

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
28 June 2021 7:05pm
Location: ZOOM
Los Angeles, CA 90042

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

7:09pm

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Emily Spokes	X	
Danny Obeler	X	
Steve Crouch	X	
Estrella Sainburg	X	
Chrissy Cerven	X – 7:14pm	
Matt Saunders		X
Elizabeth Kerstein		X
Erica Rice		X
MaryLeigh Roohan		X
Total:	5	4

Note: If a committee member arrives after call to order you must write in time arrived. If committee member leaves before adjournment you must note the time he/she leaves.

2. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items—Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s jurisdiction (Limited to 5 min, max 1 min per speaker)

Public Comment: Gemma Marquez, Steve Crouch, Trent Wolbe

3. Chair’s Report

Commented [D1]:

Report.

ACTION ITEMS (Abstentions are not recorded as either in favor or opposition)

4. [2 min] Motion to approve agenda.

Public Comment: None

Committee member Emily Spokes motions to approve the agenda. Committee member Estrella Sainburg seconds.

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Motion carries.

5. [5 min] Motion to approve the XX/XX/XXXX, XXX Committee Meeting Minutes.

Commented [D2]: N/A

Public Comment: Name, Name, Name

Committee member motions to approve the XX/XX/XXXX XXX Committee Meeting Minutes. Committee member seconds.

	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
NAME	X					
NAME	X					
NAME	X					
NAME	X					
NAME						X
Total:	4					1

Motion carries.

6. Agenda item: LaCompost NPG that never was paid and next steps (2 min)

- More accountability is necessary

Public Comment: None

7. Agenda item: Discussion about miniforests presentation by Aleigh Lewis (10 min)

- Targets a combination of wildlife, resilience, and fast growth
- Diverse and densely packed
- Benefits of trees: Carbon sequestration, air purification, cooling, water storage, soil health, and wildlife habitat
- Example: 30 trees per 100 square foot
- Urban targets: 2000 – 4000 square feet for 700 – 1400 trees, with no underground plumbing or overhead wires, and easy community access
- Weeding is required upfront, but no long-term pruning
- Natural Urban Forests, funded by Sugi Projects, is working with a with landscape architect (Terremoto) for native test plots, including one in Debs Park (working with Audubon Society)
- Reach out to Aleighlewis@gmail.com for information

Public Comment: Heinrich Keifer

8. Agenda item: Discussion of possible second CIS to all elected officials in regards to ESA of York Park with deadlines (20 min)
- CIS to be posted on Highland Park website under the York Park Docs
 - Better organization of notes is required
 - Mario's recommendation: Send CIS to Department of Toxic Substance Control (California)
 - i. Contact info requested
 - Work with Neighborhood Council's outreach committee to use Highland Park social media account to encourage contacting Darrell Ford (City Planning for Parks & Rec.) and Kevin de Leon + staff to reply directly to CIS
 - No future task force meeting needs to be set for now

Public Comment: Heinrich Keifer, Mario Lopez, Gemma Marquez

9. Agenda item: Discussion and possible motion to write a CIS and take to restaurants to ask them if they are composting and reduce plastic waste in the kitchen (10 min)
- Possible in-person outreach work regarding plastic waste, switching to compostable utensils, and/or using a compost service
 - Grace works at ReThink Disposable and is interested in supporting the cause
 - i. Emily will sync up

Public Comment: Grace Lee

10. Agenda item: Discussion and possible motion to submit bike rack request for neighborhood Bike Racks
- Brought to our attention by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance
 - Bike Rack request form (for city-owned, public use bike racks):
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ItMB5ys_HINRBJ9O6JSiguuymAWg1PBa3O5IBI4bMA4/viewform?edit_requested=true

11. Discussion and possible motion to form a committee to help make suggestions for Garvanza Park improvements: bathrooms for all; shade for kids playgrounds; possible community garden; grass replacement; trees, etc. (10 min)

- A lot of room for improvement of uses and opportunities at this location, especially shade and bathroom access
- Bathroom efforts have been previously blocked for no clear reason
- Recommendation: Communication with Rosa Rivas (local stakeholder, involvement with Garavanza Improvement Association)

Public Comment: None

12. Discussion about Poppy Peak (10 minutes)

- Opportunity to ask how the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee may be able to support
- Steve is very familiar and will coordinate with stakeholders
- Current hiatus on development, but development wants to continue

Public Comment: None

13. New Business

- Gemma: Roundabout proposal for Meridian and Ave 50 with open house on 6/29/2021
 - i. Public comment on need for better enforcement along other streets
- Steve: Trees
 - i. Tree at Ave. 66 and York needs to be considered
 - 1. Possibly diseased and encroachment
 - 2. Ongoing communication with Hector Banuelos (from Urban Forestry)
 - ii. Lincoln needs to be considered
 - 1. Issues with sidewalk and curb
 - 2. Encroachment near apartment building parking garage
 - iii. Follow up needed with CD-14 staff
 - 1. Including a quick-response plan, per the Sustainability Alliance template

Public Comment: None

14. Adjournment

Public Comment: None

Chrissy Cerven motions to adjourn the meeting 09:00pm. Danny Obeler seconds.

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