

Notice of Historic Highland Park Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
 Thursday, 1 October 2020 @7pm  
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## AGENDA

**(Abstentions are neither in favor nor in opposition)**

1. Welcome, Call to Order, & Roll Call

**Time: 7:07 pm**

**Present: Emily A., Mary A., Robert, Theresa, Renee, John, Jeannie, Mary P., MaryLeigh, Estrella, Mirtala, Geri, Emily S.**

**Not present: Brendon, James, Christina, Mauro**

2. Discussion and action/motion to approve agenda; (5 min)

**Public Comment: None**

**John motions to approve the agenda Geri seconds the motion**

**Motion carries or fails. Mary moves to amend the motion by moving item 33 to number 19 next to item 18. John agrees and would like to see both motions moved up all together.**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					

total	13	0	0	0	0	4
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**Motion carries.**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the September 10th Special Board meeting minutes. (5 min).

**Public Comment: None**

**Emily motions to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from September 10th, 2020, Jeannie seconds motion.**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa			x			
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh			x			
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	11	0	2	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

4. 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, if more than 5 people then 1 min per speaker). (If more then 6 people then max 1 min per speaker). **None**

5. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Report. (2 min) **None**

6. Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Report. (2 min) **None**

7. Elected Official, up to 2 min each official **CDI = Bill Cody, Movie Tomorrow night, 10-2-20, Street Scaps put in to help with Al Fresco restaurants for safety and outdoor dining. Nail Salons and**

various things will reopen, some parks and playgrounds are open now.

CD14 = Jose Hernandez, National night, NELA station October 5-7. Transition October 15<sup>th</sup> of Kevin DeLeon. Parking enforcement will start to ticket for street swiping. Round About on 50<sup>th</sup> and Meridion surveys and community discussion are taking place as to the design. Blood drive at the Eagle Rock City Hall this Saturday 10-4pm. Arroyo Seco Bike Improvement path is done and open, looks great.

**Public Comment: Clara Soliz**

8. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). **John Darnell, Governing Community Neighborhoods Councils event was a huge success 1,000 Board Members, 7 breakout workshops, successful online event.**

9. Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) Report (2 min). **Sarah Moore remarks Library contact number (323) 255 0537. Renting Physical Books with E cards online, please call the number to inquire. Friday and Monday @ 10am we have storybook time. Please see utube and FB account to see events.**

10. Los Angeles Recs and Parks Report (2 min). **None**

11. Presidents Message (5 min) **Seeing the people of the frontlines caring for our community is great to see and be a part of. Together we can accomplish much more building our Community, like with this agenda and local happenings. The Board Members are almost 100 percent finished with trainings. 1 person cannot vote on Financial items tonight. We as a board are hearing your recommendations please continue to recommend to us. Robert Rules review Board Members comments, no speaking two times on same motion, we will vote on the motion and amendment. Time Keeping will be checked and respect to people's comments we care as a Board.**

12. Committee Reports: 1. Outreach: **Mary P. Other Committee need Board members not just Outreach Committee. Photo and Bios of Board Members and please sign up for the new letter.**

2. Public Safety: **None.** 3. Sustainability: **Estrella resigns as Chair this past Monday. There will be positions open on this committee to be voted on items 37 and 19 on the agenda. Also, the round about on Meridian ought to be completed by 2022.**

4. Land use: **Mary A. Special Meeting last week on the new develop we are opposing. CIS report will be submitted for November Board meeting, Land Use tracker, ADHOC NE plan. Also, planning series webinars is up. October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

5. Executive Committee: **Estrella, pulling out weekly newsletter info like what is happening with the board weekly, dates, links and what can we do to enhance our board member. Planning a virtual retreat with DONE. It will be like a 3-hour meeting learning about the Brown Act, the date will be in November.** 6. Rules Committee: **None.** 7. Finance Committee, **Geri is forming and organizing the Committee.**

13. Liaison and Alliance Reports (2 min max): **Emily Spokes=Sustainability, Event 10-3 NCSA hosting a listening session. LA Green New Deal workshop series; Electric car, LA Sanitation, planting 100 new trees in HP, Focus grp for Spanish Speakers. Sasha Rappaport=Homeless, I am new to the outreach community I am getting to know the needs of the community as to better serve. Theresa= Data, None.**

**ARC= Mary, meeting next week, attend as stakeholder, Boyle Heights community plan update, zoning ballet, measure J regarding the Police. Theresa=LGBTQ+ Alliance and Census, Census date Oct 5<sup>th</sup> deadline not really sure the deadline has been extended, please encourage others to fill it out. This Saturday in Koreatown 10-3 in Lincoln Park Census with free Covid testing. LGBTQ+ since the pandemic the population has been disproportionately affected. Jobless, homeless, comorbidly. The Mayor spoke at the Alliance meeting very impersonal; I am very disappointed it was a missed opportunity for the Mayor. There are talkabouts, spirituality panel, How to server the LGBTQ+ community. Please find us on FB or Instagram.**

14. Budget Advocates Reports (up to 5 min). **Jamie T. None**

15. Discussion and possible motion to approve the August 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER). **Public Comment: None**

**Estrella states that we as a board cannot vote on this item till the budget is approved. Jeannie motions to postpone August MER Mar A. seconds the motion.**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa			x			
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh			x			
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	11	0	2	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

**16. Discussion and possible motion to approve The BAC's for June and July 2020 (5 min)**

**Estrella states that we as a board cannot vote on this item until the budget is approved. Emily S. motions to Postpone the approval of the BAC'S for June and July 2020, Mary A. seconds the motion.**

**Public Comment: None**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa			x			

Christina						X
Mauro						X
Renee			X			
John	X					
Jeannie			X			
Mary P.	X					
James R.						X
MaryLeigh			X			
Estrella	X					
Mirtala	X					
Geri	X					
Emily S	X					
total	9	0	4	0	0	4

**Motion carries or fails.**

17. Discussion and motion to approve the amended budget, which now includes the 10,000 rollover Funds and 6,000 earmarked, (5 min)

**Public Comment: Caller 590, Robert G., Gemma Marquez, Clare Solis,**

**Mary P. We need to responsible for funds, we must be cautious with the changes. Since the Pandemic create different rental rates what happens to the funds? Teresa states that she shares concerns with Mary, but the budget needs to be approved ASAP. Emily A. I am confused about it. MaryLeigh I think I need clarity. Emily Spokes agrees but concerned about the feeding the people. John O’ Hara I will vote strongly to approve 18 and 19. We can go ahead and amend the agenda for the budget in the future. Jeannie, how can we see past budgets. I do have access to FMS. Estrella states that the budget can be amended to creat changes, but we are just voting on the amount. Robert worried that if we do not approve this then the community will have to wait for the food.**

**moves to approve the amended budget seconds motion.**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	X					
Mary A.	X					
Brendan						X
Robert	X					
Theresa	X					
Christina						X
Mauro						X

Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie					1	
Mary P.	x					
James R.	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	12	0	0	0	1	4

**Motion carries.**

18. Discussion and possible motion to spend the earmarked 6,000 for distribution of groceries and ready to eat meals to the community, with 3,000 to everytable and 3,000 to for groceries to be purchased from York Stop Market, Hi-Ho Market, La Tropicana, Ralphs Country Store, Cali Mex Market, and Outreach committee managing process and determine non-profit organization distributors determined by the Board. (15 min)

**Public Comment: Jenny Johnson, Laura Olivares, Robert G., Clara Solis**

**There was a debate about why everytable being used. John O hara stated that everytable seems to help communities by making their meal affordable to location, Teresa state the food quality has been vetted, and they support the community. Mary A suggests a buddy type of situation to hook up with for the distribution, Renee stated time and the attention to the meal. Jeannie brought up the importance of prepared meal for the community especially the ones with no kitchen or way to prepare meal of their own. Mary P. move to amend motion to approve the 3000 for everytable readymade meals for the HP community and approve 3000 for groceries with the caveat that we know who will distribute the food. Estrella has organized a team of Emily A., Jeannie and Teresa to help organize how to distribute the groceries. Mary P. motions to approve 6,000 for groceries, 3,000 for ready to eat meals (everytable), 3,000 for groceries to above mentioned grocery stores, to be distributed by a nonprofit voted by board Mary A. seconds of the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x

Mauro						X
Renee	X					
John	X					
Jeannie					X	
Mary P.	X					
James R.						X
MaryLeigh	X					
Estrella	X					
Mirtala	X					
Geri	X					
Emily S.	X					
total	12	0	0	0	1	4

**Motion carries.**

19. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to 3,000 in funds to feed Highland Park Families per the (NPG) Neighborhood Purpose Grant application. (10 min)

**Public Comment: Laura Olivares, Robert G. Clara Solis, Sasha, Nancy,**

**Ben Cassorla gave a brief presentation with Sarah Gilman. Working with Hunger Action LA to give families gift cards for supermarkets. They spend as they wish and Garvanza School will do the distribution. Mary P asked questions regarding quantity value of each card and how distributed to families. Ben stated they are divided equally 130 families at 50 dollars each card. Mirtala asked about research, Ben stated that 100% of the monies goes to the HP community. Emily S. motions to approve NPG up to 3000 in funds to feed HP families John O. Seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A		X				
Mary A.			X			
Brendan						X
Robert	X					
Theresa		X				
Christina						X
Mauro						X
Renee	X					
John	X					
Jeannie					X	

Mary P.	X					
James R.						X
MaryLeigh	X					
Estrella	X					
Mirtala	X					
Geri	X					
Emily S.	X					
total	9	2	1	0	1	4

**Motion carries.**

20. Discussion and possible motion to submit a letter regarding tree preservation and the urban canopy in Highland Park, as submitted by the Sustainability Committee (5 min).

**Public Comment: Sylva Blackstone**

**Estrella urges others to support this, the older trees in HP neighborhoods need our support. Estrella motions to approve to amend the letter to address CD-14 Mr. DeLeon, LA DOT, Public Work, Cal Trans. Renee seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					



Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

21. Discussion and possible action to appoint Outreach Committee Co-chair (5 min).

**Public comment: Clara Solis, Sylva Blackstone, Gemma Marquez,**

**Emily S. stated that Renee would be great at this. Mary A. moves to appoint Renee as Outreach Committee Co-Chair Emily S. seconds motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

22. Discussion and possible action to appoint additional Board members to the Outreach Committee (5 min).

**Public comment: Clara Solis, Sylva Blackstone, Gemma Marquez**

**Emily S. motions to appoint Mirtala and MaryLeigh as new board members to the Outreach Committee Renee seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
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Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S	x					
total	13	0	0	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

23. Discussion and possible action to appoint Sustainability Committee Chair (5 min).

**Public Comment: None**

**Emily S. motions to move item 37 to 23. Estrella moves to table items 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, and 36, Mary suggests in keeping items 37, 24, 38 and 35. Theresa recommends a special meeting to knock out all the operational items for the Board. Robert seconds Estrealla's motion.**

**Renee motions to appoint Emily S. as new Chair for the Sustainability Committee Geri seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					

Christina						X
Mauro						X
Renee	X					
John	X					
Jeannie	X					
Mary P.	X					
James R.						X
MaryLeigh	X					
Estrella	X					
Mirtala	X					
Geri	X					
Emily S.	X					
total	13	0	0	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

24. Discussion and possible action to appoint Board members to the Finance Committee (5 min).

**Public comment: Doreen**

**Theresa motions to appoint Emily A., Robert, and John as new board members to the Finance Committee Jeannie seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	X					
Mary A.	X					
Brendan						X
Robert	X					
Theresa	X					
Christina						X
Mauro						X
Renee	X					
John	X					
Jeannie	X					
Mary P.	X					
James R.						X

MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

25. Presentation by Candidate(s), discussion, vote, and action to appoint an At-Large Director (Stakeholder who 18 years or older) (10 min). Elizabeth Kerstein.

**Public Comment: None**

**John motions to appoint Elizabeth Kerstein as At-Large Director Mary P. seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	0	4

**Motion carries.**

26. Discussion and possible motion to approve (CIS) Community Impact Statement regarding

proposed liquor license at Sip Snack. (10min)

**Public Comment: Rick Marquez and Clara Solis**

**Mary P. reports sending a letter to the invite the owners to a Land Use Meeting. Emily A. asks why is that a good idea, in inviting them to a meeting? Mary A. gave some hx around this item, store and the liquor license. Emily S. motions to approve creation and submission of CIS letter regarding Liquor license at Sip Snack Emily A. seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					x
Brendan						
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						xx
Renee	x					
Elizabeth					x	
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	1	4

**Motion carries.**

27. Discussion and possible motion to approve (CIS) Community Impact Statement regarding Safety Issues at 6845 N. Figueroa due to absentee landlord. (10min)

**Public Comment: Doreen Sanchez, Clara Solis and Rick Marquez**

**Emily S. explains the safety issues regarding the property and when the letter will go out. Pictures were exhibited. Mary A. motions to approve creation and submission of CIS regarding Safety Issues at 6845 N. Figueroa due to absent Landlord Jeannie seconds the motion.**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
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Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
Elizabeth					x	
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	1	4

**Motion carries.**

**28.** Discussion and possible motion to approve HHPNC Sustainability Committee virtual community workshop, titled “How trees can help foster a greener and more inclusive, Highland park”, In mid-October with local experts. The hope is that the workshop series will be the first in a series of events to both educate and engage our community members on various sustainable living topics, as well as learn more about their needs and experiences with our local environment (10 min)

**Public Comment: Clara Solis, Gemma Marquez, Sylva Blackstone**

**Emily S. gives some background on item, the potential speakers, Rep Marcos Hernandez, plus Mary P. mentions the Spanish speaking engagement. Emily S. motions to approve workshop in HP in mid-October called How trees can help foster a greener and more inclusive HP Mary P. seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x

Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina						x
Mauro						x
Renee	x					
Elizabeth					x	
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	1	4

**Motion carries.**

**29.** Discussion and possible motion to approve hosting a Zoom Town Hall with Council Member Elect Kevin DeLeon, and to organize outreach and promotion, including putting up temporary page in the HHPNC website with question submission and usage of social media accounts to promote questions for submission and actual event. (10 min)

**Public Comment: Gemma Marquez, Rick Marquez,**

**Mary explains the initiative in reaching out and arranging this Town Hall. Estrella asked who will oversee this event? Theresa suggested more than one person lead and Jeannie suggested Outreach committee engender this item. Mary P. motions to approve Zoom Town Hall with Council Member Elect Kevin DeLeon, using the HHPNC website for promotion and question submission with social media as well for used to promote questions and actual event. Renee seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Brendan						x
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					

Christina						X
Mauro						X
Renee	X					
Elizabeth					X	
John	X					
Jeannie	X					
Mary P.	X					
James R.						X
MaryLeigh	X					
Estrella	XX					
Mirtala						
Geri	X					
Emily S.	X					
total	13	0	0	0	1	4

**Motion carries.**

30. New Business: Estrella mention she is going to be taking two polls and to look out for them. Mary A. Form we need to fill out for the election, do we need to put this on the next agenda? Emily S. mentioned fire station Captain conversation and desiring to do something nice for them. Bill Cody and dog poop bag pick up stations. Mary P. ADHOC for NC elections. Emily A. Holidays lets keep the community supported especially this holiday due to Pandemic. More CIS writers.

**Public Comment: Gemma Marquez.**

31. Adjournment.

**Public Comment:**

**Emily S. motions to adjourn meeting at 11:39 and Mary P. seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	X					
Mary A.	X					
Brendan						X
Robert	X					
Theresa	X					
Christina						X
Mauro						X
Renee	X					



Elizabeth					x	
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
James R.						x
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Geri	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	13	0	0	0	x	4

Motion carries.