

HHPNC MINUTES JUNE 2, 2011

Stan Moore, Acting Secretary

A. Welcome and Public Comments

Mayor Mike Ten, South Pasadena. Wants to appear before the HHPNC on June 16, 2011 regarding AB 353 which addresses a 1982 law presently in the Calif. 710 tunnel proposal.

Linda Phelps: Read a letter of thanks for the financial support the HHPNC provided for youth football in Northeast L.A. (Lincoln Heights, Cypress Park, Glassell Park and Highland Park) and for the \$4500 to buy football helmets that will help protect the heads of the participating players. (HHPNC paid for the highest quality rather than the cheaper ones that provided less protection.)

Rick Marquez spoke regarding his disappointment that the mural repair on the old A.T. and T. building on Meridian between Ave. 55 and Ave. 56 were not accurate but instead Sparcletts was misspelled because Sparkletts refused to make a contribution to the cost of repair and Coke Cola was changed because Coke also refused to help fund the project. Rick thinks this is totally inappropriate.

Stan Moore and Tina Gulotta-Miller both brought up the issue of the Autry trying to qualify for a \$6.6 million California State Grant by getting around City Council approval by having a hearing before the Arts and Parks Commission without notifying many stakeholders who were somehow not notified by accident, etc., and asking members of the HHNCN and stakeholders to attend the special hearing on June 3 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 1010 of City Hall before the City Council's Arts and Parks Committee chaired by Tom LaBonge.

Al Strange: Boys and Girls Club is really needed in HP, and, he is worried about the loss of the Figueroa Post Office and a Glassell Park's post office.

David Kekone: Announced the Monte Vista Block Party on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m. celebrating serious efforts to take back the Monte Vista corridor from the gangs. The party will be between Ave. 52 and Ave. 53.

Zenay Loera: Zenay announced a 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eagle Rock centennial celebration, Mr. Huizar's appreciation for all of the emails that alerted him to the actions of the Autry and spoke up for the now closed Southwest Museum, and, finally, the "New" York will have a "business walk" for up to 20 people during the day at the parking lot on Meridian, the upgrade of many parking meters (without raising the parking fees) and she finished with introducing Mr. Haywood, the new Huizar field deputy for Highland Park.

Jim Tranquada, representing Occidental College: Mr. Tranquada spoke of the Occidental proposed solar panel arrays planned for the college—one on a parking lot and one on a hillside. These two solar arrays will cover 11% of Occidental's energy consumption. Sun Power Company will place the nearly 3,000 panels and the company has programs for small businesses and homeowners. These will be different from the Montecito Heights array which is visible from the 110 Frwy since they are using an artist to help place the panels—curving to fit the locations' topography, attempting to make the arrays less obvious, etc. There will be brief reflection problems between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., and in one place 20 trees will have to be removed, but they will be replaced by others. There will be no grading, only drilling holes, the panels will hug the ground and underground conduits will contain all of the wiring, and NE Trees is helping the college.

Tina Gulotta-Miller: Tina asked, "How many panels will be involved?" Answer: 1360 on the parking lot and 1440 on the hillside. Have soil tests been done? Yes. Bedrock starts 2 feet below the surface and Occidental will drill 4 feet into the bedrock to anchor the panels.

Rick Marquez: “Are you going to have additional community hearings?” Yes. Rick, “We have to look at your arrays.” Where will the most visual impairments be seen—by what homeowners? Tranquada: “We have spent time and money to come up with a more pleasing, artistic array—not like that along the 110 Fury.”

- B. Introduction of two new members of the HHPNC. Andrei Anson has resigned and Terri Lloyd will be the new chair of Arts, Culture and Architecture Committee, and Tina Gulotta-Miller will be the new chair of Housing. Mr. Anson is in New York City taking care of his very ill mother. He will be greatly missed.
- C. Treasurer’s Report—D.O.N.E. has a huge backlog of Neighborhood Improvement Grants—which is why many grants have not yet received their funding. Heritage Trust received its \$1,000. The wrestling mat for \$5000 for Franklin H.S. has received its funding, and the Football helmets have been funded.
- D. Roll Call and quorum established: Present—David Baird, Steve Crouch, Janet Dodson, Erik Duarte, Miriam Escobar, Mauro Garcia, Trish Gossett, Tina Gulotta-Miller, David Kekone, Terri Lloyd, Rick Marquez, Cathi Milligan, Stan Moore, Joan Potter, Mark Reback, Chris Smith, and Ofelia Zuniga. Absent: Lisa Brewer, at class at U.C.L.A. for the remainder of the month of June, and Teri Bonsell, whose father suddenly died, and Luis Antezana, college finals. One vacancy.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to Adopt Agenda
Moved, Mark Reback Second, David Kekone MSA Unanimous
- 2. Motion to approve Minutes of May 5
Moved, Trish Gossett Second, David Kekone MSA 1 abstention: Kekone
- 3. Professor Yim Tam, the Franklin High School teacher who took nine (9) students to the Sacramento Legislative Seminar March 6, 7 and 8, gave a power point presentation with six (6) students (all Juniors and Seniors) who attended the all-college conference except for the 9 students from Franklin. The principal, Joseph Cruz Nacorda attended all day Monday—flying up at 7 a.m. and flying back at 8 p.m. Most of the students spoke briefly. Carolina spoke about an Assembly Fellow, Cornelius Burke, who started in last September in the office of Assemblyman Gil Cedillo (AD 45—who represents a large part of Highland Park). He impressed Carolina during Sunday night’s Staff Panel, and Monday afternoon from 4:15 to 5 p.m. in Cedillo’s office that she came back to FHS, set up a “Club” that is now going to Amberwood to speak with the patients at that care center on York Blvd. opposite Coco’s Restaurant. Lupe was impressed with Kyle Packwood and his wife who were with the group from 7 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. for breakfast. Mr. Packwood is a former student of Dr. Moore’s and he also was an Assembly Fellow and remained in the Assembly for almost 6 years and received a M.A. in Public Policy from U.S.C. Packwood is now the Legislative Director of the California Association of Governments. His wife was not a great student, but she persisted and is now a speech therapist (having been rejected for graduate study three times, she never quit). Her personal story encouraged Lupe to persist toward her goals. Several students talked about now Senator Kevin De Leon (he first served six years in the Assembly), and that he encouraged them to get an education, because education is the key to achievement. De Leon got turned down by U.C.L.A. and Berkeley, but, he persisted and wrote a personal letter to U.C. Santa Barbara and got in. Most of the 9 students could identify with De Leon because his mother was a single parent of three children, poor, etc., and of the 20 applicants for the 9 slots, only one student mentioned having a father still with the family. Former Senator Gil Cedillo, now our Assemblyman, impressed two of the students with his two bills—The Dream Act Bill and the Driver’s License Bill for illegal

immigrants. Several students were impressed that the principal, Mr. Nacorda, flew up to be with them all day Monday, missing only breakfast.

The Yim Tam/students presentation was well received with applause.

4. Volunteers for an Ad Hoc Website Committee: Steve Crouch, Cathi Milligan, David Kekone, Terri Lloyd, and Rick Marquez.
Moved, David Kekone Second, Trish Gossett MSA Unanimous
5. Approve Bylaws Article I, II, and III, Name, Purpose, Boundaries
Moved, Moore Second, Kekone MSA Unanimous
6. Approve Bylaws Article IV Stakeholder.
Moved, Potter Second, Marquez MSA Unanimous
7. Governing Board was tabled until the next meeting.
8. Approve Bylaws Article VI Officers
Moved, Reback Second, Milligan MSA Unanimous
9. Committees was tabled until the next meeting
10. Approve Bylaws Article VIII Meetings
Moved, Reback Second, Kekone MSA Unanimous
11. Approve Bylaws Article IX Finances
Moved, Potter Second, Milligan 12 yes, 3 no (Reback, Moore, Crouch)
Not passed.
12. Approve Bylaws Article X Elections
Moved, Gossett Second, Kekone MSA One abstention, Mauro Garcia
13. Approve Bylaws Article XI Grievances, as amended (Potter amendment)
Moved, Moore Second, Gulotta-Miller MSA Unanimous
Mr. Garcia left the meeting.
14. Approve Bylaws Article XII Parliamentary—Rosenberg and Rogers
Moved, Kekone Second, Duarte MSA Unanimous
15. Approve Article XIII Amendments
Moved, Potter Second, Escobar MSA Unanimous
16. Approve Article XIV Compliance
Moved, Gulotta-Miller Second, Escobar MSA Unanimous
7. Approve Article V Governing Board
Moved, Gossett Second, Zuniga

Article V and VII Tabled

Adjournment