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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Sustainability Committee Meeting and Agenda

Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 7:30-9:30pm

La Monarca Bakery, 5833 N Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90042

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Roll Call:

Committee members Present: Estrella Sainburg, Gemma Marquez, Chrissy Surven

Committee members absent: Jeff Rex, Gracie Maynetto

New committee members: Nancy Verma, Prissma Juarez

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Llamada al Orden
2. Roll Call / Llamada de rol
3. [5 min.] Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Only (Limited to 5 minutes max.; 1 minute per speaker) / Comentarios públicos sólo sobre elementos que no pertenecen a la agenda (Limitado a 5 minutos máximo; 1 minuto por orador)
 - Julia from LA Compost - structure throughout LA County, Mayors grieving deal to match composting and harvest health soil, Allegra Garden and All Saints church, lacompost.org, replicate the Farmers Market - Green New Deal, compost collection for them in LA. We are a way to communicate with the Farmer's Market. They are in favor of them being there. Financial Support - looking into NPG, they know the process a bit. Trying to merge the 2 committees. Working with Atwater to see how this goes too. Site to process needed, by the end of the year - theyll be ready to launch at the Farmer's Market. Gemma : SHe should talk to Nancy since she has the info. Sustainability website put it on there, put any event or such on the website. What they do with Atwater - they could use their booth at the farmers market - they could support u s too. To launch the Farmers Market initiative, brings more people to farmers market, people have asked to come to out HLP Farmers market. Location by Heritage Square museum is a location in mind. As local as possible. The beautification = this comm
 - Steve Crouch - Public Safety
 - Jonathan - trying to merge beautification with this committee, Estrella has been emailing about it.

Action Items

1. [1 min.] Motion to adopt agenda. / Moción para adoptar agenda.
Motion: **Gemma motions. Chrissy seconds. All in favor (Chrissy, Gemma, Estrella, Prissma).**
2. [5 min.] Discussion and motion to approve meeting minutes from September 5, 2019/
Discusión y moción para aprobar los minutos de la junta del 5 de Agosto del 2019
Motion: **Gemma motions. Estrella seconds. Abstain Nancy & Prissma. Motion passes.**

4. [5 min] Discussion and possible motion to recommend to the board to purchase of reusable utensil sets for community/ Discusión y moción posible para recomendar al consejo la compra de utensilios reusables para la comunidad (Gracie)

Discussion: Were looking at purchasing more of these utensils. Regardless of having a good amount left - we want to get more. Educational materials to handout with the utensils. Estrella has been talking to people about it.

Water bottle - Nancy - At one of our past meetings, Mauro wanted to bring the bottles back? Helps get rid of single use plastic. More effective at promoting the council vs. the utensils. Proposing this as an alternative. Joan said 2000 ordering the utensil sets. 2000 (with similar budget) how many bottles could we get?

Estella feels like we should table it to give Gracie a chance to say more.

Gemma - water bottles, no. They just collect. Cupboard space is limited. Bags are better alternatives. Canvas bags, put something like HLP on it, with a scenic picture. Chrissy feels like we should see what we want to prioritize with our budget in mind.

Motion: Gemma motions, Chrissy seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

5. [15 min] Discussion regarding tree removals in the neighborhood and possible motion to act based on research and discussion, including draft a CIS/Discusión sobre el corte de árboles en el vecindario y moción posible de actuar basado en la investigación y discusión, incluyendo crear un borrador de un "CIS" (Chrissy)

Discussion: Nuggets of information from different neighborhood councils. What we currently have in , 3 day notice/to refute, for 2 trees or fewer, to object. And the trees are cut off. Regarding any types of trees, protected or not. More protections for them? 3 or more 30 days. Neighborhood council receives it from hhpnc@empowerla.org. Only board members get notifications. SL & ER, other community engaged folks, 3 days is not enough. 30 or 60 day notice for any quantity of trees. How do we as a committee do we move forward to go to the council - most momentum being - Joan Dentonio - Community Advisory Board - 2 year convo to extend it to 60 days. They also, Atwater, want to jump on board of the extension to 60 (even if they or thought 30) Eagle Rock, Silver Lake, 3 Community Advisory Board, to post on trees - the notification.

Whats the best option - the more we create coalition the more weight we have. The ultimate decision maker - who? LA City Council.

People are requesting UFD to change/extend notification process - to 30 or 60 depending. All efforts are directed to UFD.

Gemma - trees are lungs - shade and all. More to come - unless tree is dying, or no other choice - DO NOT get tree cut down. CIS. Nancy - various reasons why trees are cut down - eminent

danger - potentially going to fall. Wouldve fallen on half the house. Personally had gone through that experience. Diseased trees.

Does this apply to private and public trees? McDonalds trees were replaced by a little tree. York Blvd as well. The way the trees are being removed is not equal. Reason for removal should definitely be considered.

Establishing a time period to have conversation, first. SO we could have informed decisions based on convos. - Chrissy

City property - definitely need longer notice time. - Steve

Trees and what the city is doing - a big tree was removed on Ave 64. No notification. Owed by Cal Trans this is state level. Very arrogant. Homeless encampment right by there. Just so we know trees are being cut down.

Nancy - We need more research on this. Does it apply to private too?

CD1 & CD14 - to garnish their support, they could do away with trees - Gemma.

Rules of Notification (a year ago) changed - must be a physical notice on tree - with one file in complaint they go to 30 days, if not - 3 days. -- How current is this. What's the hierarchy of the decision making. Want a 60 day period.

Steve - Gemma said the ais in front of Burbank MS - maybe someone launched a protest.

Chrissy + Estrella will keep doing research, and better synopsis of

Motion: Gemma seconds. All in favor.

6. [5 min] Discussion and possible recommendation to the board to act on Clean Streets Fund account of \$1417/Discusion y recomendación posible al consejo de utilizar los fondos de Calles Limpias de \$1417. (Nancy)

1500 won, used 83 - clean up was organized. Bought food and refreshments for people who involved with it. This is not included in our annual budget. Same form letter - How i can submit the paperwork to get reimbursement not actually how to do the process. Broad definition of "clean up" Trash cans? Creative - Trees? Anything under the umbrella of clean up? She will send them an email. Beautification Committee talked about clean up. Solar Trash Cans? Pressure washer for York Blvd?

Estrella - NO limit of the fund. Lets keep these funds in mind as we go on and find something we feel we could use the funds. Focus on what the community needs. Add them as agenda items and bring money in when we need it.

The district does a lot of clean ups.

Steve - Chamber of Commerce for York Blvd. vs NFA (Mitsu Watsu - salary and how they hire people - maybe through the state, but she doesn't know how they do that).

The guy from

Motion: Gemma motioned to TABLE. Second Chrissy. Gemma abstained. Motion passes.

7. [10 min] Creation of a Sustainability Committee budget for the rest of the fiscal year and possible motion to submit to the Board for review at the October 3rd board meeting/
Crear un presupuesto para el resto del año fiscal para el comité de sostenibilidad y moción posible de entregarlo al Consejo para la junta general del 3 de Octubre (Estrella)

Discussion: Nancy covering the treasurer's report from our general board meeting.

Estrella - Committees could be the sections? Maybe divided that way?

CIP are our savings at the moment. All the extra funds not in outreach, CIP, NPG - go there.

Outreach has always gotten more of the funds.

If the city is not giving us the outlay - we are putting it in the CIP budget for safe-keeping.

ROugh estimate,

Were voting on this at our November Board meeting.

CHrissy said we should brainstorm and bring back ideas next time.

August & September no physical of the budget (spreadsheet of what is already designated. MER for July but what about August? The fifth of the month is when we get MER) - Nancy said we were waiting for the committees to make their

Joan was giving us monthly reports, Gemma would like to see that maybe come back.

Can we come up with categories to help us set up the budget.

Nancy - we can pay vendors directly as well. "Money for Community Organizations" will be a category. Estrella will come with them at our next meeting.

Motion: **Motion to table - Chrissy. Nancy second. All in favor. Motion passes**

8. [5 min] Discussion on York Park and motion to recommend to the board to send letters of support to different government agencies in support of investigating the possible contamination of the park grounds/ Discusión sobre York Park y moción de recomendar al consejo mandar cartas de apoyo a diferentes agencias gubernamentales en apoyo de investigar la contaminación posible de la propiedad del parque (Nancy)

Discussion: On various committee agendas - evidence that the park was not cleaned up properly. They feel there's enough information to say that it was not cleaned up properly.

There's paperwork that shows it WAS cleaned properly. THEY did all the proper work -

completely dug it out twice and it was finally cleared. GEMma said to see the vegetation

growing - to see if it is growing well. THis person provided a lot of documentation about how contaminated the park was. Just never found data. Early 80s, leached into the ground water.

Where we are - theres vdata with all the toxicity, there paperwork showing that the clean up was done. Gemma said the contamination is being spread. Estrella said if you get enough

people invested/interested this could go somewhere. Nancy is pretty sure they didn't test the

water, that they put any barriers up. She wants to see the groundwater tested. Gemma said the

contamination was extreme. Nancy will follow up. Estrella will share the documents in discussion.

Motion: **Motion to table - Nancy. Estrella seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.**

9. [5 min] Review of action items, assigned committee members, and regular committee meeting time and date/ Revisión de puntos de acción, los miembros designados del comité, y la hora y fecha para junta regular del committee (Estrella)

Discussion: Working on getting us to be able to meet at schools. Next meeting is at Coco's.
@7:30

10. New Business / Nuevos temas

Discussion: Combining with Beautification. Jonathon will add to November General Board Meeting.

11. Adjournment / Levantar la sesion

Motion: **Estrella motion to adjourn. Prissma seconded. Motion passes. All in favor.**