

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
 Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, October 20, 2020 7:00 pm
 Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone
<https://zoom.us/j/98493637826>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Time: 7:06pm

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Mary Allison	X	
Brendan Cronshaw	X	
Theresa Elorriaga	X	
Rick Marquez	X	
Liz Strong		X
Clara Solis	X	
Arturo Vargas	X	
Miritala Sanchez	X	
John O'Hara	X	
Total:	8	1

ACTION ITEMS

2. [2 min] Motion to approve agenda.

Public Comment:

Committee member John O'Hara moves to approve the agenda. Committee member Brendan seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga			X			
Rick Marquez	X					

Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Vargas	X					
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	7		1			1

Motion passes.

- [5 min] Motion to approve the 09/30/2020, Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes.

Committee member Clara Solis moves to approve the 09/30/2020 Committee Meeting Minutes. Mary seconds.

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Public Comments:

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga			X			
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	7		1			1

Motion passes.

- Chair's Report.
- General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items—Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.

Public Comment:

None

- 6. [15 mins] Discussion, presentation, and possible letter and/or CIS regarding liquor license for 5101 York Blvd.

Christine Rivera makes a presentation for Towne Pizza. Been operation for 6 years. Continued operation 101 indoor seats. Hours beyond 10 a.m to 12 a.m.

Same as on original CUP. York and Avenue 51. 3340 sq feet. Security cameras in and out. Parking 9 parking spaces. Parking lot adjacent. Community service. List of families in need every Monday through Friday with food. Family place. Gourmet Pizza. Fresh sustainable local food. Hearing November 4th.

Public Comments:

Sylva Blackstone, Gemma Marquez

Rick, Brendan, Arturo, John and Mirtala make comments and ask questions.

Rick motions to submit a CIS to support of CUP liquor license for Towne Pizza, 5101 York Blvd. and include conditions as stated when it goes in front of the board. Brendan Seconds. (Time 34:00)

Rick will prepare report with help from John O’Hara.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas			X			
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O’Hara	X					
Total:	7		1			1

Motion carries.

7. [15 mins] Discussion, presentation, and possible CIS regarding liquor license for Sip Snack Case No. ZA-2018-6727-CUB. (Time 40:00)

Liquor License was already granted.

Public Comment:

Sylva Blackstone. Gemma Marquez

Rick Marquez motion to postpone until next meeting. Clara seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw			X			
Theresa Elorriaga			X			
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	6		2			1

Motion passes.

8. [10 mins] Discussion, presentation, and possible letter regarding a stop or yield sign to address traffic and speeding on Meridian street between 49th and 50th Avenue. (Time 1:07)

Tassi Ripp Bennett makes a presentation. Between 49th and 50th 85th speed is 34th miles an hour. Use Meridian to bypass cars on York. No street lamps. Unsafe. Av. 49 and Meridian no stop sign. Cars ruling the streets. Received support from Council District 14. Should add a stop sign to Avenue 49. Round about proposed to 4 way stop signal rather than roundabout. Install a stop sign and redesign round about to a 4 way stops sign on Ave 50th and Meridian

Public Comment:

Rosa Rivas, Sylva Blackstone, Caller 043:

Board Discussion:

Rick motions to write a letter to support a 3 way stop sign at intersection 49th and Meridian to submit to the board. Mirtala moves to amend motion to support speed humps between Avenue 49 and Avenue 50 on Meridian. Brendan seconds amended motion.

Tassi will work with committee to prepare a letter. Brendan will work with Tassi.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	8					

Motion passes.

9. [15 mins] Discussion and possible motion to complete CIS and report regarding 6021-6029 LaPrada Development VTT 82838-SL, ENV-2019-5445-CE. (Time 1:32:00)

Public Comment:

Sylva Blackstone, Juliana, Gloria Castro, Tani Kaye, Enma Espinoza, Rosa Rivas:

Board Discussion.

Mary complete and send CIS in opposition to the board. Clara Seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa	X					

Elorriaga						
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	8					1

Motion passes.

10. [10 mins] Discussion, presentation, and possible letter to the board regarding the possible subdivision of the lot containing the properties 6251 E. Church Street and 520 Marie Avenue (Time 1:59:00)

Annick Hammond makes a presentation. Annick has lived in HP since 1972. Church and Marie 1978. Church and Marie Av. On face Church the other Marie. Daughter lives on Marie. Large 2/3 of acre. Many years to subdivide. Never finished because of the costs. Application expired. Neighbors were consulted. No opposition. 79 years old. Finalize estate plan. Each daughter separate lot. Each house own garage. Will not remove or add dwelling units. Continue live in prop facing Church. Daughter on property on Marie. Very expensive and lengthy. That we will not object to lot split.

Public Comments:

Rosa Rivas, Antonio Castillo,

Board Discussion:

Rick motions to write a letter in support of subdivision into two properties. Brendan seconds.

Brendan will work on letter with Annick.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga			X			
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X

Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	7		1			1

Motion passes.

11. [10 mins] Discussion and possible action or letter regarding applications for historical/cultural monument status at 5337 and 5605 N. Figueroa. (Time: 2:14:00)

Theresa expresses concern about request for historical/cultural monument status.

Antonio Castillo explains that Highland Park Heritage Trust is requesting the status. Melissa Jones is an employee of staff for Historic Resources. Submitted by Highland Park Heritage trust. Two different property owners. Together a part of Chicano Art collectives of the 1970's. It was a Chicano Movement. The MECHICANO Art Center. Nominations being considered by the Cultural Heritage commission to consider their cultural heritage. Not for architectural significance but for the Cultural Significance. We received a lot of support. Heritage Trust. Letter to be submitted to office of historic resources. Taxes is only for a designated property that is a contributor in the HPOZ that enters the Mills Act. Level of protection just like NELA highest contribution of. Chicano recognition for future generations. Include language Centro de Arte Publico and MECHICANO Art Center.

Public Comment:

Rosa Rivas, Gemma Marquez, Jas McBride

Clara motions to support designation of the MECHICANO Art Center and Centro de Arte Publico historical/cultural monument status and write a letter in support. Rick Seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga			X			
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas						X
Miritala	X					

Sanchez						
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	6		1			2

Motion passes.

12. [10 mins] Discussion and possible action regarding Planning ENS Reports.

Report on ENS Reports.

Public Comment:

13. [10 mins] Discussion and possible letter or CIS regarding ZA-2013-4121-CUB-PA1 / 5022 E York Blvd / Cote Est.

Virtual Hearing November 4th.

Public Comments: Gemma Marquez, Sylva Blackstone, Jas McBride

Motion to send a letter from Land Use to CD 14 and Planning that we did not get timely notice to consider this and that we would like the applicant to make a presentation to our committee and have NC put it on their agenda. Mirtala seconds.

Rick will write.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	7					1

Motion passes.

14.[10 mins] Discussion and possible motion to create a guideline manual for the HHPNC Land Use Committee to assist addressing Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permits. (Time: 3:05:00)

Public Comment: Gemma Marquez

Motion by Clara to have a special meeting to take public comment and give input on guidelines. Rick amends for a draft to be prepared before the special meeting. Rick seconds.

Miritala Sanchez will work with Rick.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas						X
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	7					2

Motion passes.

15.[10 mins] Discussion and possible motion to create a guideline manual for the HHPNC Land Use Committee to assist addressing Conditional Use Permits (CUP) and other Discretionary/By Right developments. (Time: 3:19:20)

Public Comment:

Gemma Marquez

Rick will come up with initial template. Miritala Sanchez will help as well.

Rick moves to prepare a draft and then hold a special meeting for public input. Mary seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas						X
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:						

Motion passes.

16.[5 mins] Discussion regarding updates from Northeast Community plan ad hoc committee.

Rick makes presentation: Northeast hasn't started plan. Had public hearing. In line to start after Boyle Heights. Will have to pick it up as a community. NE involves. Eagle Rock to Atwater. They will have what they want. Have Ad Hoc Committee. If any land use non board members don't have to follow Brown Act. Review before proposed. Had Public workshop. Proposed plan was not sent back.

Public Comments:

Sylva Blackstone, Gemma Marquez.

17.[5 mins] Discussion and possible action regarding commercial land use.

Theresa – came to my attention that this is an issue. Steve Crouch brought this up. It was at a July meeting. A bunch of commercial land use issues that we are overlooking. Questions about commercial properties. Starting to overlook commercial properties. Adjustments that aren't completely okay. Separate commercial land use committee? Things that we are missing. Would they be in the ENS report. One thing they would ask. Construction on York and Figueroa, former US Bank Building. Nothing went in. Was this done the right way. Theresa volunteers to look further into it.

Public Comment:

Sylva Blackstone, Gemma Marquez, Tani Kaye:

18. New Business

Theresa, LLC must control. Can hide identities series of property ownership. LLC's community has shown interest in.

Rick, Read an article about Santa Monica. Greenest municipal building in the world. Solar 100 percent. Take care of own waste. Sustainability something we are not talking about.

Clara Tree Webinar

Public Comment:

Gemma Marquez – Letter Land Use – For last 15 years. Committees may write a letter as long as they say it was a Land Use Letter. Reluctancy, don't know. Need to make sure we know. By Laws it is a responsibility to know.

19. Adjournment

Public Comment: None

Committee member Clara Solis moves to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Brendan seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Brendan Cronshaw	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						X
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas						X
Miritala Sanchez	X					
John O'Hara	X					
Total:	7					2

Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned at 10:52 p.m.