

HHPNC MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2011

Acting Secretary, Dr. Stanley Moore

- A. Call to Order, President Chris Smith
- B. Welcome and Public Comment: Al Strange offered free copies of the Spanish Version of the California, County Government Services. He offered free English Versions to anyone coming to the NELA Democratic Club meeting on the 3rd. Wednesday in November.
- Nancy Wyatt, said that the August 18 Minutes were incorrect, that she did not say that she “wanted handguns banned.” She said that she had never taken that position. She then began to address Item 13 on the Oct. 20, 2011 Agenda but was stopped by the president, since it was an Agenda Item.
- Stan Moore: Announcements were handed out on a one page listing, starting with the Franklin High School Festival on Saturday, Oct. 22
- Carmela Gomes: Announced the Saturday Archives Conference/Bazaar, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at USC’s Doheny Memorial Library.
- Stair Street: Walking Tour coming up.
- Tina Gulotta-Miller: Mural at Ave. 56 and Meridian, at the former A.T. and T. Building. Saturday, 9 a.m. celebration of its cleaning and repainted by Judy Baca, artist. Eloy, painter in East L.A., has helped to make a Documentary about the mural and its story is told of a KCET Documentary on Highland Park that is in two segments.
- C. Roll Call: Present: Antezana, Baird, Bonsell, Crouch, Dodson, Duarte, Garcia, Gulotta-Miller, Lloyd, Marquez, Milligan, Moore, Potter, Reback, Smith, and Zuniga. Absent: Brewer, Escobar, Gossett and Kekone. Quorum established.
- D. Arturo Valdez spoke, with his Asst. Principal, Christie Moore, present. A lot of building is going on because of the earthquake zone running through the site of Luther Burbank. Tyler Hall will be coming down in 2012 because it is directly on top of the fault line. There will be a new gardening area at the school.
- Because of the budget crisis there have been a lot of budget cuts; nevertheless, Luther Burbank was able to add three teachers and cut the student-teacher ratio. Test scores were up 29 points with the old, mostly departed, teaching staff, and up 66 points in two years. Valdez has great hopes for the new teaching staff. There is a new spirit at the school. There is a new focus on content teaching; new/renewed focus on community. Algebra in the 8th. grade, and Geometry in the 7th. Grade. Problem: reading scores not good from the 6th. graders coming in. Valdez expects/goal is—students leaving Luther Burbank will be at proficiency or Advanced levels, but at least at Basic. Class sizes are LARGE, very large. LB has a new UNIFORM Policy; LB has the L.A. County Teacher of the Year; Arts—only Music and Dance, has a Drumline, Cheer Leaders. LB needs, and welcomes help from the Arts Community for visual arts: ART TUTORS needed. LB has only one Library aide for 6 hours a day.
- E. CD 14: Zenay Loera. Announced the A.T &T. celebration on Oct. 22, and apologized for its clash with the Franklin H.S. Festival. She announced the Veterans Parade on November 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- F. EFFICIENCY. Want Buildings upgraded for energy efficiency. Want energy and water savings. They want California state laws to focus on energy efficiency. Tina Gulotta-Miller: Historic Highland Park has a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone—we can't lose original windows and doors. That is an actual violation of the law.
- G. Steve G. from LADOT—spoke regarding the York Blvd. Bike Lane Extension from Ave. 55 to Figueroa. This is an expansion of bike lanes for about one mile. The Dept. of Transportation will reduce car lanes from two to one in each direction. Usually cars will go slower when this is done. Janet Dodson: Slower traffic increases businesses studies have found. It is also safer.
- H. Treasurer's Report: Mark Reback handed out a financial summary from July 21 to the present. The budget is tight. We will probably give away all of our money this year. Al Strange: The money is for the community. We should limit our expenditures for system maintenance of the HHPNC and use the money for the community. Joan Potter: We should be careful not to spend all of our money before the requests for the Spring and Summer months. Treasurer Reback noted that our budget runs from July 1 to June 30, and that July 1, 2012 will start afresh.
- I. Roll Call: Present: Antezana, Baird, Bonsell, Crouch, Dodson, Duarte, Garcia, Gulotta-Miller, Lloyd, Marquez, Milligan, Moore, Potter, Reback, Smith, and Zuniga. Absent: Brewer, Escobar, Gossett, and Kekone. Quorum established.

AGENDA: Motion from Moore to move item 10 to 3, Items 20, 21 and 22 to be Items 4, 5 and 6, Items 17, 18 and 19 to be Items 7, 8 and 9 and Item 4 to be Item 10. The reasons: (1) All are money matters that the HHPNC has ruled must be submitted prior to October 31 and be passed and sent on to the Budget and Finance Committee, and (2) Principal Nacorda, and Ms. Yim Tam of Franklin High School are here to speak for Item 10, the Sacramento Legislative Seminar, and Principal Arturo Valdez and Assistant Principal Christie Moore are here to speak for Items 20, 21 and 22, and Mr. Richard Ledesma is coming to speak for Items 17, 18 and 19 but because of his broken foot and cast has not yet arrived. Previous Item 4 will be Item 10. Seconded by Ms. Teri Bonsell.

Motion to approve the Agenda as Amended: Motion, Gulotta-Miller Second, Bonsell MSA Abstaining: Garcia

- 2. Motion to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2011
Moved, Gulotta-Miller Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous
- 3. Item 10, now Item 3.
Discussion and Motion: Approve funding for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to take nine Franklin High School students to the Sacramento Legislative Seminar, amount up to but not to exceed \$1500 pending approval by Budget and Finance. (Moore) Moore entered into the discussion a letter from Juan Cortez, a Franklin High School graduate of 2007, who submitted a two page letter telling how his life had been changed by his trip to Sacramento. He is now in his senior year at U.C. Davis, and spent the summer interning under Assemblyman Gil Cedillo. He became a Political Science major after meeting then Senator Cedillo and then

Assemblyman Kevin Deleon (their positions are now reversed) and hearing them discuss what they were attempting to do in Sacramento.

Moore then called upon Principal Joseph Cruz Nacorda, asking him to mention the matter of T-Shirts that he handed out at Luther Burbank Middle School recently. Nacorda introduced his assistant and then mentioned that the 100th anniversary of Franklin would be 2016, so he got 390 T-Shirts from Herff-Jones donated and printed with “FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016” and handed them out to the present 390 eighth graders at Luther Burbank who will be in the class of 2016 four years from now. This is a wonderful example of the principals Franklin and Luther Burbank working together to encourage the Middle School students to stay in school and graduate from high school.

Nacorda then discussed his experience at the Sacramento Legislative Seminar last March 6-8. He flew up Monday morning early and spent the entire day with the students and then after 8 p.m. flew home. He said that the program needed to be kept because it gave hope and inspiration to the Franklin High School students. The HHPNC thanked Ms. Yim Tam for coming back to the Council to give, with the students, a report of the trip. Franklin now has a nationally-ranked Cyber Patriots Team, an Academic Decathlon Team ranked 6th in the state last year, one of the 7 princesses of the Rose Parade, and the present Academic Decathlon team beat Marshall High School last week by more than 1000 points. They had practiced and studied for a week up in the mountains at Dr. Moore’s home there, August 22-26. BUT, they lost 25 teachers this year because of the LAUSD’s budget crisis. Franklin, however, wants to and will improve its test scores next Spring. He introduced Natalie P, his Associated Student Body Advisor.

Janet Dodson: We have City money and we need to reach out to tell as many students as possible about this opportunity. Nacorda and Tam agreed.

Gulotta-Miller announced that she wanted to be the back up driver for the trip next Spring. Carmela Gomes spoke from the audience that she had been the back up driver the year she went, and so did Rick Marquez. Potter objected to any money going for food. Moore, Tam and Marquez stated that in previous years they discovered students not eating because they had no money but wanted to go so much that they simply planned not to eat for three days, and, in response, Marquez, Yim Tam and Moore all used their own money to feed the students. Franklin H.S. students are often trying to function under really adverse situations.

Terri Lloyd: We now have Twitter, Face Book. Yim, are you willing to use Social Media? Ms. Tam said yes, but many of our students don’t have access to social media. Nacorda, we might try to spread acceptances around our four academies—two from each. Moore: We use a 500 word essay, “What I Would Do To Improve Highland Park, if I Had the Power,” to help make our choices and a large number of students are not willing to do the essay. Also, last year two accepted students had to drop out when a required examination was given on either March 7 or 8 that they could not miss. We advertise the SLS in the Bvld. Sentinel every year—telling readers that they must live in HP, but can be going to school outside of HP.

Motion: Moved, Bonsell Second, Antezana MSA Abstain: Baird

4. Item 20, now Item 4. Discussion and Motion: Approve funding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to Luther Burbank for materials for a tutoring program of five volunteer teachers up to but not to exceed \$500, pending Budget and Finance approval. (Moore) Discussion: Arturo Valdez: Luther Burbank is struggling financially. Custodians were cut from 9 to 4, and Office Clerical Staff from 7 to 3. Yes, there is bond money for building and rebuilding at Luther Burbank, because it was by chance built right on top of an earthquake zone, but there is no money for materials to run a tutor program. No money will be used to pay the teachers. This is for materials to supplement our academic program.
 Moved, Bonsell Second, Marquez MSA Abstain: Milligan
5. Item 21, now Item 5. Approve funding a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Luther Burbank for Drill Team equipment, mats, bags, and etc., amount up to but not to exceed \$500, pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Moore) Arturo Valdez: There are 30 students. Uniforms have to be tailored individually, so the families have to pay about \$120 for each uniform. But, there are other items needed that can be reused for years and years.
 Moved, Bonsell Second, Antezana MSA Opposed: Dodson Abstain: Baird
6. Item 22, now Item 6. Discussion and Motion: Approve funding a NPG to Luther Burbank for uniforms for the Drumline, amount up to but not to exceed \$250, pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Moore)
 Moved, Bonsell Second, Garcia Bonsell: Uniforms, much used year after year. The students are fundraising for many things, given the LAUSD budget situation.
 MSA Yes 11 Opposed: Dodson, Potter, Milligan Abstain: Baird
7. Item 17, now 7. Discussion and Motion. Approve funding a NPG to the Youth Leadership Council of Hathaway-Sycamores Family Resource Center for food for the Leadership Seminar to be held in Blue Jay this budget year, up to but not to exceed \$300, pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Moore) Hathaway-Sycamores youth program has not been funded by the L.A. City or grants for 3 years. Director Janet Lester and Mr. Ledesma have been funding the program, involving as many as 40 high school students, out of their own resources for now three years. About 23 students will spend a weekend up in the mountains. Teenagers eat a lot. Ledesma needs help, especially since Janet Lester has gone to another agency at a salary increase. He is trying to help these kids, originally in the Hathaway program because of problems at home and the possibility of becoming members of a gang.
 Moved, Garcia Second, Bonsell MSA Yes 10 No: Dodson, Potter, Baird, Marquez and Milligan.
8. Item 18, now Item 8. Discussion and Motion: Approve a NPG for the Hathaway-Sycamores Youth Leadership Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 13, 2011 and the HP Holiday Parade, Dec. 4, 2011 for supplies, decorations and food for the six to eight announcing stations in both English and Spanish covering both parades, amount up to but not to exceed \$300, pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Moore) Motion, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA No: Dodson, Potter, Milligan
9. Item 19, now Item 9. Approve funding a NPG for the Hathaway-Sycamores Youth Leadership for food for youth and adult waiting for transportation for two

weeks of camp in the Sierra Mountains in the forest above Fresno at R.M. Pyles Camp, amount up to but not to exceed \$300, pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Moore)

Discussion: Last year Richard Ledesma got FREE 47 two weeks at R.M. Pyles summer camp. All 47 (he had 62 slots but couldn't fill them all) boys, with some Parents, had to wait over night at Hathaway-Sycamores, for the early morning bus to that the 14-16 years olds to camp. They had to have food for 60+ people—for the evening before and the breakfast before boarding the bus.

Question: Potter: Then this is for food? I am against funding food. We need to fund permanent things, not food. Answer: Moore--Yes. When will this happen? Next June, in late June, at Hathaway. Then it can wait for funding until next Spring and reapply for the April 30 deadline. Moore: Yes.

Moved, Bonsell Second, Milligan Motion lost. 8 No votes: Milligan, Marquez, Dodson, Baird, Garcia, Reback, Potter and one more.

10. The previous Item 4, now Item 10. Discussion and Motion to approve funding to Outreach to buy 300 bags, at the request of Audray at the HP Senior Center, for people over the age of 90 at Recreation and Parks Senior Luncheon. (Bonsell, Moore) Moved, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA No Potter

11. Previous Item 12, now Item 11. Discussion and Motion: Approve assignment of two Board members to participate in the Mayor's Budget Day, October 29. (Marquez, Moore) Smith requested volunteers. Bonsell and Gulotta-Miller both volunteered. Motion to approve Bonsell and Gulotta-Miller HHPNC's appointed.

Moved, Reback Second, Garcia MSA Unanimous

Adjournment: 9:43 p.m. Unanimous