General Meeting Minutes 4/7/16

AGENDA

A. Call to Order 7:13pm
B. Roll Call: Present- Monica Alcaraz, Diego Silva - late, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Linda Caban, Karina Casillas - late, Jessica Ceballos, Gabriel Chabran, Sheri Lunn, Harvey Slater; Absent: Manuel Avila, Erica Daking, Susanne Huerta, Stan Moore, Amira Noaman, Fernando Villa
C. Elected Officials (Mayor’s office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22, BOS1)- none
D. President’s Report – events to be held Saturday, April 9 at Audubon (Earth Day), April 16th – at the Rec Center – for opening baseball.
E. LAPD Report – none
F. LAFC Report –none
G. Board Announcements Budget – June 17th is the last day to submit for approval; June 24th is the last day to write any checks. June 30th is the last day to use the Bank card.
H. Committee Reports: (Budget – we will revise our budget in May to move funds around, Land Use - none, Outreach -none, Rules - none, Public Safety -none, Beautification – April 12, Youth School Alliance -none, Arts & Culture -none, Sustainability – Green Fair from 9am to 1pm at Debs park, Elections – Monica taking over as chair)
I. Budget Advocates Report – white paper has been presented to the Mayor
J. LANCC – May 7th is next meeting
K. Sustainability Alliance – developing cool blocks LA – more info at the green fair
L. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

Luz Castillo – from Census Bureau – reminder to participate.
Helen Leung from LA Ma’s – pilot program to create secondary units on private property
Margarito Martinez – general grievance regarding committees haven’t met enough
Elaine Burn – Burbank Middle School – “La Panaderia” – May 11-May 13th – school play
Louisa Van Leer – HPHT – Mills Act Program re financial incentives for Historic Properties on April 11

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda - Items removed are #9 and 15 and tabled #12. All in favor. Motion passes.
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 2016 meeting. All in favor. Motion passes.
3. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2016 as required by DONE. - J. Potter. Monica, Jessica, Linda Gabriel, Luz, Joan, Johanna,
4. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2016 as required by DONE. – J. Potter. Monica, Luz, Linda, Karina, Jessica, Gabriel, Sheri, Luz, Joan, Johanna
5. Motion to support the NPG application for Buchanan Elementary (Friends of Buchanan) with $1,750 to hold a one-day MadScience of Los Angeles science workshop for approximately 150 magnet students.
   a. Joan moves the item further down the agenda. Jessica seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
   b. Jessica moved and Diego seconded to discuss after item #6. All in favor. Motion passes.
   c. Johanna recuses herself before discussion. Diego Silva takes over the minutes at this point.
   d. Presentation/discussion - In favor: Monica, Liz, Karina. Gabriel, Sherri, Luz, Joan, Diego, Harvey. Motion passes.
   e. Johanna returns and resumes notes.
6. Motion to approve the NPG application from the Highland Park Heritage Trust which requests $800 for a video projector, cables, carrying case, and screen.
   a. Louisa Van Neer – requesting money to host more public programs.
   b. Monica – requesting that HHPNC logo be somewhere.
   c. In favor: Liz, Monica, Jessica, Gabriel, Sheri, Luz, Johanna, Diego. Motion passes.
7. Motion to approve the NPG application from the Antioch Mentor Program which requests $1300 for t-shirts and art supplies to be used at thissummer’s 6-day camp. Antioch runs the camp through the Highland Park Rec Center.
8. Motion to approve up to $300 for Sustainability Committee event at the Highland Park Green Fair on April 9, 2016. Funds to be used for refreshments.
   a. Liz motions to amend “and approval of event”. Harvey seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
   b. In favor: Monica, Liz, Linda, Karina, Jessica, Gabriel, Sheri, Luz, Johanna, Joan, Diego, Harvey. Motion passes.
9. Motion to request funds up to $2,000 to conduct a survey of all buildings in 90042 that may fall into the expanded description of historic designation. The recent expansion includes buildings constructed into the mid-20th century and may be contributing structures to the existing HPOZ. Funds will be used for professional consultation and administration, with volunteers to be recruited to do a lot of the footwork.
   a. REMOVED.
10. Motion to support Opening Day at the Highland Park Rec Center on April 16 with up to $500 for refreshments. Event will be used as outreach and to encourage stakeholders to register to vote. In favor: Monica, Liz, Karina, Jessica, Gabriel, Sheri, Luz, Johanna, Joan, Diego, Harvey. Motion passes.
11. Motion to submit a letter to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control requesting a moratorium on the issuance of liquor licenses within all census tracts located in the 90042 zip code, for the reason that any additional licenses would result in or add to an undue concentration of licenses, pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Codes §23958 and 23958.4.
   b. Joan – too much of a sledgehammer approach; Jessica – hasn’t been done community-wide; moratorium would be temporary and provide time to research the issue. No time period is described in the moratorium regulation.
   c. Harvey – too much of a blanket without individualized approach. Historically land use has both approved and rejected proposals for liquor permits.
   d. Diego – leaning in favor; more places to hop around and continue one’s buzz and alcohol is a problem; if we table – we need to do the homework and make a vote happen.
   e. Linda motions to table, Johanna seconds. Motion fails.
   f. Motion in favor: Joan and Harvey – opposes. Linda– abstains. Rest in favor. Motion passes.
12. Presentation and motion: Veronica Becerra of Rebuild Commercial Services, LLC will present project located at 5317 E. York Blvd. This is a market with small vendors that will also serve alcohol. Land Use is recommending a letter of support with standard conditions.
   a. TABLED.
13. Presentation by Environment California and motion to request the City to surpass the current solar power goal for 2025. Support in the form of a letter directed to the City.
   a. All in favor. Motion passes.
14. Motion to request services and permanent supportive housing be located in Highland Park for our homeless residents.
   a. All in favor. Motion passes.
15. Motion to request the City Attorney permit NPGs to schools where neighborhood council board members are parents so long as such parents recuse themselves from discussion and votes during that agenda item’s discussion.
   a. Item no longer an issue. REMOVED
16. Motion to direct council districts 1 & 14 to make traffic safety Improvements to all of N. Figueroa within the Community of Highland Park.
   a. Letter – directing traffic safety for all of Figueroa. All in favor except Joan. Motion passes.
17. New Business – Liz – street services re google doc; Oxy – play re colonization and gentrification
18. Adjournment – 8:53pm.