

Minutes HHPNC Regular Meeting 2/3/11

AGENDA Order is changed

E. Guest Speaker: CD-14 Councilman Candidate Rudy Martinez 15 min, followed by Public Forum 30 min

Mr. Martinez was asked a series of questions from the Board, and stakeholders. Mr. Martinez spoke about his businesses in Highland Park, and his endorsement by the LA Times, and that he intends to be held accountable to the voters. When asked to comment on the effectiveness of the citywide LA GRYD Program, he was unfamiliar with what it is. When asked what specifically he would do to deal with the resignation of gang unit LAPD in the NE Div, he responded he would ask the Police Chief to force the officers to sign the financial disclosures. He described his television program about flipping houses. He was asked by a York Blvd business owner about the York Blvd problem of untrimmed trees. Mr. Martinez suggested the business owners would be responsible for trimming the trees; He described the need to reengage the business owners on York. He expressed distress that while riding on the HP Holiday Parade that he saw a great many empty storefronts along Figueroa. He declared he thought it should be possible to open a new business in 6 months. He offered that mentor programs should be offered for local young people. He declared he was against the extension of the 710 Freeway. Mr. Martinez promised an energetic staff, and to make government accountable. He declared support for the Southwest Museum.

C. Roll Call: Present were: Andrei Anson, Luis Antezana, Teri Bonsell, Steve Crouch, Janet Dodson, Trish Gossett, Lisa Brewer, David Kekone, Stan Moore, Mark Reback, Chris Smith, Rick Marquez, Ofelia Zuniga

D. Public Comments

Joe Carmona talked about access to the schools for his Peace Warrior program, Ben and Natasha talked about Measure L on the upcoming March 8 ballot, restoring funding to the Library, Stan Moore talked about another possible date, Feb 15, for an event with Yolie Flores. Don Jones talked about several dates for meetings about the 710 extension, Feb 15, 19, 25 at Glendale College, Al Strange talked about the need for a Boys and Girls Club I Highland Park.

F. Treasurer's Report -Reback Mark reported the Board has spent roughly \$25,000, \$11, 000 has been sent to DONE, and the Board has \$31,000 left.

G. Outreach Committee Report: Egg hunt, outreach items/HHPNC labels -Bonsell Tabled

H. Land Use Committee Report: CIS, Change in Gold Line Transit Village,

windshield survey progress, Committee meeting report -Dodson Janet reported the CIS had been posted, and the scale of the development had been reduced from 101 units to 85, from 4-6 stories to 3. Janet also wanted to know how to ask for expenses for the upcoming Land Use Windshield Survey of York Blvd. This question was referred to Budget and Finance.

I. Legal Liaison Report: Cameras -Dodson Janet reported she had answered the camera questions being asked by the City Attorney. She reported she cannot find any Memo of Understanding between the HHPNC, and the LAPD for the existing cameras on York Blvd. The City Attorney requires these documents before considering the question of installing new cameras.

J. City Services Committee Report: Library clean-up and replanting day 2/5/11, Board sign-ups- Gossett/Garcia Trish described the plans for the day, the pressure washing, Councilman Reyes' expected presence, the cleaning and planting scheduled, and the need for volunteers from the Board. Request for Board sign-ups was not considered.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted unanimously

2. Discussion and Motion: Approve Minutes for 01/20/11

Tabled until next meeting

3. Discussion and Motion: Approve a letter for CVS Pharmacy Store #9665 located at 5944 N. Figueroa Ave. to renew their Conditional Use Permit for the sale of alcohol. -Dodson

Board had previewed the letter. The letter was read, and Bruce Evans represented CVS, as well as the Assistant Manager. The Board discussed the limits imposed on La Tropicana Market, and El Super, and asked for additions to be made to the letter including similar conditions. Janet will research the conditions, re-write the letter, and re-submit to the Board.

4. Discussion and Motion: Approve using a single common email list for stakeholders for distribution of agendas, minutes and announcements. All Board members contribute, Outreach can compile the list, discussion can include how to maintain it and keep it accurate - Brewer

Board discussed the possibility of using a service to distribute emails to stakeholders. Item was referred to Outreach Committee for recommendation.

5. Discussion and Motion: Approve a grant to the Highland Park Heritage Trust, a

501c(3) organization which fiscally administers The Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition, to pay for design, printing and distribution of educational materials about the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe, up to but not to exceed \$1,000 pending approval by Budget and Finance Committee – Moore
Motion was moved by Moore, seconded by Zuniga, approved and sent to Budget and Finance.

6. Discussion and Motion: Approve writing a letter requesting CD 1 to paint over, or repair graffiti behind Chase Bank northward to behind Radio Shack, or to fund the removal and/or repair of this same area of graffiti - Moore

Board discussed the distinction between graffiti, and local street art, and with that understanding, Motion was moved by Moore, Seconded by Kekone, Motion was approved and Stan will write the letter

7. Discussion and Motion: Approve writing a letter to DONE, CD 1, and CD 14 reiterating that that no individual, coalition, committee, or organization other than Board Members represents the HHPNC without written approval by the HHPNC Board signed by the HHPNC President – Marquez

Motion moved by Reback, seconded by Kekone. Motion passed with 1 no vote. Rick will write the letter

8. Discussion and Motion: Request Youth Services Committee choose and invite an elementary school principal to HHPNC to meet the Board, and outline their needs, and how we might support them. –Marquez

Board discussed this is only to begin a dialog with a principal, not a plan to compensate for budget shortfalls from LAUSD. Motion moved by Brewer, seconded by Gossett. Motion passed with one no vote and 2 abstentions

9. Discussion and Motion: Approve ordering business cards for Mauro Garcia, Kristen Flores, and David Kekone, pending approval by Budget & Finance, amount not to not to exceed \$70.00. –Garcia, Flores, Kekone

Board discussed including Ofelia Zuniga, and Mark Reback with the amount increased to \$125. Motion moved by Brewer, seconded by Garcia, Motion passed with 3 abstentions.

10. New Business

11. Adjournment