

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
Notice of Regular Board Meeting and Agenda
Thursday, March 07, 2019
Highland Park Senior Center
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

AGENDA

A. **Call to Order**—7:00 pm

B. **Roll Call**—Rocio Rivas, SuzAnn Brantner, Antonio Castillo, Joan Potter, Boo Caban, Sheri Lunn, Stanley Moore, Yolanda Nogueira, Mary Pickert, Gavin Pierce, Jeffrey Rex, Jamie Tijerina and Melanie Freeland arrived 7:48 pm. Absent: Zacharias Gardea, Marcus Moche, Joe Tarr and Ross Ufberg.

C. **Elected Officials**—**CD1**: Bill Cody, Field Deputy, installing a temporary fence around Veteran’s memorial, which is awaiting repairs; April 6 will be a Highland Park clean up with Kiwanis Club and local public schools; and planning a car show on May 11. **CD14**: Jose Hernandez, Field Deputy, held a Cat and Dog vaccine day last weekend at senior center where over 140 cats and dogs got vaccinated. There will be another one in the future; 12th Annual Senior Snow Ball with Councilman Huizar at the Boyle Heights Senior Center with 400 seniors and 50 seniors from Highland Park were transported to the dance; April 13 district wide cleanup for Earth Day and requesting HHPNC to be a sponsor with food and water doing at Burbank Middle School, focusing on local schools and local bulky item bins will be available. **AD51**: Alfonso Ruiz, field deputy for Wendy Carrillo, AB64 reframing language for mental health, housing and homelessness are high in the agenda for more funding for state; March 16th hike with assembly member at Audubon Center with coffee 8-930 am. **24th Senate District**—Veronica Casarez, from State Senator Maria Elena Durazo, introducing herself, who is a team of 9, brought pamphlets and business cards.

D. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)**—Not present.

E. **President’s Report**— Reminder to vote on April 13th for the HHPNC elections.

F. **LAPD Report** SLO Lloyd Chang car stolen robberies up by 2 this month, avoid dark areas, and don’t look at your cell phone as your walking, a local robber was caught; a pawn shop was robbed and arrested robber was recognized as a highland park gang member; Bridewell Street clean up last Friday and Monday, 6902 Figueroa is vacant and vigilant of no trespassers as hopefully the family will get custody of the house.

G. **LAFD Report**—Not present.

H. **LAPL**—Sarah Moore, librarian Arroyo Seco, covered the important workshops and activities for this month, such as the income tax program every Saturday until April 13, program for kids 4 pm with balloons on Monday and a Spanish book club. Arroyo Seco Library calendar available at library.

I. **Board Announcements**—None.

J. **Committee Reports**—**Executive**: met last Sunday and items discussed are on the agenda. **Budget**: money is freeing up from Sustainability Committee and good shape in terms of funds that can be rolled over to next board. **Land Use**: No report. **Outreach**: Nothing to report until next month when events are coming up. **Family Youth Education**: Committee meeting this month. **Housing & Homelessness**: Ana Gomez, from Mayor’s Office, met to discuss A Bridge Home in CD14 and will meet again next week. **Beautification**: Teaming up with CD14 for clean up at Burbank Middle School area and for April 6th the Veteran’s Square. **Culture and Equality**: No updates, except last Learning Series event went well. **Sustainability**: Working on getting sponsorships, issues with sustainability fair.

K. **Budget Advocates Report**—March 14th meeting with mayor office to present white paper, March 16 4 pm town hall to release a position paper on red lining and opportunity zones; a panelist from UCLA will be in attendance.

L. **Liaisons** (Grievance Panel, Animal Services, Homelessness, Legal, Public Works, DWP, Film, CD1, CD14, Purposeful Aging, Resilience)—No reports.

M. **Alliances**—**NC Sustainability Alliance**: advocacy meeting for recommendations on CIS and an item on the agenda on the training they want to do.

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. Rob Quan: started UNRIG LA, activist on city hall; commented on Chief Moore and ICE issues, alerts to pay attention on money and politics; matching funds program in December empowers grass roots candidates, FBI investigation with city hall and developers; motion in city hall to ban developers from city hall and in January ethics commission passed proposals on this issue.
2. George Hamilton—resident associated with American Legion, lived in area for 50 years and homeless for 5 years, wants to know what is being done about the homelessness in Highland Park, problems with taking peoples belongings if over 60 lbs.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve agenda.
S. Brantner motions, A. Castillo seconds. All in favor. Motion passes, agenda approved.
2. (1 min) [Previously Tabled] Motion to approve December 06, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
Abstain: J. Tijerina and B. Caban. Motion passes.
3. (1 min) [Previously Tabled] Motion to approve December 08, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes.
A. Castillo motions, S. Brantner seconds. Abstain: J. Tijerina and B. Caban. Motion passes.
4. (1 min) Motion to approve January 03, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A. Castillo motions, S. Brantner seconds. Abstain: J. Tijerina and S. Lunn. Motion passes.
5. (4 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 (MER) for December 2018.
 - B. Motion to approve the monthly expenditure report (MER) for January 2019.
 - C. Motion to authorize sending HHPNC’s broken laser printer (Brother HL 6180DW) to City Salvage through the process provided by the City Clerk’s office. The item has no value.
 - D. Motion to increase the amount allocated for the rental of the Highland Park Senior Center from \$100, to its actual cost of \$176. The \$100 allocation was agenda item 3D which passed on December 6, 2018. The Senior Center is to be used as the polling place for the April 13, 2019 Neighborhood Council election.
 - E. Motion to authorize a member of the Executive Committee to work with City Clerk’s Office in drafting a new contract with Public Storage, as required by the City Clerk’s office. Guidelines require that all contracts get City Clerk approval BEFORE a contract is signed.
 - F. Motion to authorize a member of the Executive Committee to work with the City Clerk’s Office to draft a new contract with the United States Postal Service to continue the use of P.O. Box 50791. The City Clerk has established guidelines for contracts, and HHPNC is currently not in compliance.
 - G. Motion to reimburse councilmember Jamie Tijerina \$66.83 spent for hospitality items for the February 9, 2019 workshop. The reimbursement is contingent on Jamie providing the treasure a credit card statement showing Jamie Tijerina as the account holder, and three purchases in the following amounts: \$7.67, \$25.26, and \$33.90.

- H. Motion to consider, pursuant to Section 7 (absences) of Article V of the HHPNC bylaws, for Board member Sheri Lunn to remain on the HHPNC Board, notwithstanding absences.
 - I. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to collaborate with Avenue 50 Studio to hold a second Day of Compassion for Highland Park community experiencing homelessness, where free food, hygiene items, socks and shoes, clothes, and medical checkups will be provided. Day of Compassion is scheduled for March 23 from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm at Avenue 50 Studio.
 - J. Discussion and motion to support Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council's Child Care Community Impact Statement for Budget Council File (17-0600-S41) that requests the city to provide child care at neighborhood council monthly board meetings.
 - K. Discussion and motion to submit a letter of support for the Rio de Los Angeles Veteran's Memorial scheduled to be installed at the Rio de Los Angeles State Park on San Fernando Road.
 - L. Discussion and possible motion to extend the Secretary application process for one more month and include Director-at-Large position to elect new board members by next HHPNC board meeting.
 - M. Motion to update the existing funding request to host two photo exhibitions to be held on April 13th, 2019 and April 27th, 2019 in collaboration with Chicax Unknown at Ave 50 studios.
 - N. Motion to update the existing funding request for the NELearn Community Learning Series to reflect workshops to be held on April 18th or 20th, 2019.
 - O. Motion to pass neighborhood welcoming resolution as part of HHPNC Involvement in the Welcome Neighbor program (which was voted on 12/6).
 - A. Castillo Motions and J. Tijerina seconds. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, J. Potter, B. Caban, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, M. Pickert, G. Pierce, J. Rex, J. Tijerina and M. Freeland. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. (4 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by Lummi Day Community Foundation, Inc. for the Lummi Day Festival to be held in June 2019 at the \$2300 level as recommended by the Executive Committee.
Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, J. Potter, B. Caban, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, M. Pickert, G. Pierce, J. Rex, J. Tijerina and M. Freeland. All in favor. Motion passes.
7. (4 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by El Rio de Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative towards the installment of the Rio de Los Angeles Memorial at the \$600 level as recommended by the Executive Committee.
Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, J. Potter, B. Caban, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, M. Pickert, G. Pierce, J. Rex, J. Tijerina and M. Freeland. All in favor. Motion passes.
8. (4 min) Motion to fund an NPG requested by the DSTLarts towards their Art Block Zine workshops for youth and adults at the Arroyo Seco Library at the amount of \$600 as recommended by the Executive Committee.
Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, J. Potter, B. Caban, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, M. Pickert, G. Pierce, J. Rex, J. Tijerina and M. Freeland. All in favor. Motion passes.
9. (4 min.) Motion to fund an NPG for Avenue 50 Studios for Day of Compassion scheduled for March 23 to help purchase hygiene items, food and beverages to provide, in addition to supplies required for this event. Executive board recommends \$750.

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10. (5 min.) 6915 & 6917 N. Figueroa (ENV-2019-273- CE) – Discussion and possible action for continued use of auto repair shop due to non-conforming zoning.
A. Castillo explains this was discussed in Land Use and reason as to why these businesses are requesting support due to a community plan update in 1999 that changed zoning in commercial corridors. Land Use committee supported property owners in application process to continue their non-conforming business; three other businesses were discussed as well.
A. Castillo motions to write individual letters in support of allowing business to continue their nonconforming use. A. Castillo suggests voting for all three collectively since they all have the same issue and letter. S. Moore abstains. Motion passes to vote for all three businesses in Items 10, 11 and 12.. Motion to write letters. S. Moore abstains. Motion passes.
11. (5 min.) 6909 & 6911 N. Figueroa (No case # provided) - Discussion and possible action for continued use of auto repair shop due to non-conforming zoning. Motion to write letters. S. Moore abstains. Motion passes.
12. (5 min.) 801 N. Avenue 50 (ENV-2019-644-CE)- Discussion and possible action for continued use of auto repair shop due to non-conforming zoning. S. Moore abstains. Motion passes.
13. (2 min.) Motion to print 500 updated NELA Housing and Homelessness Directory for no more than \$250. Roll Call: R. Rivas, S. Brantner, A. Castillo, J. Potter, B. Caban, S. Lunn, S. Moore, Y. Nogueira, M. Pickert, G. Pierce, J. Rex, and M. Freeland. Abstain: J. Tijerina. Motion passes.
14. (4 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a Community Impact Statement for CF # 14-1349.s1 LA River Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District-Appointments to the Public financing Authority opposing the Enhanced Infrastructure financing districts along river communities. Tabled until further background information.
15. (4 min.) Motion to approve partnering with 5 Gyres and other nonprofits to hold a plastics pollution training prior to the their TrashBlitz. The event will be held at the Highland Park Senior Center on the 18th of April. The training will teach people about plastic pollutions and the environment. The public at large would be welcome to attend. There are no monies needed since the Senior Center is already paid for by HHPNC for meetings. S. Brantner explains 5 Gyres nonprofit to help on this workshop that starts at 6:30-7:00 pm outreach on social media and nonprofit will outreach as well. Eagle Rock NC is on board. Motion to approve J. Potter, M. Pickert seconds. Motion passes
16. (5 min.) Motion to hold a town hall community forum with city and state officials and departments regarding alcohol licenses related procedures and issues to be held on March 21 at the Highland Park Senior Center from 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm. Discussion by board members and public comments on having this discussion on alcohol licensing and establishments as a special meeting or event due to paperwork and approval from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and quorum issues. S. Brantner motions, J. Potter seconds. All in favor. Motion passes to hold town hall on March 21.
17. New Business None
18. Adjournment 8:44 pm