A. Call to Order, president Chris Smith started the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

B. Welcome

  Announcements and Public Comments: Tina Gulotta-Miller announced the HP Heritage Trust’s welcoming party at Café de Leche on Monday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Nancy Wyatt handed out to all the members present the Neighborhood Congress program and praised the event.

  Stan Moore announced the SW Museum meeting at the Ebell Club on October 12 at 7 p.m., the Family Festival at El Rio State Park on Oct. 15 and 16 from 9:30 to 5 p.m. and the FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY OCT. 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and mentioned Yvonne Sarceda, Paul and Teri Bonsell and Heinrich Keifer need help in advertising the event.

  Al Strange declared we need a Boys and Girls Club in HP and then asked the members of the HHPNC why only three members were at the Neighborhood Congress and then asked the stakeholders how many of them were there—at least nine attended—three times as many as Council members.

  Lynnelle Scaduto handed out a paper summarizing the items that CD 1 had been working on, discussed what Reyes was doing about two homeless encampments, and that a smart crossing (lights marking the lane from the Post Office on Figueroa to the other side of the street near Fire Station 12) would cost $150,000 and that the City did not have that amount of money to spend. Stan Moore asked about cutting down the ficus tree and planting another kind of tree. Scaduto mentioned placing larger and different signs to caution people crossing there, and mentioned the Urban Rancho program that was being supported by Reyes.

  Nate Hayward, representing CD 14, will consider copying Lynnelle Scaduto-type reports to the Council.

C. Roll Call: Present— Luis Antezana, Theresa Bonsell, Lisa Brewer, Janet Dodson, Eric Duarte, Miriam Escobar, Trish Gossett, Tina Gulotta-Miller, Rick Marquez, Stan Moore, Joan Potter, Mark Reback, Chris Smith and Ofelia Zuniga

  Absent: David Baird, Steve Crouch, Mauro Garcia, David Kekone, Terri Lloyd, Cathi Milligan. Quorum Established.

D. Outreach Chair Report: The Neighborhood Congress was excellent and we all learned a great deal. Events coming up: The FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL on Saturday, Oct. 22, the Farmers’ Market Halloween Party on Oct. 25, the Hathaway-Sycamores Haunted House on Oct. 28, and the NE LAPD OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Division’s San Fernando location.

E. Treasurer’s Report: Mark Reback reminded the Council and stakeholders that requests for financial support would be gathered by the Budget and Finance Committee and examined as a group vis-à-vis one another after October 31 and then would be grouped together after April 30. Adoption of Agenda. MSA unanimous
1. Approval of the Agenda. As amended, item 21 became item 2 ½, Item 3 became item 4 and Item 22 became Item 5, and then subsequent Items were renumbered. Motion: Bonsell, Seconded, Moore MSA Unanimous

2. Minutes of Sept. 15 corrected to show that Item 6 of Sept. 15 was not voted on. Instead, the Item voted on was “Equipment, Policies and Procedures” and was approved as reported in the Minutes incorrectly as Item 6. MSA Unanimous

3. Previous Item 21 is now Item 3
   Motion to approve funding for Hathaway-Sycamores “The Haunted Family Carnival” up to but not to exceed $1,500 pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Bonsell)
   Motion, Bonsell Second, Gulotta-Miller
   Moore: “How many people attended the event last year.” Richard Ledesma: “About 2,000 people” MSA Unanimous

4. Former Item 3: Discussion by Tomas O’Grady and volunteers for Enrich LA, a program of gardens in schools. This is an all volunteer program for gardens in schools. They want a garden and outdoor “kitchen” at Luther Burbank Middle School and funding to start the garden in January supposedly is supported by Arturo Valdez, principal of Luther Burbank. Gardens have worked at King Middle School—an all day program on Tuesday that appears to be really helping the students. They want to seek a Neighborhood Purposes Grant and have a company who will help fund it until they get funding from local sources. An Outdoor Kitchen costs $1200. What students learn in the garden applies to science, math., and environmental understanding. At one school Styrofoam trays were eliminated and saved the school $12,000 a year (the trays used daily created a hugh stack of Styrofoam. At one school it is being used with students with “Special needs.” They will seek $1500 from Budget and Finance Committee. Enrich LA seeks community involvement.

5. Discussion and motion: Approve funding to LA Sprouts for a school-based garden, nutrition and cooking program at Monte Vista Elementary School, amount up to but not to exceed $1500 pending approval of Budget and Finance. Dr. Nicole Gatto spoke in support; the garden behind Highland Theater now has an email list of more than 1,000 people, and Gatto believes that the garden has Touch at least another 1,000 people in the community. The garden at Monte Vista has to be ready by January—because they will begin a 12 week Nutrition and Gardening program for 12 weeks. They broke ground 3 weeks ago. The garden will be approximately 8,000 square feet and is visible from the street. (Reback) Motion, Bonsell Second, Marquez. MSA Unanimous

6. Discussion and motion: Approve funding for 4 full color HHPNC banners amount up to but not to exceed $225 pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Bonsell) Moved, Moore Second, Duarte MSA Unanimous

7. Discussion and motion: Approve funding for HHPNC table banner up to but not to exceed $42 pending approval by Budget and Finance. (Bonsell) Motion, Gossett Second, Moore MSA Unanimous
8. Discussion and motion: Approve funding for HHPNC table cover with logo, amount not to exceed $250 pending approval of Budget and Finance. Tabled.

9. Discussion and motion: Approve purchase of office supplies, including clipboards, colored paper, storage containers and literature holders, amount up to but not to exceed $150 pending approval of Budget and Finance. (Bonsell) Motion, Duarte Second, Antezana MSA Unanimous

10. Discussion and Motion: Approve funding for Public Health and Safety Committee for purchase of motor and installation material for Fire Station 12 back door hoist, amount up to but not to exceed $1200 pending approval by Budget and Finance. (Kekone) Motion, Gulatto-Miller Second, Zuniga MSA Unanimous

11. Discussion and Motion: To approve “Agenda Policies and Procedures.” (Dodson) Motion, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous

12. Discussion and Motion: To approve “Civility Policies and Procedures.” (Dodson) Motion, Bonsell Second, Gulatto-Miller

13. Discussion: Review meeting rules of order. (Marquez) When the chair declares that you are out of order, then you should respond by controlling your behavior.

14. Discussion: Review the distinction within DONE funding requirements between Demand Warrant and Neighborhood Purposes Grants. (Marquez)

15. Discussion: “We Can Work It Out” Call for compassion, collaboration (we are at our best when we have a common purpose” and resolving differences of opinion (“Have to want to resolve issues, but cannot always do so”). (Brewer) We have been working together for more than a year. We must be aware of the fact that “familiarity breeds contempt,” namely, that we begin to one another into a box, into a simplistic pigeon hole, rather than deal with the complexity of our competing values.

16. Discussion and Motion: Approve Fire Station 12 Ad-hoc Committee to develop a plan to light the crosswalk in front of LAFD Station 12, and install a motorized hoist for the Fire Statin back door. (Bonsell) Volunteers for the Ad-hoc Committee: Bonsell, Brewer, Dodson, Moore, Kekone, & Tony MSA Unanimous

17. Community Emergency Response Team helmets, vests, etc. Tabled (Kekone absent)

18. Discussion and Motion: Approve purchase of ads on local city benches, amount up to but not to exceed $500 pending approval by Budget and Finance. (Marquez) (Marquez) Potter: These are simply bill boards that deface the community. Ugly. Moore: Within the last 6 weeks the City Council has fired the company renting the benches for 10+ years and hired another. There is a law suit. We may be wise to wait and see what happens. Charles Miller—sometimes benches are made free to community groups. Ought to try to get some benches free. According to president Smith, no vote—TABLED to later

19. Approve hosting a redistricting forum inviting CD 1 and CD14 and L.A. Council District Redistricting Commissioners. (Marquez) Motion, Bonsell Second, Zuniga MSA Unanimous
20. Land Use Committee and a revised citywide sign ordinance. (Dodson) Premature. Changes being made.  Table

21. Community Impact Statement proposed by the Land Use Committee. Motion: To support the request by the City Council’s Planning and Land Use (PLUM) Committee for placing penalties for the destruction of historic buildings. MSA Unanimously

22. New Business. None

23. Adjournment Moved, Bonsell Second, Marquez MSA Unanimous 9:33 p.m.