

Notice of Historic Highland Park Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, 4th February 2021 @7pm
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AGENDA

(Abstentions are neither in favor nor in opposition)

- I. Welcoming Remarks:
 - A. Call to Order: **Time: 7:05 pm**
 - B. Roll Call:

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

Not present: Theresa, Christina and Matt

- C. Virtual meeting protocol: Estrella explains the process of groups, the raise hand, Q/A disabled and time limits for board members and stakeholders. Code of conduct. If using the phone press 9 and raise hand features QA on Zoom is not to be used for the board to engage the community. There is not end time on the agenda, but we will still try and end as near to time as possible. When speaking on agenda item please only speak on it one time.

- 2. **Discussion/action:** Motion to approve agenda (5 min), Emily stated that there is a need for Latina Alliance presentation has a different speaker. MERS change due to not being published. Mary P.QA with the Congressman.
Public Comment: officer Chang, "I am here" Steve Crouch we would like to start a discussion grp with the new board.

Emily motions to approve the agenda with changes to the MER's and name change of the presenter in item 8A. Jeannie seconds the motion.

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A						x
Mary A.	x					
Ashely	x					
Brendan	x					
Robert	x					
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					

Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					
total	15	0	0	0	0	4

Motion carries.

3. 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: Steve Crouch By-laws revision, Cassie the increase of violence, York - Avenue 57. What are the material actions being done to keep the community safe? Gemma Marquez there is a public safety meeting February 12th Captain from CPAO will be there please attend. By-laws, some stakeholders do more then the committee members. Claudia from Mujeres de la tierra, I want to make my presence known. Feb 18th is the COVID experiece please email for information. Claudia@mujeresdelatierra.org. Tani Kay HPOZ meeting Feb 9th zoom. Discussion of the Skya development on the old RITEAID parking lot, we need to spread the word, can you put info on the HHPNC website? Estrella says yes, we can and there will be someone from the LUC to represent the letters of support. Williamson saying hi, I am running for the art director and I wanted to say hi. Brendan Hughes I am calling about the shooting on York and 57 I had to push my son to the ground and cover him. What is being done my police my wife went to a meeting and she felt there was this irreverence by the police regarding the increase of the violence. What is being done by the police?

4. Government reports/announcements (If you have questions that were not answered, please follow up with the presenter via email so that the meeting may proceed as scheduled (up to 5 minutes each):

- A. LA City Council District Representatives (CD1 and CD14). Bill Cody CD-1, things are happening in the community. Food drive at the 4 square church. We hope to have HHPNC there too. Vaccination sites, testing sites dodger stadium. CD-14 Sarah Flaherty: Sarah, Flaherty@lacity.org from the office of Kevin De Leon. Alice Royas, Alice.royas@lacity.org DeLeon sends his regards, please adhere to COVOD safety protocol. 311 call for bulky items we have a beautician truck, sanitation bin at the 4th Saturday afternoon. Cal State LA will be a vaccination site. Working to have to have one in HP.
- B. Mayor's Office: Veronica Planco@lactiy.org, None
- C. City Attorney's Office: None
- D. LAPD: Sgt Kim, Sgt Henderson, Lawrance Henderson Mark Allen crime issues. (213) 833-3745, 33729@lapd.online. Officer Chang stated that there have been 7 shootings and 4 homicides as a result. Raging gangs against another. Ave 50 and Terrace ave shooting not much info. Parole compliance unit out metro to our division as well. GRID also to come and help us. We will continue to give you information as we go.

- E. LAFD: none
- F. LAUSD: Board member Jackie Goldberg, Dr. Rocio Rivas, Labor Union school administrators working hard to have kids return to school. We are having a virtual town hall LA Public Health, Jackie Goldberg. Feb 18th 530-7pm. For questions please submit to LAUSD.net Grab and go going well Friday we had meals with milk. 100 million meals provided to our County.
- G. DONE: John Darnell, Empower LA monthly profile sent out please read it. Elections, candidacy ended Jan 26th, Feb 12 candidates release. On Feb 12 register on line to vote. Please go to LA City Clerk website to apply for mail in ballot. Vote by mail ends April 8th.
- H. LA Public Library: Sarah Moore (323) 255-0537. E-mail, ayosco@lapl.org. Ethiopian Dance February 13th 3pm please check the schedule. LAPL website and check event calendar. WWW.LAPL.ORG. Taxes, there is a tax page. There is a plenty of information.
- I. LA Parks and Rec: None
- J. State: Assemblywoman Wendy Carillo, Senator Maria Elena Durazo. Antonio Chappa from the office of La Board of Supervisors Hilda Solis ELA office. NELA Cal State Vaccination site. The supervisor wrote a letter to President Biden. He was in support. COVID safety measures. Sunday is Super Bowl there will be gatherings, Food distribution, Housing seminar Feb 10th 6pm its in Spanish. Wendy Carillo, Aldo Ramirez, I am a resident of HP I am very proud to live here. The needs of the community are up with EDD issues and people in the community not getting paid. We have been getting a lot of phone calls about frozen benefits. Plus, there have been a high number of Fraud situations that have affected by the Fraud and it freezes everything do to the system over correcting.
- K. Federal: Congressman Jimmy Gomez, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla - Discussion with Congressman Jimmy Gomez upon request to speak with community; stakeholders have opportunity to speak directly with the representative, Outreach Committee Co-Chair Jeannie Park facilitates (30 minutes). Please listen to audio for full coverage. There will be a listening tour for HP coming soon, wed 5-6 listening tour. Feb 10th. Estrella said that 42 people in audience. There are one minutes to ask questions. Questions from the audience are Peggy Painton, Wendy Legacki. Clara Solis, Rosa Rivas, Elise Garcia,

5. Rollover from previous meeting

A. Discussion/action: Motion to appoint up to 1 board member to Public Safety Committees (5 min).

Public Comment:

Duncan motions to appoint Emily S. to Public safety Renee seconds the motion

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

Robert	x					
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					
total	15	0	0	0	0	4

Motion carries.

B. Discussion/action: Discussion and possible action to remove one At-Large Director for violating Article V, Section 7 (Absences). The At-Large Director has missed three (3) regular scheduled consecutive Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meetings. Please click here for current version of the bylaws, which includes the Absence and Removal Policies: Estrella states that this is for the removal of Christina Esquibel from the board. John D. can we vote to remove her is she is not here. John states that yes as a board you can still vote w/o board member here. Emily says that Christina has been a great addition to the board, and she works so much as a social worker for CHLA. Maryleigh was Christina notified that we were voting on this today. Estrella said No reminder for February meeting but was notified for January's meeting. Mary A stated that we need clarity about board members missing meetings. Estrella in the past members were warned then they resigned they were not removed. Mary P. this is a hard decision, this is not about the Board member's character this is about the member's obligation to the board. Duncan asked about the member's roles and obligations, Estrella stated that the members has no obligations.

<https://highlandparknc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Corrected-HHPNC-approved-bylaws-11.10.2020.pdf>.

Public Comment: Clara Solis, Health Care Workers are our heroes. No notice? We don't know her circumstances, give her a chance. Nancy, I want to echo what Clara said, she is not here to defend herself. I cannot believe that you cut off Jimmy Gomez to kick someone off the boards what is the boards priorities. Gemma Marquez I am going to echo what has been said. We need to give her consideration. This needs to be tabled. Rosa Rivas is she a nurse? My daughter is a nurse, I never see her anymore since COVID we need to give her a chance.

Sylvia Cruz there are standards for the removal of a board member thru censure that need to be followed. 30-day notice before the item hits the agenda, Board of Commission new policies as of 20/20. Estrella commented that that in the 30 days there was 4th email in December, DONE and City Attorney office have been involved. Emily S. what is the difference between postponed and tabled? Wait I was going to make a motion, but I take it back. Erase it. Mary A states that she makes a motion to move forward with this agenda item as is, Jeannie seconds the motion.

Mary A. motions to remove Board Member for violating Article V section 7 Jeannie seconds the motion

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.		x				
Ashely		x				
Brendan		x				
Robert		x				
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee		x				
Duncan			x			
Elizabeth			x			
John		x				
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas			x			
MaryLeigh			x			
Estrella		x				
Mirtala			x			
Matt						x
Emily S.						
total	3	8	5	0	0	3

Motion fails.

6. Financial:

- 7. Consent calendar:** The following routine matters can be acted upon by one motion. Individual items may be removed by the Board for separate discussion items removed for separate discussion will be heard following **New Business items.**

A. Discussion/action: Motion to approve December 2020 MER (5 min) ([see supporting document](#)) (5 min).

B. Discussion/action: Motion to approve the December 3, 2020 General Board Meeting Minutes (see supporting document) (5 min).

C. Discussion/action: Motion to approve the January 7, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes (see supporting document) (5 min).

D. Discussion/action: Motion to approve January 2020 MER (5 min)

Estrella provided information on consent calendar, what it is used for and why it may be used. The MERs will be dropped.

Public Comment: None

MaryLeigh motions to approve the Consent Calender Mary A seconds the motion

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Ashely	x					
Brendan	x					
Robert	x					
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					
total	16	0	0	0	0	3

Motion carries.

8. Time-sensitive items

- a. Presentation from Latino Equality Alliance or other presentation (Theresa Elloriaga, 10 minutes). Kathryn Aquenza provided the presentation on the anti-oppression web seminars from Las Memorials, Teen grp as well, you will be given 20 dollars for attendance, there is criteria for the grp.

Public Comment: Clara Solis asked how to submit name for eligibility.

9. Community Impact Statements (Time-sensitive)

- a. Discussion/action: Discussion and motion to send letter of opposition to environmental effects and tree degradation due to poppy peak developments; recipients: UFD, CFAC, CD-14 (Land Use, Mary Allison, 10 min). Mara. Spoke about the Tree damage and the how it will affect the environment. Clara comprised the letter and John Collinson to speak. The trees are dying, and they will die, we are hoping that UFD can come down and look at them. We want the city to enforce law to protect these trees. The trees were illegally grated and then cut off some at the root. Emily S. states trees are the biggest defense for saving the climate.

Public Comment: Tom McKenzie Support the letter and witness of the construction\n, the Oak trees are in danger, the porta potty are still there too. Neara R. Support the letter Wildfire, Owls saving the trees. We need to hold the city officials accountable. Rosa Rivas please support this letter, I support it. Sylvia Cruz, HP are the first defenders and the last defenders in investing in the quality of life. NELA soul group Wendy Carrillo’s office we are trying to save your hillside. You guys are at the forefront.

Mary A. motions to approve letter of opposition of environmental effects and tree degradation regarding the Poppy Peak development Maryleigh seconds the motion

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	X					
Ashely						X
Brendan	X					
Robert	X					
Theresa						X
Christina						X
Renee	X					
Duncan	X					
Elizabeth	X					
John	X					
Jeannie	X					
Mary P.	X					
Nicholas	X					
MaryLeigh	X					
Estrella	X					

Mirtala	X					
Matt						X
Emily S.	X					
total	15	0	0	0	0	4

Motion carries.

10. Community Impact Statements (Non-time sensitive).

Discussion/action: Motion to submit letter supporting Children's Hospital of LA's request to update and add "no-smoking" signage at our neighborhood parks; recipients: (Public Safety, MaryLeigh Roohan, 5). MaryLeigh provides some info about this letter. Presentation by Lorena Velasquez.

Public Comment: Rosa Rivas.

Maryleigh motions to approve letter of support regarding no smoking signs in HP park sponsored by CHLA Mary A seconds the motion

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Ashely	x					
Brendan	x					
Robert	x					
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					

total	16	0	0	0	0	3
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Motion carries.

11. Administrative Items:

- A. Discussion/action: Motion to appoint up to 3 board members to Rules Committee (5 min). Feb 18th @ 7pm is the meeting. We need Board members. Duncan I would like to join. Duncan says that maybe an ADHOC can be devised and that we need to mend the relationship Estrella will join and Ashley volunteered as well.

Public Comment: none

Renee Motions to appoint Duncan, Estrella, Ashley to the Rules Committee Maryleigh seconds the motion

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Ashely	x					
Brendan	x					
Robert	x					
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					
total	16	0	0	0	0	3

Motion carries.

- B. Discussion/action: Create ad-hoc committee on housing, renters and homelessness, (Sasha Rapport). 5 min

1. **Structure:** Board member and stakeholder (Brown Act compliant)

2. **End date:** end of term
3. **Purpose:** The newly formed Housing, Renters, & Homelessness ad hoc Committee seeks to inform the community of local housing issues, to provide tenants assistance and information regarding their rights, to provide a platform for engagement with the unhoused in our community, to disseminate news about relevant policies, organizations, and events, to help strengthen local unhoused, housing, and tenants' rights laws and improve the connections between the community, the City Council office, and the Los Angeles Housing Department and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Estrella gave some feedback about the ADHOC reviewed mission and goal structure. Mary P. said thank you it needed, Maryleigh said whatever I and or public safety can do to help. Sasha has been doing a lot of work, tools for empowerment. Nicholas stated that goals align with the county, Sasha mission statement and supportive housing.

Public Comment: None

Elizabeth motions to approve the creation of the ADHOC committee for H.R&H Nicholas seconds the motion

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Ashely	x					
Brendan	x					
Robert	x					
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
Maryleigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					
total	16	0	0	0	0	3

Motion carries.

C. Discussion/action: Appoint up to 5 board members to Housing, Renter, and Homelessness ad hoc committee (Sasha Rappaport, 5 min). Estrella stated that a chair needs to be voted and stakeholders can be added.

Public comment: Steve Crouch thank you Sasha this is a tremendous service our community.

**Emily S. motions to appoint Renee, Duncan, Maryleigh, Robert to the HRH ADHOC committee
Jeannie seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily A	x					
Mary A.	x					
Ashely	x					
Brendan	x					
Robert	x					
Theresa						x
Christina						x
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					
Jeannie	x					
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt						x
Emily S.	x					
total	16	0	0	0	0	3

Motion carries.

12. Messages and reports - For all reports, please be considerate of the limited time we have together. If your update regards an agenda item, please consider leaving your update for the allotted time for the agenda item. All individuals providing reports are also highly encouraged to submit dates and information relevant to the public to the

outreach team for inclusion in public communications. Any extended updates are to be requested before the general board meeting to the President.

A. President’s Message (5 min). Letters, committee planning, big thanks to stakeholders for this, Elections: vote by mail application opens soon, it will be a March agenda item to help assist with filling the application. Please fill out survey with the Doodle pool. One more special meeting in March for board ethics. Goal not planned out in this agenda. Check you email for the newsletter. I am off from the 6th till the 13th I am off email, for zoom and zoom links please Robert and executive committee.

Public Comment: none

B. Committee Reports (2 min max each) -

i. Rules: forth coming

ii. Finance: Emily, 19,000 left in account election money, please lets wrap up by April 2021. Lutheran School and NPG given.

iii. Outreach: Jeannie, gifts cards, grab an go type thing for the paskages. 1,000 helping items, books partnering with others. Renee, volunteering for vaccinations, taking them.

iv Public Safety: Maryleigh, the increase of violence in the community we hear you. Public safety is having a town hall. Feb 10th 7pm Please come and voice your concerns.

v. Land Use: Feb 8th 7pm special meeting develop submission, Skya development. Please join this special meeting.

vi. Sustainability: Emily S 100 trees planting has been started. Please take the survey regarding the planting whereabouts. See the website at your leisure. Jimmy Gomez and Kevin DeLeon, Great to hear what they had to say about sustainability.

vii. Youth and Education: Robert Feb 28th Transportation web and March 19 mental health forum.

viii. Elections: Duncan support for new members who are coming, Emily and the budget hopefully hosting a community event, vote by mail. Goal local business to host Candidate Forum. NE community plan ADHOC committee have to give permission.

C. Liaison & Alliance Reports (2 min max each). Mary P. ARC housing and housing plan, Emily Spokes sustainability nothing to report.

D. Budget Advocates Report (5 minutes).

E. Board member announcements (5 min maximum). Estrella spoke about letters recipients, email Jamie. Duncan asked about the vote regarding Christina.

13. Requests/future agenda items: Maria Mastroianni, fireworks, in the community, joy riding, loud, I would like to get involved as a stakeholder.

14. Adjournment.

Emily S. motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 pm Jeannie seconds the motion

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

Theresa						X
Christina						X
Renee	X					
Duncan	X					
Elizabeth	X					
John	X					
Jeannie	X					
Mary P.	X					
Nicholas	X					
MaryLeigh	X					
Estrella	X					
Mirtala	X					
Matt						X
Emily S.	X					
total	16	0	0	0	0	

Motion carries.

THIS IS THE Q/A FROM ZOOM HHPNC 2-4-21

Antonio Chapa 07:06 PM

Antonio Chapa

Claudia Corona 07:27 PM

Claudia Corona, Community Engagement Director, claudia@mujeresdelatierra.org

Clara Solis 07:34 PM

Zoom link to HPOZ meeting on the SKYA Co-Living project on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 6 p.m. <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/84824753697>

Password: 963462

Dial IN: 1 669 900 9128 Webinar ID: 848 2475 3697

Clara Solis 07:38 PM

Zoom Link to 10 unit Small Lot project at 511 - 517 N. Avenue 50 Hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 10th, at 10:30 a.m.
<https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/87985636097> MeetingID: 879 8563 6097 Passcode: 561285

Clara Solis 07:40 PM

Monday, February 8th , 7 p.m. Special HHPNC Land Use Committee Meeting re 511 - 517 N Avenue 50

Clara Solis 07:40 PM

zoom link: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/87985636097>

Clara Solis 07:41 PM

Meeting ID

: 879 8563 6097

call into:

(669)900-9128

Elsie Garcia Los Angeles 08:35 PM

Is this open to the public?

Charles Blumsack 08:35 PM

Stakeholder or only boardmember?

Antonio Chapa 08:46 PM

Signing off. Thank you all.

Sasha Rappaport 09:56 PM

First, THANK YOU!

Second, how dowe set up the first committee meeting?

