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HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Housing & Homelessness	Rose Serna
Land Use	Gracie Maynetto & P. Juarez
Outreach	Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson
Rules & Regulations	N. Verma
Sustainability	Estrella Sainburg
Public Safety	TBD

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Theresa M. Elorriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia,
 Prissma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Gracie
 Maynetto, Rosie Maynetto, Mary Pickert, Estrella
 Sainburg, Rosemary Serna, Olga Vasquez

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Special Board Committee Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, August 20, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Highland Park Senior Center
 6152 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90042

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Llamada al Orden

- Vice President Jeffrey Rex called to order at 7:01pm

2. Roll Call / Pasar Lista

- A roll call was performed indicating [eventually] twelve members of the HHPNC, along with over fifteen members of the public present. A quorum was declared.

Present (12)	Prissma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Rosie Maynetto, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson, Cecilia Mejia, Mary Pickert, Jeffrey Rex, Estrella Sainburg (arrived at 7:17pm), Rose Tapia-Serna, Olga Vasquez, Nancy Verma
Absent (4)	Theresa Eloriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia, Gracie Maynetto

**3. Elected Officials (Mayor's office, CA 34th District, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD22, BOS1) /
Oficiales Electos**

- Bill Cody from CD1 shared that the Annual Jazz Festival will take place October 5 and 6th; Franklin High School will be hosting events - specifically Robotics; Vision Zero will be working on creating a more pedestrian friendly walkways and cut down driving speeds at night events

4. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) / Departamento de Empoderamiento del Barrio – not present

5. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Report / Informe de LAPD – not present

6. Los Angeles Fire Department Report (LAFD) / Informe de LAFD – not present

7. Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) Report/ Informe de LAPL – Summer Reading Program showed Highland Park was the 2nd highest in county for participants; August 31st Saturday Gardening Workshop (worms, composting) 11am-12:30pm

8. Los Angeles Recs and Parks Report / Informe de Parques y Recreación – not present

9. HHPNC Treasurer's Report / Informe de la Tesorera

– Nancy Verma stated she found extra money – the Clean Streets Funds received in 2017 (HHPNC won a competition), we can use remaining \$1,400 funds for street cleanups; still gathering information about how to use the money; Outreach Committee is organizing storage unit to a smaller unit so we should have an extra \$2,000 for the fiscal year.

10. Board Announcements & Liaison Reports / Anuncios de la Junta

– Mary Pickert, Prissma Juarez and Rose Serna reported attending the Alliance for River Communities (ARC) of LA; LADWP provided a 2018 report of drinking water

(<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wwd/web/Documents/Water%20Quality%20Reports/valverde2017.pdf>);

our region did better and monitoring about complaints have been reduced

- The Bowtie Project and Glassell Park had several town halls for concern about increase in parking – environmental impact report will be released 4-6 weeks and then a workshop to discuss results; requesting that this link be added to the website

- ARC panel on gentrification issues and would like to look at homelessness issues – will be hosting an event with NC/Land Use/Homeless Saturday October 12th walking tour about facilities to improve knowledge of community

- HHPNC is being asked to look at land to see if it could be turned into temporary housing situation – this is a kickstarter with ARC.

- Estrella Sainburg – will be bringing food for community members.
- Jeffrey Rex – Mayor's Office Representative adding a link to survey where the community can vote on these action items (ex. liquor license), a community poll will help promote community engagement; new resource for NELA neighborhoods they are organizing a presidents meeting to discuss about commonality regarding issues and anything that might impact other areas – open forum for discussion.

11. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items—Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction (Limited to 10 min, max 2 min per speaker) / Comentarios del público en general sobre temas que no pertenecen a la agenda: comentarios del público sobre temas que no pertenecen a la agenda dentro de la jurisdicción de la Junta (Limitado a 10 minutos, máximo 2 minutos por orador)

- Kristy is a stakeholder who expressed she is experiencing homeless. She has seen some improvements in the way officers treat the homeless, no harassments; she is trying to make a difference to community members if there are any problems please be patient; tough issue to crack because reaching them can be difficult; need to be empowered.

ACTION ITEMS

1. [2 min] Motion to approve agenda. / Acción para aprobar la agenda.

- **Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson moves to approve the agenda. Olga Vasquez seconds, and it passed unanimously.**

2. [5 min] Motion to approve the June 6, 2019 and July 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. / Acción para aprobar los minutos de la junta en 6 junio 2019 y 18 julio 2019.

- **Olga Vasquez moves to approve the June 06, 2019 and July 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Rose Serna seconds the motion, and it passed.**

Aye (10)	Prissma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Cecilia Mejia, Mary Pickert, Jeffrey Rex, Estrella Sainburg, Rose Tapia-Serna, Olga Vasquez, Nancy Verma
Abstain (2)	Rosie Maynetto, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson
Absent (4)	Theresa Eloriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia, Gracie Maynetto

3. [15 min] Discussion and motion to support the request for a CUP (conditional use permit) for beer and wine license at 5035 York Blvd, for a new market/cafe business being established by the owner of the building. / Discusión y moción para respaldar la solicitud de un CUP (permiso de uso condicional) para la licencia de cerveza y vino en 5035 York Blvd, para un nuevo negocio de mercado / cafetería establecido por el propietario del edificio.- G. Maynetto & P. Juarez

- John List: spoke with committee last month, meantime discussions with Oxy College, Franklin HS, Eagle Rock HS, worked in community with basketball; work with soils and vegetables and learn farm to table and incorporating that to restaurants. 30% from local farmers and high schools; 8am-7pm for open restaurant; Neighbors are laundromats and pawn shop – the soil sample was passed.

Seating occupancy: 35 with 2 parking spaces

Wine and beer – will still need a license but it's different because there will be no liquor offered; they are primarily a take out (cheeses and market) and then a slight sit down area.

Public Comment:

- In response to Mr. List’s interest in creating a business association, community concerned about illegal art white washing, armed security, private cleanup crew – look into the North Fig Association and nonprofit catalyst (look at the history and lack of alliance and respect to local community); be mindful about the protests and concerns.

- Mike – what is the price range? Sandwiches \$7-14 and drinks \$7-14; curious which demographic you are targeting; concern with gentrification of York Blvd. we have seen the displacement of long established businesses and then all the bars, difficult to find parking – how to curb these conditional use permits regarding beer and liquor? Should we also put a moratorium for conditional use permits similar to alcohol?

- Marquez – positive stand, be specific about the hours. We have to hold ourselves accountable – when you approve and disapprove letters, be direct and vocal about what you are hearing about community, even if does not stop. Reword the letter to make sure that if something is approved it can be reviewed.

Letter to be read by Prisma (pending vote of the Board). Prisma asked to double check the address for City Hall.

Jeffrey motions to approve on and off site, and to take out ‘likely’ add John List (add applications full name, change representative, on and off site, hours of operation 8am-7pm, and ‘Should this business transfer ownership at anytime these conditions/expectations will remain applicable, unless agreed upon otherwise.’ Prisma seconds the motion and it passed.

Aye (12)	Prisma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Cecilia Mejia, Mary Pickert, Jeffrey Rex, Estrella Sainburg, Rose Tapia-Serna, Olga Vasquez, Nancy Verma, Rosie Maynetto, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson
Abstain (0)	
Absent (4)	Theresa Eloriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia, Gracie Maynetto

Rosie Maynetto motions to submit this letter. Olga seconds the motion. 4 Ayes. 3 Abstain. 3

Opposed. Motion does pass.

4. [10 min] Discussion and possible motion to write a letter of support for the waiver of street improvement in the construction and use of proposed new dwellings at 935, 939 & 969 N Staley Lane, on lots abutting roadway (Elder Street) which is less than the allowed 20' wide continuously paved street. / Discusión y posible moción para escribir una carta de apoyo para la exención del mejoramiento de la calle en la construcción y el uso de las nuevas viviendas propuestas en 935, 939 y 969 N Staley Lane, en lotes de caminos contiguos (Elder Street) que son menores que los 20 permitidos. 'Calle ancha continuamente pavimentada. - G. Maynetto & P.

Juarez

- No representative present. Prissma provide a general update, Land Use Committee came to a tie (5-5) so it came to board to write a letter of support; it would be decided here but they did not arrive. **This**

item was tabled due to representative absence.

- Public Comment: Marquez – it's important for the community to hear the history of this lot.

5. [5 min] Motion to approve five board members to submit CIS's to the City. / Moción para aprobar a cinco miembros de la junta para enviar los CIS a la Ciudad. - R. Maynetto

- Olga motions to approve to five board members (Nancy Verma, Estrella Sainburg, Olga Vasquez, Rose Tapia-Serna, and Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson) to submit CIS's to the City. Jeffrey seconds this motion, and it passed unanimously.

6. [10 min] Presentation by Sasha Rappaport to support a Medicare for All joint resolution with other LA City neighborhood councils, and possible motion to appoint a board member to draft a CIS. / Presentación de Sasha Rappaport para respaldar una resolución conjunta de Medicare para todos con otros consejos de vecindarios de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles. - N. Verma

- Sasha Rappaport lived in HP for 7 years; been organizing National Nurses United about single payer healthcare, this Bill would move us to a single payer system. No more copays and deductibles.

Alleviate healthcare cost burden. Jimmy Gomez is cosponsor of the bill. Working to put pressure on City Council for Medicare for All. Asking us to endorse resolution to send a letter to councilmember Huizar. This resolution has been passed by Eagle Rock and Glassell Park Neighborhood Councils.

- Nancy Verma – what support community for Medicare for All? 70%

- Universal single-payer bill, citizenship status? Citizenship not a factor, for anyone residing in USA

- Private insurance? Transition plans (2-4 years) private insurance wouldn't be needed, gets rid of private insurance but can choose provider; would keep the VA in place; we should be able to manage the transition.

- Nancy – no current active file; this letter would be in support to utilize that the community are you asking for an action item? You should be more actionable. Sasha here is the first step.

Nancy Verma moves that this motion be amended to say ‘motion to appoint a board member to draft a letter of support.’ Jeffrey Rex seconds, and approved unanimously.

Estrella volunteers to draft a letter of support.

Stephanie motions to appoint Estrella Sainburg to draft a letter of support for Councilmembers Huizar and Cedillo. Nancy Verma seconds the motion, and it passes:

Aye (11)	Prissma Juarez, Jonathan Kleinbart, Sheri Lunn, Cecilia Mejia, Mary Pickert, Jeffrey Rex, Estrella Sainburg, Rose Tapia-Serna, Nancy Verma, Rosie Maynetto, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson
Abstain (1)	Olga Vasquez
Absent (4)	Theresa Eloriaga, Melanie Freeland, Mauro Garcia, Gracie Maynetto

7. [5 min] Discussion and motion to approve the CIS submitted by Food & Water Watch in support of transitioning LA to 100% clean energy by 2030. / Discusión y moción para aprobar el CIS presentado por Food & Water Watch en apoyo de la transición de LA a energía 100% limpia para 2030 -N. Verma

- Nicole Levin: Food & Water Watch. In 2016 LA city council asked LADWP to look into clean renewable energy and they are during current testing with computers. 7 scenarios but not good – the earliest is 2040-2045 to transition to renewable. A lot of these create biogas and methane which releases more toxins and CO2 than fossil fuels. Renewable energy credits for corporations to offset usage of fossil fuels. Synapse Energy – LA can get there is we invest in energy efficiency and battery storage – we are asking for another scenario without biomass, credit.

Board Comment:

Jeffrey – wasn’t this brought up in City Council? Confused with what happened then – over a year ago. Same org doing the same. Ongoing conversations. Boyle Heights signed on.

Nancy – did hear from LADWP and their side as well. Methane emits gas and trap more heat.

Prissma – Glendale discussing proposal about Graceland power plant. It would bring the pollution into Northeast LA.

Public Comment: Is solar involved in this? Heavy footprint when created – solar panels old ones are creating waste. They need to see the negatives along with the positives. Important to hear more information about this issue.

Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson moves that this motion be amended by redrafting the CIS submitted by FWW. Jeffrey Rex seconds the motion, and approved unanimously. Olga Vasquez and Prissma Juarez will work on redrafting.

8. [10 min] Discussion and motion to extend the Regular Board Meeting time on Sept 5, 2019 and possibly all Board Meeting times, by one hour until 10pm. - N. Verma

Jeffrey Rex moves that this motion be amended by stating ‘to only extend the Regular Board Meeting on September 05, 2019 by one hour until 10pm’. Olga Vasquez seconds the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nancy Verma moves to approve the motion to only extend the Regular Board Meeting time by one hour on September 05, 2019. Olga Vasquez seconds the motion, and it passed.

9. [10 min] Discussion and motion to appoint an Ad-hoc Search Committee to search for suitable replacement locations for board and committee meetings, as well as town halls, and to recommend options to the board regarding alternative date and time options for the regular board meeting. / Discusión y moción para designar un Comité de Búsqueda Ad-hoc para buscar ubicaciones de reemplazo adecuadas para las reuniones de la junta y del comité, así como los ayuntamientos, y para recomendar opciones a la junta con respecto a las opciones alternativas de fecha y hora para la reunión regular de la junta. - N. Verma

- Board Discussion: Should get moved to Executive Committee rather than creating Ad-Hoc for Search committee.

Jeffrey Rex moves that this motion be amended by ‘appoint the Executive Committee to appoint an Ad-hoc Search Committee to search for suitable locations for board and committee meetings’. Olga Vasquez seconds the motion, and is passed unanimously.

10. [5 min] Discussion and possible motion to approve board participation in the CD1 Jazz Festival. / Discusión y moción para aprobar la participación de la junta en el CD1 Jazz Festival.

- S. Maynetto-Jackson

- Tabling/to participate – no cost October 4-6th

Olga Vasquez motions to approve board participation in the CD1 Jazz Festival, Stephanie Maynetto-Jackson seconds the motion, and it passed unanimously.

11. [10 min] Discussion and possible motion to approve the Letter of Support for Academia Avance a local public charter school. / Discusión y moción para aprobar la Carta de Apoyo a la Academia Avance, una escuela pública local autónoma. - S. Maynetto-Jackson

Stepahnie Maynetto-Jackson moves that we table the motion to approve the Letter of Support for Academia due to presenters absence. Nancy Verman seconds the motion, and is passed unanimously.

12. [10 min] Discussion and possible motion regarding the placement of a liquor license moratorium. / Discusión y posible moción con respecto a la colocación de una moratoria de licencia de licor. -S. Maynetto-Jackson

- Individuals asking for liquor license individuals will go around the HHPNC so it carries weight if they do not come to NC for requests.
- Nancy Verma - we had the moratorium for 6 months, and liquor license placed without our input but moratorium does not allow us to make conditions; gives the applicants an out because they are not even listening to those who ask for license.

Nancy Verma moves that we table the motion to and referred to Land Use. Jeffrey Rex seconds the motion, and it passed unanimously.

13. [10 min] Discussion and possible motion to appoint an Ad-hoc Liquor License Exploratory Committee to vet and implement CIS guidelines for approval of future CUP requests. /

Discusión y posible moción para nombrar un Comité exploratorio de licencias de licor ad-hoc para examinar e implementar las pautas de CIS para la aprobación de futuras solicitudes de

CUP. - S. Maynetto-Jackson

TABLED

14. New Business / Nuevos Asuntos

- Ricardo from Academia Advance spoke about seeking renewal for location (every 5 years); students are performing well in sports and a strong effort to have graduates attend universities.

15. Adjournment / Levantar la session

- Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.