

HHPNC MINUTES APRIL 5, 2012

Stan Moore, Secretary

A. Call to Order, president Chris Smith

B. Welcome

C. Public Comment: CD 14: Nate Hayward (1) If you are interested in redistricting use---redistricting2011.lacity.org and click on “Maps” (2) There will be an electronic/oil filters cleanup; Huizar is the new Chair of Energy and the Environment To find out the new committee assignments by Herb Wesson use www.lacity.org and click on “City Council Assignments.” (3) The City Council is considering the end of the use of PLASTIC BAGS.

CD 1 not present. Mayor representative not present

Announcements: 710 Freeway meeting, Ramona Hall, April 14. It may be important for the HHPNC to cancel its meeting and go as a group to make ourselves Heard.

Tom Looey—Congratulations on the lighting of the Manning Sign and Highland Theatre, but the latter is often not lite. Why? Someone told him to contact Amy Inouye.

Richard McCarthy—head teacher for Franklin’s Arroyo Seco Academy. He requests support to keep the Academy’s current space on Franklin’s campus. FHS will be undergoing its six year California state review—it has brand new signage that will need to be removed and replaced with different signage—which is very expensive. There are already four Small Learning Community (SLC) and one Academy that form what is Franklin High School. It has been undergoing huge changes and needs time to consolidate those changes.

Xavier—a teacher who is pro Franklin High School. Requests a letter of support for FHS. 74% of Seniors graduated; 70% passed State exams in Math and English; Academic Decathlon team took 5th. place in the nation; FHS has 150 students with special needs; these students have an average 5th. grade education level and their scores lower FHS’s average scores. FHS is using Saturday classes and extended day classes to address students’ needs. Xavier’s teaching load—185 students during each day plus one hour after school—a huge teaching load.

Kristin Ellis—concerned about programs being discontinued, and the preschool kids kicked off campus because of L.A. International Charter School coming in.

Cheryl Ortega—here to support FHS. She is on Echo Park NC. She is Anti-Charter, Public funded but privately run schools, because they counsel out students in the Spring before the California State spring tests, then welcome those students back for their money in the Fall.

The preschool school at Franklin is connected to one of the SLC; it is not a separate stand alone program.

Al Strange: What do we need? Boys and Girls Club in HP. He is keeping on the pressure on the Police Museum.

Capt. Perez—on the Board of Boys and Girls Club.

Teri Bonsell—(1) April 7 Spring Egg at HP Recreation Center and (2) April 14 Figueroa Cleanup beginning at HP Senior Center and the Veterans’ Memorial. Sunday, July 1, Fireworks Show put on by Huizar’s office.

Veneta Strange—The NE Democratic Club was one of 70 Clubs whose money was stolen. The NE Dems. are having an Art Show/Sale on May 12 (Saturday). Tickets are \$20. Please come and help make us financially well again.

Roll Call: Present— David Baird, Theresa Bonsell, Steve Crouch, Janet Dodson, Miriam Escobar, Mauro Garcia, Trish Gossett, Rick Marquez, Stan Moore, Joan Potter, Chris Smith, and Ofelia Zuniga. Absent: Cathi Milligan, Luis Antezana, Erik Duarte, Tina Gulotta-Miller, Mark Reback, and David Kekone.

Quorum Established.

D. Treasurer's report—Treasurer absent. No report.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Agenda. Moved, Baird Second, Zuniga MSA Unanimous
2. Approval of the Minutes for March 15, 2012. Moved, Bonsell, Second, Zuniga. MSA Unanimous 1 abstention: Garcia
3. Discussion and Motion: Change the location of the HHPNC posting from the Police Museum to the Arroyo Seco Library. (Garcia) Since that would need DONE approval and take months, motion amended to read “add posting at the Arroyo Seco Library until the By-Laws are amended to permit the dropping of the Police Museum.” Motion, Bonsell Second, Zuniga MSA Unanimous
4. Discussion and Motion to change the HHPNC Council meetings from twice a month to once a month on the first Thursday of the month. (Baird)
Garcia argued that stakeholders are aware of the two meetings, plus issues arise that require attention and once a month is inadequate. Moore argued that the elected officials of the City often try to spring surprises on the NCs at the very last minute and once a month meetings would not be a check upon such last minute attempts to get around citizen participation and input into the operation of the City. Motion: Bonsell Second, Gossett Vote 5 to 5. President Smith broke the tie by voting to keep two meetings a month. No voters were: Garcia, Moore, Crouch, Bonsell and Escobar. Two meetings will remain.
5. Discussion and Motion to approve changes required by DONE to the proposed HHPNC By-Laws. After discussion it was felt that the Rules Committee should resubmit the options in a way to make them less complex and more clear. Substitute motion: “Motion to place the Agenda setting process in Policies and Procedures and not in the By-Laws for greater flexibility in the future.”
Motion, Moore Second, Marquez MSA Unanimous
6. Discussion and Motion: Direct the Rules Committee to rewrite the Agenda Policies and Procedures for Board approval, to reflect DONE requirements. (Dodson, Marquez, Bonsell)
Motion: Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous Abstention: Garcia
7. Items 7 and 8 referred to Budget and Finance.
8. Item 9, to approve forming an Ad-Hoc Election Committee. (Bonsell) Tabled for more information and more details.
9. Item 10 tabled for more information—determine how much the HHPNC should encumber for the NC election process.
10. Item 11 tabled—Tina Gulotta-Miller not present
11. Volunteers to complete inventory of storage: Dodson, Bonsell, Garcia, Marquez, Gossett, Paul Bonsell on Sunday, April 15. Item 13. Tabled Adjourned 8:48 pm