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## Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

### Notice of Regular Meeting and Agenda

Thursday, September 4, 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 August 7, 2014
3. (10 mins) Presentation: Karla Torres of Choose Health L.A. Kids Project at Occidental College will present on her organization's restaurant partnership work aimed at helping children to eat healthy.
4. (10 mins) Presentation: Occidental College's Jim Tranquada, Director of Communications will discuss current status of the management of Lummis House.
5. (10 mins) Presentation: Peace Over Violence – Fabiola Montiel presenting on her organization's work in prevention education on the issues of Domestic Violence, Teen Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in schools.
6. (8 mins) Presentation and discussion of Antioch City Church's. "I am HighlandPark" project. - F. Villa
7. (8 mins) Presentation: Joseph Yoon of Williams Homes will present plans for a new residential development located at 5123 Echo Street (the empty lot behind Food 4 Less) and is seeking input from the community. Proposal includes plans to build 24 townhome-style single-family residences through the Small Lot Ordinance. -H. Slater
8. (5 Mins) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] Motion to approve the Council Budget Package for fiscal year 2014-2015 –J. Potter.
9. (5 Mins) [PREVIOUSLY TABLED] Motion to approve budget set by Outreach Committee. -D. Silva.
10. (2 mins) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2014 as required by DONE. -J. Potter.
11. (2 mins) Motion to pay an invoice in the amount of \$357.00 for an obligation incurred during fiscal year 2013-2014; part of an NPG for HLP Rec Center's Opening Day of Baseball, April 14, 2014. – J. Potter.
12. (3 mins) Motion to send 3 items purchased with HHPNC funds to City Salvage. City has deemed the power washer, generator, and moon bouncer to be an insurance risk and has forbidden use of them. – J. Potter.
13. (5 mins) Motion to approve an NPG request for \$750 to fund a piece of dog agility equipment at Hermon Dog Park. –M. Alcaraz.
14. (5 mins) Motion to approve a Neighborhood Cleanup on September 27, 2014 in partnership with CD 14 and Burbank MS along with trash can and tree Installations. Funding requested of no more than \$300. -M. Alcaraz.
15. (5 mins) Budget representatives' monthly report. -F. Villa/L. Amsden.
16. (5 mins) Motion to approve and submit a Community Impact Statement in favor of a Living Wage Ordinance for non-union hotel workers in Los Angeles (CF# 14-0223). - F. Villa.
17. (5 mins) Update on the gentrification/"gente-fication" project. - F. Villa.
18. (5 mins) Motion to fill vacant board seat through approved process. Candidate Application to be open September 5, 2014 through September 25, 2014 with a vote of the new board member at the October 2, 2014 general meeting. -M. Alcaraz.
19. (5 mins) Discussion of buying or sourcing "American-made' or local goods with Council monies. – L. Amsden.
20. New Business
21. Adjournment

## DRAFT August 7, 2014 – Minutes of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

A. Call to Order -7:01

B. Roll Call

Present: Monica Alcaraz, Aaron Salcido, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, Mauro Garcia, Susanne Huerta, Amirah Noaman, Miguel Ramos, Miranda Rodriguez, Harvey Slater, Fernando Villa, Jessica Ceballos; ABSENT: Linda Caban, Graeme Flegenheimer, Stan Moore, Javier Cabral – resigned

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

CD 14 – senior center revitalization date tba; York park – work to commence within two weeks; logo trash cans have been delivered to sanitation department- next month; Scholl Canyon – proposed extension of 20 years – EIR has been circulated and has through August 29<sup>th</sup> – for comment; ER city hall is currently under renovation through end of September early October

CD1 – utility boxes on Fig done by students, flyers for the Jazz festival – requesting volunteers for August 23-24; continuing bulky item program – call office for pick ups.

D. President's Report – Veteran's day parade event in November and Monte Vista clean up on Saturday; Back Pack give away on August 9; participation in the Jazz festival on August 23-24

E. LAPD Report – recap of National night out; crime stats – burglaries are up; stolen car suspects arrested in last few months; Debs Park situation – Hollenbeck is investigating, a composite sketch is being circulating

F. Board Announcements - none

G. Committee Reports: (Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Finance)

Land Use – third Thursday meetings, update on Starbucks – expecting more welcoming facility but surprised at result. Starbucks said willing to work with community, but asked to provide a proposal in writing to improve/enhance building.

Outreach – in agenda are the goals, and three month outlook – but flexible docs

Rules – none – Fernando to set committee

Public Safety – currently working to put on Great Shake Out event on 10/14/14; video cameras in community project is being held up by LAPD

Beautification – no meeting in July; meeting to be held in August – lights on York with a possible fall debut; working with BIDs and CDs on welcome signs

Budget/Finance – NPG requests please see committee

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

Ann Porter – Move to Amend; Local group put video on to educate public on corporations and personhood; Olga Hall – comment on Southwest Museum; Ray Verches – SoCal Gas – meter process is being upgraded- adding another unit on Wawona; Charles Remm – new business salon/gallery just opened – grand opening in about a month – The Hive; Antonio Castillo – opening event for community bureau of the Marketplace (NPR show); Nina Zavaleko – Boulevard Sentinel – comment re reconsideration of decision on publishing ads; Richard Marquez – re water shortages/water main breaks – we need major improvements in infrastructure; Julian Makara of New Generation – update on new programming

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to Approve Agenda – all in favor. Motion passed
2. Motion to Approve Minutes of July 3, 2014 – add LAPD was not present; abstained – Harvey, Johanna. Motion passed.

3. Presentation: Introduction and update by El Plan del Southwest Museum. Buelna – not present, Ray Verches – Southwest Museum 100 anniversary – been relegated as a repository and only open once a week; Fernando Orozco – created a questionnaire on what the community wants out of the museum; elplan.org can find online
4. Presentation: Introduction and update from Highland Park Heritage Trust (HPHT) on partnerships and initiatives. -HPHT President, Anthony Castillo; Friends of Southwest Museum – presently have a 5 member round table structure, meets the first Tuesday of the month – has a plan proposal for the museum; lawsuits have been ‘exhausted’; want council support for the plan; HPHT –archive newspaper project – to present at a later date
5. Discussion and update of the status of the Scholl Canyon Landfill expansion.
  - a. Focus of change – to reduce garbage instead of expanding; LA City can’t use; important to comment by August 29, 2014 – deadline
6. Motion to approve the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Budget Package for fiscal year 2014-2015 –TABLED.
7. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2014 as required by DONE. All in favor. Motion passed.
8. Motion to nominate Board Member(s) to represent the Council as Budget Advocates for the City of Los Angeles. Fernando and Liz to be designees. All in favor. Motion passed.
9. Motion to support City Councilmember Paul Koretz’s motion to implement DWP gas emissions reduction target at a level 80% below 1990 levels by 2030, and a citywide greenhouse gas emissions reduction target at a level 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.
  - a. Motion to amend with insertion that costs not be passed on to utility users.
  - b. Harvey Slater motioned, Manuel Avila seconded. Motion to pass letter with insertion language. All in favor. Motion passes.
10. Discussion and possible action: Lyndi Vaughan will present plans to obtain a Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) to serve beer and wine at Town Pizza at 5101 York Blvd and are seeking neighborhood council support.
  - a. Requesting hours 10 am – 2am – with limited live entertainment; craft beer and wine offerings –acoustic only – accompanying food; no cover charges; completion date – sometime fall 2014; have notified neighbors within 500 feet of premises.
  - b. Motion to amend letter – to ensure that the letter stresses that light entertainment be ‘acoustic only’ and only about twice a month – Monica Alcaraz motioned, Liz Amsden seconded. In favor: Monica, Liz, Joan, Johanna, Fernando, Amirah, Susanne, Diego ; Against insertion: Mauro, Manuel, Aaron, Harvey, Jessica, Miranda; Abstaining – Miguel; Amendment passes.
  - c. Motion to include letter with amendment. All in favor. Motion passed.
11. Discussion and possible action: Steven Williams will present plans to obtain a CUB to serve beer and wine at Chez Antoine restaurant at 5511 N. Figueroa St. and are seeking neighborhood council support.
  - a. Requesting hours – 11 to 11pm max hours – but no light entertainment; no wine/beer outside on patio
  - b. Motion to amend letter to remove condition that beer and wine not be served outside. Aaron motioned, Amirah seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion to support letter without insertion. All in favor. Motion passed.
12. Motion for the Land Use Committee to initiate a grassroots effort to develop a York Blvd. Specific Plan, in an effort to unify the look, cultural significance and quality of life that will receive an impact from new real estate development forthcoming along the York Blvd. corridor. Land Use will be seeking Board endorsement of this project and will be seeking to engage CD14 for assistance.

- a. Need a comprehensive plan for development on York. Comments – a lot of effort, much to learn from what’s happening in Eagle Rock. A specific plan is very specific on guidelines for development. All in favor. Motion Passes.
- 13. Motion to approve budget set by Outreach Committee. – TABLED.
- 14. Motion to provide up to \$3000 to Northeast Trees for the care and maintenance of trees recently planted in Highland Park. \$1,500 to be paid in this (2014-2015) fiscal year, and \$1,500 in the next fiscal year (2015-2016).
  - a. [MAURO GARCIA left meeting.]
  - b. 149 trees of 206 have been planted. NE Trees have been maintaining the trees. Tree People is also involved. Big event– September 6 to be held at Eagle Rock city hall. Trees selected should not damage sidewalks. Species: London Plane, Golden Rain and Pink Trumpet were selected.
  - c. Motion to amend amount to \$2,806 to be divided in the two fiscal years. All in favor. Motion passes.
- 15. Update on the town hall on gentrification issues. Current in discussions with different groups; developing a questionnaire in both English and Spanish; working with Oxy as well; Fernando Villa – leading the effort; once questionnaire is developed and then distributed, then compiling data to lead organically to next steps.
- 16. Motion to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of State Assembly Member Gatto’s AB47 under Council File #14-0002-S76 which would authorize law enforcement agencies to issue a "Yellow Alert" for hit-and-run incidents. All in favor. Motion passes.
- 17. Motion to appoint Fernando Villa, Harvey Slater, Johanna Sanchez, and Monica Alcaraz as the Board Members that can submit Community Impact Statements on behalf of the full Board.
  - a. Motion to amend and add Susanne – Harvey motions, Diego seconds. All in favor of amendment. Motion passes. Motion to add all five board members. All in favor. Motion passes.
- 18. Motion to host and sponsor a community dodge ball tournament in collaboration with CD1 and CD14. Will seek community organizations to partner. Funding requested to be no more than \$500. Funding request tabled.
  - a. For adults 17 and over, no dates set as of yet. Will be seeking the Rec Center or Franklin to host. To get more community involvement. Monica leading effort. Possibly looking at getting a charity event like a toy drive associated with it. All in favor. Motion passes.
- 19. Motion to partner with the Greyhound Bar and Grill to Host a Chicken Boy Festival for 2014 to be held on our about October 19th. This will be a family friendly event that will feature a Fried Chicken Competition. No funding support requested at this time.
  - a. Amateur competition, proposed to be a city-wide, family friendly free event with food sold by neighboring vendors. Greyhound to host and partnering with neighboring businesses. All in favor. Motion passes.
- 20. Motion to host a "Toiletry Drive" to benefit the efforts of Recycled Resources and the NELA Homeless Coalition to be held sometime in September of 2014. No funding support requested at this time.
  - a. Future events to come; building awareness of the coalition. All in favor. Motion passes.
- 21. Motion to submit community impact statement for the Taylor Yard State Park.
  - a. There is development proposed that involves commercial interests at the remaining acreage on the site. CIS would propose solely for an extension of the public comment period. All in favor with Miranda abstaining. Motion passes.
- 22. New Business – announcement of seminar on future of water rights on August 8, 2014
- 23. Adjournment – 9:54pm

**Highland Park Neighborhood Council  
Outreach Committee Budget  
2014 - 15**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Projected Amt.</b>
Outreach Events	4,000.00
Collateral	3,100.00
Business Cards	500.00
Digital Outreach	400.00
Advertising	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>

<b>List of Potential Expenses</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Canopy with logo	Collateral	Estimated \$1,000 cost
Postcards	Collateral	
Poster production	Collateral	
Repairs to current canopies	Collateral	These are loaned out to community groups
Table cloth with logo	Collateral	For tabling events
Internet Hotspot	Digital Outreach	\$15/ month. This would help with sign-up lists and surveys
Texting Service	Digital Outreach	
Candy (Halloween)	Giveaways	
Shopping bags	Giveaways	
Event for the homeless community	Outreach Events	
Meet and greet with other NC's	Outreach Events	
Movie Night	Outreach Events	
Toy Drive event	Outreach Events	
Turkey giveaway event	Outreach Events	

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Council File Number 13-1493

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. On behalf of our stakeholders we are submitting a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File Number 14-0223 (Imposing Living Wage / Hotel Employees / Hotels with 100 Rooms or more).

Los Angeles is an international destination, putting the tourism industry at the heart of our city's economy and making it one of our largest local employers - accounting for nearly one out of every ten jobs within Los Angeles. Of those who live in Highland Park (90042), nearly 9% are employed by the accommodation and food services industry. Approximately 40 percent of Los Angeles' leisure and hospitality workers are living in poverty. This crucial sector of our economy is failing to live up to its potential as a positive economic driver within our communities. Instead it is contributing to the growing poverty and low quality of life for many Angelenos. Adults, workers of color, and working poor families would see significant benefits of a pay increase.

In Highland Park the cost of housing has increased significantly and this will serve as an additional tool to help prevent additional displacement. Therefore the HHPNC has agreed to support the passage of a City ordinance that phases in an increase to the minimum living wage of non-union hotel employees to \$15.37/hour. The proposal phases-in the increase of the minimum living wage over time. As now drafted, hotels with over 300 rooms would have until July 1, 2015; hotels with over 125 would have an additional year. Hotels facing financial hardships would be able to file for some level of exemption.