

# **MINUTES HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 1 06 11**

**(Minutes, Human Relations Committee, Jan. 11, 2011)**

**ACTING SECRETARY, DR. STANLEY W. MOORE**

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Welcome by acting president Ms. Lisa Brewer; PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - 1. Raymond Yu announced that the Rose Parade would be Jan. 2, 2012 and that Chinese New Year would be February 5, etc.**
  - 2. Stan Moore handed out an announcement sheet with 16 dates of important meetings but singled out Jan. 7, NELA Ministerial Assn. at 10 a.m. at the Deaf Center at 2222 Laverna, Eagle Rock; Saturday, Jan. 15 meeting with Att. General Harris at USC's Bovard Auditorium and the Mark Ridley-Thomas "Empowerment Conference," free but preregistration; Feb. 8 CD 14 Candidates Forum at the Eagle Rock Center of the Arts; Tuesday, Feb. 15 meeting with Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar discussing some of the problems facing the LAUSD; and, Wednesday, Feb. 23, Candidates' Forum with the six candidates for Dist. 5 seat of the LAUSD to replace Flores Aguilar to be held at Franklin High School from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
  - 3. Al Strange, discussing the Jan. 8 Assembly District 44 election of Democrats to represent the District and the need to support the Boys and Girls Club on Pasadena Ave.**
  - 4. Janet Dodson on several HHPNC meetings, especially Tuesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Land Use meeting**
  - 5. Beebee from Aztecs Rising discussing their efforts to reach out to Monte Vista area gang members**
  - 6. Zenay Loera inviting the HHPNC to attend the Jan. 29 10 a.m. celebration of the forthcoming repair of the A.T. and T. mural on Meridian at Ave. 56, that the A.T. and T. legally stated that they were responsible for the building, that lawyers were involved in all of the discussions but that now the mural would be repaired by Ms. Baca of UCLA Art Dept.**
  - 7. David Fonseca of PATCH introduced himself and encouraged members of the HHPNC to go to Follow me@Highland Patch to get local news**
  - 8. Lynelle Scaduto, deputy of Ed Reyes with a handout of activities of CD1**
  - 9. Rick Marquez stating that Rudy Martinez had agreed to come to the Feb. 3 meeting of the HHPNC, speak for 10 minutes and then answer questions, and, that Jose Huizar had agreed to do the same thing on Feb. 17 at the HHPNC's meeting**
- C. Quorum established: Present: Andrea Anson, Luis Antezana, Theresa Bonsell, Janet Dodson, Eric Duarte, Miriam Escobar, Kristin Flores, Mauro Garcia, Trish Gossett, David Kekone, Rick Marquez, Stan Moore, Mark Reback, Chris Smith, and Ofelia Zuniga. Absent: David Baird, excused, illness, and Steve Crouch. Three vacancies.**
- D. Agenda approved with one change, moving item 6 to become item 1.**

- Moved, Moore Second, Marquez** **MSA Unanimous**
- E. Approval of Minutes of Dec. 16** **MSA Unanimous**
- F. Treasurer's Report, Mark Reback. He is busy getting the third and fourth quarters of 2010 financial reports into the D.O.N.E. Budget and Finance Committee will meet with the Outreach Committee on Thursday, Jan. 13, at Coco's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.**

**ACTIONS ITEMS**

1. **Previous item 6 was moved to Item 1.**  
**Motion: Approve writing a letter to CD 14, Judith Baca, ATT, and the Los Angeles City Attorney, Carmen A. Trutanich, requesting abatement action, in the form of painting out the abandoned "History of Highland Park" mural owned by Ms. Baca located on the ATT building, Avenue 56 and Meridian. (Marquez) Based on the new information presented to the HHPNC by Zenay Loera, representing City Councilman Jose Huizar, that the mural would be restored by Ms. Baca, that it would be covered with an anti-graffiti coating after the restoration, etc., the motion was Tabled with no dissent.**
2. **Discussion: Year-end self assessment and what works well with the new HHPNC and what needs improvement. Mauro Garcia said that the new Council was working well together and this theme was echoed by many of the members of the HHPNC. Janet Dodson quoted Pete Seegar, that many table spoons of sand (many people working together) can, over time, make big changes happen, a theme that was picked up repeatedly. The Council is working well compared to a year ago. Need to control conflict. Encouraged by everyone's enthusiasm. Be persistent. Stay the course. Join multiple community groups to get to know Highland Park better. Need to persist in lobbying CD 1, CD 14, the whole City Council, the Mayor, and the City Dept. and Agencies.**
3. **Motion: to Approve a letter to the L.A. Dept. of Transportation requesting a formal update on the status of the 2008 HHPNC request for bike corrals for York Blvd. and Figueroa Street. (Marquez)**  
**Moved, Marquez 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anson** **MSA Unanimous**
4. **Motion: Require a courtesy 24 hour notice of an expected absence of anyone requiring an interpreter so Council can cancel the interpreter. (Bonsell)**  
**Discussion: 60 plus percent of community is Spanish-speaking with a high percentage using Spanish in their homes. Translation is needed by many to get them to come to the HHPNC meetings. This is not a matter just of the members of the HHPNC making a courtesy call. The HHPNC needs to welcome guests who need translation.**  
**Moved, Bonsell 2<sup>nd</sup>.** **Vote was to Table for further thought.**
5. **Motion: To approve a letter to Animal Services in response to its request for a NC Animal Welfare contact. (Gossett/Reback) Discussion of the timing of the motion—that it had not gone to a standing committee and that an Ad Hoc Committee was named before the HHPNC had acted.**  
**Moved, Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>., Reback** **Vote to Table**

6. **Motion: To approve a letter inviting Misty Iwatsu to the Jan. 20 meeting to discuss the Farmers’ Market and her/North Figueroa BID Assn. future plans for Figueroa.**  
                 Moved, Bonsell 2<sup>nd</sup>., Moore MSA Unanimous
7. **Discussion: Deadline for returning “Encounter Surveys” of Phase I Outreach Interviews is the Jan. 20 meeting. This deadline cannot be met by Mauro Garcia, Andrea Anson and Mark Reback. Moore is meeting with BLEND on Wednesday, Jan. 26 so he will also be late.**
8. **Motion: to Approve funding to plant trees in Highland Park. Presentation by Jane Tsong of Tree People. Pending approval of Budget and Finance. Move, Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>., Gossett Vote 14 yes 0 no 1 abstention**
9. **Motion: Upon verification of receipts, reimburse David Kekone for outlay of funds for photography of Santa with children: \$112.80 And reimburse Theresa Bonsell for within budget funds for the Holiday Party: Total--\$417.13.**  
                 Moved, Bonsell 2<sup>nd</sup>., Moore MSA Unanimous
10. **Motion: to Approve letter inviting CD1 to regular HHPNC meetings. (Marquez) Move, Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>., Anson MSA Unanimous**
11. **Motion: to Approve letter to CD1 regarding Veteran’s Square flag and lighting. (Marquez) Moved, Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup>., Anson MSA Unanimous**
12. **Motion: To authorize treasurer, Mark Reback, to purchase ink and paper for Council members. (Garcia) Moved, Bonsell 2<sup>nd</sup>., Garcia Vote: 10-1 This motion must go to Budget and Finance and then come back to the whole Council.**

**New Business: None. Adjournment**

**MINUTES: HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, JAN. 11, 2011  
 Las Caszuelas Restaurant 12 Noon**

**Members present: Dr. Moore, Chair, Steve Crouch, Eric Duarte, Carlos Lopez, Joseph Cruz Nacorda, and Arturo Valdez; Absent, Richard Ledesma, Excused, Luis Antezana (at Cal. State LA classes).**

1. **Find a time to meet when Luis Antezana is available. Unanimous agreement: Wednesday evenings. Unanimous Next Meeting Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Place tba**
2. **Motion: Request HHPNC to facilitate CD1 agreement to either paint over or repair graffiti behind Chase Bank northward to behind Radio Shack, or to permit the HHPNC to fund the removal and/or repair. (Lopez, a member of the North Figueroa Association) After discussion about the need to involve the art community in addition to CD 1 approval. Moved, Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carlos MSA Unanimous 6-0**
3. **Motion to request HHPNC to increase amount agreed upon for the Sacramento Legis. Seminar from \$2,000 to \$2,200 on the advice of Lisette Covarrubias then send to Budget and Finance for approval. The additional money is to cover any extra expenses such as higher gas prices than 3 years ago, higher housing, and the need to feed any students selected to go who**

cannot bring the requested \$35 in food money. Franklin H.S. to request Neighborhood Grant from DONE. Principal Nacorda wants to attend SLS March 6 and 7 and fly home at own expense.

Moved, Crousch, Second, Duarte

MSA Unanimous

4. Motion: that the HHPNC fund one boy and one girl to attend Boys and Girls States in Sacramento, Summer, 2011, in program implemented by the American Legion, District 17 and Mr. Ledesma, Hathaway-Sycamores.

Moved, Moore Second, Duarte/Nacorda MSA Unanimous

5. Motion: to request the new HHPNC approve a decision three years ago of a previous HHPNC to spend \$8,000 for concrete tables and benches for the parks of HP, to be matched dollar for dollar by the Dept. of Recreation and Parks. Then to be sent to Budget and Finance for its approval and then back to the HHPNC for final approval. Dept. of Recreation and Parks must agree, as it did previously, to match the HHPNC expenditure. Rec. and Parks to decide where the 3780 lb. tables and 900 lbs. benches are to be placed: San Pasqual Park, Garvanza Park, HP Rec. and Parks park, or Sycamore Grove Park. Moved, Moore Second, Nacorda MSA Unanimous

6. Discussion of ideas for improving human relations, etc. Should any leftover money from the Sacramento trip be used for the Franklin Festival, April 9, or go to sending up to 30 Franklin students next Fall to Leadership Training as was started five years ago by the previous Franklin principal, Luis Lopez. Consensus appeared to be for the latter but no vote was taken. Everyone said that they would be considering ideas for the Committee to consider in February. Adjournment until the next meeting. Location to be determined by HHPNC's suggestion of paying \$60 an evening for additional meetings at the Senior Citizen Center, or taking up Principal Nacorda's invitation to hold meetings at Franklin, or Steve Crouch's invitation to use the HP Lutheran Church's facilities where he attends and has access.