Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Regular Meeting and Agenda

Thursday, October 2, 2014
Highland Park Senior Center 6152 N. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA 90042
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Elected Officials (Mayor’s office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22)
D. President’s Report
E. LAPD Report
F. Board Announcements
G. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification)
H. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)  

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Motion to Approve Agenda
2. Motion to Approve Minutes of September 4, 2014, and the special meeting of September 15, 2014.
3. (5 mins) Presentation: Highland Park Film Festival
4. (8 mins) Elizabeth Gallardo, Assistant Bicycle Coordinator at LADOT will present the city’s recently launched NELA Bicycle Friendly Business District program.
5. (8 mins) Presentation: Hamid Khan from the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition regarding the use of LAPD drones.
6. (15 mins) Discussion of candidates to fill the Board’s vacant seat. Motion to vote on board member with member to be seated at the November meeting. –M. Alcaraz.
7. (3 mins) Motion to approve no more than $350 to print 20 reusable HHPNC announcement posters that can be posted at various high-traffic locations. –Outreach committee.
8. (5 mins) Motion to approve no more than $650 for 6 months of advertising space in the Boulevard Sentinel newspaper. –Outreach committee.
9. (5 mins) Motion to approve no more than $400 for 6 months of advertising space in the NELAarts newspaper. –Outreach committee.
10. (5 mins) Motion to approve no more than $300 to purchase more HHPNC magnets, pens, and brochures. –Outreach committee.
11. (5 mins) Motion to approve no more than $75 for printing paper surveys, sign-up sheets, and information sheets for Outreach efforts. –Outreach committee.
13. (5 mins) Recap on the Congress of Neighborhood Councils held on September 17, 2014.
14. (5 mins) Discussion of creating a neighborhood preparedness plan. –F. Villa
15. (5 mins) Motion to form Youth School Alliance Committee: Committee will focus on youth related issues. -M. Alcaraz
16. (3 mins) Motion to sponsor a Community Scavenger Hunt with the goal to educate on Highland Park history and engage the community with a focus on the youth. [TBD DATE PENDING & sponsoring org needed] –M. Alcaraz.
17. (5 mins) 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. – L. Amsden.
18. (5 mins) 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. [LETTER PENDING.]
19. (5 mins) Motion to approve digital and print distribution of the HHPNC Community Survey. – Outreach committee.
20. (5 mins) Motion to endorse a council mixer event to be held no later than November 30, 2014. –Outreach committee.
21. (5 mins) Discussion of developing and increasing open spaces that promote community development along major corridors, such as community gardens. – M. Ramos.

22. (5 mins) Discussion of supporting and facilitating more community benefit agreements for our community. Our community should have a stronger emphasis of community development rather than real estate development. – M. Ramos.

23. (5 mins) 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. - M. Alcaraz [CIS PENDING]

24. (5 mins) 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. - H. Slater. [LETTER OF SUPPORT PENDING.]

25. (5 mins) Discussion and Motion: 12-Unit small lot subdivision project on 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. - H. Slater. [LETTER OF SUPPORT PENDING.]

26. (5 mins) 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. [LETTER OF SUPPORT PENDING.]

27. New Business

28. Adjournment