

## 02/01/18 HHPNC BOARD MINUTES

A. Call to Order—7:03 PM

B. Roll Call— *Present: Harvey Slater, Elizabeth Andalon, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Sheri Lunn, Stan Moore, Marcus Moché, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva, and Jamie Tijerina (Total: 15) Absent: Daniel Andalon, Gabriel Chabran, Susanne Huerta and Yolanda Nogueira (Total: 4)*

C. Elected Officials—**Mayor's office**: No report. **CD1**: Bill Cody, Field Deputy 1. Promotes Earth Day event to be held at the Highland Park Recreation Center on April 21<sup>st</sup>. 2. A gum cleanup is scheduled along Figueroa St., meeting by Chicken Boy, and coffee provided. 3. February 21<sup>st</sup> is a scheduled Town Hall with Councilmember Cedillo at the Ebell Club on Ave. 57 to discuss issues facing the city. **CD14**: Lucy Aparicio, Field Deputy 1. Congratulates and thanks HHPNC for an excellent Family Fair event on January 27<sup>th</sup>. 2. Improvements at San Pascual Park continue and will notify the public upon completion. Senior Lead Officer Lloyd Chang having a neighborhood watch meeting at Hathaway-Sycamores on Tuesday (Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>) to discuss possibility of starting a park advisory board for San Pascual Park and will provide an update at next board meeting. 3. The Bridewall Armory is going to be an arts center and will have more information at next meeting. 4. Announces the LA Sanitation Earth Day city event to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Highland Park Recreation Center. **AD51**: No report. **SD22**: No report. **BOS1**: No report.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): John Darnell made two announcements: 1. Reminder that any changes to bylaws must be done by April 15<sup>th</sup>; 2. Last night was the funding equity work group meeting composed of 24 neighborhood council members from all the regions.

E. President's Report—Discussions with CD1 concerning the Town Hall meeting with the councilman is progressing; and moving along with the plan to allow board members to open their seats and ability for those who want to promote up in the board. Ad hoc elections meeting took place today and will provide more in detail in committee announcements.

F. LAPD Report—No report.

G. LAFD Report—No report.

H. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, librarian, announces 1. a brand-new scanner for the public to use, 2. volunteers from the Vita program helping with taxes on a first come first serve basis, 3. baby story time is back this month on Tuesdays and other story time on Wednesdays for teens and 4. a printing class is coming up.

I. Board Announcements—1. L. Amsden Opposition continues against the Grayson power plant expansion that would include a taller smokestack spreading poisonous gasses and particulate pollutants across northeast LA for the foreseeable future. There will be a rally on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm outside Glendale City Hall followed by attending the 6 pm City Council meeting to show support for stopping the project. Wear green. People who can't attend are encouraged to write the Glendale City Council to let them know you support clean energy alternatives instead, through StopGrayson.com. 2. A. Castillo sent out email for those interested in bylaw adhoc committee meeting and will send a reminder for those interested. 3. S. Lunn announced that Avenue 41 and Figueroa Street was renamed in honor of Bobby Brown, who was fatally shot after leaving a gay bar 34 years ago before No Hate Crime statutes were set in place. Boulevard Sentinel and other local newspapers covered the event.

J. Committee Reports—**Executive**: Has not met and will soon. **Rules**: No report. **Budget**: Fees for the HHPNC ads in the parade programs were waived by Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. So, \$1000 will added back to the budget in outreach and will have enough funds

for items in agenda pending approval by DONE, otherwise will pay up for ads. **Land Use:** Three items: 1. discussed adding a new committee member, Jesse Santiago, who is interested in joining, 2. two projects in the works will be coming to board soon; a small lot subdivision and another on Burwood St.3. and three state bills introduced, and land use will track SB827 on *increasing* density along transit corridors and SB905 allowing sale of alcohol until 2:00 am and last bill is SB946 on sidewalk vendors. **Outreach:** Committee has two events on the agenda and will meeting this month to discuss upcoming community events. **Family Youth Education:** Family Health, Nutrition and Fitness Fair co-organized with Hathaway-Sycamores and with the support of CD14 went very well, grateful to all who volunteered from the board and community; and upcoming meeting on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. **Housing and Homelessness, Beautification:** Will be discussing clean up events at next meeting and working with Sustainability Committee on the edible garden at the Senior Center; **Culture and Equality:** Marcus Moché will work on some of the CIS from the committee. **Arts:** No report. **Sustainability:** The sustainability committee members are unable to attend the LA Sanitation Earth Fair at Recreation Center, but hopefully some board members can attend. Working with community garden at senior center. And will return the \$500 back to budget for the sustainability fair because the upcoming earth fair will address similar focus. **Local Business and Economy:** A stakeholder and Jamie Tijerina have some small forums to provide to small businesses and will set up a live stream media concept theme. **Public Safety:** Meeting Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at Arroyo Seco library.

K. Budget Advocates Report— It would have been great to have had more of a turnout for Regional Budget Days but, by all reports, what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality. The Budget Advocates will be incorporating stakeholders concerns and suggestions into its presentation to the Mayor in March. Everyone is invited to take the Budget Advocates 2018 survey on the NCBALA.com website.

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:** H. Slater secured a date to meet the Councilman Cedillo as a discussion event, but no format yet discussed. This is an opportunity to allow people to get to know the councilman, which will be on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ebell Club. **CD14:** J. Tijerina met with Lucy Aparicio on issues concerning street vending and S. Brantner joined the conversation to discuss sustainability issues. **Purposeful Aging:** No report.

M. Alliances—**ARC:** No report. **LANCC:** Last month there was a presentation by the Greater LA Vector Control who are concerned about a new to LA mosquito called the Aedes – smaller, black banded, and can transmit Zika, dengue, yellow fever and canine heartworm. There is additional information at the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District's website [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org) including that the Aedes will breed inside and that people now need to take care they don't breed in water left in rain barrels. People with ponds can get mosquito fish (minnow-type fish that eat the mosquito larvae) through the GLACVCD. They also have a SWAT Lab – a mobile science lab which primarily visits schools but can also attend major events. Several people at the LANCC meeting brought up concerns about a state bill, SB 827, which could overturn the work on reCode LA and current building restrictions, give the State control of zoning decisions along transit corridors and not allow neighborhood input. The Land Use Committee will be looking at this issue shortly. **NC Sustainability Alliance:** There's going to be a retreat and everyone is invited to attend. **NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance:** No report. **PlanCheck NC:** No report.

N. By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Has not met yet. Meeting TBA.

O. Elections Ad Hoc Committee: Discussed a plan and outline for election process for 2018-2019 if board seats become available. HHPNC already has a process to fill an open seat by making a public announcement and undergo application process. Board members must send an email of

intent to leave seat by March 22 to executive board, and by April's agenda the seats that are open will be known for new candidates to apply and May's board meeting will be the voting on new officers and install them in June 2018.

P. 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. Allegra Padilla invites public to the creative exchange workshops on February 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss and create a collective vision of new Oxy arts programming featured in the new the York Blvd. property purchased by Occidental College, which is being converted to a cultural and art space. The workshop taking place in Franklin High School and Spanish language interpretation provided. Also, the speakers series with the Quetzalcoatl Mural Project event went well.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda. Make changes to Item 3b by making into two items, add 3c and change board sponsor name for item 11 from L. Amsden to J. Tijerina. All in favor. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of January 04, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Minutes amended: 6F should read "A. Castillo motions" ... and L. Amsden corrections sent by email. Minutes approved.
3. (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.
  - A. Motion to approve the HHPNC Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2017. J. Potter
  - B. (Item amended per J. Potter's request to split into two items, Board approved.) Motion to support Highland Park Recreation Center spring event by contributing \$250 to the Opening Day for Baseball League April 7<sup>th</sup>. Y. Nogueira
  - C. (Item amended per J. Potter's request, Board approved.) Motion to support Highland Park Recreation Center spring event by contributing \$250 for spring egg hunt event on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm. Y. Nogueira
    - a. In favor roll call: H. Slater, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, G. Chabran, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, R. Rivas, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
4. (15 min.) Presentation by Laila Alequresh, Executive Advisor, Office of the CAO, regarding a citywide project to improve public works service delivery for the City of Los Angeles. Recently completed an Alliance tour requesting direct feedback on how the city currently delivers these services and is sharing the results with constituents.
  - a. Laila Alequresh explains her investigation on public works in the city. She conducted a survey with internal employees and external partners, attended all the alliance meetings, conducted site visits and asked residents the most common 25 programs. The purpose of the study was to help improve the coordination among City departments, help in delivering services in a timely fashion, and improve relationship between residents and city government. Ms Alequresh shared the recommendations of the investigation. The study and recommendations will be posted in HHPNC's website to share with the community. She requested the board help support Council File 17-1311, that helps make the study and recommendations into account.

5. (4 min.) Motion to consider awarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant, in an amount up to \$881 to DSTL Arts. This will fund their continuing monthly Art Block Zine workshops at the Avenue 50 Studios. Joan Potter, Luis Antonio Pichardo – Executive Director
  - a. Founder of DSTL Arts, Luis Antonio Pichardo provides brochures about zine workshops to get kids to create art work from 8 to 24 years old doing it since last year. It introduces kids to literature, Latin America art, and go into the history of zine, which was born out of punk culture. Joan move amendment to award \$881. Marcus seconds, all in favor. Amendment approved.
  - b. In favor roll call: H. Slater, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, R. Rivas, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
  
6. (5 min) 6419-6423 York Boulevard (ZA-2017-4057) - Discussion and possible action to support a request to demolish the existing KFC restaurant building and construct a new 2,317-square-foot building for a Popeye’s Chicken restaurant with a drive-through.
  - a. A. Castillo explains the recommendations for the applicant, such as resurfacing issues, landscaping/greenery, alley improvements, storm mitigation, and relocation of drive thru access. Land Use Committee recommends supporting the project. Applicant and owner of the franchise explain how recommendations were addressed, with a new lot and adding greenery, and drive thru complying with all regulations. Planning on hiring locally and involve community. Motion by A. Castillo to write a letter of support, second by Z. Gardea. Abstain: R. Rivas. Motion passes.
  
- 7 (2 min.) Discussion and motion to approve funding for the development of a community garden in the Senior Center in Highland Park of no more than \$2000 as part of HHPNC’s community improvement project.
  - a. S. Brantner working with Y. Nogueira and Beautification Committee on placing a vegetable garden next to the rose garden. A full budget will be presented at next board meeting, CD14 is assisting and speaking with other community councils on collaborating and met with Jack, person in charge at the senior center.
  - b. In favor roll call: H. Slater, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, R. Rivas, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Motion passes. Motion passes.
  
8. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to participate and offer financial support of up to \$978 from the full board for The Self Love Photography Exhibition on March 10th from 1-11PM at York Blvd./Ave 52.
  - a. Event organizers, Gabriela and Adriana, present regarding the women artists community event to promote local artists, engage community, provide female engagement space to showcase vendors, a poetry, art installation, photography, etc. any local artists, will talk to students and oxy. Budget presented by J. Tijerina and Boulevard Sentinel supports even as well as CD14.
  - b. In favor roll call: H. Slater, E. Andalon, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, J. Potter, L. Amsden, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Lunn, M. Moché, R. Rivas, D. Silva, J. Tijerina. Motion passes. Motion passes.

9. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to submit CIS to requesting a fair and thorough investigation of the use of force in the arrests of Bethany Nava and Selina Lechuga at a nearby Westlake/MacArthur Park Metro Stop.
  - a. J. Tijerina explains the news and social media video of young woman getting pulled out metro because she placed her feet on a seat. The person who defended her also was arrested. This is important because it affects trust between police and community. Just want to make sure it gets investigated thoroughly. H. Slater states that, HHPNC is not an investigator, but we want to encourage an investigation. J. Tijerina mentions that letter will go to police commissioners. A. Castillo comments that letter should reflect that Bethany Nava was detained not arrested. Letter will be corrected. Motion passes. All in favor.
  
10. (3 min.) Motion to approve a CIS in support of the Neighborhood Council system and its continued input on development within their communities.
  - a. L. Amsden states that the letter was sent to the board on this issue, which addresses the comments made by the board. Opposes: J. Potter. Abstain: M. Freeland and M. Moché. Motion passes.
  
11. (2 min.) Motion to approve a CIS for Jamie Tijerina's winning policy proposal requesting the City hold regular Council, Committee and Commission meetings at times when working stakeholders can attend and have their input heard on the issues which concern them.
  - a. S. Brantner inquires how to support via social media to encourage people to support. The problem has been that city council meetings are at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm; and committee meetings as early as 8:30 am and rarely after 3:00 pm and residents are working and cannot attend. The proposal got translated into having meetings at 5:00 pm, but the intent was to have them after 5:00 pm. L. Amsden requests to amend letter to indicate 7:00 pm, seconded by J. Tijerina. All in favor. Amendment passes. Motion to approve CIS; all in favor. Motion passes.
  
12. (2 min.) Motion for CIS in support of the City supporting state Senate Bill 5, which would place a bond on the June 5<sup>th</sup> ballot to provide funding for parks, protection of waterways, water management, drought preparedness and state flood protection.
  - a. L. Amsden explains that water management is essential and city not doing enough. We have seen the results with bad water management and need to be proactive. All in favor. Motion passes.
  
13. (2 min.) CIS in support of the motion from Paul Koretz and Bob Blumenfield for the City to establish a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department to move aggressively to reduce and remove greenhouse gas emissions and adapt and restore ecosystems within the City.
  - a. L. Amsden states that this item is city specific and this will allow departments to work together. D. Silva and J. Potter oppose. Motion passes.
  
14. (3 min.) Discussion of the proposed housing projects in Lincoln Heights and possible motion to refer the issue to HHPNC committees for further research, discussion, and/or possible recommendations.

- a. R. Rivas explains the importance to objectively look at the issue and having the facts laid out, and how the housing situation in Lincoln heights can take place in Highland Park. J. Tijerina mentions that it's an issue of equity, and that Land Use Committee can look at it from their perspective; we just want to be proactive. L Amsden states that input from community has to be done and meetings held at 5 pm and many people couldn't make it. M. Moché moves to have issue discussed in relevant committees, which are land use and housing and homelessness, to review projects due to community distrust and inform community in a more transparent manner; J. Tijerina seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

15. New Business—None

16. Adjournment—8:43 PM