

Notice of Historic Highland Park Homesless, Renters, and Homeless Committee Meeting and Agenda
 May 19, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call
7:03 P.M.

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

Motion carries

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

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

Public Comment: None

Vote = all in favor

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Motion carries

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

Sasha: motions to approve, Duncan seconds.

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| Renee Garcia | | | | | | X |
| Robert Diaz | X | | | | | |
| Steve Crouch | X | | | | | |
| Rose Serna | | | X | | | |
| MaryLeigh Roohan | | | | | | X |
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Motion carries

- 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 - Amount of fee for relocation
 - Jane - HCID determines fees based on consumer price index. Last year David Ryu made a motion to increase the amount for relocation fees. We should reach out to see where that motion is and get that restarted. Reach out to councilmembers.
 - Steve - Disabled and elderly need help, council is not doing enough
 - Jane - Agrees
 - Steve - campaign contributions have a lot to do with it. It should be proportionate to the real estate values in the area. We can look into it.

Public Comment:

Johnavalos - Nice to be back with you all. Hello Jane, you began to advise me on where to go. Now I am 65 and I went to the 2 sites, but I need help with the websites. Thank you for inviting me to this meeting. It is really diheatening that the city council tries to look good, they make temp housing for the homeless, but we need places for people like me, disabled seniors. I have nowhere to go in Highland Park.

5. (5 mins) Update on SELAH Eagle Rock Chapter’s Homeless Outreach and Distribution Program for Highland Park (Natalie & Cooper, Volunteers with SELAH)

Natalie/Cooper: For the last few weeks we have been using the NPG to do our weekly sunday outreach. For anyone that is interested in volunteering for Sat or Sun outreach.

Nataliewarner3@gmail.com, shoot me an email if you want to volunteer.

Sasha - When is the next NPG due.

Natalie - Each week we spend around 200 dollars, we have someone on the team that tracks the numbers and we are good for now, we have other sources and fundraising. I dont think we have to worry about it yet.

Sasha - we may need to start preparing for our June meeting to agenize and bring to the July meeting.

Duncan - Theresa Saso is here, who is the new homeless lead on the new board. Thank you for being here. We should all get on a call to discuss goals for the next term.

Sasha -Welcome and thank you for joining.

Public Comment:None

6. (5 mins) Update on the joint Eagle Rock & Highland Park Homeless Count (Jane & Sasha)

Sasha: As we discussed last meeting, we did a joint point-in time homeless count. We found that the overnumbers of unhoused in both neighborhoods did not increase, but the numbers of tents and makeshift structures did significantly since last year.

Jane: We had a great count, the number of tent, rvs, and makeshift shelters increased. The fact that during covid there were not many services and there was also emergency protections. People in tents did not have to move in order to prevent the spread of Covid. People that lost their vehicles moved into tents. This is comparing against the LAHSA count in 2020, so chances are that the quality of life was much worse do to loss of services, bathrooms, etc so SELAH and other volunteer groups made it to the streets to help those people on the streets. There will be a press release soon. These changes were the results of COVID and there is no housing available temp or permanent for unhoused Jane.

Sasha - Thank you Jane, it was great to have both our NCs work together for this event.

Public Comment:None

7. (30 Mins) Presentation, followed by Q&A, on COVID-19 tenant protections, rent assistance programs, and other topics related to supporting renters in Highland Park (John Parks, Coalition for Economic Survival)

See Video recording posted to the website.

Sasha - Thank you so much John, we greatly appreciate you coming here tonight and presenting to our community on these important topics. We are planning on making this presentation available to our community through the HHPNC Website. I would now like to open things up to questions from the community.

Jane - Thank you very much John, for the excellent presentation. I have been following these issues for a while. Questions with the LA City protections. They were started in March 2020 and no expiration uyet. According to the city protections tenants have 1 year to repay the past due rent. The state law has a different time period. State is March of 2022. That as of June of 2022 for the city of LA is time period for repayment.

John - Thank you Jane, one of the side effects of SB91 is it undercuts the city protections. The passage of that law, tenant have that time set. That is just focusing on the repayment of rent, the protections like no fault evictions do remain until the emergency order is lifted. Repayment of rent due to the state law.

Steve - First of all, what presentation of rental units in the city are rent controlled

John - Around 60% anything before 1978 is rent stabilized.

Steve - Reconcile the number of rent burdened vs rent stabilized.

John - Even though there is rent control laws applied to 60% of properties, we don't have vacancy de-control, so when tenants leave and rents go up. Rent burdened are those that are paying more than 30% of their income on rent.

Steve - If an owner wants to maximize their profits on an RSO building,

John - Due to vacancy decontrol, if a tenant leaves, they can increase the rents to whatever they want.

Steve - does the city have a record of tenants, so if a speculative something, or a wrong was committed. Does the city keep those records.

John - So if a tenant leaves

Steve - no if the city has a record of all tenants

John - They do have a rent registry but it is a internal housing dept record

Steve - I dont care about public access

John - They do keep that yes

Steve - Tenant who have been Elis Acted, does the city keep that info. I dont know if they were Elis Acted, or cash for keys, I would like to know if that information is retained.

John - I dont believe the housing department keeps records for Elis Acts, but CIS does keep records around the ant-eviction mapping for Elis building, not of people.

Steve - They should, where would we start at the city or state level

John - I dont know, but we should look into that. Call the city council look into it and hear from community members that this is important.

Steve - relocation fees increasing could serve as a disincentive for starting a project if fees are prohibitive. Another questions - is a mom or pop landlord is foreclosed on, when it is sold, the tenant will all be evicted.

John - Tenants do not need to leave if a building is in foreclosure, the only thing that changes is who renters write their check to. Landlords will bully tenants to make them leave, but tenants to not have to leave.

Steve - there should be a way

Rose - I applied to the city for rent relief, have you heard anything

John - there is a way you can check the status of your application. I need to look into it on the housing website. What is going on, has it been approved. If you go to HCIDs website and look up the status of applications. Enter in your app number and check your status.

Rose - TY

Jane - Ask about the Elis Act, my understanding once the building has been Elised, the units are taken off the rental market. The owner cannot reren those units for 10 years, so HCID would need to keep track of those units and the tenants of those units, they have a right to come back to reren it, and make a claim. CES was involved to put into place.

John - The only reason why I have mentioned that is because compliance and proactive engagement is extremely lacking and the burden of proof is put on the tenants. Very few times that a tenant is able to reren form a landlord that has fallen out of compliance. Call city council to ask that HCID take a more active roll, protect tenants that are elis evicts and give them their due justice.

Jane - If there is a cash for keys offer, tenants do not have to accept and are often harassed and HCID and rights groups to a better job to educated tenants that they do not have to take the offer and stay.

John - Tenant Anti-Harassment ordinance can really help, reach out to city council

Elaine - Contribute to the HCID app process, I called and they have still reviewing apps and have still not processed anything yet.

Sasha - Thank you. We hope to do this again.

John - Your are welcome

Robert - The translation service was a great touch

Public Comment:

8. (10 mins) Discussion and possible motion to approve CIS in support of the establishment of the Municipal Bank of Los Angeles (MBLA) (Council File 19-1235)

Sasha - The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council recommends that the Los Angeles City Council advises, through its Economic and Jobs Development Committee, the City's Office of Finance support the establishment of the Municipal Bank of Los Angeles (MBLA). The Los Angeles public bank has the potential to improve critical aspects of community life, such as affordable housing, small business development, and infrastructure. Today, all city projects require money. Crucially, our city pays interest on every loan they take out with our tax dollars, which is paid to private commercial banks. A public bank would finance public works at a fraction of the price of private capital and operate according to a public mandate, serving the interest of the city and its people. The MBLA would accept and insure city deposits, ensure liquidity, and provide all the banking and purchasing services the city requires. It would make prudent, targeted loans to the city itself, as well as to responsible parties in sectors of the local economy where capital would make a measurable difference in the lives of Angelenos. The Municipal Bank of Los Angeles will provide a public alternative to the vital function of banking by placing the institution's loyalty toward people and planet—all while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility toward responsible financial management within this ethical framework. In this way, all bank policies will reflect a pro-people and policy agenda. The MBLA will make loans to support affordable housing

development, in the form of both construction loans and long-term bond and mortgage loans for multi-unit housing developments. A Municipal Bank could, over time, be expanded to become a significant supplier of long-term affordable housing credit. A Municipal Bank could fund a property acquisition program that would acquire existing rental properties and place them into permanently affordable cooperative housing arrangements and land trusts, as well as work with a regional housing authority to fund social housing. A Municipal Bank will help ensure that future housing development that is linked to publicly funded transit investments does not result in rampant and widespread displacement of residents of predominantly African American, Asian, and Latino working class neighborhoods. A Municipal Bank will help address the environmental crisis and reduce the impacts of climate change by financing clean energy infrastructure, increasing renewable-energy lending, and incorporating sustainability investment goals into the City's redevelopment plan. A Municipal Bank will be chartered with socially and environmentally responsible mandates. This includes a transparent Board of Directors and an anti-corruption ethos to ensure the bank operates under sustainable and ethical guidelines. The bank's lending activities would be subject to strict mandate to adhere to its principles and fulfillment of its public policy goals, including a Public Commission made up of local stakeholders to oversee the bank and ensure it is meeting its anti-corruption mandates.

Public Comment: None

Steve motions, Duncan seconds.

Vote:

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9. (5 mins) Discussion and review of HRH Website
[\(https://highlandparknc.com/housing-renter-homelessness-ad-hoc/ \)](https://highlandparknc.com/housing-renter-homelessness-ad-hoc/)

- Sasha - we have added these resources to the HRH page on the HHPNC website and want to make sure we make them available to as many people as possible.
- Duncan - we are looking into the same thing at the Outreach committee and seeing why people come to the website and how to make page that provides for people
- Sasha -Great, look forward to join and helping
- Duncan - We can also cut up the video to make a short 1 minute for social media that links to the main video.
- Sasha - Great, lets do that, happy to help. We want to get the full video added to the website.
- Rose - The details need to be updated for LA Tenants union, we should include the details for the HP chapter.
- Sasha - I will reach out and get those details and update what we have. Thank you Rose.

10. New Business:

- Sasha - We will be submitted the Anti-tenant Harrasmanet Ordinace CIS to the general board next month, wants to bring that up because it is something John talked about.
- Rose - is the CIS for the Raman Amendment

Sasha - Yes, exactly. Also includes a statement on Tenant Right to Counsel.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Sasha Motions, Duncan Seconds

Public Comment: None.

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Motion passes.