

Minutes for HHPNC Land Use Committee 10/15/2019

### **Call to Order / Llamada al Orden**

Gracie - Call to order 7:00pm

### **Roll Call / Llamada de Rol**

Present - Prissma, Trish, Rose, Gracie, Melanie Gemma, Steve

### **Welcoming / Bienvenido**

Gracie - Welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Only / Comentarios públicos sólo sobre elementos que no pertenecen a la agenda**

**Gemma Marquez** - See attached statement.

**Boo Caban** - Has concern of ongoing homeless service and winter shelter at All Saints Church, The temporary shelter is not so temporary, The board didn't do any no outreach for Showers of Hope. She understands NPG was given, but the showers are in residential neighborhood, near homes and schools. Outreach for homeless services should be required just like the liquor license. The homeless situation should be a shared responsibility. She would like the homeless showers relocated away from Monte Vista. She wants NPG to be rescind until a new location can be found and requests item to be on the next agenda.

**Rick Marquez** - Our NC has lots of issues and land use is not addressing them. If this is a problem, LUC should meet twice a month or split between CD1 and CD14. It is the most vital committee in the NC and many issues are not being addressed.

**Caroline Aguirre** - She has 3 issues. October Shake out is happening and was not in monthly email. Earthquakes are happening so we should participate. The applicant from Hermosillo lied to the committee. Most of the residents in the area are homeowners not renters as he stated. Also Showers of Hope was working well at All Saints, the Police Museum should not be used as a homeless shelter.

**Charles Watson** - Update on Auto shops, CD1 approved and CD14 tentatively approved.

**Christy Sanchez** - See attached letter.

Gracie notes public comments should be addressed to the board

**Elizabeth Strong** - She is neighbor on monte vista and has a stack of letters from other neighbors (see attached letters). She would like the police museum to be used instead of All Saints. They have been working on this issue for 5 years. She would like NPG rescinded until they can find a new location for Shower of Hope that is not in a residential but a commercial area.

**Arthur Wicken** - He lives on Monte Vista corridor; he does not have any homeless in the direct vicinity. Showers should be closer to where they are and make it easier for them. Why can't a public building in a commercial area be used for the showers. Encampments are near veteran center and along the river, showers should be closer to where they are located. There should be a better solution not in my neighborhood.

**Steve Crouch** - He asked about public safety committee. Gracie noted that they met last week. Steve - did not get an email. Gracie - two board members convened the first meeting. Gemma - nothing mentioned about it on the website. Prissma - they are meeting this week. Gemma - thinks it's the 30<sup>th</sup>. San Pascual park, trees are losing huge limbs and it's a safety issue.

**Diego Ramirez** - Also a Monte Vista resident, would like to find an alternate solution to the showers. One of the homeless people came into his house and it scared his granddaughters who were playing in the back yard.

### **Motion to adopt agenda. / Moción para adoptar agenda.**

Gracie - table item 9 - no updates on this item. Table item 8 because CD-14 is not here.

Gemma - point of order, items that are a year old. It is very silly that items 3-5 are ahead of other items that are time sensitive. We have a disrespectful problem. Committee members volunteer their time.

Wants an explanation.

Gracie - 3-5 shouldn't take time much time, code of civility is important and board members and stake holders need to be respectful of one another.

Rose - thinks protocol should be followed and moved to the end of the agenda.

Rick - stresses concern that Gracie has person prioritizes. Everyone has concerns. When you look at the bylaws, the first paragraph says you are here to serve stakeholders. You are not doing us justice by prioritizing your items and not ours. You have to let the committee decide if this is the protocol you want to take. We are losing time. You are stonewalling this whole agenda.

Gracie - These items were not submitted by me but another committee member. We can not go over time. In past meetings the time has been something we've had trouble with. That is why this is being placed ahead of other items. We will be charged a penalty. It needs to be established beforehand.

Caroline - We have been working on this moratorium for a very long time and wants committee member who asked for it to be moved down on the agenda. Shooting on York, shots fired (named multiple streets), need to address the moratorium.

Gemma - will not let item 8 to be tabled. Let me tell you something about the bylaws. The purpose is to address the stakeholders. We need to work an agreement to stay later, it will be money well spent.

Money better spent than handing out candy or a bag, that is for Santa Claus. I want in writing that the senior center will allow us to stay later and that you are making unilateral decisions.

Boo - on Item 4, Police Museum should be used for meetings. Their rent is only a 1\$

Rose - agrees with Boo.

Prissma - No outreach was done by board on the item 12.

Trish - This initially for 12 units. Steve clarifies it was a different project.

Gracie would like to table item 6.

Melanie agrees with Gracie due to lack of attendance.

Gemma - we had people and this issue needs to be heard.

Caroline - about a dozen people there.

Gracie - not enough outreach, it was scheduled two weeks prior and needed more outreach. The draft was only emailed today and not to all board members.

Gemma - believe me when I tell you when enough outreach was done. For you to say that (to Gracie) I take that very personally. To the degree that other people submitted something. We had a productive meeting. Some of the things that changed are very minor, in a month if you didn't bother to look at the document. The idea is that this goes to the board. This is a draft. I take offense because you weren't there, and you don't know. You have not been actively engaged.

Melanie - The minutes do not say what was discussed at the meeting and the entire committee did not receive a draft.

Caroline - Who took the minutes?

Gemma - I took them. We spent 3.5 hours and more than a couple people showed up. Some people came late but they were there.

Boo - the community is not represented by 15 people. The community is 60k. She did not hear about this meeting and did not receive outreach. It could have been better.

Rick - the outreach committee should be doing outreach. We should be complaining to them. There is no rule that the land use should be doing outreach. This is an issue that has been going on for a year. If you are saying that you didn't have a chance to read this, then you are not engaged. Believes 80k people in HLP, if they are not all engaged then do you stonewall this? Tell the outreach committee to do the outreach. You as a committee have a purpose. Let the board dwell on outreach.

Trish - We had a skeleton crew - thinks 9 people there. We had 3 people from the community. Within that a little structure on a Sunday at the library we hammered out a draft form. It is worth sending to the board. It had been pending for so long. We communicated what we could. We came up with a very good format. The board should have a preliminary review.

Gracie - does not believe a preliminary review can happen at the full board. The entire committee has not seen the document.

Arthur - you should stop squabbling and take care of business.

**Gracie - Motions to table 9, Trish seconds.**

Prissma, Trish, Gracie, Melanie Gemma, Steve vote yes. Rose abstains. Motion passes

**Gemma - Motions to move items 3-5 to the end, Rose seconds.**

Prissma, Trish, Rose, Melanie Gemma, Steve vote yes. Gracie opposes. Motion passes

**Gracie - Motions to table item 12. (did not hear who seconded)**

Prissma, Trish, Gracie, Melanie Gemma, Steve vote yes. Rose opposes. Motion passes

**Gracie motions to table item 5, Melanie seconds.**

Gracie and Melanie vote yes. Gemma, Prissma, Steve, Rose and Trish oppose. Motion fails

**Gracie Motions to approve agenda tabling 9, moving 3-5 to end of agenda, and tabling 12.**

**Gemma seconds**

All approve. Motion passes.

**Trish Motions to move item 2 to end of meeting, Gracie second.**

All approve. Motion passes

**Trish motions to move item 6 to end of meeting, Gracie seconds.**

Rick - You should not be moving items after already adopted agenda.

Prissma, Melanie, Trish and Gracie vote yes, Gemma and Rose oppose, Steve abstains. Motion passes

**Report, discussion and possible motion on recent notifications, per HHPNC mail / Reporte, discusión y posible moción sobre notificaciones recientes, del correo del Consejo del Vecindario**

Prissma - update on item. Rose notes its S Ave 64. Permits can expire if work is not started within 180 days or abandoned.

Melanie - you can look up any permits online, will send a link.

**Discussion and Motion: to address CD1 and CD14 regarding liquor and alcohol licenses moratorium. / Discusión y moción: para abordar CD1 y CD14 sobre el moratoria de licencias de licor y alcohol.**

Gemma is going to let Rick speak.

Rick - We had a moratorium last year and was based on establishing guidelines. It is not saying no licenses. Just this last weekend, we had gun shots and helicopters, there was an assault at 7-11.. They come here and then they disappear. The moratorium is about doing something about the liquor licenses. This is not to prevent them or say don't come to us. It is for us to say on behalf of the community that we are doing are due diligence.

Gemma - this has to do with Cd1 and Cd14 and trying to get them to support the moratorium. I want to say in regard to the outreach, the response was very positive. Solicit support from CD1 and CD14 to support moratorium.

Melanie - We had a meeting with CD14 and they were very supportive of the moratorium and spoke up at hearings.

Boo - While the moratorium was in place, applicants do not have to come you. without the moratorium you can at least let them know about the guidelines. You are only an advisory board you do not make the decision.

Arthur - I have been to the hearings. Different requirements from each business, every hearing officer is different. Problem is with the city.

Caroline - Problems exist, councilman have been indicted, a moratorium works, an example is the brewery got a license and then gave up. Another liquor license was denied, they are listening to us.

Jose (CD14 rep) - you are right, applicants do not have to come to you, most come to our office and we highly recommend they present to you because we know you take great concern with the issue. City takes into consideration what community and council says and they appreciate you having a voice and want to hear what you have to say.

Arthur - with all the bars coming in I don't see much of a police presence, it's not the businesses, it's the patrons.

Gemma - CD14 has been listening. They said to her face they were following the lead of the previous board. We do not want the moratorium for very long. We want guidelines with a bunch of little checks. Okay with the moratorium and they don't come to us. I am trying to be honest and transparent. I am listening to the community.

Stakeholder - Do you get early notifications? That would be the time to notify the community.

Rick - Outreach is on the template. There hasn't been outreach.

**Gemma motions to send to full board for approval of a liquor moratorium. (did not hear who seconded.)**

All approve. Motion passes.

**Discussion and possible motion: Regarding 110 North Avenue 56 (ZA-2019-918-CUB) and how they pursued a CUB while the HHPNC held a Moratorium on Liquor Licenses, and is now in the process of being approved by the state. / Discusión y posible acción: Sobre 110 N Ave 56 (ZA-2019-918-CUB) y como persiguieron una licencia de licor durante el Moratoria de Licencias de Licor, y ahora están esperando el aprobo del estado.**

Prissma - applicant is here, want to be transparent and have a conversation.

Gracie - Noted CD1 was in support despite moratorium in place.

Applicant - Expeditor is also here. We have several restaurants around town. Heard about Goodgirl Dinette being available and contacted her. Signed lease in August. This is our second location. We are celebrating 4 years in Chinatown. This was always our goal to expand our business. The cost of business is higher, and beer and wine is part of filling out our margins to support a \$5 hamburger. Our intention is not to be a bar. Ours to serve until midnight. We are currently open until 10pm, we might be open until 11pm.

Gemma - Is your beer and wine onsite only.

Applicant - Yes, no offsite and no dancing or live music. Rose - What is your relationship with CD1, saw a pen at the CD1 office.

Applicant - we are neighbors, we sell the pens, they eat lunch, we do not offer any free food.

Arthur - the house across the alley is really close to you and it used to be a quiet street. It is spreading closer to the residential area.

Applicant - We grew up in the neighborhood, our grandparents immigrated here. Our dad is a chef and opened Oinkster, we worked there, we are invested in this community and we would like to continue that tradition. We were advised by the council not to attend the land use and it would be a waste of time. Talked to Antonio and he said the committee would not vote on it. We did not avoid you.

Rick - This wasn't a personal anything to your establishment. This was because it was out of control. The moratorium didn't say that you couldn't come, and we wouldn't talk to you. The land use committee is playing games and the community is affected. CD1 knew about the approvals, what outreach do they do. We need their help with this.

Rose - Do you ever try to give back to the community.

Applicant – we always try to hire locally. We haven't been that great about outreach because it's just us, from running two restaurants it is tough. We are talking about hosting a dinner that would be a charity aspect to it. We have an open-door policy, if there is any concern, we are always there to listen. You can email us.

**Discussion and clarification of the Land Use Committee duties to the HHPNC. / Discusión y clarificación de las responsabilidades del Comité del Uso de la Tierra al Consejo del Vecindario de Histórico Highland Park (CVHHL P)**

Prissma – we do not have final say at the LUC, it will still go to final board.

Melanie – we are an advisory board; we do not make the decisions on whether applicants are approved.

Gracie – Full board also only makes recommendations.

**Discussion and Motion: Request CD14 and CD1 to instruct the Los Angeles Planning Department to subdivide the existing Northeast Community Plan into smaller more manageable plans. / Discusión y moción: Para solicitar que CD1 y CD14 instruir a el Departamento de Planificación de Los Ángeles que subdivide el Plan de la Comunidad del Noreste a planes más chicas y manejable**

Gemma – We went to a LUC for another NC and there was a plan started in 2006 and they looked at it in 2016 and finally approved in 2020. For us, our year is 2020 and is to be finalized by 2024.

Neighborhood plans are very important, and we are all clumped together. We all have different needs. I would like HLP to have its own plan and be constructive with what we want to see in HLP plan.

Gracie – The Northeast LA update will begin in 2021. Need to assign a team and coordinate funding for that team. CD1 and CD14 can't instruct planning to do this. They do not have the power. They can ask city planning to perform a study on the proposal, then it will go to planning to review those studies.

They are not inclined to change plan boundaries but may consider it.

Jose CD14 rep – I have mentioned this in the past. Looking for specifics on what to focus on but planning can't break up plans because they are so intricate. What would you like us to take to planning to consider? Board will be notified when plan discussions will come up.

Rick – went to meeting for Boyle Heights community plan. People there told them to ask to be subdivided because of HPOZ, other communities will affect us. We need to address this immediately. We can not put hurdles in front of asking.

Gemma – Boyle Heights said we should fight. Boyle Heights has been working on it for a long time and there were not many people in attendance. Supposedly they did outreach. They are in the final stages.

Trish – If there is a precedent set we should use that.

**Gemma motions to send to full board request for CD1 and CD14 to instruct the Los Angeles Planning Department to subdivide the existing Northeast Community Plan into smaller more manageable plans, Steve seconds**

Melanie asks if CD14 will be able to take the motion and do something.

Jose – yes they will take the motion to planning department

Trish – this should be brought up with candidates for CD14.

Stakeholder from Sunland Tujunga – we have a general plan shared with other communities, but we have a corridor specific plan for the commercial areas.

Caroline – if Boyle Heights can do this and they are under CD14 then there it is.

Charles – Will this be discussed at a larger meeting.

Gemma – yes next motion will discuss that.

Trish - We do not want HLP to be broken up into smaller districts that look radically different. CD1 and CD14 differ and does not want to see the plan broken along that line. Maybe we need an alliance with other communities to see what their input would be on the larger plan.

All approve. Motion Passes.

**Discussion and Motion: Request up to \$5000 for the HHPNC Land Use Committee to begin early stages of Los Angeles Planning Department Northeast Community Plan. / Discusión y moción: Para solicitar hasta \$5000 al Comité del Uso de La Tierra del CVHHP para empezar los primeros pasos del Plan de la Comunidad del Noreste en parte del Departamento de Planificación de Los Ángeles.**

Rick - We hired a guy for 5K who did posters and outreach and it is critical for the plan. This is a perfect opportunity for LUC to make an impact on the community. This allows us to do our due diligence. It will allow everyone know what we are doing. If we don't get involved, we will not have a seat at the table. There is a lot to do here. The plan is like 80 pages and the plan will be changed. We need input from the community.

Jose - In using examples from other NC, Glassell Park had a meeting and re-envisioned eagle rock boulevard. You might need to hire out for people to assist. Other communities are getting involved.

**Gemma motions to request up to \$5000 from full board for the the HHPNC Land Use Committee to gain early stages of Los Angeles Planning Department Northeast Community Plan. (did not hear who seconded)**

Trish - What is the background of the expert.

Jose - Ideally background in city planning. Usually a professional consultant who deals with land use issues. Will find out more.

Caroline - Maybe Mr. Fisher can help

All approve. Motion passes.

**Discussion and Motion: Create a budget for the HHPNC Land Use Committee for the remainder of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. / Discusión y moción: A crear una presupuesto para el Comité del Uso de La Tierra del CVHHP por el resto del año fiscal del 2019-2020.**

Rick - would like to see visuals that everyone can see. Wants an overhead projector. There needs to be money put into issues. You need to think of instruments that will make you a better committee.

Melanie - We have an overhead projector in storage.

Gracie - someone will need to pick it up and take it back to storage.

Gemma - can we keep it at someone's house.

Gracie - it needs to be kept on private property.

Trish - 500\$ is a good start. Rick would also like a pointer.

**Gemma motion to request a budget of up to 500\$ from full board for remainder of the year.**

**Trish seconds.**

Rick also in the budget to extend meetings here or more meetings.

Gracie - we can do that for future meetings.

All approve. Motion passes.

**Discussion and possible motion: A separate Land Use Committee meeting to cover Development guidelines. / Discusión y posible moción: A tener una junta del Comité del Uso de la Tierra separada para discutir guías para los desarrollos**

Trish -We had a great meeting for template and guidelines for alcohol licenses. We should apply that same principal for how HLP should apply to development guidelines. It is a really good time because we are on the list for hot destinations for development. Developer called us the low hanging fruit. This is

important to have a mission where we can decide how we want our community experience density.

Would like a special meeting to get the community involved. There are people we need to reach.

Steve - We need to make our own plan, so the state doesn't make it for us.

Gracie - wants proper outreach with business owners, homeowners, renters, homeless representatives.

Push out a month or two months.

Steve - how would this differ from the retreat.

Trish - with enough time we could do the outreach. We can enlist other groups in the community to help with outreach

Gemma - it is their job to do the outreach.

Gracie - we have the power as well.

Trish - maybe we come up with a name for this project. Have it printed up on fliers or bags so people will recognize it.

**Melanie motions to hold a separate Land Use Committee meeting to cover development guidelines, Gracie second**

Gemma - is there a date,

Gracie - recommends sometime in Jan because Dec is holidays.

Trish - agrees.

All approve. Motion passes.

**Discussion and motion: Review our Land Use Committee meeting conclusions from September 29th, 2019 and bring it to the board. / Discusión y moción: Revisar nuestras conclusiones de la junta del 29 septiembre del 2019 y traerlo a la junta general del consejo del vecindario.**

Gemma - highlights Prisma emails,

Rick - newer one has three emails.

Gemma - Gracie's email is wrong.

Rick - Instructs committee to read it before the board meeting. If they feel it needs more work then they will get it back to us.

Gracie - there are typos.

Gemma - it doesn't distract from the content.

**Gemma motions to move the alcohol license guideline template to the full board to for voting. (did not hear who seconded)**

Melanie - why we are limiting contact so that the community is not able reach out to the board

Gemma - we met for 3.5 hours and we discussed it and the majority said no because of reason of conflict of interest. If the board wants to eliminate then they can do that.

Melanie - none of the 3.5 hours of discussion is written out in the minutes.

Gemma - was not prepared to take notes and did the best she could and sent everything that she could remember. You are not going to see a lot of changes. If anything, we put back things, someone wanted to remove stuff and other people said put it back there for the sake of argument. I typed it and got it all ready and I wasn't comfortable sending it out and with the time I got it out, we did the best we could. I'm not a board member.

Rick - I've read the past minutes, if we are going to set a standard then we need to go back. Everything we did is on that documents. One of the reasons we didn't want everyone approached is because of pay backs. Then they have someone who is biased to their position. There is no reason to have a discussion. As soon as they talk to you are opening the doors to conflict of interest. They offered us \$5k to pass their license.

Gemma - They were told by land use not to attend.

Caroline - I asked for a federal investigation on that person.

Gemma - Exactly. Let's move it on to the board.

Rose, Trish, Prissma Steve, Gemma vote yes. Gracie, Melanie oppose. Motion passes.

**Gracie motions to table item 3. Gemma seconds.**

Gemma - reach out to city attorney and see if you can do what you are professing to do.

Gracie - I am asking committee members to sign code of civility.

Gemma - Board members have already signed it and you are asking for LUC to sign?

Gracie - I am bringing it forth to LUC because there have been complaints.

All approve. Motion passes.

**Gracie motions to table item 4, Trish seconds**

All approve. Motion passes.

**Gracie motions to table item 5, Trish seconds**

all approve but Prissma abstains. Motion passes.

**Motion to approve the August 22, 2019, September 17, 2019, September 29, 2019 Land Use Committee meeting minutes. / Acción para aprobar los minutos de la juntas del Comité del Uso de la Tierra del 22 de agosto 2019, 17 de septiembre, y 29 de septiembre.**

Gemma - has concern with 9-17 minutes because moratorium passed with item 10. My opinion is how we have minutes for everything except for the moratorium. But my understanding is that everyone voted yes but one person abstained. How can you not remember that?

Rose - 8-22 minutes, comments were made to these minutes and corrections that were never done on the google doc.

Gracie - I didn't see any comments, if I didn't capture everything, I was also running the meeting.

Gemma - This is time sensitive; it is going to be on the next board meeting. And we need to be able to go to that meeting and say this is what took place. We need your memory that this thing passed. Do we all affirm that it passed. Trish, Rose and Prissma agree that it happened. Nancy was the only abstention. Rose will look for additional notes.

Trish - should we remove 9-17 minutes.

Gracie - would like to remove 9-29 minutes because it is not clear what happened.

Rose - We have the guidelines that were the product of the meeting.

Gemma - The product is your minutes. We went through each category and each person said what was said. And then we Prissma was reading Antonio's and I was reading Gracie's. I am sure you will find your stuff but there is one they said no. If you look then you will be able to figure it out.

**Gemma moves to approve all the minutes if it has the moratorium that got corrupted. Trish seconds.**

Charles - use voice recorder for minutes.

Gemma, Prissma, Trish, Steve and Rose vote yes. Gracie opposes, Melanie abstains. Motion passes.

**New Business / Nuevos temas**

Rose - one of stake holder committee members is now a board member, done recommends that board revote on who is on the committee.

**Adjournment / Levantar la sesion**

**Trish moves to adjourn, Gemma seconds**

All approve. Motion passes.