

HHPNC MINUTES February 16, 2012

Dr. Stan Moore, Secretary

- A. Call to Order by Vice President Rick Marquez in the absence of president Smith.
- B. Roll Call: Present David Baird, Teri Bonsell, Steve Crouch, Erik Duarte, Mauro Garcia, Trish Gossett, Tine Gulotta-Miller, Terri Lloyd, Rick Marquez, Cathi Milligan, Stan Moore, and Ofelia Zuniga. Absent: Luis Antezana, Janet Dodson, Miriam Escobar, David Kekone, Joan Potter, Mark Reback and Chris Smith.
- C. Ms. Harsman from LAUSD's Sonia M. Sotomayor—absent .
- D. D. Council District 1: Ms. Lynnelle Scaduto has left at Field Deputy for the Honorable Ed Reyes, Councilman for CD1. Mr. George Magallanes, Mr. Reyes' Deputy Field Director, reported that a replacement for Ms. Scaduto would soon be replaced (however, this acting secretary believes that she will be impossible to replace). Mr. Magallanes reported that he met with Angels Walk LA today. He is hoping that Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) will soon have a project in the Highland Park area if CD1. He responded to questions regarding posters in place at the Veterans' Memorial Park and the fact that just recently a new contract for advertising was made by the Dept. of Transportation that would include the posters at the Memorial Park. He then discussed the former Security Pacific Bank building at Ave. 56 and Figueroa. The City owns it, but the previous owner did a lot of "improvements" that were done without permit and were done dangerously, e.g., marble tiles on the ceiling that are falling off and could hurt someone. The engineer's estimate is that it will take about \$5 million to repair the building and make it fit for use. The City does not have the money to open it at the moment, but it is on the list to be repaired. He will arrange a walk through for the members of the HHPNC. The elevator will take about \$200,000 to make operational. The 17th. Annual Job Fair will soon be held at Dodger Stadium and CD1 is going to try to get those planning on attending to have their papers all filled out so that they can really interview for jobs by holding prior Resume' Building sessions.
- E. CD 14. Field Deputy Nate Harward discussed efforts to block the Bridewell entrance to the Los Angeles park entrance that is there, so that automobiles cannot enter through South Pasadena and dump trash, etc., into L.A.'s park. He mentioned efforts at storm water management that CD 14 is concerned about. CD 14's newsletter was available for anyone who wanted it. He discussed Ms. Nancy Wyatt's request for an Ave. 50 traffic survey, and declared that DOT is overwhelmed; DOT has one traffic engineer for three CDs—or one engineer for 750,000 people because of the decrease in City personnel in order to balance the budget.
- F. There was no Mayor's Office report.
- G. Announcements and Public Comments: (1) Mark Lewis, formerly with DONE is now working with the LAUSD's Redistricting. He announced that Monday, Feb. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. there would be a meeting at Hollenbeck PD building at 2510 E. 6th. St. The map of the 7 new LAUSD district boundaries will be set by July 1. (2) Cathi Milligan announced a Feb. 26 Art Show with all of the proceeds going to one artist chosen as the best. Tickets for \$10 are available at The Glass Studio on York and Ave. 51. (3) Al Strange: "What do we need?" A Boys and Girls

Club was the response. The HP Heritage Trust will be having a Lummis Day fund raiser on April 21 at the Ebell Club; tickets will cost \$20 a person. (4) Nina Zvaleko requested \$800 for Buchanan Elementary School's Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program; She is a RIF volunteer. RIF usually provides three books for each Buchanan student; this year it can only provide two books for each participating students and is asking Buchanan Elementary to provide \$800 for the 400 books that will be the third in the RIF program. She requested being placed on the next Agenda for the HHPNC. Stan Moore will contact RIF to find out whether any other HP elementary schools are participating in the RIF Program and then place the item on the next Agenda. RIF (323) 899-0698 Nancy Wyatt asked whether a book slip could and would be placed in the 400 books if the HHPNC approved the expenditure. Teri Bonsell said that she would supply the slips. Ms. Zvaleko said that that would be appropriate if the HHPNC provided the money. (5) Mr. Enrique Hurtado, Executive Directory of the Aztec's Rising's Forest Fire fighting program introduced himself and requested \$10,000 from the HHPNC for training HP young men to become either temporary or permanent Forest Fire fighters. He has been training volunteer fire fighters since 1995. Over the past 18 years over 600 trainees got permanent fulltime jobs. Rick Marquez told him our limit was now \$1,500 and that we only had \$10,000 left for the remainder of this budget year—June 30, 2012. Mauro Garcia asked what pay the trainees received per hour. Answer: \$18.65 an hour—14 day periods, "Portal to Portal." Mauro asked what was chance of the trainees getting permanent jobs and was told that 600 had over the years since 1965, and that the Feds (Federal Forest Fire Fighters) would hire permanently individuals with previous criminal records. The volunteers are trained in groups of 18; that this helps that the trainees out of gangs and so this is an Aztec's Rising gang intervention program. There is no GRYD (Gang Reduction Youth Development) available for this program. The fire Chief of the Santa Monica Mountains gives training for 24 at a time, but it costs \$2,000 a participants for the uniforms and "fire shelters" to protect them from real and training fires deliberately set for training.

(6) Stan Moore: Copies of the Mayor's Budget Survey available tonight. Mayan Museum on York next to the Police Museum is having an open house on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Finally, Saturday, April 14, a fund raiser for the Friends of the SW Museum will be held at the Lummis home. More details next time.

(7) Metro meeting on the SR 710. Will be Thursday, March 1, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ramona Hall. Immediately Rick Marquez and Tina Gulotta-Miller both said we must go to this very important meeting and postpone the HHPNC meeting by one week. The HHPNC will be polled to see if this will be acceptable. Stan Moore said that he thought that it was important that the HHPNC be present in large numbers. There is another meeting of the SR 710 on Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at East Los Angeles Public Library, 4837 E. 3rd. St. LA 90022.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Moved, Bonsell Second, Moore MSA unanimous
2. Discussion and motion: Approve Minutes for Nov. 3, 2011, Feb. 2, 2012. Bonsell reported that Chris Smith took the minutes of Feb. 2 and that she had not

- seen them. She presented the Minutes for Nov. 3. Garcia objected to the Minutes for Item 6. Bonsell, Phelps and Wyatt said the the Bonsell minutes were correct. Garcia asserted that they were not. Tabled to the next Agenda
3. Item 3, letter to NCs and DONE was Tabled. Mr. Paul Parks, the appointed representative for the Northeast from the Mayor's Office was not present. Mr. Jay Handel could have been there but Gulotta-Miller did not want him there without Mr. Parks.
 4. Discussion and Motion to write a letter to the Franklin H.S. Dream Project for their participation in the Dec. 17th. Holiday event. Motion, Moore Second, Bonsell. Vote: 10 yes 1 No (Garcia) Terri Lloyd will write the letter.
 5. Motion and Discussion: Approve writing a letter to MTA requesting removal of advertising from the bus shelters at Veterans' Memorial Park. (Marquez) Acting president Marquez turned the chair over to Dr. Moore. Discussion: Lloyd, "How much will MTA lose in money?" When was the contract made. Mr. Magallanes: The contract is a recent one. He does not know how long it will run. He will attempt to get the answers to (1) amount of money involved, (2) how recent was the contract and (3) how long will it run. Tina Gulotta-Miller suggested that there was a security issue and that if the sign was moved 10 feet, from one side of the bus stop to a location 8-10 feet further south on Figueroa, that would help. Tabled to the next Agenda.
 6. Motion and discussion: Approve possible new location for HHPNC meetings at Ramona Hall. (Garcia) It would only cost \$20 to use Ramona Hall from 7 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. According to Garcia, the room would handle 30 people. Motion, Garcia Second, Gossett 1 Yes (Garcia) 9 No 1 Abstain (Baird) Failed
 7. Item 7 skipped
 8. Discussion and motion: Approve a letter to the Mayor's Office, CD1, CD14 and the City Controller (sic) asking for enforcement of existing laws curbing recycling crews stealing from residential sanitation bins. (Marquez) Acting president Marquez turned the chai over to Dr. Moore to conduct the discussion. Marquez asked Moore regarding the legality of raiding bins placed on the street. Moore said that the U.S. Supreme Court said that bins placed on the street were out of the control of the home owner and could be searched by the public. He asked whether the fact that there was an L.A. City law against it changed things. Moore replied that there were plenty of unconstitutional laws on the books and until they were challenged in a court of law they were often enforced until challenged. However, Moore doubted, given the financial situation of the City, whether any such requests by HHPNC would be enforced. Motion, Marquez Second, Gulotta-Miller 2 Yes (Marquez, Gulotta-Miller) 4 No (Moore, Duarte, Bonsell, Lloyd) 4 Abstain Failed
 9. Items 9 and 10 skipped. Item 11 Discussion and Motion: Approve funding for an election committee for the upcoming HHPNC election up to but not to exceed \$800 pending approval from Budget and Finance. Discussion: Some thought that elections were not going to held until 2014. Bonsell said that DONE had said at the last LANCC meeting that they might/could be held in Nov. and Dec. of 2012, or in January and February of 2012. Motion, Bonsell Second, Garcia MSA Unanimous Motion
- Adjourned at 9:09