

09/07/17 HHPNC Board Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order—7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call—**Present:** Harvey Slater, Liz Amsden, Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, SuzAnn Brantner, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Marcus Moche, Diego Silva, Jaime Tijerina, Joan Potter (13) **Absent:** Antonio Castillo, Rocio Rivas, Sheri Lunn, Boo Caban, Yolanda Nogueira, Susanne Huerta (6)

C. Elected Officials—**Mayor's office:** Absent

CD1: Bill Cody, new Field Representative to Highland Park: Latin Jazz Fest 9/23-24

CD14: Lucy Aparicio, Field Representative: El Mercado event this Saturday 9/9, 4-9pm, on York Blvd.

AD51: Absent

SD22: Absent

BOS1: Absent

D. DONE—John Darnell present. Promoting Civic Engagement month. Congress of Neighborhoods this Sat 9/9/17. Measure H and HHH update and encourage to attend Civic University. Health Education Committee pushed elections to 2019, waiting on a confirmation vote from the city council.

E. President's Report—Excited to see new committees: Sustainability, Business and Economic Committee.

F. LAPD Report - Absent

G. LAFD Report -Absent

H. LAPL Report—Education related assistance resources: live online help for k-12/adult learners (tutor.com), online career high school program, student zone hours 3-6pm each week day with free printing, HW students SAT, ACT test prep with two databases for researching test prep. Various online learning resources that are available to the community. Always have books!

I. Board Announcements - None

J. Committee Reports—**Executive:** H. Slater, Nothing new that needs discussion. **Rules:** D. Andalon, No report. **Budget:** J. Potter, No committee as of now, we need members! **Land Use:** A. Castillo/S. Huerta, No report. **Outreach:** Y. Nogueira, No report. **Family Youth Education:** R. Rivas, No report, next meeting is on September 18. **Public Safety:** Looking for someone to co-chair this committee. **Housing and Homelessness:** Y. Nogueira, No report. **Beautification:** Y. Nogueira, No report. **Culture and Equality:** J. Tijerina, No August meeting due to candidate forum. Meeting will be this month. Exploring the rescinding of DACA. **Sustainability:** S. Brantner, Will be having 9/27 event at Senior Center about Recycle LA. Holding a Sustainability fair next year. **Arts:** G. Chabran, No report

K. Budget Advocates Report—L. Amsden, If anyone would like to join, go to ncbala.com, email the committee chairs at the top right section of site. Looking to suggest changes to the budgeting system. Will be considering recommending that we move away from "line item" budget method on the city level.

L. Liaisons—**Grievance Panel:** No report. **Animal services:** B. Caban, Absent. **Homelessness:** Y. Nogueira, Absent. **Legal:** No report. **Public Works:** No report. **DWP:** No report.

M. Alliances—**ARC:** Met last Tuesday. Added members from Cypress Park. Meetings are now bi-monthly. Working groups formed with various themes. Next meeting is in Echo Park. G2 Land Parcel forum being planned. Holiday mixer being planned. **LANCC:** Looked at sidewalk repair and expanding cash rebates for repairs. Limits are now at 50% of 10K. **NC Sustainability Alliance:** No report. **NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance:** At the last meeting, the LAFD provided an extensive presentation on Disasters/Catastrophe scenarios and what one should

do during emergencies, will share the information and presentation at next public safety committee meeting and to board members. **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)

Mario Omos – Candidate for State Assembly 51st District

Joe Aguero - Candidate for State Assembly 51st District

William Schenewerk – General comments on energy. Energy storage is not going to happen.

Chris Mackay – Chris’ Auto Service, hosting an event at the Senior Center parking lot on 10/21/17. Free car inspections. 6 mechanics will be present. Also hosting Safety Belt USA.

Ashliy Veliz – Soledad community org. Looking for exposure help with mental health, job searches, etc. Will be having an event on 11/18/17 at Garvanza Park, opportunities for booth registration.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda. Tabled #16, Remove #9, Tabled #2, Passed by consensus
2. Approval of August 03, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Tabled
3. [Previously Tabled] (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. Public Comment: Andrew Aguero – Right now it’s a top down system. We need to work together to get better outcomes.
Alyssa Acevedo – Unnecessary car wash, it will take a toll on the community. Many of our constituents are opposing this car wash project. Against this motion.
Mercedes Vasquez – I live next to the location of where the car wash is being purposed. My husband has dementia and Parkinson’s disease. This installment will make a lot of noise, increase traffic, and overall create a burden for my household. I anticipate much trash being thrown in my direction, as it is now, we already have to deal with a lot of trash being thrown in our property. This case was won 2 years ago and now there’s a new application. This is not necessary. Against this motion.
-Silverio Lusan – A neighbor to Mercedes. I have concern that the activity is going to affect my mental health event more. Standing against this motion.
-Eunice Hernandez – Against this motion. Supports the speakers before her.
-Alicia Acevedo – Against this motion.
Motion to oppose this project - Liz Amsden. Second by Daniel Andalon. Opposed by S. Moore, J. Potter. Motion passes
4. [Previously Tabled] (8 min.) A presentation for the board to learn more information about Community Impact Statements (CIS) by John Darnell from DONE. J. Tijerina HHPNC filed 19 total CIS last year out of ~310 total for L.A., ranked in the top 10. CIS can be sent out to a city department similar to a piece of legislation. Make sure we track CIS submissions. If the council file changes for a piece of legislation, it changes the way a CIS applies to it.
5. (6 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for an amount up to \$2000 requested by the North Figueroa Association in support of the Highland Park Independent Film Festival. Funds needed for rental of the Highland Park Theater for 3 days in October. J. Potter/ Marita De La Torre (HPIFF). Oppose – Liz Amsden. Motion passes.
6. (6 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for an amount up to \$500 requested by Avenue 50 Studio to repair the Mexico-Tenochtitlan mural at Avenue 61 and Figueroa Street. Funds go for art supplies and payment of two artists. J. Potter/Kathy Gallegos, Ave. 50

Motion passes, unanimous.

7. (10 min.) Discussion and possible action to consider the mobility and safety of Figueroa Street in Highland Park, including but not limited to, lane reconfiguration, traffic lane removals, road diets, and bicycle lanes. Melanie Freeland - Move to restate support for option to support Vision Zero and LADOT's original proposal for the full reconfiguration of Figueroa between Avenue 43 and York Boulevard. Direct opposition to Councilmember Cedillo's request to make amendments to the LADOT proposed Figueroa reconfiguration. Additional, HHPNC asks that CD1 always come to the HHPNC and inform the board before proposing any changes and to provide greater community outreach. Second by Z. Gardea. Support: M. Freeland, S. Brantner, H. Slater, Z. Gardea, G. Chabran, M. Moche. Oppose: D. Silva, L. Amsden, D. Andalon, J. Potter, S. Moore. Abstain – E. Andalon
8. (2 min.) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2017. Motion passes.
9. (2 min.) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2017. Motion passes
10. (5 min.) Motion to authorize up to \$100 to pay for flyer and distribution of flyers for RecyclA Sustainability Committee event on the 27th of September. Motion passes
11. (2 min.) Motion to reimburse Board Member Antonio Castillo \$143.11 for items purchased: notebooks from 99¢ Only Store. Motion passes
12. (3 min.) Motion to request no more than \$1500 to purchase outreach items of bags, stickers, notebooks and brochures with new logo. Tabled
13. (3 min.) Motion to request no more than \$550 to print Housing and Homelessness NELA Directory. Tabled
14. (2 min.) Motion to create a Local Business & Economy Committee and appoint Marcus Moché as the chair. Abstain – M. Moché Motion passes.
15. (2 min.) Motion to appoint SuzAnn Brantner as HHPNC's liaison to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Association (NCSA). Motion passes
16. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a CIS and take a stance as a board against the proposed Grayson Power Plant in Glendale which will affect our community. Tabled
17. (5 min.) CIS calling for a hold on implementing the waste collection franchise system until the City and/or franchisees can provide suitable education to those affected, the City amend the rate sheet to remove unnecessary fees, and the City provide a complaint line where issues such as lack of service, removal of bins, no provision of green recycling, etc. can be addressed on a timely basis. Oppose: D. Andalon, S. Brantner. Abstain – Z. Gardea, E. Andalon, S. Moore, M. Moché. Motion passes.
18. (5 min.) CIS in strong support of Councilmember Nury Martinez's motion to have the DWP report on the Bay Delta project's history and alternatives, as well as requesting an analysis of projected costs, funding and financing and financial impact to the ratepayers from the Office of Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate. Abstain – Z. Gardea, D. Andalon, G. Chabran, E. Andalon. Motion passes.
19. (6 min.) CIS to reopen CF 09-0969 raising the fees on certain land use appeals for individuals opposed to developer's actions from \$89 to \$13,538 (denied in 2009 but pushed through without notice to NC, CEQA and other groups) until NCs are provided with documentation on how these costs were determined and NCs and interested parties are given an appropriate 60-day comment period BEFORE this is brought to a vote again. Abstain – S. Brantner. Motion passes.

20. (5 min.) CIS on LAPD drone use to ensure privacy, community safety and freedom from the militarization of our police department. Oppose— D. Silva, M. Moché. Motion passes.
21. (5 min.) CIS on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners including that the City set specific qualifications as well and obligations and responsibilities that should be met or a replacement appointed. This comes from LANCC, which has not had quorum in the past few meetings, and the Valley representatives feel that the new appointee is political and not qualified. The parameters should be set up to ensure appropriate involvement and conduct. Oppose — J. Potter. Motion passes
22. New Business—None
23. Adjournment—9:10 p.m.