

## 01/04/18 HHPNC BOARD MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7:00 P.M.

B. Roll Call— *Present: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Suzanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stan Moore, Marcus Moché, Yolanda Nogueira, Rocio Rivas, Jamie Tijerina (Total: 17) Absent: Gabriel Chabran and Diego Silva (Total: 2)*

C. Elected Officials—**Mayor's office**: No report. **CD1**: Bill Cody, Field Deputy, scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> is a street clean-up on Figueroa to clear up gum on the sidewalk. All holiday events went well and gave out some toys at the Highland Park Recreation Center. **CD14**: Lucy Aparicio, Field Deputy, thank you for all the events you partnered with us and looking forward to 2018 events. On Sunday January 14 is a sleeping bag drive to benefit Recycled Resources from 10AM-3PM at Eagle Rock City Hall on Colorado St., please donate sleeping bags, blankets and warm clothes. The improvements on San Pascual Park are taking place and will inform on the ribbon cutting when all the improvements are completed; for weed and litter abatement locations need to contact office and ask about sending the Fuego Team; please keep using 311 for services; and to submit a speed bump request, you must live in the area. **AD51**: No report. **SD22**: No report. **BOS1**: Fernando Delgado, board meetings take place every week and next week on Tuesday a program on mentorships will be explored for county employees to mentor nonprofits based on the expertise of county employees. **34<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Jimmy Gomez**: Roberto Gama, Field Deputy, shares a pamphlet on all the services available; invitation for the community to meet with the Congressman at Yosemite Recreation Center from 10 AM-12 PM.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) —John Darnell, announces one-hour podcasts on topics on NCs, and changes to bylaws close on April 15<sup>th</sup> and contact Mr. Darnell if any help is needed.

E. President's Report—Please add update reports for the bylaws and elections ad hoc committees to agenda.

F. LAPD Report—Senior Lead Officer Chang, there has been a decline by 13% overall crime rate, but lately some stolen cars is back on the rise. Make sure to take property with you instead of leaving it in the car or at least putt things in the trunk; Northeast station giving out steering wheel clubs to secure your vehicle for free. On December 28<sup>th</sup> on Ave. 63 and Ripton St. a shotgun car theft took place but a gang member who did that will be in jail for a while. Town Hall with City attorney Mike Feuer on January 11. SLO Mark Allen, the Northeast division had its annual toy giveaway and there was an overwhelming response to those who donated toys. The goal last year for the Northeast Division on reduction of crime rate was 1% but up it by ¼% due to aggravated assaults, such as neighbors on neighbors: property crime still an issue as visitors' cars are getting broken into; two shootings took place right after the holiday parade on Ave. 50; Ave. 52 and Monte Vista gang related regarding tagging and the tagger was shot.

G. LAFD Report— No report.

H. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, head librarian, announces visualizing languages workshop, story time each Wednesday, two book clubs, February 3<sup>rd</sup> have printers and software to create own 3d project.

I. Board Announcements—1 L. Amsden updates on the Grayson power plant expansion: Glendale City Council is looking at ordering an independent review of clean energy alternatives to the \$500 million expansion; anyone who can should attend the meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6 pm to voice strong support for the independent review. And everyone concerned should send a letter to the Glendale City Council members on [stopgrayson.com](http://stopgrayson.com)

2 A. Castillo shares the booklet on Highland Park 14 stanchions installed and designed recently, can pick some up at the library and CD 1 office.

J. Committee Reports—**Executive**: No report. **Rules**: Planning on meeting this month **Budget**: Reminder for board members to look at the budget report; still have money to spend; need to focus on \$2000 community improvement project and bring this up to the council next month; and there is \$5424 left over. **Land Use**: One item on tonight’s agenda but nothing to report. **Outreach**: No report. **Family Youth Education**: Committee is working hard on organizing the Family Health Fair with Hathaway-Sycamores. **Housing and Homelessness**: Finished the directory. Should be available soon. **Beautification**: Working with Bill Cody to complete the project Veterans’ Square. **Culture and Equality**: Meeting later this month. **Arts**: No report. **Sustainability**: No report. **Local Business and Economy**: Meeting with Culture and Equality and Sustainability.

K. Budget Advocates Report: The Budget Advocates are acting to address the following: the need to get marijuana dispensaries licensed so the City can collect up to \$10M/month; the need to hire a strong and well-qualified CAO to make the City focus on long-term planning and budgeting; and that the City not ‘borrow’ funds earmarked for road repair, linkage fees and other directed income to cover budget shortfalls/pay for city employee raises and pensions. These will be circulated to all NCs.

Regional Budget Day on January 20<sup>th</sup> in seven locations throughout Los Angeles will be an opportunity for both board members and stakeholders to weigh in on city services in Los Angeles and the City's choices of budget allocations. Light refreshments will be provided. This is a chance to meet with your Budget Advocates to discuss issues of importance to the community. The Budget Advocates will bring these concerns to the City Council, to the Mayor, and to the departments that provide our City's services.

L. Liaisons—**Grievance Panel**: No report. **Animal Services**: No report. **Homelessness**: No report. **Legal**: No report. **Public Works**: No report. **DWP**: No report. **Film**: No report. **CD1**: Town Hall meeting coming up in February. **CD14**: Touching bases this month. **Purposeful Aging**: Nothing yet but will have some information soon.

M. Alliances—**ARC**: No report. **LANCC**: The January meeting will be this Saturday. **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) 1. Bill Cody note as a constituent on animal services is debating decision on vegan pet food.

2. Vivian Wu: Owner of new Taiwanese/Chinese restaurant to open on York and 51st and will be back for land use meeting, looking forward to this neighborhood; food will be affordable with friendly services. Opening in the first quarter this year and will be asking for an alcohol license.

3. Gabriela: constituent to present an idea for women’s month in March to provide a free community event (part of art walk) by showcasing women’s art, working with local arts boutique on York and Ave. 52, looking for funding and would like to collaborate with HHPNC.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda. All in favor. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of December 07, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Minutes approved.

3. (5 min.) [RESUBMITTED] Motion to request good faith responses from Councilmember Cedillo and Councilmember Huizar documenting their commitment to actively supporting input from HHPNC and other Neighborhood Councils on all issues of local concern pursuant to Article 9 of the Los Angeles City Charter, and repudiating Kevin De Leon's remarks in September that City Council members told him that 'we have been strangled, we have been handcuffed by the NIMBYism and the threats from Neighborhood Councils within our own communities'.
  - a. L. Amsden made the changes requested on the letter, our representatives need to say that they support what NCs say and not be dismissed. They need to listen to the people. We should put it out there. The issue was the nimbyism and his comments. L. Amsden feels it is important that councilmembers repudiate what Kevin de Leon said because it is not in the nature of city hall to do this. Freeland suggests eliminating everything after city charter if we just want good faith responses. Motion by Freeland to table for another month and resend letter to board. D. Adalon and L. Amsden abstain. Motion to table and revise second letter. All in favor. Motion passes.
  
- 4 [Previously Tabled] (2 min.) Discussion and possible motion to write a letter of support to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for Westwood Forward in their efforts to create a new neighborhood subdivision and form their own neighborhood council called North Westwood Neighborhood Council.
  - a. Z. Gardea can speak on this as there is no conflict of interest, and motions to amend letter as a CIS and any council files that may arise. Seconded J. Tijerina. All in favor. Amendment passes.
  - b. Student from UCLA and member of Westwood Forward states that they wish to separate from existing Westwood NC due to repeated violations that are due to representation on housing crisis and affordability. It disproportionately disadvantages students, who have been systematically excluded and want more transparency. L. Amsden asks if they represent more than 20,000 stakeholders, and answer is yes as it encompasses UCLA and Westwood village. L. Amsden is in full support however does not feel it is appropriate for HHPNC to make a recommendation on issues that do not deal with Highland Park. Oppose: L. Amsden and S. Moore. Motion passes.
  
- 5 (2 min.) CONSENT CALENDAR: The following routine matters can be acted upon by one motion. Individual items may be removed by the Board for separate discussion. Items removed for separate discussion will be heard following New Business items.
  - 5 a. Motion to approve the HHPNC Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2017.
  - 5 b. Motion to approve the HHPNG Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2017.
    - i. Roll call: Harvey Slater, Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Suzanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stan Moore, Marcus Moché, Yolanda Nogueira, Rocio Rivas, Jamie Tijerina. Oppose: Liz Amsden. Motion passes.
  
- 6 (8 min.) 5684 York Blvd (ZA-2017-3746-CUB-CU): Discussion and possible action to support a request for a Conditional Use Permit for the continued consumption of alcoholic beverages incidental to an existing restaurant use, and a Conditional Use Permit for an excess of four arcade games in a C2 zone.

- a. Item moved after item 3. Applicant appeared before land use committee 2 months ago, will restaurant restaurant land use, but changing the business and another conditional use permit for arcades to become a barcade restaurant bar.
- b. Applicant: was asked by land use committee to revise site and floor plans, brought letters of support, requesting for arcade machines, standard operation hours noon-2am, operators have over 13 years experience and have opened other barcades with a full menu, arcade machines are vintage machines. Last meeting concerns on rear patio which has been removed and keeping front patio. No live music, updating security system in the building. They will have several days for family night, but in general it's 21 and over. Machines run on tokens for 25 cents. One of their employees is moving his family here to operate the business.
- c. Z. Gardea mentions there was a need for neighborhood outreach, and applicant tripled letters of support, few letters from immediate neighbors, have not heard any real opposition, there were security issues, but adding some cameras. L. Amsden mentions alcohol permits in the area, concerned with long bar areas, that makes it a drinking establishment mainly. D. Andalon concerned with the combinations of an arcade and alcohol, and this establishment does not have a buffer like parking lot or city lots, and know people who live there, so the concern is the proximity to residences.
- d. Tony summary, land use committee also talked about outdoor patios, in front and rear closer to alley, the rear has been eliminated, recommended to support.
- e. Public comment: Megan Mulloly lives directly behind the location for 7 years, very concerned about a bar that is open till 2 am near her backyard. VICE: here to hear the comments on who is supporting and who isn't and will speak with applicants, provides email [26442@lapd.org](mailto:26442@lapd.org). Sending letter to zoning administrator with recommendations. Concerned with what is best for the community and what is best for the business owners.
- f. A. Castillo motions to support application, second by M. Moche. Opposed: Y. Nogueira, D. Andalon, L. Amsden and R. Rivas oppose. Motion passes.

7 (2 min.) Motion to appoint Diego Silva as the new chair of the public safety committee.

- a. R. Rivas reads Diego Silva's statement accepting the appointment as chair of the public safety committee if appointed. All in favor. Motion passes

8 (5 min.) Discussion and motion to formally allow stakeholder board member on a committee to attend City Council meetings to speak on CIS submitted by HHPNC in a regular board member's place should they be unavailable.

- a. J. Tijerina did speak to DONE, it should be an issue to be addressed in the Bylaw revisions to make it more specific. But can't make it if working to present a CIS before the board, to read off a statement in front of the board. H. Slater must be careful with stakeholders because they don't take the ethics training. L. Amsden would have to make arrangements for a stakeholder to speak if they have a certain expertise. A. Castillo in support but only if the stakeholder has a direction from the committee. L. Amsden motion to direct this item to the bylaws ad hoc committee. Seconded J. Tijerina. All in favor motion passes.

9. New Business—None

10. Adjournment—8:38 P.M.