Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Regular Meeting and Agenda
Thursday, August 6, 2015
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, BOS1)
D. President’s Report
E. LAPD Report
F. LAFD Report
G. Board Announcements
H. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Youth School Alliance, Digital and Social Media, Arts & Culture, Green & Sustainability)
I. Budget Advocates Report
J. LANCC/Sustainability Alliance Report
K. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

ACTION ITEMS

1. (8 min) Presentation on the current work in NELA of Food Forward, a non-profit fruit gleaning organization, by Emily Bell.
2. (8 min) Presentation on Solar for All Campaign, by Ashley Thomas with LAANE.
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting.
5. (5 mins) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] Presentation: Introduce the new Vision and Mission statement of the Land Use Committee. The purpose of the statement is to provide an introduction and insight into the role and mission of the HHPNC Land Use Committee for stakeholders and investors wishing to create a home in or do business in Highland Park. —H. Slater.
7. (3 mins) Motion to reimburse Joan Potter for expenses incurred for the July 18, 2015 clean up in the amount of $197.24. —M. Alcaraz.
8. (3 mins) Motion to approve $30 per month for the rest of the budget year (2015-2016) for the iPad data plan using T-mobile. —S. Brantner.
9. (3 mins) Motion to approve up to $30 to purchase an iPad bluetooth keyboard to use at events and monthly meetings. —S. Brantner.
10. (3 mins) Motion to approve $950 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to move highlandparknc.com email to google apps for gmail. —S. Brantner.
11. (5 mins) Motion to formally appoint a board member or stakeholder as a representative to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. —L. Amsden.
12. (3 mins) Motion to request that Council File No. 15-0600-S72 be amended to authorize the General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment release the additional funding of $5,000 immediately without restrictions to the accounts of the Neighborhood Councils. —L. Amsden.
13. (25 mins) Motion to seat new Director-at large through approved voting process. - M. Alcaraz.
14. New Business
15. Adjournment
AGENDA

A. Call to Order – 7:10pm

B. Roll Call – Present: Monica Alcaraz, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Mauro Garcia, Susanne Huerta, Stan Moore, Amirah Noaman, Harvey Slater, Fernando Villa;

ABSENT: Jessica Ceballos, Sheri Lunn, Miguel Ramos, Miranda Rodriguez

C. Elected Officials (Mayor’s office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22, BOS1)

CD14 – update - senior center progressing, received about 50 submissions for the utility boxes – will need to be an online voting; sidewalk/public works meeting to be held soon at Center for the Arts

D. President’s Report – Franklin High school – alumni event – 11am, needing volunteers

E. LAPD Report - none

F. LAFD Report - none

G. Board Announcements – NPG streamlining – just need a board of director to sponsor and then have the paperwork done all by email/online

H. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Youth School Alliance, Digital and Social Media, Arts & Culture, Green & Sustainability)

Budget: last fiscal year we spent almost every penny; land use – Johnny’s bar at Aug 4 @10am hearing; Outreach – new meeting to be held soon; Rules – bylaws are up on the web; Public Safety – aguas frescas event was successful – creating more community relationship with the local police; Beautification – none; Youth- none; Digital – facebook Q&A – on August 12th with Huizar, web newsletter to be coming out – before Labor Day; Arts – none; Green – next meeting coming up

I. Budget Advocates Report – Budget Day was successful, next meeting will be next Saturday – and beginning anew, current survey on the Budget is on our website

J. LANCC/Sustainability Alliance Report - none

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

Tom Louie – house concert on July 18 – at the home of Margaret Barto – with Celtic Music.

Soledad Enrichment Action – part of the GRYD program, introducing their services

ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation on the future of Benjamin Franklin High School moving forward, Principal Valdez.
   -Changes with the school; principal – will be leaving to become an instructor helping other middle schools/high schools; new principal will be taking over – Ms. Regina Marquez Martinez who was an Asst. Principal at Nightingale

2. Approval of Agenda – All in favor. Motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2015 meeting. Adding to Sustainability – meetings held on the 4th Wednesdays of the month. All in favor. Motion passes.

   - Reviewed the plans, using last year’s vision/big goals, moved some monies from community improvements to Outreach – digital; All in favor: Monica Alcaraz, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Mauro Garcia, Susanne Huerta, Stan Moore, Amirah Noaman, Harvey Slater, Fernando Villa. Motion passes.

5. Motion in the form of a letter requesting the Mayor and City Council declare a state of emergency on homelessness and housing in the City of Los Angeles. – with minor changes on numbers of homeless. All in favor. Motion passes.

6. Presentation and motion to support with an NPG Enrich L.A.’s Garden Ranger Program for workshops regarding nutrition, science, and environmental stewardship at Luther Burbank Middle School in the amount of $500.00.
   -Gardens in 77 schools, including LBMS three years ago. Garden ranger- goes for half a day a week – teaching the students and caring for the edible garden. About 50% of students get a chance to do the curriculum. All in favor:
7. Motion to host a cleanup (tentatively sometime in August) along N. Figueroa at the Border of Highland Park and Eagle Rock based at Annendale Elementary School in Partnership with Eagle Rock, Annendale Elementary and CD 14, with funds up to $250 for refreshments and supplies. – Date to be held August 22nd. ERNC has approved same amount.
   -All in favor: Monica Alcaraz, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Mauro Garcia, Susanne Huerta, Stan Moore, Amirah Noaman, Harvey Slater, Fernando Villa. Motion passes.

8. Motion to change the name of the Green & Sustainability Committee to Sustainability Committee. All in favor. Motion passes.

9. Motion for the HHPNC to formally join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. All in favor. Motion passes.

10. Motion in the form of a letter voicing strong opposition to any actions that would allow trains carrying tar sands or other toxic oil products to travel though the City and down the LA River corridor.
    -SLO is considering allowing Phillips 66 to expand their facility – letter is asking that the City strongly oppose such actions. All in favor. Motion passes.

11. Motion to seat new 1st VP from current board members through approved voting process. Motion to seat Harvey Slater as new VP. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passes.

12. Motion to fill vacant board seat through approved process. Candidate Application to be open July 17th through August 3, 2015 with a vote of the new board member at the August 6th general meeting. All in favor. Motion passes.

13. Motion: Letter of support for CUB ZA-2015-1871, located at 5628-5630 N. Figueroa St. Daphne Gokcen of FE Design Group will present plans for the operators of existing Greyhound Bar to open a second eating and drinking establishment; seeking neighborhood council support for their conditional use permit to dispense alcoholic beverages at the site.
    -Biz presented on plans to open 4 doors down from current establishment with alcohol permit, canvassed some neighbors and have received support; planning on no kitchen but providing snacks; it is a smaller venue than the Greyhound. Doorman will be present at all times.
    -Motion to support: All in favor with Stan Moore who opposes and Liz Amsden who abstains. Motion passes.

14. Motion: Support for a CEQA workshop, organized by the Land Use Committee, to better inform board members, Land Use committee members, and stakeholders of the permitting process in Los Angeles, so they can make better informed decisions and provide better informed input on zoning matters that come before the neighborhood council. No funds requested at this time.
    -Public event – tentatively scheduled after Labor Day; to inform the community on how permitting and development works within the City; HPHT wants to partner as a joint effort. All in favor. Motion passes.

15. Presentation: Introduce the new Vision and Mission statement of the Land Use Committee. The purpose of the statement is to provide an introduction and insight into the role and mission of the HHPNC Land Use Committee for stakeholders and investors wishing to create a home in or do business in Highland Park. – Motion to table - Harvey. Fernando seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

16. New Business -none

17. Adjournment: 9:12pm