

HHPNC General board meeting minutes of 12/5/14

A. Call to Order: 7:04 pm

B. Roll Call: Present: Monica Alcaraz, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Jessica Ceballos, Mauro Garcia, Stanley Moore, Amirah Noaman, Miguel Ramos, Harvey Slater, Miranda Rodriguez; **ABSENT**: Aaron Salcido, Diego Silva, Graeme Flegenheimer, Susanne Huerta

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

CD14: update on armory project/art center; York Park – in progress; tree lighting; no others

D. President's Report – reiterates that e-list serve is to not include opinions but only information; encouraged more board participation

E. LAPD Report – no one present

F. Board Announcements – Fernando updated on renter's rights event -well attended last month, future one tba; Stan – Betty Cruver – memorial service; Richard Duardo – memorial on Sunday, silent vigil for tenant's rights following Saturday.

G. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Youth School Alliance, Digital and Social Media) Budget - next meeting in January; Land Use – new working groups being established like for community spaces, and one for a specific plan for York; Outreach – no meeting; Rules – no meeting; Public Safety – no meeting – MOU still in process; Beautification – no meeting; School – coming up with ideas for new activities; Digital/Social – website to be up in January; Arts & Culture – will be upcoming

H. Budget Advocates Report – current budget issues; update on Live Nation

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

- Elizabeth Gallardo – LADOT – bicycle business friendly district – Dec. 13th event – a new bike corral on Colorado – will make a stop on York and then Colorado; pilot program – to encourage businesses to offer incentives to those that bike ride

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to Approve Agenda -All in favor. Motion passes.
2. Motion to Approve Minutes of November 6, 2014.
 - a. With grammar changes. All in favor. Motion passes.
3. Presentation: Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign. -postponed
4. Motion to revise the 2014-2015 budget originally adopted Sept. 4, 2014. Due to a rent increase at Public Storage and an announced rent increase of the Senior Center, our budget no longer reflects our anticipated expenses.
 - a. \$247.00 will be moved from the translation line. Yes: Monica, Liz, Manuel, SuzAnn, Susanne, Linda, Mauro, Stanley, Amirah, Miguel, Miranda, Johanna, Harvey, Fernando. Motion passes.
5. Motion to award a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) to the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce in the amount of no more than \$1000 in support of the 70th NELA Holiday Parade taking place Dec. 7, 2014.
 - a. Helping with printing costs. Motion to reduce to \$500 - Mauro, Manuel seconded. Discussion of the historical/benefits of the parade. Manuel and Jessica - yes. All others No – Motion fails.
 - b. Original motion to support at 1k – all in favor, Motion passes.
6. Motion to award an NPG to the Avenue 50 Studio in the amount of no more than \$500 to enhance their video surveillance system.
 - a. Jessica Ceballos recused herself and left the room.
 - b. Org needs the money to enhance security of their back public space; the system will augment the security they have, a local contractor will be installing. If they don't receive money, will likely have to keep area closed unless they have staff to monitor.
 - c. Some concerns – Liz – seems more of a facility expense rather than a community/program expense; exhibit place will continue to be open – not going back as a private space.
 - d. Vote – all in favor. Motion passes.

7. Motion to award an NPG to the Plus Me Project in the amount of no more than \$200 to bring 2 motivational speakers to the Highland Park High (HPH) School.
 - a. Requesting money for 2 speakers to share personal narratives on successes. Just became 501c3. Usually get donations from the schools themselves. HPH was unable to provide any funds. Information can be found on theplusmeproject.org.
 - b. Manuel – no, SuzAnn – no; Caban – no. All else in favor. Motion passes.
8. Motion to award an NPG to Luther Burbank Middle School in the amount of no more than \$1750 to support the after school Rube Goldberg Club (membership = 20 students).
 - a. Mauro recuses himself and steps out of the room.
 - b. Advisors for 7th graders – engineering ‘club’ spoke. Funds being requested include registering in an online competition. \$900 for registration and the rest will be through supplies to build a complex machine. Have not approached other orgs. or have done fundraising. First year having the club – just began in October. Competition registration is February 18.
 - c. Concerns – regarding the large amount and that they have not done fundraising yet. Question of treatment of equality with other schools.
 - d. New motion – Liz Amsden – to reduce to \$1250. Seconded –Johanna. All in favor. Motion passes.
9. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2014 as required by DONE. –All in favor. (Mauro still out of room). Motion passes.
10. Motion to partner with Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council and others to host a school board debate.
 - a. ERNC is looking to host at ER High. Wants help to promote event. No date set yet in early 2015.
 - b. All in favor. Motion passes.
11. Motion to host a CD14 candidate debate in January/February 2015.
 - a. Tentative at Burbank Middle school. Idea to partner with other orgs. No funds asked yet. All in favor. Motion passes.
12. Motion to support passage of an ordinance banning the sale of GMO seeds and plants for the city of Los Angeles as put forth in Councilmembers Koretz and O’Farrell motion, File No. #13-1374.
 - a. This motion is to prevent GMO plants and seeds from getting planted in the City of L.A.
 - b. Harvey motions to amend to include it as a community income statement. SuzAnn seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.
13. Discussion of changing LA elections to even years to coincide with state and federal elections.
 - a. Elections commission has been looking to increase voter turnout. This would be one idea. Other suggestions on the table are being looked at. Possible question for future debate.
14. Motion to submit letter of support. Kiyoshi Graves will present plans requesting a zoning variance for a second story addition to residence located at 321 N. Avenue 65 in Garvanza.
 - a. Variances – to add square footage and setbacks. The setbacks for the second floor will remain the same at the 1910 building footprint.
 - b. Vote – All in favor, Stan opposes. Motion passes.
15. Presentation and Motion for HHPNC to become official sponsors of NELA Homes’ community give back project. For every home NELA Homes sells, they will give a free lawn- drought tolerant conversion, including the plants, materials, and coordination of installation, to a neighborhood homeowner in need, and help the homeowner apply for the DWP rebate. HHPNC is needed for outreach, communication resources, and possible coordination of community volunteers for the day of installation. No funds are required for this sponsorship.
 - a. Need help promoting the program in launching and/or nominating the stakeholders. Still in the brainstorming phase. Nelahomes.com
 - b. Jessica and Miguel- opposes; Stan and Mauro – abstains. All rest in favor. Motion passes.
16. Motion to appoint a HHPNC board member to be the official timekeeper at board meetings so the meetings can run more on schedule. All in favor. Motion passes.
17. New Business – none
18. Adjournment – 9:13pm