

HHPNC MINUTES MARCH 15, 2012

Secretary, Dr. Stanley Moore

- A. Call to Order, President Chris Smith
- B. Welcome and Public Comment: Ofelia Rubio, WP Construction Civil Engineer
Figueroa sewage—almost full, i.e., over 75% full. DWP likes capacity to be one-third, or less than half. There are 12 major utilities along Figueroa. DWP will start construction next week and hopes to end by the end of June. They have found a 2' pipe, a 12" pipe, and an 8" water line. Last utility was placed there 100 years ago. They are using a set of plans from the 1930s. Using boring machines underground; major problem would be to hit a very large boulder. They are boring very deep.
Teri Bonsell: HHPNC needs to begin Outreach for the next HHPNC election as soon as possible. She announced the CD1 April 14 Cleanup of Figueroa, starting at Veterans' Memorial and the HP Senior Center and the Arroyo Seco Library and going down to Food 4 Less, which will provide treats for the workers. The HHPNC should join the effort. HP Kiwanis has signed on, as has the two Builders' Clubs of the HP Kiwanis Club: St. Ignatius and Luther Burbank. (2) Saturday, April 7, there will be an Egg Hunt at the HP Recreation Center. (3) Lummis Day will be Sunday, June 3rd, and July 4th. will be celebrated July 8th. at the CD 14 sponsored Fire Works show. The HHPNC will have a table at Lummis Day and July 8th, and will be co-sponsoring the April 7 Egg Hunt. HHPNC members are encouraged to participate—as well as Saturday, May 19th. Peace Day at Sotomayor High School (five 500 students separate schools forming one 2500 high school).
- C. Roll Call: Present: Baird, Bonsell, Crouch, Dodson, Duarte, Escobar, Gulotta-Miller, Gossett, Marquez, Moore, Potter, and Smith. Absent: Zuniga, Garcia, Kekone, Milligan, Reback and Antezana. Quorum established.

AGENDA: Motion from Bonsell to move item 7 to 3 Motion to approve the Agenda as Amended: Motion, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous Motion

Nate Harward, representing CD 14. Garvanza Park opening was celebrated. Both Chris Smith and Tina Gulotta-Miller spoke. Next Tuesday, March 20, at the Women's 20th. Century Club the City Council's Finance Committee will be there from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. discussing the struggles over a balance budget that is required by law. On March 16 the Chief Legislative Analyst will release new financial figures facing the City.

2. Motion to approve the Minutes of November 3, 2011 and February 2 and February 16, 2012.
Moved, Bonsell Second, Gulotta-Miller. MSA Unanimous
3. Item 7, now Item 3. Ms. Yim Tam spoke regarding the Sacramento Legislative Seminar Trip, March 4-6, and the wonderful experience the students had. Ms. Tina Gulotta-Miller also praised the trip and the program Dr. Moore had arranged.

Ms. Tam announced that the nine students who attended Sacramento had been so excited by the trip that they had formed a Political Awareness Club. Six were present at the meeting (March 15), along with nine additional students who had joined the Political Awareness Club. The 15 students present wanted HHPNC to support the students against the L.A. International Charter School's coming to Franklin (FHS) and taking over parts of the campus and sharing the limited resources and spaces elsewhere on Franklin's campus and hurt the present students at Franklin. The Charter would bring perhaps as many as 250 students and put pressure on the one librarian still at Franklin, utilization of gym time, counselor time, etc. Proposition 39, in 2000, allows Charter schools to have access to public schools. According to the two spokesmen for L.A. International Charter, Tony Torres and Clifford Mosely, founder, the LAUSD made the offer of space at FHS to the Charter as a routine effort to utilize all of the spaces at FHS. Luther Burbank also has some underutilized space at its campus. Charters are public schools with public students, according to Prop. 39 passed in 2000. There are much discussion over a 20 minute time period. One teacher from FHS said that he wanted to know what happens when a comprehensive H.S. has a Charter school on the same campus. Carmela Gomes, retired teacher from the LAUSD, declared that the students of both schools should be included in the discussion. There should be full discussion, transparency and visibility—which are not characteristics of the LAUSD's bureaucracy. The Charter is negotiating with the LAUSD and a final offer is due from the LAUSD by April 1 according to Torres and Mosely. President Smith brought the discussion to a halt, since the wording of the Agenda was too vague to take a vote at this time—to the disappointment of the 15 students from FHS.

4. Discussion and Motion to change the location of the HHPNC posting from the Police Museum to the Arroyo Secon Library (Garcia) Mr. Garcia was absent, Tabled.
5. Discussion and Motion to approve Trish Gossett as Chair of the Arts, Culture and Architecture Committee. Motion, Bonsell Second, Joan Potter MSA Unanimous
6. Discussion and Motion to approve all the changes made by Done to the proposed HHPNC By-Laws except VII, which should be brought back on April 3 with the 3 Options clearly delineated. Motion, Gulotta-Miller Second, Potter.
MSA Unanimous
7. Discussion and Motion to form an Election Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee for the upcoming NC election, trying to make it as inexpensive as possible. (Bonsell) The Ad-Hoc Committee volunteers are: Carmela Gomes, Teri Bonsell, Paul Bonsell, Terri Lloyd, and Tony Howard.
8. Discussion: In Nicole Gatto's absence, it was announced that Monte Vista Elementary School will hold an Open House and Open Garden celebration on March 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. with refreshments provided.
9. Discussion and Motion that the HHPNC affirm participation in the existing MOU (Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Los Angeles's Dept. of Water and Power, and that a delegate/representative to the DWP monthly meetings and to the MOU Oversight Committee be appointed. Motion, Moore Second, Gullota-Miller
MSA Unanimous

10. Discussion and Motion to approve urging the DWP and the Neighborhood Council's DWP Oversight Committee to extend the current MOU. (Bonsell) Motion, Moore Second, Escobar MSA Unanimous
11. Discussion and Motion: Request the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayers Advocate, Fred Pickles, to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Neighborhood Councils. (Bonsell) Motion, Moore Second, Gullota-Miller MSA Unanimous
12. Discussion and Motion to participate in the DWP Committee and name a representative to that Committee. (Bonsell) Tabled

Announcement: Franklin H.S. Cyber Patriots team will be going back to Washington, D.C. again this year, as will the Academic Decathlon Team.

In addition, FHS is going to have a MAZE, carnival, etc., after school on March 21. FHS now has an after school "Coffee House" for poetry reading, showing off artistic talent, musical talent, etc.

April 7 DWP MOU—Neighborhood Council MOU Oversight Committee. Delegate will be Teri Bonsell: Unanimous. Tony Wilkerson, Chair, Panarama City NC, is the head of the MOU Oversight Committee; Wilkerson wants cooperative discussions with the DWP. The MOU Committees add transparency; both groups want a collaborative relationship, not an adversarial relationship.