

## 08/03/17 HHPNC Board Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order—7:04 p.m.

B. Roll Call—*Present: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, SuzAnn Brantner, Antonio Castillo, B. Caban, Melanie Freeland Rocio Rivas, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Zacharias Gardea, Stan Moore, Marcus Moché, Suzanne Huerta, Yolanda Nogueira, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 16) Absent: Harvey Slater, Sherri Lunn, Joan Potter (Total: 3)*

C. Elected Officials—**Mayor's office:** No report; **CD1:** Conrado Terrazas, Field Deputy, Annual Latin Jazz Festival on Sept. 23 and 24 at Sycamore Grove Park. Culebra Park along Ave. 57 and Brenner undergoing improvements and Arroyo Seco Arts Collective to take the lease. Veterans square working on it trees trimmed and getting fountain fixed and raise money. New staff member is Bill Cody working in the Highland Park office.

**CD14:** Lucy Aparcio, Field deputy, On Sunday at the field office in Eagle Rock is conducting a donation drive for sleeping bags, toiletry kits and undergarments from 9-5 and call office if you want to make other arrangements. Eagle rock concerts in the park for next four Sundays, starting on Aug. 6 at the Eagle Rock Park. El Mercado is on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Highland Park Chamber of Commerce from 4:00-9:00 p.m. in conjunction with art walk.

**AD51:** No report. **SD22:** No report. **BOS1:** No report. **CA34:** Roberto Gama, Field Deputy, can help with any assistance regarding a federal.

D. **DONE**—John Darnell, introduces what the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is all about is all about, Congress of Neighborhoods is on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> with 40 workshops planned, and it's the biggest day of the year for civic engagement.

E. **President's Report**—No Report.

F. **LAPD Report**—SLO Mark Allen, property crimes still an issue, cars and residential burglaries, make sure you don't leave items inside your cars. Hondas and Toyotas are targets.

G. **LAFD Report**—No Report.

H. **LAPL Report**—Sarah Moore, had the biggest summer program with the highest registered residents. Solar eclipse will be viewed. The Monday night kids program will be on the eclipse. Also have star readers, community volunteers, join us at the library to experience and we have tons of resources.

I. Board Announcements—No report

J. Committee Reports—**Executive:** No report. **Rules:** No report. **Budget:** No report. **Land Use:** A few items, which are on the agenda. **Outreach:** Continue to plan for Day of Dignity and working on upcoming events. **Family Youth Education:** Meeting next month. **Public Safety:** No report, but requesting that another board member take the chair position for this committee. **Housing and Homelessness:** We have some items. **Beautification:** Veterans Square beautification is almost completed, the lights are working, trimmed trees, and working on masonry. **Culture and Equality:** Didn't meet because speaker cancelled. Gentrification forum date changed until further notice. **Arts:** No report.

K. Budget Advocates Report—Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Mondays in the DONE offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 10 am at the West LA Municipal building (enter up ramp on SW corner). Setting up committees for Dept. budgets due in November. If you have concerns on the budget contact Liz Amsden tonight or check out the website and get involved. Usually have a Monday night meeting, but call DONE office for parking pass.

L. Liaisons—**Grievance Panel:** No report. **Animal services:** Due to hot weather, please keep animals in the shade. **Homelessness:** Civic University on Homelessness meeting coming up **Legal:** No report. **Public Works:** No report. **DWP:** No report, have a new commissioner Vazquez

M. Alliances—**ARC**: Met on July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Alliance is restructuring as Hector Huezo stepped down. **LANCC**: Missed last meeting. **NC Sustainability Alliance**: An event on July 15<sup>th</sup> was for sustaining committees across the city. **NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance**: No report. **PlanCheck NC**: No report.

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. Marc Vargas: AB51 candidate, roots in this district, parents came to America to make a better life, Mexican and Columbian, a democrat to move solutions forward for both business and working-class citizens.
2. Wendy Carrillo: Candidate running for AB51, from City Terraces, attended El Sereno Middle School, and lives in El Sereno.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda. Amending 11 donating folders and not backpacks; and change amount to \$250 and date is Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. Tabling 12. All in favor. Motion passes. S. Brantner abstains.
2. Approval of July 06, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Abstain: M. Moché, M. Freeland, E. Andalon, G. Chabran, S. Huerta, and Y. Nogueira.
3. (4 min) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] Motion to approve the NPG request from EnrichLA in the amount of \$1500 in support of the weekly Garden Ranger Program at Luther Burbank Middle School. —Joanna, the operations director, explains that organization has dedicated 7 years to build and maintain edible school gardens, and a ranger class is provided for students on gardening. This program has been at Luther Burbank for 4 years now, which is a yearlong program and maintains garden for students. There are 82 programs in schools throughout Los Angeles and the valley. In favor: D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, B. Caban, M. Freeland, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, M. Moché, S. Huerta, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, and J. Tijerina. Abstain: S. Moore. Motion passes.
4. (15 min.) Discussion on LADOT’s plans to remove a car lane to replace with a bike lane northbound on North Figueroa Street from Ave. 43 to York Blvd. Motion for board to take a stand in support or against the replacement of the car lane with a bike lane and write a letter to LADOT. — A. Castillo motions that item be discussed in Land Use Committee and Public Safety for a joint meeting. Second by B. Caban. Abstain Z. Gardea. Motion passes.
5. (5 min.) Discussion to write a letter of support for Adam’s Forge, a non-profit artist blacksmith community in existence since 2002, to relocate to Heritage Square Museum, which is administered by Recreation and Parks. —Heather McLarty, President of Adam’s Forge. Organized events with Heritage Square and wants to relocate there to teach and support a historic craft of blacksmithing. City owns the property and they need permission to do this and asking for a letter of support. D. Andalon reads letter written H. Slater. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. (8 min.) 5200 Monte Vista Street (ZA-2017-2129-ZV) - Discussion and possible action for a zone variance request to allow the continued use and maintenance of a legal non-conforming market (Tropicana Market) with the off-site sale of beer and wine. Applicant not present. The market has had an off-site beer and wine license with alcohol and beverage control. Supported the requested variance because business is in a residential zone. Business to renew their permit to be allowed in a residential zone. This business has been in good standing for many years. Land Use Committee supports this application. Abstain (2): R. Rivas and L. Amsden. Everyone else in favor. Motion passes.
7. (5 min.) 5137 N. Figueroa Street (DIR-2017-847-SPD-CCMP) - Discussion and possible action for a request to construct a self-service car wash at the exiting Shell gas station. Item was

presented to land use a year ago and applicant resubmitted revision. Committee reviewed application and reaffirmed opposition. Applicant submitted an appeal. No action taken until appeal application has been reviewed and appealed. Several residents near the gas station spoke against the construction of the car wash due to noise, no need for another car wash, and may cause traffic in the area. Motion to continue discussion until the appeal is reviewed. All in favor. Motion passes.

8. (10 min.) Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistricts (CF-17-0117) - Discussion and possible action to support the Planning & Land Use Management Committee's direction to the Planning Department to prepare a report on the feasibility of establishing a process to create Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistricts (ARUS). A. Castillo planning and land use management motion to propose ARUS and one of the requests is to do a feasibility study for the city to take on. Land use supports the city is doing the feasibility study. All in favor. Passes unanimously.
9. (3 min.) Motion to approve the corrected Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2017. In favor: D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, B. Caban, M. Freeland, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, and J. Tijerina. Abstain: M. Moché. Motion passes.
10. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to organize an event for low-income and homeless residents "Day of Dignity" at the Highland Park Senior Center to be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. This event will provide housing and homelessness resources, medical mobile, shower mobile, hygiene kits, BBQ and music. Requesting no more than \$900 for food, drinks, space rental, and hygiene items. This is an event in response to Mayor Garcetti's and DONE's Civic University meetings on Homelessness in Los Angeles, which requested for NCs to conduct an event in support of homeless residents. Partnering with NELA Homeless Coalition. In favor: D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, B. Caban, M. Freeland, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, M. Moché, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, and J. Tijerina. Motion passes unanimously.
11. (5 min.) Motion to purchase backpacks to distribute at Summer Night Lights' "Back to School Night" on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Requesting no more than \$250. In favor: D. Andalon, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, B. Caban, M. Freeland, R. Rivas, L. Amsden, G. Chabran, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, M. Moché, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, D. Silva, and J. Tijerina. Motion passes unanimously.
12. (5 min.) Motion to coordinate a movie night at HLP Recreation Center during last week of Summer Night Lights. Date and movie to be determined. TABLED
13. (2 min.) Discussion and motion to appoint a Purposeful Living liaison. Boo Caban is selected. All in favor. Motion passes.
14. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to organize a candidate forum for District 51 in September (date to be determined) with Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council. Figuring out a date with Eagle Rock High School. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.
15. (2 min.) Motion to reinstate the Sustainability Committee and to appoint SuzAnn Brantner as chair. L. Amsden headed the committee, but had to step down because of work commitments. All in favor. Motion passes.
16. (15 mins) A presentation for the board to learn more information about Community Impact Statements (CIS) by John Darnell from DONE. Tabled for September.
17. (5 mins) Discussion to request access from DONE for J. Tijerina and R. Rivas to submit CIS. All in favor. Motion passes.
18. (5 mins) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS and take a stance as a board in support of legally allowing street vendors to operate in Los Angeles. —J. Tijerina states the importance of decriminalizing street vendors. Board is reaffirming its support on this issue. Voting in

support for HHPNC express sentiment on this issue on file. All in favor. Motion unanimously passes.

19. (5 min.) CIS on CF 17-0447 to request a buffer zone between oil and gas wells and schools, hospitals, parks, homes and other places where people live and gather. L. Amsden states that this issue came up again because of fracking and reports of people getting ill. Met with Councilmember Cedillo's office to help support an evaluation of 2500ft. spacing with gas and oil wells from where people congregate. All in favor. CIS unanimously passes.
20. New Business: J. Tijerina mentions that there was a press conference to free Romulo Avelica-Gonzalez, a father detained by ICE while dropping off his child at school. Please call ICE to please not deport him.
21. Adjournment—9:14 p.m.