

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Oct. 1, 2015 – Minutes

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – 7:07pm

B. Roll Call – Present: Monica Alcaraz, Harvey Slater, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Karina Casillas, Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stanley Moore, Amirah Noaman, Miranda Rodriguez and Fernando Villa; NO absences

C. Elected Officials (Mayor's office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22, BOS1, 34th District) – CD1 – Update that more big belly trashcans will be getting placed in neighborhood, Ave. 50 and Lincoln gets a stop sign, movie nights for October; CD 14 – York Park shade in, FB Q&A with Huizar, utility boxes painting has begun, update on senior center improvements, York post office is not slated for closure; Gemma Jimenez – 34th District – (213-481-1425; Gemma.jimenez@mail.house.gov) – updating on the parking lot at the post office as the PO is no longer leasing the parking lot, high school student art competition;

D. President's Report – LAPD event in October; free spay/neuter; clean up with ER and Glassell – later in October

E. LAPD Report – Lloyd Chang, senior lead officer – reduction in burglary and stolen cars, adding patrols to the Monte Vista area, increase investigation in mail theft, update on hit and run – vehicle has been impounded but needs to get a warrant to get the arrest.

F. LAFD Report – latest info on El Nino to possibly hit around Thanksgiving – deploying sand bags – can call to get sand/bags (to direct) 213 -485-6272, reminder to get reflective clothing or lights for Halloween

G. Board Announcements – Stan – Joe Carmona memorial reminder, BKR Gang – family event on 10/10

H. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Youth School Alliance, Digital and Social Media, Arts & Culture, Sustainability) – Budget – none, Land Use – Echo St – development – public hearing is Oct. 14 at City Hall, workshop on Oct. 10 – at 10 am on CEQA, basic 101 on land use; Outreach – planning to have table, Rules – None, Beautification will restart soon; Youth – none, Digital – FB Q&A, Public Safety – none, Arts – none, Sustainability – 4th Wednesday of every month

I. Budget Advocates Report – Regional Budget – Oct. 17 – Boyle Heights

J. LANCC/Sustainability Alliance Report -

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

Karin Flores, Audobon – volunteer docent training, volunteer service hours, internships, and teacher training events;

Stephanie Hongsathanvij –

Margarito Martinez –

Chris Mackay – Carcheck event – on Oct. 3

ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation on the current state of Luther Burbank Middle School by Principal Moore.
-School to Watch, 1 of 6 middle schools in the state, update on academic excellence – math/science and police academy magnets, encourages open tours of the school
2. Presentation by the Department Of Transportation on the process to request changes to intersections and updates on Figueroa and Avenues 51, 55, 56, and 59.
 - a. From Cedillo's office – DOT wasn't able to attend – requesting help for witnesses on the hit and run, getting a new traffic beacon on 55 and 60
 - b. Stakeholder concerns re lack of cohesive plan for safety for Figueroa
3. Presentation by Eddy Rivera from Northeast Daily News on available resources for the HHPNC. -Not present.
4. Approval of Agenda with motion to move 14 up after #5. Harvey motioned and Johanna seconds. Motion passes.
5. Approval of Minutes of the September 3, 2015 meeting. Amirah abstains. All rest in favor. Motion passes.

6. Discussion and possible motion seeking HHPNC support for a small lot subdivision located at 317 S. Avenue 57, presented by Enrique Pardo.
 - a. Small lot for 5 – studio spaces planned, drought friendly landscaping, innovative car lift to be able to park 2 cars; land use recommended to support project – it’s a bi –right project – they don’t have to come;
 - b. Public comments: Jan and Mallory Geller – opposing project b/c of traffic and negative impacts on the housing, Priscilla Falter – opposes project, Victoria Munguia – opposes; Colleen Edwards – in favor of housing; Margarito Martinez – opposes project; Wayne Turner – opposes; Chris Mackay – opposes
 - c. Developer – responses – did homework to see if the home is historic – it’s not in the overlay zone
 - d. Stan motions, Jessica seconded to motion to NOT support the project. Members who oppose Miranda, Harvey, Liz, and Boo. Motion passes.
7. Motion to approve \$30 per month for the rest of the budget year (2015-2016) for the iPad data plan using T-Mobile.
 - a. Yes – all in favor. Monica Alcaraz, Harvey Slater, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Karina Casillas, Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stanley Moore, Amirah Noaman, Miranda Rodriguez and Fernando Villa. Motion passes.
8. Motion to approve up to \$30 to purchase an iPad Bluetooth keyboard to use at events and monthly meetings.
 - a. – Yes – all in favor. Monica Alcaraz, Harvey Slater, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Karina Casillas, Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stanley Moore, Amirah Noaman, Miranda Rodriguez and Fernando Villa. Motion passes.
9. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2015 as required by DONE. – J. Potter.
 - a. Yes – all in favor.
10. Motion to approve spending up to \$50 for replacement parts to repair two canopies owned by HHPNC.
 - a. Yes – all in favor. Motion passes.
11. Motion to approve an NPG request for \$750 submitted by the Franklin High School Robotics Club. – Tabled.
12. Motion to approve supporting the Northeast Holiday Parade by allocating up to \$500 for a program ad and payment of contingent entry fees.
 - a. Yes. All in favor. Motion passes.
13. Motion to purchase up to \$250 for Halloween treats for two outreach events - the Highland Park Farmers Market and Hathaway Sycamores Festival, both events to be held in October 2015.
 - a. Yes. All in favor. Motion passes.
14. Motion to ask that the City Council evaluate the impact for the residents of the City with respect to the recent Los Angeles Times decision of replacing the Los Angeles-knowledgeable publisher Austin Beutner.
 - a. Motion to table to January 2016 – Johanna. Fernando seconded. Stan opposes. Motion passes.
15. Discussion and motion to appoint a new at-large Board Member. Successful candidate to be seated at the next general board meeting. –M. Alcaraz.
 - a. Motion to add candidates that are not present can still be considered. Boo seconds. Joan, Stan, Harvey, Liz, Monica opposes. Motion fails.
 - b. Jesse Santiago, Luz Mercado, Rosie Cejudo, Samia Contreras, Lilliana Rodriguez, Rocio Rivas – candidates
 - c. – Miranda Rodriguez – left building
 - d. Luz Mercado is now the appointed member.
16. New Business - none
17. Adjournment- 9:31pm.

