

Minutes for the HHPNC's General Meeting -October 2nd, 2014

- A. 7:04 pm – Call to order
- B. Roll Call: Present – Monica Alcaraz, Diego Silva, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Linda Caban, Jessica Ceballos, Susanne Huerta, Stanley Moore, Amirah Noaman, Miguel Ramos, Miranda Rodriguez, Harvey Slater, Graeme Flagenheimer (arrived late) **Absent:** Manuel Avila, Aaron Salcido, Joan Potter, Mauro Garcia, Fernando Villa
- C. CD14 – recap of successful Burbank clean up, office applied for grant to renovate senior center – much to ADA accessibility; senior center will be refurbished; park had to stop construction for some slight redesign; AD51 – recap on the 13 bills signed by Gov. Brown; CD 1 – Working on issue of hit and run – on Ave. 50 and San Marcos – additional lighting and stop sign has been requested
- D. President's Report: Shake out event – October 14; homeless coalition – on Oct. 23
- E. LAPD - no officers
- F. Board report – none
- G. Budget – None; Land Use – please attend land use and be watchful of development; hearing appeal – Shell station on Ave. 50 received permit for a carwash, a resident is appealing with hearing to be held at Ramona Hall, Oct. 8 at 4:30 pm; Outreach – Planning to be there on Oct. 28 – farmer's market and shake out event and at next Artwalk; Rules – none; Public Safety – now waiting on City Attorney's approval for camera project; Beautification – none
- H. Public Comments: Charles Renn – The Hive, Grand Opening during the next artwalk; Lisette Covarubias – back in downtown offices, funding training on new fund process system on Oct. 8; Helen Ruiz – Re Town Pizza – wishes hours not to extend to 2 am. And hearing will be Oct. 15 at City Hall at 10:30 am; Sarah Moore – library has now extended hours and many activities for October; Pamela Cohen – public comment re York Blvd specific plan – want to encourage to look at the plan broadly

Action Items

1. Motion to Approve Agenda
 - a. Motion to amend #6 (filling at-large director seat) and move to the end of the agenda. Motion to amend #20, 21, 22, 23 after item #6. Tabling 3. – Harvey Slater motions, Diego seconds. All in Favor. Motion passes.
2. Motion to Approve Minutes of September 4, 2014, and the special meeting of September 15, 2014.
 - a. All in favor with exceptions of Harvey and Monica abstaining. Motion passes.
3. Presentation: NELA Bicycle Friendly Business District program, Elizabeth Gallardo, Assistant Bicycle Coordinator, LADOT – TABLED
4. Presentation: Highland Park Film Festival - Oct. 9 – Oct. 12; 7pm on Oct. 9 is the opening night; all proceeds support art/school programming.
5. Presentation: Use of LAPD Drones, Hamid Khan from the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition - Stop LAPD Spying Coalition – presentation – requesting that the council take an action to write a letter to stop the militarization of the LAPD [public comments – Mike Aguilar – local resident in support of coalition, Carol Smith – in support of civic participation against the drones]
6. Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement to advocate for the legalization of private home sharing, including but not limited to both short term and long term rentals in private residences that are

located in residential and commercial zones of Los Angeles, where the rental activity complies with standard rules of occupancy.

- a. Harvey Slater – recuses himself
 - b. Duncan Forester presented that he home shares and uses the supplemental income, currently ambiguity of legal status of home sharing; comments - Josh Dinato – for; Cathy Milligan – for in support especially because of lack of retail housing; Lake Sharp – local businesses benefit; Sara Kelly – in support; Kevin Kelly – in support, Lynne Kelly – in support; Tina Miller – in support ; Robert Mendel – emailed support
 - c. Liz Amsden – has concerns with legal parameters; Miguel Ramos – concerns regarding lack of housing, Diego Silva – concerns this adds to inflated housing prices
 - d. All in favor – Boo, Johanna, Monica, Miranda, Stan, Susanne; Opposed – Diego, Miguel. Abstained – Jessica, Liz, Amirah. Motion passes.
7. Discussion and Motion: MCUP for 5916-5918 Figueroa St. Manny Diaz of FE Design will present plans to develop 5916-5918 Figueroa into three food service businesses and a wine store; seeking neighborhood council support for their Master CUP. Plans will be presented for a master conditional use permit allowing for 2 separate restaurants, 1 coffeehouse, and 1 retail wine store. MCUP will allow for 3 separate liquor licenses. Applicant has agreed to volunteer conditions, Land Use committee conditions, and submission of design plans as an exhibit of the motion.
- a. Voluntary conditions under the liquor license; businesses have intentions to improve the building; all four locations will have liquor licenses – ranging from buying out of the store – with wine to full liquor to beer and wine; 4 distinct businesses. Hire from community; are negotiating for more parking; have outreach around the neighborhood
 - b. Motion to support with letter as drafted. Yes – Boo, Liz, Monica, Johanna, Miranda, Amirah, Susanne, Harvey; Opposed - Stan, Diego, Jessica; Abstains – Miguel. Motion passes.
8. Discussion and Motion: 12-Unit small lot subdivision project on 175 S. Avenue 57- Plans will be presented with applicant seeking neighborhood council support. Applicant has agreed to submit design plans as an exhibit of the motion.
- a. Currently fenced off and vacant – narrow property but deep; currently a homeless encampment and visible drug location; developer planning to build a 12 unit development (small lot subdivision) and make improvements to the walkways and landscaping in the area in perpetuity; working closely with HPOZ.
 - b. Motion to support with letter as drafted. All favor. Motion passes
9. Discussion and Motion: Event banquet facility at 6441 N. Figueroa St. is seeking a zoning variance to allow the facility within the existing commercial zoning to serve a full line of alcohol. - H. Slater.
- a. Applicant was not present. Community stakeholder - Priscilla Moreno - not supportive of full line of alcohol – currently the place has parties; no outreach on the issue; loud music is already problematic.
 - b. Motion to support – in favor – Linda. Opposed - Liz, Stan, Johanna, Monica, Diego, Miguel, Miranda, Amirah, Susanne, and Harvey. Motion fails.
10. Motion to approve no more than \$350 to print 20 reusable HHPNC announcement posters that can be posted at various high-traffic locations. All in favor with exception of Stan who can't vote. Motion passes.
11. Motion to fund no more than \$100 for an HHPNC Halloween Farmer's Market tabling event on October 28.
- a. Concern regarding that we should provide healthy snacks and not just candy.
 - b. All in favor, except Stan who cannot vote. Motion passes.
12. Motion to approve funds of no more than \$200.00 for official HHPNC business cards for certain members of the Land Use Committee: Linda Caban, Liz Amsden, Loyd Kattro, Tina G. Miller, Nancy Wyatt, Trish Gossett, and Steve Crouch.

- a. Concerns that this opens up for other committees; issues with non board members potentially speaking on behalf of the Board when they cannot.
 - b. Diego – motion to table, Liz seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.
13. Recap on the Congress of Neighborhood Councils held on September 17, 2014. – Over 90 councils, good opportunity to network and learn about city departments. Next mtg of LANCC – Oct. 18.
14. Discussion of creating a neighborhood preparedness plan. – TABLED.
15. Motion to form a Youth School Alliance Committee: Committee will focus on youth related issues and youth stakeholders. Monica to lead the committee. All in favor. Motion passes.
16. Motion to sponsor a Community Scavenger Hunt for November 2014. The goal is to educate on Highland Park history and engage the community with a focus on the youth. Partners to include various businesses. No funds requested at this time. Will be targeting high school kids. All in favor. Motion passes.
17. Motion to add the following guideline to the Council’s policies and procedures: Whenever sourcing purchases over \$100, that HHPNC should look to buy within Highland Park, within Los Angeles, within California and within the United States in that order, and to take into account not only cost and shipping but also the issues of global warming, jobs, fair trade, and other more ephemeral metrics.
 - a. Discussion that motion should be discussed in Rules committee. Monica motioned to table. Diego seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
18. Motion to recommend to DONE, LANCC, and the City of Los Angeles that they develop buy local policies including databases and networking between purchasers that will help all communities in this City. Recommendation in the form of a letter.
 - a. As this follows the above motion, Harvey motions to table. Diego seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. Motion to approve digital and print distribution of the HHPNC Community Survey.
 - a. Survey to be available mostly online but plans to include a print version and a Spanish version.
 - b. Monica motions to amend to make the survey a living document. J. Sanchez seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
20. Motion to host a council mixer event to be held no later than November 30, 2014.
 - a. Monica motions to amend to change date to Dec. 15, 2014. Diego seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
21. Discussion of developing and increasing open spaces that promote community development along major corridors, such as community gardens. Discussion to continue through a working group in land use or another committee.
22. Discussion of supporting and facilitating more community benefit agreements for our community. Discussion to continue through a working group in land use or another committee.
23. Motion to fill Director At-Large Vacant seat(s) per approved process. New Board member(s) will be seated at the November HHPNC Board meeting.
 - a. 10 candidates were present and spoke about their qualifications and desire to be nominated to fill the currently vacant seat on the Board. Board stressed that regardless of who was appointed, candidates should involve themselves in the community and in Board committees.
 - b. SuzAnn Branter was appointed and will be seated at the November meeting.
24. New business - Regional budget day will be at Glassel Park at 2pm, Oct. 11; Sustainability summit Oct. 11 in downtown
25. Adjourns: 9:55pm