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HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Historic Highland Park General Board Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2021 - 7:00 pm

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1. 7:03 PM CALL TO ORDER

a. Meeting Called to Order by President

2. 7:04 PM ROLL CALL

a. Call of the roll and certification of a quorum by Secretary

Present:

Mary Allison, Harry Blumsack, Albert Ching, Steve Crouch, Camille Demano, Linalee Dennis, Robert Diaz, Terrence Elorragia, Duncan Gregory, Ghazal Hashemi, Ramona Mikelson, Samantha McBride, Theresa Saso, Emily Spokes

Absent: Emily Aldrich, Shanna Oskin

Ghazal Hashemi left at 8:30pm

Albert Ching left at 9:15PM

3. 7:08 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to approve agenda

Board comments: Duncan,

Public comments: Virginia Penaloza, Gemma Marquez

Motion to approve agenda.

Motioner: Emily S.

Second: Mary

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						x
Mary Allison	x					
Harry Blumsack	x					
Albert Ching	x					
Steve Crouch	x					
Camille Demano	x					
Linalee Dennis	x					
Robert Diaz	x					
Terrence Elorragia			x			
Duncan Gregory	x					
Ghazal Hashemi	x					
Ramona Mikelson	x					
Samantha McBride	x					
Shanna Oskin						x
Theresa Saso	x					
Emily Spokes	x					
Total:	13	0	1	0	0	2

Motion carries.

4. **7:12 PM GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - [submit here](#) or email duncan.gregory@highlandparknc.com

Board comments: Duncan

Public comments: Mario Lopez, Clara Solis, John Vangelisti, Jonathan U. (Green Earth COLLECTIVE)

5. **7:20 PM GOVERNMENT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Strong plea to only report if information cannot be emailed to the community. If the public has questions that were not answered, please follow up with the presenter via email so that the meeting may proceed as scheduled (up to 2 minute each)
- a. LA City Council District Representatives (CD1 and CD14) - Bill Cody (CD 1), Alice Roth (CD 14)
 - b. Mayor's Office - None
 - c. City Attorney's Office - None
 - d. LAPD - None
 - e. LAFD - None
 - f. DONE - John Darnel
 - g. LA Public Library – Sarah Moore
 - h. LA Parks and Recs - None
 - i. State - None
 - j. Federal - None
6. **7:34 PM MESSAGES AND REPORTS** - 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. Committee Reports (2 min each)
 - i. Rules - Harry
 - ii. Finance - Samantha
 - iii. Outreach - Robert
 - iv. Public Safety - Duncan
 - v. Land Use - Mary
 - vi. Sustainability – Emily S.
 - vii. Youth and Education – Duncan

- viii. HRH Ad Hoc – Duncan, Sasha Rappaport
- ix. Arts Ad Hoc – Ramona
- x. Public Comment – Duncan
- b. Liaison & Alliance Reports (2 min max each) – Terrence (Data Liaison, LGBTQ+ Liaison) Emily Spokes (Sustainability Liaison),
- c. Budget Advocates Report - None

Public comments: Clara Solis

- 7. **7:56 PM PRESENTATION:** Voting information regarding the California gubernatorial election - Tani Kaye (10 min)

Board comments: Emily S, Samantha

Public comments: Clara Solis

- 8. **8:07 PM PRESENTATION:** Educate Our Community, a curriculum development company that designs equity-based engineering design curriculum - Lindsay Kwock Hu (10 min)

Board comments: Terrence, Emily, Duncan

Public comments: Clara Solis

- 9. **8:27 PM POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF VACANT SEATS AND EXPLANATION OF REMOVAL PROCESS ([link to application](#)):**
 - a. 2 Senior Stakeholder Board Member Seats
 - b. 1 Youth Board Member Seat
 - c. [Removal Process Language](#)

Board comments: Duncan, Emily

Public comments: Miriam Torres, Clara Solis

Motion to have special meeting to fill board vacancies

Motioner: Duncan

Second: Emily Spokes

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						x
Mary Allison	x					
Harry Blumsack	x					
Albert Ching	x					

Steve Crouch	x					
Camille Demano	x					
Linalee Dennis	x					
Robert Diaz	x					
Terrence Elorragia	x					
Duncan Gregory	x					
Ghazal Hashemi						x
Ramona Mikelson	x					
Samantha McBride	x					
Shanna Oskin						x
Theresa Saso	x					
Emily Spokes	x					
Total:	13	0	0	0	0	3

Motion carries.

10. **8:37 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Draft a letter of support for the South Central NC to the City of Los Angeles from Highland Park NC in regards to the 27th Street and San Pedro LAPD mishandling of explosive materials To be brought to Public Safety Committee to be voted on then brought back for board vote.

- Duncan Gregory (5 min)

- a. Multiple families are still displaced, and two elderly residents have died due to negligence from the LAPD.

Board comments: Duncan, Terrence

Public comments: Clara Solis

11. **8:41 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021, up to 5 board members - Duncan Gregory (5 min)

Done: John Darnel

Board comments: Duncan, Terrence, Emily S., Camille, Samantha, Harry

Public comments: Gemma Marquez

Duncan, Emily S., Camille, Samantha, Harry appointed by vote of affirmation.

12. **8:56 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** [CIS letter in support of SB 679](#) Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) to be sent to Assembly Members Carrillo (District 51) and Assembly Speaker Rendon

- Sasha Rappaport (5 min)

Board comments: Mary

Public comments: Claris Solis, Gemma Marquez, Sylva Blackstone

Motion to approve [CIS letter in support of SB 679](#) Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) to be sent to Assembly Members Carrillo (District 51) and Assembly Speaker Rendon.

**Motioner: Theresa S.
Second: Samantha**

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						x
Mary Allison	x					
Harry Blumsack	x					
Albert Ching	x					
Steve Crouch	x					
Camille Demano	x					
Linalee Dennis	x					
Robert Diaz	x					
Terrence Elorragia	x					
Duncan Gregory	x					
Ghazal Hashemi						x
Ramona Mikelson	x					
Samantha McBride	x					
Shanna Oskin						x
Theresa Saso	x					
Emily Spokes	x					
Total:	13	0	0	0	0	3

Motion carries.

13. **9:07 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CIS letter to CD1, CD13, CD14, and the Planning Dept. requesting that an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) be established for all areas eligible for HPOZ protection in Northeast LA.
- Steve Crouch (10 min)

Board comments:

Public comments: Roy Payan, Clara Solis, Johnny Gurski(LA-32), Sylvia Cruz(LA-32), Arturo Rojas

Motion to approve CIS letter to CD1, CD13, CD14, and the Planning Dept. requesting that an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) be established for all areas eligible for HPOZ protection in Northeast LA.

**Motioner: Theresa S.
Second: Emily S.**

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						X
Mary Allison	X					
Harry Blumsack	X					
Albert Ching						X
Steve Crouch	X					
Camille Demano	X					
Linalee Dennis	X					
Robert Diaz	X					
Terrence Elorragia	X					
Duncan Gregory	X					
Ghazal Hashemi						X
Ramona Mikelson	X					
Samantha McBride	X					
Shanna Oskin						X
Theresa Saso	X					
Emily Spokes	X					
Total:	12	0	0	0	0	4

Motion carries.

14. **9:26 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CIS letter regarding building permit applications for 6274, 6270 and 6266 E. Annan Way requesting hillside grading and retaining wall for construction of 3-story homes - Stakeholder & LUC member John Collinson (10 min)

Board comments: Emily S.

Public comments: Tom McKenzie, Gemma Marquez, John Vangelisti, Arturo Rojas, Clara Solis, Sylva Blackstone, Roy Payan

Motion to approve CIS letter regarding building permit applications for 6274, 6270 and 6266 E. Annan Way requesting hillside grading and retaining wall for construction of 3-story homes.

Motioner: Emily S
Second: Mary A

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						X
Mary Allison	X					
Harry Blumsack	X					
Albert Ching						X
Steve Crouch	X					
Camille Demano	X					
Linalee Dennis	X					
Robert Diaz	X					
Terrence Elorragia	X					
Duncan Gregory	X					
Ghazal Hashemi						X
Ramona Mikelson	X					
Samantha McBride	X					
Shanna Oskin						X
Theresa Saso	X					
Emily Spokes	X					
Total:	12	0	0	0	0	4

Motion carries.

15. **9:55 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CIS letter to CD1 requesting that Paradise Hill in Lincoln Heights be preserved as open space under city ownership - Steve Crouch (10 min) Roy Payan, Dylan Gasperik, Sylvia Cruz

Board comments: Duncan, Emily S.

Public comments: Clara Solis, Arturo Rojas, John Vagelisti, John Collinson, Sylva Blackstone, Tom McKenzie, Tani Kaye, Suzanne Gero

10:27 PM

Emily Spokes moves to move items 18-22 to special meeting.

Second Harry

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: Sylva Blackstone, Clara Solis, John U.

Items 18-22 tabled for a special meeting. Passed by vote of affirmation.

16. **10:45 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CIS letter to CD14 and the Urban Forestry Division asking that the historic California Pepper trees along Avenue 66 south of York Blvd. be preserved, protected, and receive proper care - Steve Crouch (10 min) Clara Solis, Silva Blackstone.

Board comments: Emily S.

Public comments: Sylva Blackstone, Tani Kaye

Motion to approve CIS letter to CD14 and the Urban Forestry Division asking that the historic California Pepper trees along Avenue 66 south of York Blvd. be preserved, protected, and receive proper care.

Motioner: Theresa

Second: Steve

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						x
Mary Allison	x					
Harry Blumsack	x					
Albert Ching						x
Steve Crouch	x					
Camille Demano						x
Linalee Dennis	x					
Robert Diaz	x					
Terrence Elorragia	x					
Duncan Gregory	x					
Ghazal Hashemi						x
Ramona Mikelson	x					
Samantha McBride	x					
Shanna Oskin						x
Theresa Saso	x					
Emily Spokes	x					
Total:	11	0	0	0	0	5

Motion carries.

17. **10:50 PM DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE/PRESENTATION ACTION:** CIS letter regarding CUP application for beer & wine at 5051 E. York; York Ramen ZA-2021-5208-CUB ENV-2021-5209-CE - (15 min) Alex Woo, Mary A.

Board comments: Steve, Terrence, Harry, Mary

Public comments: Virginia Penaloza, Cate Tran, Gemma Marquez, Clara Solis

Motion to approve CIS letter regarding CUP application for beer & wine at 5051 E. York; York Ramen ZA-2021-5208-CUB ENV-2021-5209-CE. With an addendum about

helping to maintain the area.

Motioner: Theresa
Second: Allison

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						X
Mary Allison	X					
Harry Blumsack	X					
Albert Ching						X
Steve Crouch	X					
Camille Demano	X					
Linalee Dennis	X					
Robert Diaz	X					
Terrence Elorragia	X					
Duncan Gregory		X				
Ghazal Hashemi						X
Ramona Mikelson	X					
Samantha McBride	X					
Shanna Oskin						X
Theresa Saso	X					
Emily Spokes	X					
Total:	11	1	0	0	0	4

Motion carries.

18. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** CIS letter in opposition to El Sereno Project on Eastern and Lombardy - 42 small lot units - LUC (10 min)

Board comments:

Public comments:

Motion tabled for Special Meeting.

19. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve and send CIS letter(s) in opposition of SB 9 & SB 10
- Mary Allison, LUC Members (10 min)

Board comments:

Public comments:

Tabled for Special Meeting.

20. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Establishing Ad Hoc committee regarding HPOZ - Mary Allison (5 min)

Tabled for Special Meeting.

21. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Establishing Ad Hoc committee for Northeast Community Plan
- Mary Allison (5 min)

Tabled for Special Meeting.

22. **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 July 2021 MER
- b. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve last meeting minutes (8/5/21)

Tabled for Special Meeting.

23. **11:06 PM NEW BUSINESS**

Board comments: Duncan

Public comments: Clara Solis

24. **11:08 PM ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

**Motioner: Emily S.
Second: Mary A.**

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
Emily Aldrich						x
Mary Allison	x					
Harry Blumsack	x					
Albert Ching						x
Steve Crouch	x					
Camille Demano	x					
Linalee Dennis	x					
Robert Diaz	x					

Terrence Elorragia	x					
Duncan Gregory	x					
Ghazal Hashemi						x
Ramona Mikelson	x					
Samantha McBride	x					
Shanna Oskin						x
Theresa Saso	x					
Emily Spokes	x					
Total:	12	0	0	0	0	4

Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 11:09

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