

11/02/17 HHPNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. **Call to Order**—7:04 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**—*Present: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Stan Moore, Marcús Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 14) Absent: Daniel Andalon, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Zacharias Gardea, Yolanda Nogueira (Total: 5)*

C. **Elected Officials**—Mayor's Office: No report. CD1: No Report. CD14: Lucy Aparicio, Field Representative—Thanks the board for partnering with CD14 for the York Blvd clean-up and Pumpkin Patch, special thanks to Yolanda Nogueira and Rocio Rivas for representing HHPNC and working with CD14 office; getting ready for the 4th Annual Tree Lighting event on December 10th 6 pm (flyers distributed), taking place on the parking lot of the Senior Center, there will be performances from local schools and groups and toy giveaway; also please inform office if anyone is in need of turkeys for Thanksgiving; trying to gather details concerning a tree that was cut down by the post office, Liz Amsden is helping figure it out which tree was cut down; sanitation will provide more recycle bins, please notify office of corridors that would benefit from these bins. AD51: No report. SD22: No report. BOS1: No report.

D. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)**—Presents HHPNC with a 15th anniversary certificate. Monday night is the Civic University on Homelessness, thanks to HHPNC for the support and attendance. The issue of equity funding discussed by neighborhood commissioners on how to distribute funds to NCs, a working group will form on this topic, sign up if interested. The opportunity to change by-laws opening soon and April 15 is the deadline; lastly the Civic University 2.0 program begins in January.

E. **President's Report**—Postponed last month's meeting due to no quorum. Another meeting will be rescheduled.

F. **LAPD Report**: Officer Mark Allen, three shooting incidences in the month of October, Oct. 14 on Ave. 51 kids shooting in the air with no victims, Oct. 22 on the 51st block at Buchanan St. an altercation with guns and two shots, and Oct. 16 on Ave. 50 and Figueroa a gang related shooting with no injuries or deaths. Arrests were made on individuals stealing cars and no cars have been stolen since then. Overall northeast is #6 in crime reduction in the city. A stakeholder made a complaint about people storing abandoned cars on streets, can call in to have towed after 72 hours.

G. **LAFD Report**—Captain Shin Black: Month of October no significant events; no major fire incidents in Halloween; World Series event all went well with no incidences; serial arsonist, who was responsible for vehicle fires, was finally sentenced.

H. **LAPL Report**—Sarah Moore, librarian, urges the use of library card for E-resources for live stream movies, magazines, music and databases for research projects without having to step in the library.

I. **Board Announcements**: Stan Moore apologizes for unavailability due to being out of town for two weeks, he will not vote but will participate in discussion.

Liz Amsden: The Mayor opposed Twin Tunnels aka California Water Fix as disproportionately burdening LA ratepayers, but the Metropolitan Water District is continuing to fund some prep work. The Grayson Power Plant comment period has been extended until November 20th; people can go to StopGrayson.com to find information and post comments.

J. **Committee Reports**—*Executive*: No Report. *Rules*: No report. *Budget*: No report. *Land Use*: No report. *Outreach*: Halloween events went well at the Pumpkin Patch, Garvanza ES, and recreation center. Children and families were happy enjoying events. *Family Youth Education*: Discussing and organizing a family health fair and partnering with Hathaway-Sycamores. *Housing and Homelessness*: Day of Compassion in Highland Park has been postponed until further notice and housing and homelessness directory is almost completed. *Beautification*: York Blvd. Clean up was a success and grateful to have collaborated with CD14 and Highland Park Runners. *Culture and Equality*: Met on Oct. 19 to discuss various issues and updates, partnering with sustainability committee on efforts of having the Highland Park pool open year-round. *Arts*: No report.

Sustainability: Discussing community gardens and working with Culture and Equality on the Highland Park pool efforts. *Local Business and Economy*: Meeting this month.

K. **Budget Advocates Report**: The Budget Advocates are working on Department interviews. Any stakeholder interested in specific issues should contact Liz Amsden.

L. **Liaisons**—*Grievance Panel*: No report. *Animal Services*: No report. *Homelessness*: Planning on attending upcoming meetings. *Legal*: HHPNC cannot officially partner with political parties for political events. *Public Works*: No report. *DWP*: No report. *Film*: liaison open. *CD14*: Jamie T. met with Lucy Aparicio, which went well. *CD1*: Harvey S. and Bill Cody have conversed and have great communication. *Purposeful Aging*: No report.

M. **Alliances**—*ARC*: No report. *LANCC*: Meeting this Saturday, anyone can come, at the DWP building on Hope Street downtown, plenty of parking. Details and agenda at LANCC.org. *NC Sustainability Alliance*: No report. *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)
NONE

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda. *Amending Item 3D from \$43,250 to \$43,750. Agenda passes with amendments.*
2. Approval of October 05, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. *Abstain: Elizabeth Andalon, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Jamie Tijerina. Agenda passes.*
3. (3 min.) Motion to approve the following financial items (bundled...i.e. vote on them all at once unless a councilmember or stakeholder requests a separate vote on the issue. This separate vote would be requested when agenda approval is considered.)
 - A. Motion to approve a change from \$270/mo. to \$290/mo. for website services provided by Kristina Smith of The Mail Room. Pay increase starts January 2018.
 - B. Motion to renew our website services for one year at a total cost of \$132.86 (Launch plan \$109.88; Domain registration \$15.99; Domain privacy \$9.99). Service provider is Inmotion. Renewal date is Nov. 18, 2017
 - C. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2017.
 - E. Motion to spend up to \$400 for a laser printer, 3-year service protection, and a spare toner cartridge to replace our current model which is broken and unfixable.
 - F. Motion to reimburse Councilmember Yolanda Nogueira \$200, used to purchase pumpkins for the Oct. 27th Pumpkin Patch event.
 - a. *All in favor for Item 3: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13) All in favor. Motion passes.*
- 3D. Motion to approve a revised budget that accommodates the \$1500 grant from Clean Streets and a \$250 reimbursement for expenses encumbered in 2016-2017 but taken from the 2017-2018 allocation. Total budget: \$43,750 (amount amended).

Liz A. requests to vote on 3D separately from other items and comments that would like to see more funds towards the NC elections to reach out to residents on the importance of participating for the May or June elections and electorate education. Harvey Slater requests to remove \$700 from translation allocation because CD1 agreed to cover the expenses. Harvey will confirm with Bill Cody with a written commitment. All in favor to remove \$700 from translation and move to elections. In favor to approve revised budget: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie

Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13) All in favor. Motion passes.

4. (4 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for up to \$2500 requested by AMP Los Angeles to support their Film Premiere and Community Recognition event as well as programming. The children will showcase their fall film-projects; and the event serves as an open house to AMP Studios for the community to view the facility.
 - a. *Elizabeth Andalon and Rocio Rivas recuse themselves due to their relationship with AMP and leave the room.*
 - b. *Motion by Joan P. and seconded by Diego S. to reduce to amount to \$500, 8 oppose. Liz A. motions and seconded by Marcus to reduce the NPG to \$1,000, In favor 8 and 2 Oppose. NPG amount reduced to \$1000. Roll Call In Favor: Harvey Slater, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 8). Oppose: Diego S. and Joan P. (2) Motion passes.*
5. (5 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for up to \$2000 requested by Burbank Middle School to fund their Annual Community Posada and Resource Fair to be held on December 09.
 - a. *Gabriela Cervantes, Burbank's Community Representative, describes the Posada event that feeds approximately 200-250 low-income Highland Park families, children receive toys, and food baskets are distributed to help families prepare a holiday meal. Schools in the area are asked to provide information of their neediest of families. This year has been difficult in obtaining funds and donations. CD14 is helping a lot as well. Public Comment by Maria Ortiz in support of the event.*
 - b. *Liz A. motions to reduce amount to \$1000, seconded by Diego S. Rocio R. requests to help with the Posada in December's board meeting should the school require additional assistance. In favor for NPG \$1000: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). Motion passes.*
6. (4 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for up to \$2,550 requested by Jazz Hands for Autism. Received funding from ERNC, so we may wish to match their support.
 - a. *Ifunanya Nweke amends the NPG request to \$1750, which is what is left to fund their event. Event taking place on Nov. 18th, Amsterdam Modern in in Highland Park brings families together through music and want to make it a yearly event. Motion by Joan P. to change NPG amount to \$750; Diego S. seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. Roll call for approving NPG for \$750: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). Motion passes.*
7. (3 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for up to \$500 requested by the Audubon Center at Debs Park in support of their hosting the Arroyo Seco Marketplace on Nov. 25th.
 - a. *Estefania Palacio hosting this event for the first year, celebration of small business Saturday getting local vendors and artists to sell their work. Family activities will be included like making a wreath, Aztec stories and bird walks. Need \$1300 to fund activities and ERNC and ASNC are also helping with funding. Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). All in favor. Motion passes.*
8. (4 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for exactly \$1000 requested by the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition for a one-night "Firefly" operation in Highland Park.
 - a. *Colin Bogart explains purpose of event of distributing lights to bicyclists, to follow rules, educating on need to have lights, and have a higher goal to pass out the lights. Receiving assistance from CD 14 and requests funds for outreach materials. Based on survey results as to why bicyclists don't have lights, results included unaffordability, lost or stolen, just*

- purchased the bike, and wasn't aware of the need or importance. Distribution will take place my Metro station down Figueroa.*
- b. *Harvey S. states that CD1 is agreed to assist for this event with \$500 from their discretionary funds and will reimburse HHPNC, Harvey will call to issue reimbursement. Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 11). Oppose: Liz Amsden and Joan Potter. Motion passes.*
9. (3 min.) Motion to approve an NPG for up to \$2,227.81 requested by Recycled Resources for the Homeless in support of their Winter Shelter.
- a. *Rebecca Prine explains Recycled Resources winter shelter, which is all-volunteer operated and serves 48 people every night for 82 days, where they are also provided with mental health vouchers and help with other resources. Requesting each NC for support, ERNC agreed to help. All NC's are welcome to attend and CD14 as well. Rocio R. inquiries about their working contract with Ascencia and how the funds approved by the city council from Measure H will be spent for the winter shelter. R. Prine states that the Measure H funds are spent for staffing only, which pays a minimum wage. Recycled Resources must cover the operational costs of \$48000. Rocio R. explains the questions are based on transparency and accountability and based on the information from CD1, the Measure H funds should also cover rent for the facilities, supplies, and other related expenses. In addition, Recycled Resources has various sources for funds and donations (clothing and food), such as their December Gala, where councilmen, politicians, and community donate thousands of dollars, CD14 holding a sleeping bag drive in January, food is donated and prepared by volunteers daily, etc. Had they come to speak with the Housing and Homelessness committee, a donation drive for the items they will purchase with the NPG grant could have been organized, thus saving NPG funds for other organizations with zero funding sources. R. Prine states that all their taxes and expenditures are free for anyone to see and the IRS has copies of everything.*
- b. *Rocio R. requests that the NPG be tabled until further clarification regarding how Measure H funds will be utilized and can see a copy of their contract with Ascencia. Or request to donate some of the items needed for the winter shelter, such as wipes, bedding, water, wash rags, and sleeping bags. Antonio C. has concerns that board is not taking the into account the Housing and Homelessness committee recommendations, and should table until further verification or move over to outreach. Harvey S. comments to reduce the amount requested and or ask for receipts. Jamie T. motions to amend amount requested to exactly half, Marcus M. seconds. Oppose: Liz Amsden, Rocio Rivas, and Suzanne Huerta. Abstain Elizabeth Andalon. Motion passes. Harvey S. adds to the main motion for better stream of communication between the Housing and Homelessness Committee and Recycled Resources and to provide receipts for all purchases. Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 10). Oppose: Rocio Rivas. Motion passes.*
10. (3 min.) Motion to join 51s District Assembly candidate debate forum organized by Glassell Park Improvement Association to be held on November 15 from 6:30-9:00 pm at Sotomayor Campus. Requesting no more than \$500 to assist with hospitality and outreach.
- a. *Amendment made to no more than \$250. Motion to amend amount to \$250. All in favor. Motion passes.*
- b. *In favor to assist with \$250 Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). All in favor. Motion passes.*

11. (5 min.) Motion to organize a Family Health, Fitness and Nutrition Fair and collaborate with Hathaway-Sycamores to be held on January 27th from 10:00 pm-3:00pm. This event will be held at Hathaway-Sycamores location and Arroyo Vista Medical mobile will provide health checkups. In addition, the fair will provide resource booths on mental health, fitness and nutrition from various community and nonprofit based family oriented organizations. Requesting no more than \$750 for food/beverages, decorations, port-o-potty, outreach, and arts and crafts kids' area.

a. Yvonne Sarceda states that Hathaway-Sycamores is happy to work with HHPNC on this event and that this year the organization is not having its harvest festival and this event will help replace that event. The youth leadership group want to help, and they have ideas for a youth component. *In favor Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). All in favor. Motion passes.*

12. (5 min.) Motion to support the final tour of the Arroyo Arts Collective's Discovery Tour scheduled for November 19 from 9:30 am-6:00 pm. Requesting \$200 to assist with hospitality for event participants.

a. *HHPNC logo will be added to flyer. Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). All in favor. Motion passes.*

13. (5 min.) motion to collaborate with CD14 for the Tree Lighting event scheduled for December 10th (date corrected) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Requesting \$350 to assist with cookies and an arts and crafts table.

a. *The tree's lights will be on all season and not just one day. Request lights to be LEDs. Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). All in favor. Motion passes.*

14. (4 min.) Motion to assist the Highland Park Recreation Center in their December holiday event. Requesting no more than \$550 for ink and paper for the pictures with Santa.

a. *This year the process of printing the pictures will go smoother than last year as the computer and color printer are compatible. Roll call: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Gabriel Chabran, Melanie Freeland, Suzanne Huerta, Sherri Lunn, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 13). All in favor. Motion passes.*

15. New Business—None

16. Adjournment—9:04 pm