

1/15/15 – General Board meeting minutes of the HHPNC

A. Call to Order– 7:05pm

B. Roll Call: Present: Monica Alcaraz, Aaron Salcido, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Branter, Linda Caban, Jessica Ceballos, Graeme Flegenheimer, Mauro Garcia, Susanne Huerta, Stanley Moore, Amirah Noaman, Miguel Ramos, Miranda Rodriguez, Harvey Slater, Fernando Villa; NONE ABSENT

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

CD1- updates on current work

LAUSD District 5 (Fernando Delgado fernando.a.delgado@lausd.net) Luther Burbank –got designated as a school as 'one to watch' (higher achievement school). Only 1 of 22 statewide –honors. Updated on dual language program at Franklin (middle school); Hilda Solis staff member (Fernando Villa) – updated on outreach work re 211 (social services vs 311 – city services)

D. President's Report – revitalization of the Arroyo upcoming meeting, Feb. 5th – school board debate; CD14 debate on 2/12

E. LAPD Report - none

F. Board Announcements: Stan (historical point), Liz spoke of the sidewalk survey:

<http://empowerla.org/sidewalk-repair-priorities-and-funding-options/> and LAPD survey on the use of body worn video camera by police at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LAPDBodyWornVideo> for which stakeholders should opine on as well as those interested in the Reserve Animal Control Officer (RACO) program <http://www.laanimalservices.com/volunteer/> and copy Paul Darrigo (fedguy2@pacbell.net); Johanna – any one missing documents – please contact me @ Johanna.sanchez@highlandparknc.com

G. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Youth School Alliance, Digital and Social Media) Budget - Next meeting is January 27 - @Ebell; Land Use – is changing to be the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Senior Center; Rules – hasn't been called – Graeme will be responsible; Public Safety – still need signature; Beautification – to meet within next two weeks; Youth – planning to meet within the next two weeks; Digital – website up but not public yet – needs comments and feedback, planning to launch in a few weeks; Outreach – Blvd. Sentinel first ad up, HLP poster printed and will be distributed; survey stats – 259 people – facebook/word of mouth – outreach, prioritized public safety and community spaces; Arts and Culture – 2nd Thursdays – Jessica Ceballos - next meeting to be held soon.

H. Budget Advocates Report – updates on meetings and a budget town hall hopefully soon

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

Rick Marquez – word of encouragement to Board; Margarito Martinez, David Flores – The Wall – Las Memorias Project (HIV Prevention and education services) – dflores@thewallasmemorias.org; Hector Huezo – regarding state of California program regarding retrofit services that L.A. is eligible because of past council work

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to Approve Agenda – Stan Motioned, Aaron seconded moving items 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 up to after presentation item #4. All in favor. Motion passes.
2. Motion to Approve Minutes of December 2014. No changes. All in favor. Motion passes.
3. Presentation: Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) program. Taylor Blackburn explained how funds will be available to homeowners to retrofit foundations. Registration window JAN 15- FEB 15. See earthquakebracebolt.com for information and eligibility. Limited in funds for now but planning to expand program.
4. East Area Progressive Democrats (EAPD) discussed the implications of moving city elections to the county dates. – Hector Huezo – elections for city and school board is in March – Angelinos – can then focus on the issues, but city is framing it as a voter turnout problem; amendment on the ballot to change the dates this March – EAPD is encouraging a NO vote because the municipal and local issues will get placed to the bottom of the ballot and priorities.
5. [Formerly #11] Presentation and motion to support Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign's efforts to endorse the reduction of green house gasses for the City by 2030. Support in the form of a letter. Tony

- Bautista from YouthBuild Boyle Heights presented. This effort is for the City to address the issue, does not provide details just standards. The City would have to create the details in order to reach the goals.
- a. –Motion to amend to make the letter and make it as a community impact statement. SuzAnn seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. Motion with a letter. Stan abstains. Rest in favor. Motion passes.
6. [Formerly #12] Presentation and motion to endorse the Highland Park Heritage Trust’s (HPHT) letter to the National Trust for Historic Preservation regarding mediating efforts to re-open the museum for only museum purposes. – Louisa Van Leer – presented – museum has not been at its full potential for years (shuttered most of the week). NTHP has agreed to be a mediator in the matter. HPHT does not want to have the mediator focus on non-museum alternatives.
 - a. Harvey recuses himself and leaves the room.
 - b. Letter would be on behalf of every signatory. The formal announcement is following week. NTHP will be announcing an outreach campaign to get community involvement.
 - c. All in favor. Motion passes.
 7. [Formerly #16] Discussion and motion to recommend a Letter of Support for the restoration of Mr. T's Bowl and the pending police permits for “bowling alley” and “cafe-entertainment”. Primary use will be a bowling alley – Land Use voted unanimously to support. Owners plan to restore and reopen next year. All in favor. Motion passes.
 8. [Formerly #17] Presentation and motion. Will Nieves presented plans to open a beer/wine lounge with an accessory gourmet store at 5052 York Blvd and is seeking HHPNC letter of support for their CUB.
 - a. Previous glass shop. Intend to be a beer/wine lounge and other specialty cheese and gourmet food. Space in back will be open as a patio. Hours 9 am – 2am. Intend to close patio earlier. Have done more outreach in the neighborhood. Intending to have public events that are free – like educational sampling. No plans for using front sidewalk. Planning a small retail counter.
 - b. Land Use letter has restrictions regarding time - and asking to install a sound barrier.
 - c. Concerns re too much alcohol already in the community, not a benefit for Youth - Miguel
 - d. Miguel, Stan, and Jessica opposes. All the rest in favor. Motion passes.
 9. Discussion and motion to uphold the MND and advocate for a full Environmental Impact Review if required, regarding building permits in process at 1430 N. Eaton Terrace, LA 90042.
 - a. A concerned neighbor Patrick Richardson representing the area’s concerns. There are major issues with the development as proposed (seismicity, erosion, parking, etc.). Those that came to support asking for a full EIR and at least an MND: Amy Peters, Gladys Senae, Kristy Kessler, Reagan Wilks, Courtenay Wilks, and Marilyn Miller.
 - b. Motion to change letter to request a full EIR and uphold the MND – Harvey motioned, Diego seconded. All in favor. Motion passes. All in favor with the amended language. All in favor. Motion passes.
 10. Motion to send three items back to City salvage: power washer, moon bounce, and generator, as these items can no longer be used because of liability reasons. Mauro opposes. Rest all in favor. Motion passes.
 11. Motion to reimburse SuzAnn Brantner in the amount of \$44.10 for the cost of the HHPNC website theme purchased from Theme Grill on January 3, 2015.
 - a. SuzAnn recused herself and left the room. Those in favor: Monica, Liz, Manuel, Linda, Jessica, Graeme, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Miranda, Aaron, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando
 - b. Susanne Huerta and Mauro had left. Motion passes.
 12. Motion to approve \$330 for rental of the Highland Park Senior Center for remainder of the 2014-2015 fiscal year for use for committee meetings.
 - a. 4th Tuesday of the month. Starting in February. In favor: Monica, Liz, Manuel, Brantner, Boo, Jessica, Graeme, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Miranda, Aaron, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando
 - b. Motion passes.

13. Motion to approve no more than \$500 for translator and location fees for CD 14 Townhall debate to be held in February 2015.
 - a. Fee is waived for location but for a translator for two hours. In favor: Monica, Liz, Manuel, Brantner, Linda, Jessica, Graeme, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Miranda, Aaron, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando. Motion passes.
14. Motion to host a community clean up in San Pascual and purchase supplies and refreshments in the amount of no more than \$300.
 - a. In conjunction with an Art project. Date to be February 7. In favor: Monica, Liz, Manuel, Brantner, Linda, Jessica, Graeme, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Miranda, Aaron, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando. Motion passes.
15. Motion to work with the City and government agencies to prevent the eviction of entire apartment complexes in our community. Nothing concrete in terms of guidelines or standards. This is to be a beginning effort to work with the City to ensure that tenants and landlords are educated about rights and responsibilities.
 - a. Mauro returns.
 - b. Motion to amend to include non-profits. Miguel seconded. Mauro opposes. All rest in favor with amendment. Amendment passes.
 - c. Motion with amendment. All in favor except Mauro. Motion passes.
16. Motion to approve MOU regarding Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority's Homeless Count, participation already previously endorsed by the Board.
 - a. January 29th – is to be Homeless Count. All in favor. Motion passes.
17. Update on GMO issues involving the banning of GMO seeds and plants in the City. Proposed law has been sent back to committee for changes.
18. Motion to approve a community impact statement to support access for homeless vets to the west L.A. Veterans Administration's property. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. Internal housekeeping regarding signed pledge forms, business cards, and absences.
20. New Business - none
21. Adjournment: 9:45PM