

March 3, 2016 Minutes

Call to Order 7:06pm

B. Roll Call – Present: Monica Alcaraz (late), Harvey Slater, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden (late), Linda Caban, Karina Casillas (late), Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Erica Daking, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stan Moore, Amirah Noaman, Fernando Villa; **Absent:** Diego Silva, Manuel Avila, Luz Mercado.

C. Elected Officials (Mayor's office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22, BOS1) -CD14 – Huizar – Parklet update, continues. Easter Egg Hunt upcoming

D. President's Report - none

E. LAPD Report – Off. Chan –increase of violent crimes, continuing with vehicle thefts

F. LAFD Report - none

G. Board Announcements – Stan – Kiwanis will honor Rebecca Prine of Recycled Resources at Fig Jam; Liz – Scholl Canyon press conference – March 22, DWP rates are going to go up; PLUM – committee issues with regards to the possibility of expediting EIRs and changing the amount of units

H. Committee Reports: (Budget - none, Land Use - none, Outreach - none, Rules - none, Public Safety -none, Beautification- none, Youth School Alliance- none, Arts & Culture - none, Sustainability – April 9 – kick off, Elections – met and discussed next events – are working on getting candidates to be register)

I. Budget Advocates Report - white paper on multiple issues (homelessness, sustainability....)

J. LANCC/Sustainability Alliance Report - street vending issues; calling for NC oversight on DWP; March 12 – event at Hollenbeck police

K. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

Karin Flores – Audubon: National website is now in Spanish; needing volunteers; April 2 – 11-4pm Earth Day

Adriana Rincon – Peace Over Violence – domestic violence prevention

Roberto Cruz – El Centro del Pueblo another org with GRYD – trying to plan an Easter Egg Hunt

Sonia Jimenez, Senior director for the City of L.A. Parks & Recs – Highland Park Rec Center (213-847-4875)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda – all in favor, motion passed
2. Approval of Minutes of the February 2016 meeting. All in favor except Liz, Sherri, and Amirah who abstained. Motion passes.
3. Presentation by Socorro Gamboa from the Los Angeles Theater Center and the Latino Theater Company regarding its upcoming events/season.
 - a. Apprenticeship program: A youth program 14-17 years for vocational training on stagecraft
4. Presentation by Luz Castillo from the US Census Bureau regarding an upcoming local (certain parts of Los Angeles) Census test in preparation for the 2020 Census.
 - a. Pilot test – planning for 2020, planning to be online; estimated 220k households in the NELA test area (also in the San Gabriel valley) as part of the test; March 21 – will be getting something in the mail with three additional reminders. Goal is to see how many households will go online. Working on social media, a toolkit, and working with local libraries in the test area.
5. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2016 as required by DONE. Monica, Liz, Linda, Karina, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Johanna, Harvey in favor. Motion passes.

6. Motion to approve up to \$800 for Outreach expenses in support of Fig-Jam, a Great Streets project, scheduled for March 19, 2016. (This replaces agenda item 6, approved at the August 20, 2015 Council meeting, where HHPNC was designated a Sponsor and funds were not spent.)
 - a. In favor: Monica, Liz, Linda, Karina, Jessica- abstain, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Johanna, Harvey. Motion passes.
7. Motion to approve a \$2000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Ruckus Roots to fund expenses related to the permitting and construction of a wildlife themed sculpture. This is the culmination of their Wild Art Project.
 - a. WildArt – is an art program with Academy Avance students who worked on this project which will be worked into a final sculpture; looking at placement options, will be in temporary places until a permanent location is found; funding will go to finishing the piece and getting permits
 - b. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
8. Motion to reimburse expenses of up to \$500 for two (past) Election Registration Events held Sat. Feb 13, 2016 and Sat. Feb. 20, 2016. Funds provided hospitality supplies, food, drinks, and items needed for candidate and voter registration as well as craft building.
 - a. Motion to amend to “approve previous elections” – Johanna motioned, Monica seconded. All in favor of amendment. Amendment passes.
 - b. In favor of amended motion: Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
9. Motion to approve funding up to \$1000 for Election outreach and promotion through print ads, on-line ads, and web-site enhancement for the months of February, March, April and May 2016.
 - a. 4 Ads in NELA Art and 3 in Boulevard Sentinel.
 - b. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Jessica – abstains. Motion passes.
10. Motion to approve funding up to \$1000 for flyers, brochures, banners, postcards, balloons, posters and other print media.
 - a. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
11. Motion to approve funding up to \$1000 for small events (HLP Farmer’s Market, canvassing, parent meetings at schools, etc.) Money to be used for hospitality and supplies.
 - a. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
12. Motion to approve up to \$1000 for Large Events (Fig Jam, Mixer, Candidate Forum, etc.). Money to be used for venue rental, hospitality, and supplies.
 - a. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
13. Motion to approve up to \$500 for Election Day expenses on May 21, 2016. Money to be used for venue rental, hospitality and supplies.
 - a. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
14. Motion to approve funds of up to \$350 for “I Love Highland Park” Easter Egg Hunt (and elections outreach) event at York Park to be held in March.
 - a. March 18, 2016 – Friday from 4-7pm at York Park
 - b. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
15. Motion to approve funds up to \$800 for “I love Highland Park” Time Capsule event to be held in April in collaboration with CD14. This is a community outreach and elections event.
 - a. Huizar’s office will be sponsoring event. The location will be at the senior center. Date to be determined.

- b. In favor, Monica, Liz, Karina, Linda, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Johanna, Joan, Harvey. Motion passes.
16. Motion to approve funds up to \$1000 for "Highland Park's Finest" awards for business. Money to fund ceremony and promotion of the event. Date, venue, nature of awards TBD.
- a. Eagle Rock does this and we'd be giving out a certificate with our logos. We'd create the categories and the public would vote.
 - b. Motion – Stan motioned to amend the words and add “and organizations”. Liz seconds. All in favor of amendment. Except Linda who abstains. Motion passes.
 - c. Jessica, Linda, Sherri, Amirah, and Erika abstains – Joan – No; All rest in favor. Motion passes.
17. Motion to support Franklin High School's 100th year Anniversary with up to \$600 for supplies, hospitality and promotional materials.
- a. All in favor: Monica, Liz, Linda, Karina, Jessica, Gabriel, Erika, Susanne, Sherri, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Johanna, Harvey. Motion passes.
18. Discussion and motion to submit a letter of support for a 5-unit Small Lot Subdivision on a 7,504-square foot lot located at 812 N Chestnut. Project includes demolition of an existing single-family home. Letter to include special conditions.
- a. Applicant is not present. Land Use committee – is generally in favor but needed more landscaping and was asked to bring in more specific plans.
 - b. Motion to amend to submit a letter to the ZA that the project has been rejected because the applicant failed to attend general meeting. Susanne motioned and seconded by Liz. All in favor of amendment. Amendment passes.
 - c. Motion with amendment. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. Motion requesting a letter to the City to require multi-unit buildings install meters for each unit so tenant is responsible for water usage, not the owner, with an appropriate rent reduction where appropriate.
- a. Origination of this motion was from a stakeholder.
 - b. Motion to table – Johanna. Stan seconded. All in favor except Liz who opposes. Motion passes.
20. Motion requesting a letter and a CIS for the City to support State bills on homelessness and affordable housing.
- a. SB 870 and AB1915 –
 - b. Margarito Martinez – public comment in support
 - c. Amend to motion Liz. Stan seconds to add the names of the bills (SB870 and AB 1915). All in favor of amendment. Amendment passes.
 - d. Motion with amendment. All in favor. Motion passes.
21. Motion to submit a CIS supporting DWP governance reforms under Council File No. 16-0093.
- a. All in favor. Motion passes.
22. Motion to submit a letter and a CIS requesting the City's pension and municipal funds stop investing in fossil fuels immediately and divest themselves from all such holdings within three years.
- a. Motion to amend to add – and energy investments be green/sustainable energy. Johanna. Sherri seconds. All in favor. Amendment passes.
 - b. Fossil free LA – in support – other cities have divested
 - c. Some concerns re fiscal responsibility
 - d. Motion to support. All in favor. Motion passes.
23. Letter requesting the City address certain streets, sidewalks and alley maintenance in Highland Park.
- a. All in favor. Motion passes.
24. New Business - none
25. Adjournment – 8:50pm