

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
 Public Safety Committee Special Meeting Minutes
 13 January 2021 7:00 pm
 Location: Zoom

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - 7:04

Time:

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Caroline Aguirre		x
Duncan Gregory	x	
Mary Allison	x	
Boo Caban		x
Brendan Cronshaw		x
Steve Crouch	x	
Gemma Marquez		x
Rick Marquez		x
MaryLeigh Roohan	x	
Total:	4	

2. Discussion and motion to approve agenda

Public Comment:

Duncan moves to approve the agenda. Mary 2nd

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Caroline Aguirre						x
Duncan Gregory	x					

Mary Allison	x					
Boo Caban						x
Brendan Cronshaw						x
Steve Crouch	x					
Gemma Marquez						x
Rick Marquez						x
MaryLeigh Roohan	x					
Total:	4					

3. Discussion and motion to approve minutes from Public Safety's Special Meeting on 12/21/2020 (2 min)

Public Comment: none.

Duncan moves to approve the minutes. Mary 2nd

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Caroline Aguirre						x
Duncan Gregory	x					
Mary Allison	x					
Boo Caban						x
Brendan Cronshaw						x
Steve Crouch	x					
Gemma Marquez						x
Rick Marquez						x

MaryLeigh Roohan	x					
Total:	4					

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)

Public Comment: none

Stakeholder: none

5. Report: Senior Lead Officer Allen and Senior Lead Officer Chang from LAPD Northeast (5 min)

Senior Lead Officer Chang: 33603@lapd.online

Crime is down - a little early to tell what will happen. Main problem is auto theft and car break-ins. Repeat offenders. Good news: last shooting was 10 days ago and nobody was hit - gang related and graffiti related. Nobody was injured. Gang officers have been very proactive - 118 guns off the street.

Boo Caban joins at 7:13

Boo: Traffic control: Ave 61- Ave 56 Monte Vista. People are running stop signs.

SLO Chang: Will make a request to traffic control.

6. Begin a conversation about harassment and consider potential actions (5 min)

Committee Member

MaryLeigh: Brought to my attention that local vendors in Highland Park have been the consistent target of harassment including racial slurs. What can we do as a community about this?

SLO Chang: I’ll reach out to Officer Allen. If safety becomes a concern, we would like to know about it. Call the police and we will address it.

Rose: Rapid Response Network - hyper local. Put her in contact with the vendor. If there is harassment occurring, we could send someone to deescalate, stand in solidarity and make a report

Boo: If it’s in-person harassment - they could get a restraining order.

Mary: Another business had this issue and the restraining order ended up deescalating the situation

Duncan: Officer Chang - some units have officers on school campuses. Would there be an official who is more familiar with deescalation who would be appropriate?

7. PRESENTATION: Lorena Velasquez of Substance Use Prevention & Treatment Program - Division of Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine - Children's Hospital Los Angeles Marijuana Public Smoking survey presentation (15 min)

8. PRESENTATION: Mary Allison presents NPG for anti-firework campaign with Bob Baker Marionette Theater (15 min)

Mary A : Alex Evans Exec Director

The end product is a little less concrete than anti-firework signs. We need to decide what needs to be said for the PSA that we can present.

- **Fire hazard potential, negative effects for folks with PTSD, negative effects for pets**
- **Fire Department might have some insight**
- **Can we change the language of “anti-firework” - turn toward negative effects of illegal firework usage?**

MaryLeigh: maybe we can include - “plan” around real fireworks vs. fear around illegal fireworks

Boo: animals don't like it. Phone number to report?

Steve: get someone who has been hurt by fireworks to go around to schools.

Rose: making it educational instead of punitive could be impactful and people might think twice. Member of the LA Tenants Union - they have been trying to Ellis-Act evict the tenants next to the theater. This could have some impact on the way people perceive the video.

Tim: Fire Department might have videos. Fireworks manufacturing plant explosion may be a good “news item of the past” for reference. If the theater is trying to evict tenants, there might be some protection for that.

9. Quick Update: Air Traffic Control Report (2 min)
Stakeholder not in attendance.

10. Quick Update: Artwork collab Ave 50 (2 min)

MaryLeigh: I've been working on the three ideas from our last meeting and should have some NPG's ready to discuss with you next month. Zine workshop, poster contest and coloring book.

11. Discussion and motion Firework Signs (5 min)

QTY 50 18"x12" yard signs with H Stick \$7.50 X 50 = \$375.00 + tax

QTY 100 18"x12" yard signs with H Stick \$6.50 X 100 = \$650.00 + tax

From Quick'R Print'R - in Highland Park

Boo - not a fan of the red, white and blue. I like the sensitive household. Phone number may be misleading and unnecessary. Don't want it to be too aggressive. English and Spanish is important. Up year round is important. Maybe a banner? People respond to graphics. Needs to be something more universal.

Steve - need more hardline approach. I think we should have phone numbers and lobby the police to have more people on the phones. Red and white might be more effective.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Rose - agree with Boo. Patriotic color scheme is a little political. Phone number - should be encouraging people to have conversations with their neighbor, not report their neighbors. Sensitive Household works. Yard signs in general - not everyone has a yard. Lots of apartments in our neighborhood. Exclusionary.

Duncan motions to table this conversation until we have more diverse materials to discuss Steve 2nd

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12. Discussion/motion: to determine 3 to 5 goals for your committee to reach by end of board term (board term will either be early may or end of JUne. this is TBD by DONE). Please decide as a part of your goals the dates by when you would like to see any relevant agenda items on the general board agenda and any financial requests attached to your goals. (15 minutes)

Public Comment:

Rose: Beneficial to have some sort of campaign for interpersonal violence. Reality for a lot of households that can have lifelong effects on people. Something that is stigmatized and isn't talked about a lot. Resources and outreach with organizations who might be able to connect to resources, educational. Town hall.

Steve: Lobby the police department to be visible on the 4th of July. Trees drop huge limbs in the parks - San Pasqual Park. Someone is going to get killed. We need to do something about that.

Boo: Engage in a campaign to make the community aware of rat poison as a food chain. Sustainability issue, animals, kids, water. We need to make the community aware that rat poison has been outlawed.

Mary: Main focus is the Bob Baker Collaboration

Duncan: Ensuring the projects that we do have are transferred in a comprehensible way to the next board.

MaryLeigh: create a bridge between the Neighborhood Council and our unhoused neighbors to make accessing resources easier.

Rose: our unhoused neighbors are the victims of violence - assault, murder and destruction of property. Motion at city council - to allow park rangers

to be armed. This might be something this committee would want to discuss.

Steve: Rose, please run for the council. No cohesive method of dealing with these things. There needs to be someone.

13. New Business

Public Comment:

Stakeholder...

Committee Member

14. Adjournment

Duncan moves to adjourn the Public Safety meeting. Mary 2nd at 9:07

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