Minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting

A. Call to Order – 7:07 pm

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

C. Elected Officials (Mayor's office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22, BOS1)
CD1: Kimberly Salazar – launch of newsletter publication, launch party; 20th job fair at Dodger Stadium;
CD 14 – York Park – shade structure will be coming, ADA ramp access will take some time, and the water feature was cut by Recs and Park bc of the drought, will check on finding a way to bring something in, senior center landscaping is continuing

D. President's Report – ensure the Board is involved and participating
E. LAPD Report – none

F. LAFD Report - none

G. Board Announcements – Miguel Ramos – LAANE upcoming mtg re raising the minimum wage

H. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Youth School Alliance, Digital and Social Media, Arts & Culture, Green & Sustainability). –Budget – funds have been exhausted for NPGs until the budget has been revised – next up at end of April; Land Use – 4th Thursday of the month at the Senior Center; Outreach – brochures are being printed soon, table cover has been received, tote bags still in design stage; Rules – to be called soon, Public Safety – gang injunction forum is meant to be informative on April 30th, panelists are being finalized –tentatively at Franklin at 7pm, also to get neighborhood watch groups together; Beautification – SWA will be updating design and met with Heritage Trust; YSA – tree adoption event was a success; Digital – website up – please send mins as well, Arts- looking to meet at 2nd week of April, Green – hasn't met yet.

I. Budget Advocates Report. – Town hall on March 28;

J. Sustainability Alliance Report – steering committee – to be held in April, General mtg – in May.

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

Lourdes Larkins – S&L Recycling; Karen Flores – Nat'l Parks Conservation – Earth Day on April 18 – at Debs Park; Melanie Inglessas – drive by in front of her home and needs help to work with police

ACTION ITEMS

1.Approval of Agenda – Motion to move up #18 to after tabled items. Mauro motioned.
Linda seconded. Motion passes.
2. Approval of Minutes of the Feb. 19, 2015 and March 5, 2015 meetings. No changes. All in favor. Motion passes.
3. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2015 as required by DONE.
In favor: Monica, Liz, Brantner, Jessica Ceballos, Mauro, Susanne, Linda, Stan, Amirah, Miguel, Johanna, Harvey. Motion passes.

4. Discussion and Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of up to $1000 requested by the North Figueroa Association to pay an electrician to repair the Highland Theater sign. Property owner has not been involved but the sign had been off for awhile before the neighborhood businesses became involved to preserve the heritage. In favor: Monica, Liz, Brantner, Caban, Jessica, Mauro, Huerta, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Johanna, Harvey. Miguel opposes. Motion passes.
5. Motion to support the Baseball Opening Day, April 11th at the Highland Park Rec Center for a 20x22, in 1 combo Dodger children's jumper for no more than $250.00. In favor: Monica, Liz, Bran, Caban, Jessica, Mauro, Huerta, Stan, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Johanna, Harvey. Motion passes.
6. Motion to support the Easter Egg Hunt held at the Highland Park Rec Center with the purchase of candy for approximately 400 candy bags in the amount of no more than $150.00.
Motion to exchange for healthy snacks. Miguel Ramos motioned; Liz seconded; Amendment passes;
In favor: Monica, Liz, Suzann, Linda, , Huerta, Amirah – yes, Miguel, Joan, Harvey yes; Mauro and Stan abstains. Motion passes.
7. Motion to purchase 2 new HHPNC logo banners for community events with funds up to $325.00.
Monica – to look more professional; signs currently don't work. Concerns that we should source here in HLP.
Monica – will ask Digicolor to match the amount or do for less.
In favor: Monica, Liz, Suzann, Linda, Jessica, Mauro, Stan, Huerta, Amirah, Johanna, Harvey.
Motion passes.
8. Motion to submit a community impact statement (CIS) in support of the motion from Councilmembers Felipe Fuentes and Mike Bonin to establish a committee to prioritize multi-benefit solutions so that every project undertaken to repair and improve transportation and safety also incorporates elements designed to minimize flooding, reduce watershed pollution and increase storm water capture. (Council Green Sustainable Streets – Council file # 14-0478).
Motion to approve – all in favor except Mauro who abstains. Motion passes.
9. Motion to submit a CIS in support of the motion from Councilmembers Felipe Fuentes and Bob Blumenfield to have the Departments of Public Works, Water & Power, City Planning and Rec & Parks report on ways to mitigate the effects of global warming in urban areas and to protect livability and health, especially in drought situations. (Council file # 15-0198). This would be a global approach – to have departments work together. Motion to approve all in favor except Mauro who abstains. Motion to approve – passes.
10. [previously #18] Motion to bring the PA system to all general Board meetings.
Mauro –will be responsible for set up as long as PA system is stored here at the Senior Center. All in favor. Motion passes.
11. Motion by Joan Potter to reapprove the Kiwanis NPG request for $500 to fund the April18, 2015 Peace in the Northeast March. Stan Moore recused himself and left the room.
Technicality of fixing the last NPG request as we've already the grant request. All in favor, except for Stan being out. Motion passes.
12. Motion to support a Highland Park Community Health Forum on April 24th and led by The Walls Las Memorias at All Saints Church – Highland Park, with funds provided up to $200.
Stan returns. Money to provide healthy snacks. All in favor. Motion passes.
13. Motion to partner with CD14 on an Easter Egg Hunt at York Park on April 3rd. Funds up to $250. Liz motioned, Miguel Ramos seconded – to amend to be healthy snacks; 7 in favor. Amendment passes;
Amended motion– Monica abstains, everyone else in favor. Motion with amendment passes.
14. Presentation and possible motion to support the consumer boycott of El Super Market organized by the UFCW. Presentation by Jean Tong, UFCW, and endorsement would be in the form of a letter. Johanna Sanchez – contacted El Super corporate and spoke with assistant supervisor at El Super – regarding attending meeting, no one came to represent El Super. Jean Tong presented, along with former workers that complained

about the failed negotiations and the retaliation firings. Asking for support of the boycott. All in favor. Motion passes.

15. Presentation and Discussion: NELA stakeholder Justin Veach will present a series of workshops and live performances centered on the Arroyo Seco. Will be seeking a long-term cooperative partnership with HHPNC and wants to engage the community and receive feedback. Looking to establish a local arts and lecture series (in the vein of ALOUD). Needs to find a venue and if it makes sense to have it be attached with a nonprofit. Will be looking to discuss with various NP orgs in the community.

Manuel Avila – left.

16. Discussion and possible action to select up to two board members, 1 woman and 1 man, to attend the Neighborhood Council Civic University certificate program on or about the evenings of April 2, April 8, and April 15, 2015. Selected board members must commit to attending all classes and work on a project to address an issue in their community. No costs are associated with attendance.

Stan & Liz to be nominated, J. Sanchez motioned. – SuzAnn Branter seconded. Motion passes.

17. Discussion of online neighborhood council elections and possible motion to endorse Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's efforts to add online voting as an additional tool to outreach stakeholders for the 2016 elections.

Suzann – Motion to endorse. Liz seconds. All in favor – Mauro –opposes. Miguel abstains. Motion passes.

18. Motion to support Occidental College UEPI, Eviction Defense Network, and NELA Alliance on two workshops on tenant rights and Gentrification 101. Workshops to be held April 1st and 8th at the American Legion Hall from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm. No funds are being requested.

Miguel recuses himself and leaves room. SuzAnn voices concerns about NELA Alliance tactics. Michael Ramos Acosta presented on upcoming workshops. Motion to endorse workshop solely on tenant's rights events for now, not on Gentrification 101 until there is more clarity about what the workshop consists of and who panelists will be. Linda motioned, Johanna seconded. In favor of amendment to support tenant's rights – except Mauro, Joan, and SuzAnn who oppose. Amendment passes. Motion with amendment, all in favor except Harvey and Liz who abstains. Motion passes.

19. New Business – None.

20. Adjournment – 9:23pm