Fig Jam great streets event, 4) Hold a tour-art walk event focusing on the history of Highland Park, 5) Publish and make public more aware of the HHPNC geographic boundaries, 6) Light public spaces artfully for safety and engagement, 7) Create stronger coalitions with other neighborhood councils, 8) Advocate for a CicLaVia type event in Northeast Los Angeles, 9) Create strategic partnerships with local community service and nonprofit organizations that serve our constituents. E) Cultural and Historical Preservation: Preserving and Promoting Our Heritage, History & Unique Cultures. 1) Promote diversity in heritage and arts, 2) Focus on broader policy and legislation issues that directly impact or threaten a particular culture or demographic in the community, 3) Strengthen the line of communication with elected officials, 4) Focus more on community programs centered on the arts, 5) Teach local students
more about local history, and culture, 6) Advocate for and facilitate the implementation of a local facility that gives access to arts and culture to local residents.


Amounts are rough estimates:

Operations: $8,000
Outreach: $10,000
Community improvements: $4,000
N.P.G’s: $10,000
Elections: $3,000
Total: $35,000

All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

4. New Business—None
5. Adjournment—1:12pm