

## HHPNC MINUTES March 17, 2011

Stan Moore, Acting Secretary

A. Call to Order, president Chris Smith

B. Welcome

Paul Bonsell—Paul thanked members of the Council and stakeholders present at the meeting for their words of sympathy at the loss of his father.

Lisa Brewer—Lisa apologized to the Council and the stakeholders present that she would miss the next three months of Council meetings because of a conflict between her classes at U.C.L.A. and the HHPNC's meetings schedule. She will continue to work on both the Outreach and PH&S Committees, and will remain available to all members of the Board and Stakeholders.

Stan Moore—Stan apologized to Erik Duarte for misspelling Erik in the Minutes of March 3, then thanked the Greater Highland Park Kiwanis Club for making the Sacramento Legislative Seminar a “Kiwanis activity,” thereby covering the trip with \$5 million in insurance and thanked Heinrich Keifer for volunteering to be Stan's backup driver because of Stan's surgery. Heinrich drove two-thirds of the way going to and from Sacramento. He then announced the Kiwanis fundraiser on Tuesday, March 29 at Italiano's Restaurant at York and Ave. 51 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for service projects in the community. March 31 will be a critical meeting of the Friends of the SW Museum from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ebell Club at 131 S. Ave. 57 in HP. Finally, he gave a long-winded report on the Sacramento Legislative Seminar trip that the president, Chris Smith, claimed used up all of the time for other public comments!

He also announced the ARTS CONCERT at FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ON APRIL 14 INVOLVING POETRY, MEDIA ART, MUSIC, DANCE AND DESIGN.

C. Roll Call: Present— Luis Antezana, Theresa Bonsell, Lisa Brewer, Steve Crouch, Janet Dodson, Erik Duarte, Mauro Garcia, Trish Gossett, David Kekone, Rick Marquez, Stan Moore, Mark Reback, Chris Smith and Ofelia Zuniga. Absent: Andrei Anson, Miriam Escobar, Kristen Flores, Joan Potter and David Baird (hospitalized).

Quorum Established.

D. Treasurer's report—Mark Reback handed out a 7 page report on where the HHPNC has already spent money, where it is already allocating money and waiting for the L.A. City to send the money, proposals being considered and reported that D.O.N.E. would cease to process Demand Warrants and Neighborhood Purpose Grants for funding after April 15, 2011.

Budget and Finance Committee will meet next Thursday at Ramona Hall if Teri Bonsell can reserve a room, otherwise we will meet at Coco's. Mark warned that he has no sense of how much, if any, rollover funds we will have after April 15.

E. Rule Committee—Janet Dodson, chair, reported that three new sections of by-laws will be submitted to the HHPNC for approval in April. D.O.N.E. requires that Neighborhood Councils follow the exact outline it has established, but content under the required outline can vary. The D.O.N.E. deadline for all revisions is June 1, 2011.

- F. Outreach Committee—Theresa “Teri” Bonsell. Announced three events:  
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, APRIL 9; THE  
PEACE IN THE NORTHEAST MARCH, SATURDAY, MAY 14, starting at 10  
a.m. at Glassell Park Senior Center, and LUMMIS DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 6.
1. Adoption of Agenda. Moved, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA unanimous
  2. Approval of the Minutes for March 3, 2011. Moved, Bonsell, Second, Antezana  
MSA Unanimous
  3. Motion: To approve reimbursement to Joan Potter for outlay of funds, upon  
verification, for the December, 2010 Holiday Party: \$417.13. These funds were  
in the original budget. (Dodson) Moved, Bonsell, Second, Zuniga  
MSA Unanimous
  4. Discussion and Motion: Approve funding for pens and flashlights as Outreach  
Promotion items, amount not to exceed \$1,500 pending Budget and Finance  
Committee approval. (Bonsell) Motion, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unan.
  5. Discussion and Motion: Approve Outreach Committee: canopies, folding tables,  
folding chairs, not to exceed \$1,500, and pending Budget and Finance approval.  
(Bonsell) Canopies to meet the rigorous requirements of the Fire Department  
permit process. Moved, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
  6. Discussion and Motion: Approve letter to Principals (17 or 18) and PTA  
Presidents of Highland Park schools, inviting them to HHPNC meetings.  
(Marquez) Moved, Garcia Second, Brewer MSA Unanimous
  7. Discussion: Revisit the question of the HHPNC representative to the Mayor’s  
LA Budget Challenge in light of a CD1 request to have an HHPNC board member  
with whom to work directly during City budget hearings in April and May, 2011.  
(Brewer) Tabled for more information from the CD 1 staffer who requested this.
  8. Motion and discussion: Approve funding for the Peace in the Northeast March on  
Saturday, May 14, amount not to exceed \$500 pending Budget and Finance  
Committee approval. (Moore and Bonsell) Moved, Bonsell Second,  
Antezana. MSA 1 Abstain 0 no.
  9. Discussion and Motion: Approve funding to purchase trees and shrubs to beautify  
a space in front of Franklin High School. Work to be performed by the New  
Roots group, part of the U.C.L.A. after-school program. Planting is scheduled for  
April 30<sup>th</sup>. Amount not to exceed \$800, and pending Budget and Finance  
Committee approval. Detailed plans on two sheets 20 by 30 inches were  
presented and done by the Franklin students. New Roots leader, Andrew  
Martinez, was present. Mr. Umberto Torrez, substitute teacher at Franklin, spoke  
strongly in favor, as did president Chris Smith. To be called “Ben’s Grove.”  
Trees and plants to be super conservationist, i.e., rosemary, native plants, drip  
system and drought resistant.  
(Smith) Moved, Moore Second, Brewer MSA Unanimous
  10. Discussion and Motion: Approve writing a letter to City Planning Dept. opposing  
cell technology at 234 Museum Drive. (Dodson) Dodson said that she had a  
Case # and Permit #. Pictures were shown of an ugly storage container at the site,  
but the dimensions of the proposed cell technology were huge and the  
stakeholders and Council were appalled at the proposal.

- Moved, Trish Gossett    Second, Lisa Brewer                      MSA 1 abstain 0 no
11. Discussion and Motion: To Approve funding for Franklin High School Wrestling team equipment. Amount not to exceed \$5000 pending Budget and Finance approval. (Bonsell) Head wrestling coach, Santiago Velasquez, wants Franklin students to stay in school and not drop out and want them to get into colleges via scholarships for wrestling, since many need financial help. More after school programs keep students in school and involved and less gang available. Also, after school programs increase Franklin campus security. If Franklin offers wrestling it will be the only high school in NELA. This may help the decline of student numbers at Franklin. Funds will purchase a mat (might have HHPNC logo on it). Moved, Moore    Second, Garcia                      MSA Unanimous
12. Discussion and Motion: Approve writing a letter to CD1 and CD14 expressing Council concerns about upcoming Los Angeles City Council redistricting of Council Districts, and selection of a representative for the Redistricting Panel. (Marquez)  
Tabled for a complete discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of being in one or two or more Council Districts. If we only had one Councilmember representing Highland Park would we get better, or worse, treatment by that Councilmember?
13. New Business: None
14. Adjournment: Unanimous