

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
Regular Board Meeting and Agenda Minutes
Thursday, May 2nd, 2019
Highland Park Senior Center
6152 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90042
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order/ Llamada al Orden:

- 7:02 pm

B. Roll Call - SuzAnn Brantner, Jeffrey Rex, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson, Cecilia Mejia, Theresa Elorriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia, Prissma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Gracie Maynetto, Rosie Maynetto, Estella Sainburg, Rose Tapia-Serna, Olga Vasquez, Monica Garcia (7:15 pm) Absent: Michelle Heather, Erin Kasimow, and Mary Pickert.

C. Elected Officials (Mayor's office, CA 34th District, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD22, BOS1)

- CD1: Bill Cody, Field Deputy - fixing veterans site, met with DOT that will mention discussing boulevard major renovations, interest in Southwest Museum RPI went out
- CD14: Mark Field Deputy - congrats to every new board member, Jose and Lucy look forward to working together; news and events May 11th Grand Opening for Eagle Rock Dog Park @ 11am - vaccinations for free; Save the Date June 30th Fireworks display at Eagle Rock Park.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) : Not present.

E. President's Report: Create the agenda, not able to discuss policy and procedures, sent an invitation to public for Thursday May 21st meeting.

F. LAPD Report: Not present.

G. LAFD Report: Not present.

H. LAPL Report: Arroyo Seco Librarian Sarah Moore, covers calendar events; College Aid Financial Seminar at 05/04 at 12pm, May 11th Alumnus Library poetry series workshop taught by poetry professor 3pm; Puppet Workshop; 5/25 Korean Classical Song and Dance

I. Board Announcements: Highland Park emails available this weekend, Code of Ethics/Funding complete the courses.

J. Committee Reports (Executive, Rules, Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Public Safety, Family Youth Education, Housing & Homelessness, Beautification, Culture and Equality, Arts, Sustainability, Local Business/Economy, Elections): S. Brantner explained each committee and asked us to select to join those we are passionate about; June meeting will begin to make appointments for committees so a motion can be made during July or August Board meeting.

K. Budget Advocates Report: Present a budget representative to further discuss in June Board Meeting; Jaime and Liz term limits have not expired.

L. Liaisons (Grievance Panel, Animal Services, Homelessness, Legal, Public Works, DWP, Film, CD1, CD14, Purposeful Aging, Resilience): The point person for the City for the listed liaisons: Animal, Homeless, Public, Film, Purposeful Aging, Resilience, Representative for CD1 and CD14; max of

2 Board Members per liaisons; to learn more visit <https://empowerla.org/liaison/>; plan to review during June Board Meeting.

M. Alliances (ARC, LANCC, NC Sustainability Alliance, NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance, PlanCheck NC): To learn more about alliances visit <http://empowerla.org/alliances/>; no max of members who can join.

Alliances for River Communities (ARC): Rocio Rivas SB50 Senate bill - ARC is opposing, write a letter to oppose; wipes out single homes, development in transit areas up for development, increases gentrification and homelessness, does not protect renters; community water testing; holding a water testing on how to test our own waters, instead can test rivers - provided flyer

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. Diana Garcia: If you are silent about your pain, they’ll say you enjoyed it; neighborhood changing and eviction leading cause of homelessness; people that are concerned with community becoming (pub crawls), printed 100 signs (empowerment 90042 no more alcohol licenses, no mas licencias de alcohol to distribute).

2. Monica Garcia school board: brought info about Measure EE, election June 4th, community take a say a Yes; 16cent square measure; if it passes at 66.7% money comes to school district in January 2020; hotels counted at every story.

3. Richard Marquez: would like to have mics, vocalize; promote more citizen participation; cannot have excuses for not following Rosenberg laws .

4. Caroline: assault on a police officer/no charges filed for person who crashed car/Kevin DeLeon stakeholder; we are oversaturated with alcohol businesses - asking Attorney General Xavier Becerra offices to open an investigation.

5. Gemma Marquez: active alcohol licenses at 75 sites, how can the new board represent us and make a difference. Grayce Liu - important to engage community members to arrive to meetings and not just the Board Members.

Nancy Verma: Treasurer position, advocate bills, support AB1505, AB1506, and AB1507 prohibiting Charter Schools; schools can consider the impact a charter would have on community.

6. Peter: Youth Counselor, Breaking Through Barriers to Success; provide workshops every week to work with the gangs in Highland Park and diffuse tensions.

7. George: Homelessness issues are in high needs and would like to hear about efforts being done and how to help individuals.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve agenda.

S. Brantner motions to change text to Fiscal Year 2020. S. Lunn seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

M. Freeland motions to move item 6 after item 2 S. Lunn seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

2. (6 min.) Installation of new HHPNC Board Members as duly elected for the 2019-2021 term and Reciting of Neighborhood Council Oath by Grayce Liu, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

2019-2021 term HHPNC Board Members Roll Call - SuzAnn Brantner, Jeffrey Rex, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson, Cecilia Mejia, Theresa Elorriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia, Prisma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Gracie Maynetto, Rosie Maynetto, Estella Sainburg, Rose Tapia-Serna, Olga Vasquez, Monica Garcia

3. (1 min) Motion to approve April 04, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.

4. (2 min.) Discussion to review a letter submitted by Joan Potter indicating her wish to remain as treasurer until a new treasurer is appointed. Possible motion to appoint Joan Potter as treasurer. –S. Brantner. TABLED.

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.

A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2019.

B. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2019.

C. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$350 for office supplies: ink, toner, pens, paper, including Staples membership plus.

D. Motion to approve expenditures for board meeting translation services for May \$250 and June \$250. Starting July 1st the City will pay for these services

E. Motion to open the application process for the Treasurer position to be voted on next June 06 board meeting.

Treasurer application will be posted online. Roll Call - SuzAnn Brantner, Jeffrey Rex, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson, Cecilia Mejia, Theresa Elorriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia, Prisma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Gracie Maynetto, Rosie Maynetto, Estella Sainburg, Rose Tapia-Serna, Olga Vasquez, Monica Garcia. All in favor. Motion passes.

6. (4 min.) Motion to fund the \$550 Neighborhood Purpose Grant requested by Franklin High School in support of their robotics program. –J. Potter. TABLED.

7. (10 min.) Presentation by Rachel Torres Deputy Director Civil Rights from the United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Union local 770 regarding their campaign called Food Fight. Possible motion to support the Food Fight campaign.

Requesting HHPNC Board to sign a letter of support. Food Fight is a way to reexamine the conversation about the contracts; fighting for 1) higher wage and hours, 2) health care benefits and retirement security 3) better grocery stores; Vons, Albertson and Ralphs (VAR) can set trends with other grocery stores; on March 2019 the contracts with VAR will expire across the country, leaving 60k+ members without contracts leaving them to have stagnant wages, less ability for workers to control their schedules, no union to keep them together; want to negotiate a good contract for all employees. Before signing a letter of support Board must hear the opposing side.

8. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to support Measure EE, which is a 16-cent per building square foot local school funding parcel tax. The funds will be used to attract and retain high-

quality teachers and school employees, reduce class sizes, and provide quality instructional programs, resources, and materials. Measure EE is on the June 4, 2019 special election ballot. – S. Brantner. TABLED.

9. (15 min.) Presentation by Occidental College students regarding their Tree Canopy project. –S. Brantner. TABLED.

10. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a letter to Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo and State Senator Mara Elena Durazo to support Senate Bill 54 and Assembly Bill 1080--California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.

Letter is read to the public. Public comment: Would like to have a copy of the bills that are included in this letter so they may review. Should have the complete language regarding S. Brantner motions, S. Maynetto-Jackson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

11. (5 min.) Discussion and motion to submit a letter to Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis in support of Los Angeles County assuming control of the Southwest Museum as the possibility is currently under formal review by the County.

S. Branter motions, J. Rex seconds. J. Kleinbart abstains. Motion passes.

12. (2 min.) Motion to appoint Jeffrey Rex, 1st Vice President as the second signer and Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson as the alternate second signer, and to have the treasurer be the HHPNC credit card holder.

All in favor. Motion passes.

13. (4 min.) Motion to set regular board meeting schedule for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year, per article VII, section 1 of the HHPBC bylaws, "Meeting Time & Place." Additionally, schedule Land Use Committee meetings for the third Tuesday of the month.

S. Branter motions, G. Maynetto seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

14. (20 min.) New HHPNC board member training.

John Darnell - Important to review Bylaws; everyone present must have equal time to talk; motions can be made and they go to vote; anyone from the public has a right to make a public comment including adjournment; there is no dialogue during the meeting, and avoid engagement during public comments; everyone must feel they are heard and transparent.

15. New Business

- G. Maynetto will table at Ernest Debs Park event.
- S. Brantner would like to Board to update bios.
- Public Comment: important to pick up mail and not leave time sensitive materials piling up.

Adjournment - 9:09 pm