

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
 Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, September 15, 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	
Estrella Sainburg	X	
Theresa Elorriaga	X	
Rick Marquez	X	
Liz Strong	X	
Clara Solis	X	
Arturo Vargas	X	
Total:	7	

ACTION ITEMS

2. [2 min] Motion to approve agenda.

Public Comment:

Rose Serna point out for items 10 and 11, they say possible CIS, but not CIS since no council file will just be a letter. Christine Rivera, Towne Pizza, 5101 E. York Blvd. will be on the agenda next month.

Committee member Estrella moves to approve the agenda. Committee member Clara Solis seconds. Estrella amends motion to approve agenda with modification of amending item 9 to increase the time to 15 from 10 minutes. Rick seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Estrella Sainburg	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					

Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong						
	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Vargas						X
Total:	6					1

Amended Motion passes.

- [5 min] Motion to approve the 07/20/2020, Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes.

Committee member Estrella moves to approve the 07/29/2020 Committee Meeting Minutes. No one seconds.

Rick Marquez moves to table to next meeting. Clara Seconds.

Public Comments: Gemma Marquez Stated that it makes sense to table minutes but people who are going to approve will have to be people who were at that meeting.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Estrella Sainburg	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas						X
Total:	6					1

Motion passes.

- Chair's Report. Introduce self. A new board member. Follow Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Orders. Will reach out to anyone who has something on agenda. Recuse self on any item that will be a conflict of interest. Bio on Neighborhood Council website.
- General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items—Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.

Public Comment:

Gemma Marquez – Juarez would give updates make a point to let us know which items are coming down the pipeline. It has been a year without updates.

Sylva Blackstone – Previous action or agreement, Clara going to pick up mail. Don't know what happened on that. Two different mailings from the County of LA regarding voting. If you haven't got a mailing be sure to check into it to make sure you are registered.

- 6. [5 mins] Discussion and possible action regarding update on land use mail. [10 min] Agenda item. Theresa Rules committee.

Committee member Estrella moves to discuss and possible action on Land use mail. Committee member Clara Solis seconds.

Estrella: Two board members who were to pick up the mail. We will be addressing it through standing rules. I think we should make a report for reports. Keyholders should pick up the mail. Will check into scanned mail file.

Theresa: We have to come up with a process and send it to Rules. There is no Rules Committee besides me.

Rick: Board could decide. It has been about a year of not receiving mail. Bi-weekly process goes through email and snail mail. There is a backlog. There has been items come in electronically and different items come in by mail.

Clara: Do stakeholders have access? JD scanned it.

Rick motions to send request that the HHPNC need to set as an agenda item and set standards for PO Box and clarify how Land Use will get its mail and how often. Estrella Seconds.

Public Comment:

Gemma Marquez – Concerned about the uploading and delay and inaccessibility to Land Use Committee members. We are getting hard copies. Have a problem we have not seen anything come November.

Sylva Blackstone – There is a PO Box or is there different stuff coming to the mail box and different stuff coming on line.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Estrella S	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Mary Allison	X					
Rick Marquez	X					
Liz Strong	X					
Clara Solis	X					

Arturo Rojas						X
Total:	6					1

Motion passes.

7. [5 mins] Discussion and possible motion to schedule a Special Meeting regarding the proposed La Prada development and plan for conducting community outreach. [5 min] Agenda item. Schedule Meeting- Sept 30th
 Clara motions to discuss and action. Estrella seconds.

Discussion: Mary Allison, Estrella, Rick, Clara & Theresa: 3 lots build 18 small lots. At one of our Land Use Committee meetings. Came to share his design. Developer arrived late. Residents spoke first in opposition, but were not able to comment on design. Hearing on project: Hearing Office directed developer to update his design and present it to the Neighborhood Council for comments and letter. Hearing officer has not issued a decision on the case. Estrella spoke with the planner and gave her an update. Get names of individuals who wrote letters to planning to notify them of the date. Posted flyers in La Prada. Liz will help with flyers.

Clara Motions to Schedule Meeting Special Land Use Meeting for 6021-6029 La Prada on September 30th, to invite developer and do outreach. Rick seconds. Estrella a second. Rick Amend motion to invite Kevin De Leon. Clara seconds.

Public Comment:

Gloria Castro . Attended May 19th 2020 before department of City and Planning. CD 14 will live with a lot of consequences under the guise of urban Land Fill Like it was a foregone conclusion. There is another project right across street. Land Use should be aware that across the street another three houses are going to be demolished another large development. Strong opposition. Reside on Delphi Street. Land Use please include the link on how to find all the documents.

Caroline Aguirre: Was at the regular meetings. Developer was at meetings very sure of himself that it would be approved. Need to get onto Mike Feuer's re motion re pay for play stuff was supposed to address. Need massive community protest.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Estrella Sainburg	X					
Theresa	X					
Rick	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Liz	X					
Arturo Rojas						X

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Motion Passes.

ARTURO ROJAS JOINS MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 8:10 p.m.: HE HAD BEEN IN AUDIENCE.

- 8. [15 mins] Discussion, motion, and possible community impact statement or letter to board regarding "Sip-n-Snack" on [York ZA-2018-6727-CUB](#).

Rick motions to write a letter/CIS to HHPNC for board approval to ask Snip and Snack to appear before HHPNC board & Land Use and to attach CIS to City Council file. Board expressing opinion hasn't been presented to them. Rick will write the letter. Arturo seconds

Discussion: Rick Marquez, Estrella, Mary, Clara, Theresa – This cub came before us in January 2018. When they came and did a presentation, there was a moratorium. Moved on from there. Per there application, outreach to Historic Neighborhood Council. Huizar honored moratorium and denied them their license. Rule can be subject to reconsideration. They are in the process. They are waiting on DeLeon. Council will hear sometime in October 13th. Letter or CIS should say for new application that we haven't heard from applicant.

Public Comment:

Caroline Aguirre: – Remind you. Not going to serve any alcohol. But what they submitted included alcohol and extended hours. They came changed hours don't know what it is. Said they made a mistake. Don't know hours. Another place across the street. They lied. Rick you discovered their lies.

Gemma Marquez: There were false statements know exactly what they are proposing. More for a motion opposing.

Rosa Serna – This business is functioning right now. Operating w/o alcohol permit. Community been saying there is an over saturation of these in our neighborhood. If they sell the business, the alcohol permit goes with that, no control of what it becomes in future, even if it is for off site sale. Concerned haven't done outreach they have claimed.

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Mary Allison	X					
Estrella Sainburg	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					
Rick	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Liz	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					

Total:	7					
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Motion Passes.

9.

[10 mins] Discussion and possible action to designate an Ad-hoc Committee specifically for the Northeast Community Plan.

Estrella motions discuss and possible action. Liz seconds.

Discussion: Mary, Rick Theresa. Clara, Estrella

Rick. Big delay can't wait for them. Two people in charge of our area. Said they won't start are community until done with Boyle Heights and Downtown. Ad Hoc committee is more flexible. More room for dialogue. Need input now. Set amount of meetings and time. We need to be aggressive on what we want. They want what they want. We need to let them know what we want. Will report to Land Use Committee.

Theresa concerned about logistics, problem with committees.

Mary Allison motions for Rick and Clara to head an Ad-Hoc Committee for the NE Community Plan and post contact information on the HHPNC website for community members who are interested in joining. Liz seconds.

Public Comment:

Sylva Blackstone – Very important. Lot of the same issues. Plan for next 16 years. All of these issues that this committee is addressing will be set for many years in this plan.

Gemma Marquez – Flexible, collaborative should be open to everyone. What you want to see. Really important. Trainings offered helpful to community. We need to be heard.

Steve Crouch – Interested in being on ad hoc committee. Empower LA has monthly meeting called plan check NC. All about planning and zoning. First Saturday was last week. Mayor was at meeting. Can go back to listen to it.

Mirtala Sanchez – More of a question. Interested in joining the committee.

Antonio Castillo – Planning 101 taking place in October and November. Highlighting how the entitlement process is run. Focus on larger goals etc. Last update in 1999. Prior to Gold Line and development that has taken place. Entire board should be on this. 043 –

Gloria Castro – echo, get in front of face with new council member. Oversight plan. Good time to get our voices in. 10 years our community come in.

Interested in serving on the ad hoc committee: Steve Crouch and Mirtala Sanchez.

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Mary Allison	X					
Estrella Sainburg	X					
Theresa Elorriaga	X					

Rick Marquez	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Liz Strong	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Total:	7					

Motion Passes.

10. [10 min] Discussion, motion, and possible community impact statement to address safety issues at 6845 N. FIGUEROA due to absentee landlord at property.

Estrella motion to discuss and possible action. Clara seconds.

Discussion: Mary, Rick, Clara

Jake: Figueroa and Burwood. Hearing back in 2018. Absentee property owner who lives in Orange County. Does not maintain his site. Notice to comply. Magnet to graffiti etc. Has been a fire. Tell me to mind my own business. Hearing from neighborhood council. 8 small lots or townhomes. Lucy Aparicio is aware and dealt with it, but NC letter would help.

Estrella motion for a Letter/CIS for approval by board to developer VTT-77134-SL, to commission to CD 14, Building and Safety, CD 14, Councilman elect and others as well. Estrella will write letter, Jake and Clara will help. Rick seconds.

Public Comment:

Steve Crouch – Came before the land use – illegally demo’d it on Super Bowl Sunday. Should be held accountable.

Gemma Marquez – In support of motion as stated. Jake stay involved.

Gloria Castro. Two blocks from my house. Is an eyesore. Did get demo’d illegally. Walk across difficult to for seniors. School for blind right next door. Blind use that bus stop. Is a blight on community. Unanswered calls to 311. Development across from Burbank Middle School seniors have no sidewalk.

Rose S. Bad developer. Already wronged our community numerous times. Hazard in it’s current state. Tired of developers getting away with this. Board consider asking City Council and Mayor to expropriate this property turn into something our community actually wants and needs.

Sylva Blackstone. Something illegal here that should go to the City Attorney.

Rosa Rivas – This was taken down illegally. Council office was aware of what was happening there. We called the planning committee they were supposed to be cited. Charlie Fisher sent them a letter not supposed to knock them down. Planning department is aware. With the HHPNC and the Land Use Committee need to pay attention and follow through..

People come in do illegal stuff. I will follow through. Have name and number. Will give you the information. Charlie Fisher knows whole history.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Estrella Elorriaga	X					
Theresa	X					
Rick	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Liz	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Total:	7					

Motion Passes.

- 11. [10] Discussion, motion, and possible community impact statement to address concerns around the appearance of the new cell phone tower at the corner of York and Avenue 64 and possible solutions.

Estrella motion to discuss and possible action. Liz seconds.

Public Comment:

Rosa Rivas: Seven and a half years ago we met and they weren't supposed to put this up. It is so big and it is ugly. There was an agreement not going to put that tower there. Supposed to put a white box. CD 14 was involved, Sanae was there. This is put up there already. Do you know what we can do? I think it is AT&T. Is across from the gas station. Is it part of telephone pole. No.

Rose Serna – I live 3 or four hundred feet from this tower. Increase in headaches. Weren't given any information about this tower. Don't know what is doing. Connecting new utility poles to this tower. On Wednesday, they were installing additional utility poles on Wednesday during the evening. Extremely dangerous. Why weren't we notified. When something like this happens. Extremely loud and extremely loud. Why don't we get notified when something like this happens. People couldn't get out of building when this was happening.

Melanie Freeland: Definitely an eyesore. They go into low income neighborhoods. They have issues. Reach out to city, planning department Councilman elect for CD 14, property on Avenue 64. Anyone who owns property on York Blvd recuse yourself. Will help with research.

Gemma Marquez – Echo, they usually go into communities least resistant. Need to be more alert and pro-active.

Discussion: Rick, Clara, Mary,

Estrella - Idea shared with me via email. Health impacts. Visual mitigation olive green, attaching palm tree looking attachments, local art. Sit down with someone from CD 14 and learn more. Maybe a research step before we return here

Theresa E. – What Estrella saying more research needed. Not jump into a CIS. A citywide issue. Lived in HP. Is happening part. Install things in middle night. Installing multiple. Take to most appropriate area. Looking at a solution.

Arturo Rojas. This tower is very ugly, exposed. Not on top of building or billboard. Not sure if a minimum height. Height and what type of places they can be. Not taller than a tree.

Rick comments re recusal.

Estrella motions to meet with CD 14 to find out what they know about this cell tower and how this came to bring back next meeting. Mary seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Estrella	X					
Theresa			X			
Rick				X		
Liz Strong	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Total:	5		1	1		

Motion Passes.

12. [5 mins] Discussion and possible action on procedures for how to use land tracker and any necessary adjustments

Estrella motions to discuss and for possible action on procedures for the land use tracker. Clara Seconds.

Estrella shows land tracker and explains. Made everyone on Land Use an editor. Discussion: Theresa – This is awesome and good resource. Thank you Estrella. Related documents – little tab. Right now if someone lead on them to upload stuff. All responsibility on one person. Related documents. Link to a folder in tab.

Clara: Question re tabs on bottom. Should outside emails submitted to City Planning Department be included?

Rick: Can we put contact information. Can we have if anyone posts other than lead they initialize.

Public Comments:

Gemma Marquez – Great idea. Initialing additions.

13. Discussion and possible action to establish procedure for agenda setting and posting moving forward.

Estrella motion to discuss and possible action. Clara seconds.

Discussion: Theresa used Google Form. All questions pre-made to submit agenda items. Estrella deadline. Thursday 7 p.m. Mary Allison – People assigned for posting.

List:

Emails to empower LA - Mary.

Liz fire station. Secretary Robert printer. Minutes will be posted with agenda. 72 hours at window.

Roles for meeting.

Moderator - Mary.

Minutes – Clara

Posting of Audio - Estrella.

Share Screen - Liz.

Timekeeper - Liz

Bi Weekly report ENS – put on agenda – Theresa and Rick.

Snail Mail –

Public Comment:

Sylva Blackstone – Aren't these documents available from City Planning. Aren't they already scanned someplace. Can't we link them. Aren't they already scanned?

Estrella motions to approve list. Mary seconds

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Estrella	X					
Theresa	X					
Rick	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Liz	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Total:	7					

Motion Passes.

11. New Business

Rick letter appreciate.

Public Comment:

Gemma – Pressing issues. Hoping will re-visit two major items - Liquor/Alcohol guideline template and Development Guideline Template. Transparency and consistency when dealing with applicants on what to say and how to interact with applicants. New ideas better vision.

Public Comment: None

12. Adjournment

Estrella motion to adjourn and Arturo Rojas second.

Public Comment: None

Committee member moves to adjourn the meeting 10:06 pm. Committee member seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Mary Allison	X					
Estrella	X					
Theresa	X					
Rick	X					
Clara Solis	X					
Liz	X					
Arturo Rojas	X					
Total:	7					

Motion Passes.