

Notice of Historic Highland Park Special Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 26th of January 2021 @ 7:00 pm
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AGENDA

(Abstentions are neither in favor nor in opposition)

I. Welcoming Remarks:

A. Call to Order: Time 7:00pm

B. Roll Call:

Present: Mary A., Ashley, Brendan, Robert, Theresa, Renee, Duncan, Elizabeth, John, Jeannie, Mary P., MaryLeigh, Estrella, Mirtala, Matt, Emily S.

Not present: Emily A., Christina, Nicholas,

2. Town hall with Council Member Kevin de Leon: Moderator: Estrella Sainburg, selected board members will be asking pre-selected questions to the CD14 Council Member Kevin de Leon based on community concerns discussed and expressed via email, committee discussions, public comment, and Question Submission Google Form. Please listen to audio located on the HHPNC WEBSITE.

Questions are as follows:

Covid + Community Impacts - 10 Minutes

Questioner: Mirtala Sanchez, HHPNC Board Member

- What can you tell us about the plans for the Covid-19 vaccine Rollout ?
- What do you know about support for small businesses in our community affected by Covid-19/ shutdown as the available grant programs do not seem to not match the community need
- “Hot Spot” Signs: CD-1 has put up signs around the neighborhood on Covid Safety + Awareness, given that Highland Park is a hot spot, are there plans for CD-14 to do so ?)
<https://abc7.com/covid-warning-signs-la-in-highland-park-councilman-gil-cedillo-areas-hard-hit-by/9882809/>

Land Use / Housing / Gentrification - 20 Minutes

Questioner: Mary Allison, Co-Chair HHPNC Land Use Committee

- As you know, gentrification and affordable housing are big challenges we face in Highland Park. Is there a plan in place to provide affordable housing while protecting our long-term residents from being pushed out of our community and addressing the challenges of increased population density?
- Our community has experienced a number of times where developments have moved forward without following the proper channels with public hearings and/or following regulations for the plot of land. How will you hold developers accountable to follow the proper procedures, and what can the community do to mitigate the effects.
- With the demand for more housing, many developers are attempting to build housing units on undeveloped, green spaces despite community opposition. What can we do to ensure we are able to keep our green spaces?
 - Can you provide us a brief overview of your recently-released plan, “A Way Home,” for our unhoused neighbors?

Sustainability - 10 Minutes

Questioner: Emily Spokes, Chair HHPNC Sustainability Committee

- Our community sits between two large freeways, the 134 and the 110. Does Councilmember DeLeon have plans to work with our regional air regulator, the Air Quality Management District, to tackle big polluters on our freeways like the diesel trucks and natural gas trucks?
- Are there any local actions Councilmember DeLeon plans to introduce with regards to water preservation in our neighborhood itself? Stormwater capture etc?
- How does Councilmember DeLeon feel about the gravity of the climate crisis? What are his priorities with regards to mitigation, especially related to the adoption of the Green New Deal by the City?

Public Safety - 10 Minutes

Questioner: MaryLeigh Roohan, Chair HHPNC Public Safety Committee

- Many stakeholders have raised concerns about increased shootings, assaults and gang violence in our neighborhood. How is your office working to address these issues? What is being done to prevent this kind of violence beyond a retroactive penal response?
- There have been a lot of questions regarding the cleanup of the soil under York Park (at York and Avenue 50). Can you commit to additional testing or some other method for dispelling people’s worries about it?

- Stakeholders have consistently raised concerns about the harm and danger of illegal fireworks and expressed frustration around the seeming inability to find a solution. Do you have any thoughts on actionable steps we could take as a district to mitigate this concern?

Youth + Education - 10 Minutes

Questioner: Robert Diaz, Chair HHPNC Youth + Education Ad Hoc Committee; Board Secretary

- How can we assess internet needs in the community / potentially team up with houses of worship with strong Wifi, and provide Internet services in a social distanced capacity to residents ?
- Can Councilmember DeLeon provide insight on how he and his staff plan to address issues of mental health in the community right now, particularly the increase of depression and anxiety in children and teens?
- How can we better support local high school students that may not be heading to colleges or university programs after graduation? Is there any opportunity for vocational programs to be offered to help develop professional skills that will empower students entering the workforce?

Conclusion:

- What relationship do you envision creating with the HHPNC ?

3. Adjournment

Emily S. motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm Mirtala seconds the motion

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

Duncan	x					
Elizabeth						x
John	x					
Jeannie						x
Nicholas						x
Mary P.	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					
total	10	0	0	0	0	9

Motion carries.

