

HHPNC MINUTES APRIL 7, 2011

Acting Secretary, Dr. Stanley Moore

- A. Call to Order, Vice-President Rick Marquez
- B. Welcome and Public Comment, acting president Rick Marquez
- Chase Rojas, 2010 graduate of Franklin High School and working with the UCLA group on after school art, dance, etc. APRIL 14, FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—the arts, dance, poetry, etc., program at Franklin auditorium. ALL ARE WELCOME.
- Stan Moore: Announcements (1) Saturday night, April 9, ART WALK; (2) April 9 Huizar ER cleanup. Meet at ER City Hall; (3) April 23 HHPNC Egg hunt put on by the Outreach Committee; (4) April 30 Mayor's day of service; (5) LUMMIS DAY FUNDRAISER --\$30 now, \$35 at the door; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Drinks, food, at Lummis Home on Ave. 43; (6) Saturday, MAY 14, the 4th. annual PEACE IN THE NORTHEAST MARCH, starting at Glassell Park Senior Center at 10 a.m. and ending at Nightingale Middle School (Cypress and Figueroa) with a Resource Fair, food, entertainment, a Clipper's basketball player giving shooting tips and trophies to youth 7 to 17—with ages and genders competing against their age group and gender only; RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO COME; (7) SUNDAY, JUNE 5, LUMMIS DAY AT HERITAGE SQUARE. 11 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
- Joe Carmona: Spoke on anti-gang efforts and the seeking of families of victims of gang violence to participate in the PEACE MARCH. Joe introduced several guests. Adela—spoke about PEACE, INC. and introduced her daughter.
- Nancy Wyatt: 710 Tunnel discussed, after 20 previous meetings, for the first time at Ramona Hall—Cal Trans. ignoring the citizens. 710 Tunnel will be a TOLL road.
- Beebe: Aztecs Rising spoke on efforts in the Monte Vista corridor.
- Liberty, from Jose Huizar's office—discussed April 9 cleanup in the ER area.
- Lynnelle S. from Ed Reyes' office: Introduced Adopt-A-Bucket. \$1,000 reward for reporting illegal dumping. Discussed Monte Vista Business Planning District and Corridor and a planned music festival on the street there. David Kekone thanked Reyes for allocating \$25,000 for surveillance cameras on Monte Vista.
- Mark Gonzalez: Reported on Assemblyman Portantino's participation in the 12th. Annual Women in Business Award—please submit potential awardees. April 9 Portantino will be sponsoring a Free Tax help seminar. Finally, Mark announced that he was moving to Speaker John Perez Office. We will miss him greatly!
- Al Strange: Appealed to guest speaker, Ms. Wendy Gruel, Los Angeles City Controller, for financial help in getting a Boys and Girls Club in Highland Park.
- C.—Wendy Gruel, City Controller of Los Angeles
- 7 sources of revenue for L.A. Four of the seven will have small increases this year, but the main source of revenue, Property Taxes, will NOT BRING IN MORE REVENUE. She discussed her audit of DWP and whether DWP will Meet “clean energy goals.” She is not optimistic; the DWP has just been luck so far. Redlight cameras: caught by cameras, \$465 fine, but collection rate is very Poor because LAPD officers down grade it in their reports and so they cost the

City rather than bring in revenue. Also, at those intersections with cameras the evidence is mixed as to whether they help reduce accidents—50% intersections are lower, 50% are higher. License plate recognition equipment: wonderful, but again LAPD officers don't have vehicles towed away, instead let drivers drive off so the number of drivers with 5 unpaid tickets, "Scofflaws," the City's collection rate is only 53%. Now you are never going to collect Fire Dept. and Emergency Medical vehicles breaking the law, but a 53% collection rate means that the cameras cost the City \$2 million a year, rather than being a source of income. City has to be more efficient and effective. Laura Chick, her predecessor, found that the City Council only "hears" 56% of the audits made by the City Controller. Public Safety is the City's number one priority. Too often the City has used short term fixes, e.g., it has sold the "Mangold? Property" three times in its budget and it still owns it!!! Last year the City got down at one point to onl \$30 million in its reserve fund at one point. City needs a VISION of where we want to go as a City. Gruel had 12 Neighborhood Councils in her district—a good thing. L.A. is like a Cobb Salad that is not mixed together but are distinct cultural groups. You get to know L.A. by walking and biking parts of it. NCs are to bring City Hall closer to home. Questions: If you become Mayor will you support an inflation factor for the NCs--\$50,000 is no longer worth \$50,000. Yes, there should be an inflation factor, because most NCs are doing worthwhile things for their communities. Question: You are in a legal battle on doing audits. Why? Predecessor wanted to audit the City Attorney's Office and she has continued the suit because she believes the City Controller has and should have the power to audit all parts of the L.A. City structure.

D.--LAFD Chief McKnight: 22 Fire Depts. are closed every day—we are depending in crises on CERT units. Critical Emergency Response Teams are absolutely critical. Appealed to the stakeholders to get CERT training. Spanish classes start May 2—2 hours an evening two times a week for 7 weeks. English classes in CERT will start Aug. 23.

His battalion consists of Fire Stations 12, 42, 44, 55, and 56. He has been here only three weeks, but has been a member of the L.A. City Fire Dept. for 25 years. CERTs are community-based teams. In an emergency you need 2-way radios, and need to learn how to be Ham Radio Operators. You should prepare a Backpack with 7 days water, food, 2nd. prescriptions in your car so you can get your medications during any emergency—5 gallons of water for 7 days, per person. Have a bucket for human waste—very necessary.

E. Roll Call, quorum established. Antezana, Bonsell, Crouch, Dodson, Duarte, Gossett, Kekone, Marquez, Moore, Reback, and Zuniga. Absent: Baird, Brewer, Potter, Smith, excused. Anson, Escobar, Flores, Garcia.

F. Treasurer's Report: Reback noted that 10 final funding items were on tonight's agenda, and that there would be no Budget and Finance meetings until all 10 had cleared the DONE hurdles to get their funding.

G. Outreach Committee: updates on the egg hunt, April 23, with an appeal for help and attendance—sign up at the next Council meeting, and a meeting of the Committee for April 11 to go over four finalists for doing the new Council logo—

Ramona Hall at 6:30 p.m. Tom Topping has promised to correct the Boulevard Sentinels Calendar listing for the Council, from Franklin H.S. to the Senior Center.
H. Land Use Report: Dodson reported on the "Windshield" Survey of York Blvd.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion: Move up items 8-15, and 18, and 19 to items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Motion: Moore, Second, Bonsell.
Discussion: Dodson wanted the original agenda. Moore, Bonsell and Reback argued that tonight's meeting, April 7, was the last chance to get funding for the 10 projects because DONE was demanding all the work be in by April 15 and that funding will cease until the new financial year, July 1, for all matters other than Council operations.
Vote on Motion: 9 yes, 1 no Dodson Moderator, Marquez, not voting.
2. Motion to Approve Minutes for March 17, 2011. Moved, Moore, Second, Bonsell. MSA 9 yes 1 abstention Kekone Marquez not voting
3. Motion: Final approval of additional funding for the York and Figueroa HHPNC camera system, not to exceed \$10,000 as approved by Budget and Finance, with the understanding that the HHNC will need to contract for maintenance after one year, and approve a Community Benefit Statement. (Marquez)
Moved to exclude "Vendor will be RD Systems" Dodson, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
Moved, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
4. Motion: To Re-authorize already approved purchase, installation, and one year of Maintenance, up to but not to exceed \$15,500 for new surveillance cameras along York Blvd., with the understanding that the HHPNC will need to contract for Maintenance after one year, and approve a Community Benefit Statement.
(Marquez, Brewer) Moved to exclude "Vendor will be RD Systems." Dodson, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
Main Motion: Moved, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
5. Motion: To approve final funding for Outreach promotional items, pen and mini-Flashlights, not to exceed \$1,500 as approved by Budget and Finance. (Bonsell)
(Unanimously agreed to amendment, "with HHPNC website" on them.
Moved, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA Unanimous
6. Motion: To give final approval of Outreach supplies, LAFD-approved canopies, Tables and chairs not to exceed \$1,500 as approved by Budget and Finance.
(Bonsell) Amending motion: Duarte: "Franklin Blue and Gold. No old logo.
MSA Unanimous
Main motion: Moved, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA Unanimous
7. Motion: Approve final funding for April 23, 2011 Outreach Egg Hunt.
Event not to exceed \$600, as approved by Budget and Finance. (Bonsell)
Discussion: Venita Strange argued that \$600 was not enough, that we would have a situation like the Holiday Party in December with too many children and not enough bags of goodies. Teri said that \$600 was what the B and F approved and was enough for 300 bags of treats.
Moved, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous

8. Motion: To give final approval for funding for Outreach, October 23, 2011 Franklin High School Community Festival with a Neighborhood Purposes Grant not to exceed \$3000 as approved by Budget and Finance. (Bonsell)
Moved, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA 9 yes, 1 no Gossett
9. Motion: To approve \$500 for the Peace in the Northeast March, Saturday, May 14, 2011, the amount agreed to by the Budget and Finance Committee. (Bonsell)
Moved, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
10. Motion: Motion for final approval of funding for tree and shrub planting at Franklin High School by the New Roots group from the UCLA after school Program with a Neighborhood Purposes Grant, not to exceed \$800 as approved By Budget and Finance. (Smith)
Moved, Reback Second, Antezana MSA 8 yes 1 no (Gossett) 1 abstention (Kekone)
11. Motion: Final approval of funding to start a Franklin High School wrestling team up to but not to exceed \$5,000 as approved by Budget and Finance. (Moore)
Discussion regarding the inclusion of women on the team—that the HHPNC should be encouraging athletic competition that is inclusive of all individuals wanting to wrestle. Money is to go toward a wrestling mat.
Moved, Bonsell Second, Zuniga MSA 9 yes 1 no (Gossett) Chair not voting.
12. Motion: Final approval of funding for new football helmets (the most protective) For the Lincoln Heights Youth Association and Cheer Team with a Neighborhood Purposes Grant not to exceed \$5,000 as approved by Budget and Finance.
(Moore) The HHPNC has been assured by the coaches and advocates of the Youth Association that approximately one-quarter of the participants will be from Highland Park and that serious efforts at advertising this program will be made in Highland Park.
Moved, Bonsell Second, Antezana MSA 9 yes 1 abstention (Kekone)
13. Loss of quorum. Adjournment.