

Notice of Historic Highland Park Homesless, Renters, and Homeless Committee Meeting and Agenda
 April 21, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call
7:02 P.M.

Committee Member	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	RECUSED	INELIGIBLE	ABSENT
Sasha Rappaport	X					
Duncan Gregory	X					
Renee Garcia	X					
Robert Diaz	X					
Steve Crouch	X					
Rose Serna						X
MaryLeigh Roohan						X
TOTAL	5					

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

ACTION ITEMS (Abstentions are neither counted in favor or in opposition)

2. Discussion and motion to approve today's agenda
 Sasha Motions, Renee Seconds

Public Comment: None

Vote = all in favor

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Rose Serna						X
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3. (5 mins) Discussion and motion to approve last month's meeting minutes.

Sasha: motions to approve, Robert seconds.

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MaryLeigh Roohan						X
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Motion carries

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)
 Steve: wants clarification regarding email and the Brown Act.
 Sasha & Mary Leigh - If you’re just disseminating information BCC everyone on the email, more of an issue if there is a group discussion outside of a public forum.

Public Comment:

Terry: wants to join the committee
 Johnavalos Rios - needs support and hasn’t received from Sarah Flaherty yet, is a senior on social security and wants to stay in Highland Park.
 Alex -

5. (2 mins) Update on LA City Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
 Sasha: if anyone needs assistance or has lost housing due to COVID, please call 833-373-0587 ; hsidla.lacity.org

Public Comment: None

6. (5 mins) Update on SELAH Eagle Rock Chapter’s Homeless Outreach and Distribution Program for Highland Park (Natalie & Cooper, Volunteers with SELAH)
 Natalie/Cooper: NPG was deposited 4/5/21, have been doing outreach prior, have brought supplies such as water, food to unhoused neighbors. There have been no social media posts about volunteer opportunities yet. Slots for May are now up on volunteer local and will send copy to Renee to post. Saturdays/Sundays volunteer opportunities: food purchasing and bagging on Saturday, weekly outreach begins 10:30 am Sundays. Sunday volunteers need to observe first.
nataliewarner3@gmail.com please contact me for any questions.

Public Comment:

Jane: Commends Natalie/Cooper. Wants each volunteer to go through the observation service, don’t post the volunteer, contact Jack or Jane via email to connect volunteers correctly.
 Steve: Not enough conversation around mental health, what work has been done to repair brains using complementary medicine.
 Jane: state law that prevents intervention unless the person has given permission.

7. (10 mins) Discussion and possible motion to approve CIS in support of Council File: 21-0002-S83 California Guaranteed Health Care for All Program (CalCare) (Sasha Rappaport)
 Sasha: California Guaranteed Healthcare for All AB1400: Would establish a single-payer healthcare system which would ensure all CA people regardless of income, citizenship, to receive care. Was

brought to City by Bonin and Raman. Were over 5,600 cases of COVID in Highland Park and 92 deaths. As of 2008, 13% of population uninsured. This would take away the fear some have of treating illnesses like COVID due to lack of insurance. California can afford to make sure every person in the state can get the medical care that they need, studies show this would save cities money.

Steve: Would this leave private insurance intact, and how does this compare to Medi-Cal?

Sasha: No - all primary services that were described would be covered by this single-payer healthcare system, people could get supplemental private insurance, it would replace private insurance so there is no competition between private/public just additional supplemental coverage.

Duncan: Define single payer-healthcare please - one public entity paying for folks' healthcare.

Public Comment:None

Duncan motions, Sasha seconds.

Vote:

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Motion carries

8. (10 mins) Discussion and possible motion to approve CIS in support of CIS CF 11-1973-S2 Adaptive Reuse Ordinance (Sasha Rappaport)

Sasha: will allow to convert often vacant or unused historic buildings into new uses. This ordinance will include option to include supportive and transitional housing, adaptive reuse. This CIS asks for an update to include those types of housing to become eligible for adaptive reuse of vacant or historic buildings.

Public Comment:

Jane - supports the CIS.

Allison - does this mean that the buildings that go through quicker approval process to only be used to traditional housing or is it possible these could be used for retail?

Duncan: Yes they are, but this will update it because it doesn't currently allow the option to include supportive and transitional housing when it's an option to use the adaptive reuse ordinance.

Renee motions, Robert seconds.

Vote:

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Motion carries

9. (10 mins) Discussion and possible motion to send letter in support of AB 854 Reform of Ellis Act

Sasha: Speculators are buying up Rent stabilized buildings then claiming bankruptcy, destroying the building, then rebuilding condos in its place. 27,000 units have been taken off the rental market using the Ellis Act. This removes affordable units stock in the city and leaves tenants unprotected, and forces people from their rental units. AB854 would change and establish the initial intention was of Ellis Act, by making sure all owners of building will have owned it for at least five years to ensure the quick purchases won't happen again. Intention is to protect smaller mom/pop rental units who do choose to get out of the business of rental property and stop the more speculative property owners with intentions to destroy/rebuild/buy up properties. State measure is to amend/commit to supporting AB854.

Steve: I am in favor.

Public Comment:

Jane: Unfortunately the bill didn't make it out of the housing committee, it was defeated but doesn't mean that the legislature will stop nor the tenant advocates will stop to repeal/amend the Ellis Act. You can still submit a letter to support repealing - we are the only state in the union that has such a wicked bill.

Johnavolos: Ellis is being used in Chinatown to get rid of everyone there, would like statistics showing seniors.

Jane: subsidized housing can be found via HSID. When the Chinatown covenant expired, it was purchased privately and began evicting people. jane.demian1@gmail.com

Robert Motions

Duncan: Seconds.

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Motion Passes

10.(10 mins) Discussion & Possible motion to approve CIS in support for Councilmember Raman’s suggested Amendments to the Draft Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (CF# 14-0268-S13)

Sasha: update to language on anti-harassment, has been a tendency to harass people to the point where they have no choice but to leave their home. In 2018 there were over 10,000 requests to reduce harassment. These proposed changes will refine language to deter landlords in engaging in harassment. Only housing and nonprofits available, this will expand to allow legal representation and allow renters to fight harassment.

Public Comment:

Jane: Does the letter ask attorneys fees to be awarded to the party that wins? Attorneys won’t take unless there are fees, can we add this to the letter. Contact SAGE/ACE and show up at the next city council meeting where they will review this.

Terri Smith: Covenant of quiet enjoyment - not sure why this isn’t into play here, it’s written into every lease.

Sasha moves to update with Jane’s suggestions

Robert Seconds

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11. (5 mins) Discussion and possible action for Point-in-Time Homeless Count April 29th ERNC / HHPNC.

Sasha: We are working with Eagle Rock to set up a homeless count for both neighborhoods. Every year LASA runs a city-wide homeless count, due to covid did not do that this year. Will run on April 29th, 7pm, and looking for volunteers, please email me to get access to the sign up volunteer link. We need to make 2 signs and get materials for everyone to check in. The cost of a large foam board is two signs for \$144 to get them printed/created Eagle Rock is printing their own materials. Would like this to be reimbursed through HHPNC.

Duncan: If you go to our social media bios you can find the event link and sign-up. Pod system for people that are interested, hopefully this is going out on our social media tomorrow.

Public Comment:

Jane: ERNC could print them without HHPNC logo on it through Super Copy, get confirmation by Friday. Most importantly need volunteers.

Sasha: Could front the money, could request for reimbursement from Sarah Flaherty

Robert: will email Monica, and move a special meeting over

12.(5 mins) Discussion and possible action regarding review and distribution of renters rights flyer created by Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) Tenants Rights Legal Clinic, as well as list of Tenant Rights Orgs

Sasha: Can register through Zoom or via email.

Public Comment:

Jane: Could have HSID come and give a presentation.

13.New Business: Steve wants to push forward discussion of mental health. Jane: State law should be amended to provide conservatorship to those who really need it. The City of LA doesn't have our own mental health department, so we would have to go to the County to BOS.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Sasha Motions, Steve Seconds

Public Comment: None.

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Motion passes.