

HHPNC Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 07, 2018

AGENDA

A. Call to Order—7:11 pm

B. Roll Call—Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Rocio Rivas, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda “Boo” Caban, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Marcus Moché, Yolanda Nogueira, Sheri Lunn, Stanley Moore, Mary Pickert, Jeffrey Rex, Clint Schaff, Joe Tarr, Jamie Tijerina, Ross Ufberg.

C. Elected Officials—Mayor’s office: Not present. CA 34thDistrict: No present. CD1: Bill Cody, Field Deputy, June 12th community meeting on illegal fireworks at Highland Park Ebell Club; new budget allocates money to fix memorial veterans square and planning community meetings to discuss.

CD14: Lucy Aparicio, Field Deputy, welcomes new board members; San Pascual ribbon cutting was a great success and working on new bathrooms; new parklet was installed on York Blvd. near Avenue 50; a meeting for the new Highland Park Junior Arts Center on June 26 at 6 pm here at the senior center, which will be one of many meetings; 4th of July Concert and Fireworks is coming up on July 1st at Eagle Rock Park; starting on July 15th at Eagle Rock Park are the Concerts in the Park through August 25th; and June 9th Eagle Rock park BBQ picnic at 4 pm and movie at 8 pm with free popcorn and snacks. AD51: Not present. SD22: Not present. BOS1: Not present

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)— John Darnell, provides a copy Department of Public Works fiscal year report, with tree trimming, street resurfacing, all information there from last fiscal year. Budget Day is coming up on June 23rd.

E. President’s Report—First Vice President verifies with new board members completion of ethics, funding and code of conduct.

F. LAPD Report—Senior Lead Officer Mark Allen, violent crime down 9.8%, property crime 3.3% down; a gang related crime on May 7 on Avenue 52 was a homicide gang related shooting, one person in custody investigation ongoing; May 15th a stabbing by All Saints Church was gang related in a dispute over property, and the suspects are known; on May 18th a shooting by Highland Park Recreation Center, which took place around 3:00 pm was also gang related with bullets firing in the area and police struggle getting people to talk to them. On May 21st police were shot at around 12:05 am by a car pursuit that began on Avenue 52 and Figueroa due to a stolen car pursuit, which ended at Avenue 50 and San Rafael and two persons detained. Because of the gang incidences increase patrol and gang unit conduct probation searches and trying to find the weapon. Gang crime wave has subsided because of police activity and residents. Gang numbers are down and there is a push in recruitment by Avenues Highland Park gang and Dogtown gang. Watch groups don’t meet anymore, only meet when there is an uptake in crime, people have Next Door now to communicate. Homeless issue is a battle with clean ups on city parking lots; CD1 and LADOT working on no overnight parking, to reduce RVs. And working on identifying the houses that use fireworks, and neighbors can report to LAPD anonymously.

G. LAFD Report— Captain Gabriel Gomez from Station 12, approved on city budget and affects community on approved training classes, there are 175 recruits, 48 firefighters, 12 more captains and engineers. Battalion 2 chief is by himself and all surrounding fire stations are considered Battalion 2. Brush fire of 5 acres uphill on Ascot Hills; just finished the biggest fire in LA. 4th of July fireworks illegal in LA, please go to public events, keep eye on kids, Highland Park is in a brush area, so anything can set off really quick. To become a fire cadet, go to website for more info. Call 911 to get to LAFD there faster due to ABL GPS system to locate the call to send a dispatch quickly.

H. LAPL Report— Sarah Moore, summer reading program started this week for all ages, sign up online, programs for children on Mondays at 4pm, teen programs Tuesday 4 pm and for adults tai chi Saturday 10 am, walking group exploring Highland Park in the morning, and music event, classical guitarist next Thursday.

I. Board Announcements—Play music on the porch day worldwide Aug. 25 10am-10pm; Glassell Park free microchip spay and neutering June 9th. Police museum carnival moving it to Figueroa Street. Northeast Police Appreciation will be on July 11th.

J. Committee Reports—Executive: No report. Rules: No report. Budget: No report. Land Use: Working with culture and equality committee on a joint meeting next Tuesday June 19th. Outreach: HHPNC has a booth for 4th of July event on July 1st at Eagle Rock Park; working on Avenue 50 Studio movies nights and Dia de los Muertos. Public Safety: No report. Family Youth Education: Had a discussion meeting as there was no quorum. Housing and Homelessness: Day of compassion on June 16th, please donate socks or clothing, Johnny's bar is helping with a donation box. Beautification: working with CD 14 and Joe Bravo for an Annandale tunnel clean up and mural. Culture and Equality: echoing the joint meeting with Land Use and agenda item today. Arts: No report. Sustainability: meeting on Monday June 25th at the Police Museum. Local Business and Economy: need more board members for quorum, otherwise committee will fold.

K. Budget Advocates Report—Liz Amsden invites all to Budget Day on June 23rd free and open to everyone with free breakfast, parking at city hall, 8:30 am to hear from elected and appointed officials on how budget day affects your life. Break out sessions to discuss local concerns and finish at 12:30 pm. Looking for budget representatives to join.

L. Liaisons--Grievance Panel: No report. Animal Services: Glassell Park event mentioned earlier on pet microchipping and spay/neuter. Homelessness: Meeting cancelled by Sonnie Martinez. And Rocio Rivas attended the Homelessness meeting at city hall on the A Bridge Home initiative and other presentations by NCs. Legal: No report. Public Works: No report. DWP: No report. Film: No report. CD1: No report. CD14: Lucy and Jamie met to discuss evening meetings, Yosemite pool and July present certificates for departing board members, Costa-Hawkins and other community concerns. Purposeful Aging: No report. But Boo Caban would like to turn liaison over to new board members.

M. Alliances—ARC: No report. LANCC: No report. NC Sustainability Alliance: No report. NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance: meeting concerning Mayor Garcetti's Resiliency 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. Margaret Anderson: Seeking partial funding for a staircase mural to be painted on stairs near Glenalbyn Dr. along Avenue 43 and Marmion Way that would reveal the history of Highland Park to foster community engagement.

2. Patrick Botz-Forbes: Community battalion 2 coordinator for NELA; Need to get team leaders prepared with emergency preparedness training. Highland Park is a big area and team leaders help get people prepared by organizing community. Explains the importance of being prepared for a big earthquake.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda. Amendment to agenda to move item 7 to consent calendar and last item 15 after consent calendar. All in favor motion passes.
2. Approval of May 03, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Sheri Lunn abstains. Motion passes.
3. (5 min.) Motion to appoint a new HHPNC board president per approved process.
 - a. Rocio Rivas and Jamie Tijerina, two candidates, make their presentation before board. Rocio Rivas voted as new president with a 9-8 vote. All in favor. Motion passes.

4. (1 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 Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2018. J. Potter
 - B. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2018. J. Potter
 - C. Motion to engage Kristina Smith of the Mailroom at a cost of \$290 per month for website services for fiscal year 2018-2019. J. Potter
 - D. Motion to pay \$45 to YV Print for their design of a monochrome version of our heart logo. This will enable shirts to be printed with one pass through, reducing the cost from \$8.50/ shirt to \$4.50/shirt. J. Potter
 - E. Motion to allocate up to \$15 x 19 = \$285 to provide a tee shirt (full color version as designed by Joe Bravo) to each Council Member who needs one. This would provide an appropriate costume for Council Members to wear at HHPNC functions and to provide Council visibility at our booth at community events. J. Potter
 - F. Discussion and motion to approve and certify the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council's Inventory list is correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of the Historic Highland Park NC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018. J. Potter
 - G. Motion to order and purchase HHPNC business cards for board members for up to \$500. R. Rivas
 - H. Motion to approve no more than \$400 for office supplies, i.e. box of copy paper, toner (2), color ink (2), and yellow note pads. R. Rivas
 - I. (Motion previously item 7 moved to consent Calendar by J. Potter and seconded by A. Castillo.) Discussion and motion that the Council approve the HHPNC's Administrative Packet for fiscal year 2018-2019. J. Potter
 - a. Roll call: A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, S. Brantner, B. Caban, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, Y. Nogueira, S. Lunn, M. Moche, S. Moore, M. Pickert, J. Rex, C. Schaff and J. Tijerina. Motion Passes. Ineligible to vote until confirmation of funding training completion: J. Tarr and R. Ufberg
5. (3 min.) (Motion moved item 15 to item 5). Discussion and possible motion to support Boy Scout Ridge Shomali's Eagle Scout Project to create a community Blessing Box in Highland Park. No funding required.
 - a. Presentation by Boy Scout Ridge Shomali's explains blessing box, which serves as a pantry making sure it's filled and make sure there is nothing harmful; location not definite yet, possibly library or church. S. Brantner motions and Marcus Moche seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. (5 min.) Presentation by Avenue 50 Studio regarding a Through Walls: Community Report Out concerning an upcoming mural project in Highland Park.
 - a. Allegra Padilla, community art coordinator, explains the cross-cultural mural project for Avenue 55 by Highland Park Theater with Avenue 50 Studio, which has teamed up with Athar Lina Initiative in Cairo in an artistic effort to preserve cultural heritage in underserved

communities. Asking for donations for artists, such as art materials. July 7th is the mural unveiling and inviting the community to celebrate art and culture.

7. (5 min.) 6845-6855 N. Figueroa Street (VTT-77134-SL) – Discussion and possible action for after-the-fact request to demolish three single-family dwellings and construct an eight-unit small lot subdivision. The project site is a total of 13,709 square feet.
 - a. Castillo explains that item came before land use multiple times. Committee had some concerns and had a productive dialogue with applicant to support the project with some conditions for the letter of support; the project is by right and meets all requirements. There is a contingency to save oak trees. The location for the project is on the corner of Figueroa Street and Burwood Street. Board discussion on cutting down oak trees and planting more trees. Discussion on possible widening of the street.
 - b. Public comment by Stella Archer stating there has been a lot of development on Burwood St., which used to be a quiet street and now has all kinds of traffic. Would not like such a huge building in an area for small homes.
 - c. Motion to write a letter to support project to include indication to save the oak trees and incorporate small lot subdivision guidelines that apply now. Abstain: Y. Nogueira, M. Pickert, J. Rex, S. Moore. Oppose: R. Rivas and S. Branter. Motion passes.
8. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a letter to Mayor Garcetti and city councilmembers to find alternative solutions other than increasing parking restrictions that reduce overnight parking areas that have a profound effect on residents experiencing homelessness.
 - a. Bryan Kramer explains the negative experiences with homelessness from Glassell Park to Cypress Park for RVs and campers. Safe parking LA Program is necessary, viable option and advocating this type of solution rather than imposing more parking restrictions. This criminalizes the homeless. Motion by J. Tijerina to amend motion for letter to be also a CIS to send to commissions; seconded by M. Moche. M. Pickert abstains. Motion passes.
9. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to create a standing committee or ad-hoc committee focusing on Housing and Renters and appoint interested board member or community stakeholder as chair.
 - a. Jane Demian, 51st district delegate, presents to board the need to have a focus on renters, some NCs have already established a standing committee on Housing and Renters. Board decides to have Housing and Homelessness Committee expand its mission to include renters. All in favor. Motion passes.
10. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to appoint two board members and/or stakeholder as Budget Representatives on behalf of HHPNC in Budget Advocates.
 - a. Liz Amsden speaks regarding the budget representatives, who are important to the board community for stakeholder concerns and a person who can attend the meetings as much as possible to understand policies and how to budget to get the services we need and deserve. Liz Amsden, a stakeholder, would like to be a budget advocate and other board member will be Jamie Tijerina. All in favor. Motion passes
11. (3 min.) Discussion and motion to collaborate with Avenue 50 Studio in the Day of the Dead Parade Community Procession/Parade with Ave. 50 Studios in late October/early November. All in favor. Motion passes.
12. (2 min.) Motion for HHPNC to participate in the 4th of July Fireworks with CD14 on July 1st from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Eagle Rock Recreation Center. Requesting no more than \$250 to purchase 4th of July giveaways with HHPNC logo.

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13. (2 min.) Motion to collaborate with Avenue 50 Studio for summer movie nights and art, one per month in June, July and August. Dates and times to be determined. Requesting no more than \$400 for all three movie nights.

b. M. Freeland amends motion for July and August for \$200 each. Seconded by S. Lunn. Roll call: A. Castillo, J. Potter, R. Rivas, S. Brantner, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, Y. Nogueira, S. Lunn, S. Moore, M. Pickert, J. Rex, C. Schaff and J. Tijerina. Ineligible to vote until confirmation of funding training completion: J. Tarr and R. Ufberg Motion Passes.

14 (2 min.) Motion to fill two HHPNC open seats per the approved process: Director-at-Large position made available May 3rd and new position (Secretary or Director-at-Large) available June 7th after the vote for board president. All in favor. Motion passes.

15 New Business—None.

16 Adjournment—9:15 pm