

HHPNC MINUTES May 5, 2011

Stan Moore, Acting Secretary

A. Call to Order, president Chris Smith

B. Welcome

Raymond Yu: Announcement

Carmela Gomes introduced her neighbor, Zack McGinnes who spoke on his plans.

Carmela Gomes: Discussed the Heritage Trust's June 19 Walking Tour of HP and that she has coupons to cut the normal price. She announced the Lummis Day Fundraiser on May 7 and offered tickets for sale at \$30 rather than \$35 at the door.

Beebe of Aztecs Rising introduced new members of Aztecs Rising, Ramiro Motta and Eva Lepe.

Stan Moore reminded attendees of the Peace in the Northeast March coming up on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m., starting at Glassell Park Senior Center.

Gemma Marquez spoke briefly.

Roll Call: Present— Luis Antezana, David Baird, Theresa Bonsell, Steve Crouch, Janet Dodson, Erik Duarte, Miriam Escobar, Trish Gossett, David Kekone, Rick Marquez, Kathy Milligan, Stan Moore, Chris Smith and Ofelia Zuniga. Absent: Andrei Anson, Lisa Brewer (at her UCLA class until the end of June), Mauro Garcia, Kristen Flores, Joan Potter and Mark Reback; the latter two requested vacation absences. David Baird was warmly welcomed back.

Quorum Established.

D. Treasurer's report—Mark Reback was absent, traveling.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Moved, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA Unanimous
2. Approval of the Minutes for March 3, 2011. Moved, Bonsell, Second, Antezana Dodson noted two absences not listed, Lisa Brewer and Miriam Escobar needed to be listed as absent. MSA 1 No Kekone
3. Arturo Valdez, principal of Luther Burbank spoke for 38 minutes on the changes he and District 4 are trying to make. Next year there will be two pilot schools and two academies. All of the teachers have to reapply for a position at the new pilot schools. About half have chosen not to apply. Each teacher will be interviewed by a team of individuals, including one from the community. He introduced two students, one who has read 20 plus books this year and another who is a straight A student—both spoke of how much Luther Burbank has changed and improved this year. He took questions from Council members and stakeholders. Janet Dodson and Rick Marquez welcomed him. Rick Marquez had attended the school meeting at which Yolie Flores Aguilar spoke as well as Mr. Valdez and the new changes were introduced. He mentioned the poor attendance of parents. Mr. Valdez agreed—saying they were having trouble getting parents involved. Gemma Marquez suggested using raffle tickets for rewards to get parents out to events. She also suggested that teachers, once a month, wear something “of pride” regarding the school, e.g., T-Shirt with Luther Burbank on it, etc. Stan Moore thanked Mr. Valdez for serving on the Human Relations, Education and

Youth Development Committee and apologized for the lack of financial help that had not gone to Luther Burbank but was mostly directed toward Franklin H.S. Valdez said that that was appropriate. He wants Franklin to an exceptionally good high school since many Luther Burbank students will be moving to it after eight grade. He does not want to be feeding his students into a poor high school. Irene Alaniz suggested the school have school uniforms. Mr. Valdez said that Luther Burbank did have a school uniform and that it allowed him to look out over the school yards and quickly spot who did not belong there. Mr. Valdez spoke of a number of tutoring programs that he has set up after school for students needing additional help. He squeezed money out of the LB budget for these tutoring classes. However, he is concerned about the future. There is no money allocated for tutoring. Next year will be worst financially than this year. Another 400+ million will have to cut from the LAUSD's budget. He wants community volunteers to step forward and tutor after school and help raise the scores of the LB students. Carmela Gomes commented that LB must aim to teach the students how to ask questions. Questions are key; the ability to ask good questions is what education is about.

4. Discussion and Motion to approve ongoing monthly Outreach expense budget for supplies amounting to but not to exceed \$150 per month pending approval from Budget and Finance. When asked for an example of continuing expenses, Teri mentioned that the helium tank was empty and that she could not use it at the Peace in the Northeast March because of that. It costs over \$90 to fill it.
Moved, Moore Second, Marquez MSA Unanimous
5. As the Council began to address approval of By-Laws revisions, president Chris Smith announced and read an email from DONE he had received that afternoon declaring that the By Laws Committee's numbers were too small and did not comply with the present By Laws. A huge and prolonged protest erupted. Smith declared that By Laws revision would have to wait until the next meeting, and that the matter would have to be resolved with DONE.
6. Adjournment came at 9:19 p.m.