Minutes for the General HHPNC Mtg 9/3/15

A. Call to Order – 7:06pm

B. Roll Call – Present: Monica Alcaraz, Harvey Slater, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Karina Casillas, Gabriel Chabran, Susanne Huerta; ABSENT: Sheri Lunn, Stan Moore, Amirah Noaman

C. Elected Officials (Mayor’s office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22, BOS1)
   - CD1 – recap of the AirBnB issue is coming back, CM is vicechair of the committee on the Olympics bid, reminder on the bulky item pick – melinda.alatorre@lacity.org
   - Mayor’s Rep, Amanda Mejia (Amanda.Mejia@lacity.org – 818-778-4990) – update on Olympics committee, update on Vision Zero – re traffic deaths, also is head of internships and can be emailed for those interested (college/high school) -

D. President’s Report – none

E. LAPD Report – SLO Mark Allen – update on violent crime – three recent shootings but no homicides, robberies recently – individuals are now arrested; property crime – car break-ins continue to be high

F. LAFD Report – Mark Stormes, Assistant Chief – updating on the public safety advisory committee – meeting to be every other month and wants a rep from the neighborhood council – Sept 9 at 6:30 – will likely be moved to the third Wednesday.

G. Board Announcements – Phillips 66 issue – City of L.A. voted unanimously to ask SLO to deny expansion

H. Committee Reports: (Budget - none, Land Use - update, Outreach – next meeting Sept. 9, Rules - none, Public Safety - none, Beautification - none, Youth School Alliance - none, Digital and Social Media - none, Sustainability – water/wise landscape scheduled Sept. 12 open to everyone)

I. Budget Advocates Report – Olympics issue, preparing to meeting with - October 17 – regional meeting

J. LANCC/Sustainability Alliance Report – next meeting coming up and Neighborhood Council Congress coming

K. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker) – Karin Flores, Audubon Center – sprucing up and events – Sept. 11 – family program; will be bringing in interns (looking for undergrads); NPS – volunteer nursery training in Sept.; Docent training coming up – 7 hour training over three visits – there are three cycles – and one cycle will by in Spanish. – Jonathan Hans (jhans@lahsa.org - 213-347-9689 – Spa 4 Regional Homeless Count Coordinator) – L.A. Homeless Services Authority – homeless count is now every year and the count is becoming more accurate – next count will be in January 2016

ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation by New Northeast Area LAPD captain Arturo Sandoval on his vision for the neighborhood. Wants to work more with Youth to reduce violent crime and improve relationships with the community; effective on Sunday, starting foot beats – trying for 7 day coverage – from 1 pm to 9pm – with expectation to be about 80-90% on foot – mostly on Figueroa, focusing b/c of traffic/crime – with the idea to get to know businesses and residents; open to modify to add other areas depending on available resources, nothing set in stone and can be changed

2. Presentation on the upcoming Foster Care and Adoption Recruitment Expo. –Yvonne Creaciones from the Department of Child and Family Services. – Needs help to recruit families for adoption and foster homes. Needs more families from the local area to enable better reunification for parents and children in the system. Expo will be in Pasadena City College on November 14, 2015. Can do a local orientation as long as they have 10 residences (ten individual families) involved.

3. Motion to reinstate Miranda Rodriguez as a Director-at-Large.
   a. Miranda Rodriguez – wants to be reinstated and continues to work on the Great Streets project. Will continue as Secretary of land use
   b. All in favor, motion passes.

4. Motion to reinstate Jessica Ceballos as a Director-at-Large.
   a. Discussion of hard ships. Wants to restart Arts & Culture –
   b. Some concerns by board members regarding working with other board members collaboratively.
   c. SuzAnn – abstains – Linda opposes; All else in favor. Motion passes.

5. Motion to reinstate Fernando Villa as a Director-at-Large.
a. New baby/New job issues – has brought some programs and work with the community
b. All in favor. Motion passes.
c. All three formerly out Board Members now become voting members for the successive agenda items.

6. Approval of Agenda - #18-20 – moved after tabled items. All in favor. Motion passes.
7. Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting. – Liz Abstains. Rest in favor. Motion passes.
8. Motion to approve $30 per month for the rest of the budget year (2015-2016) for the iPad data plan using T-mobile. CONTINUED - TABLED
9. Motion to approve up to $30 to purchase an iPad bluetooth keyboard to use at events and monthly meetings. CONTINUED - TABLED
10. Motion to approve $950 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to move highlandparknc.com email to Google Apps for gmail. CONTINUED -TABLED
11. Motion to update council file number on the CIS regarding home sharing dated October 2nd, 2014 from 14-0593 to current file number 14-1635-52. There would be no changes to the former (approved) letter EXCEPT for the file number.
   a. Fernando Abstains. All rest in favor. Motion passes.
12. Motion to host a CEQA Workshop on October 10, 2015. Requesting no more than $500 for rental of the meeting location and refreshments.
   a. Still working on details. Costs more for a Saturday. May need an interpreter.
   b. Monica, Liz, Manuel, SuzAnn, Boo, Karina, Jessica, Gab, Susanne, Joan, Miranda, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando – all in favor. Motion passes.
13. Motion to create and maintain a "Land Use Committee Project List" on the HHPNC website.
   a. All in favor. Motion passes.
   b. Susanne Huerta – left building
14. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2015 as required by DONE.
   a. Monica, Liz, Manuel, SuzAnn, Boo, Karina, Jessica, Gab, Joan, Miranda, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando – all in favor. Motion passes.
15. Motion to approve a Community Improvement Project expense in the amount of $1,403 to pay North East Trees for their continued CD 14 Street Tree Maintenance.
16. Motion to provide a directive to CD1 to facilitate pothole repairs for Dexter Street.
   a. This would be a letter to give CD1 to facilitate repairs within a reasonable time for safety reasons and to avoid city litigation.
   b. All in favor. Motion passes.
17. Motion to the Mayor and City to immediately release details of the proposed contract with the coalition of unions and allow Neighborhood Councils a minimum of 60 days to weigh in on the contract before City Council takes action.
   a. Fernando motioned to add some additional language – providing to Liz. Liz seconded. All in favor with Miranda Rodriguez – abstaining. All in favor. Amendment passes.
   b. Letter with amendment. All in favor. Motion passes.
18. Motion to support the Watershed Approach Motion introduced by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Paul Krekorian to broaden the DWP’s current rebate program in conjunction with the Bureau of Sanitation to encourage a more beneficial watershed approach by the City and its residents. (Council File #15-0768).
   a. All in favor. Motion passes.
19. Motion to encourage the City’s Homelessness and Poverty Committee to focus their priorities on providing appropriate and affordable housing options and amenities and not criminalizing the homeless. (Council File #14-1656-51).
   a. Fernando motions to add language on encouraging the formation of a comprehensive plan and that there are neighborhood/community services in place (localized). Liz seconds. All in favor. Amendment passes.
b. Motion with amended language. All in favor. Motion passes.

20. Motion to request that pursuing a Los Angeles nomination for the 2024 summer Olympics be contingent on development of a realistic operation with no negative financial impact on the City. (Council File #15-0989).
   a. Two years still to go for the public process on formalizing the bid. Many concerns regarding the costs overrun. All in favor. Motion passes.

21. Motion to change the monthly meetings to the first Thursday of the month through the end of the year, and eliminating the third Thursday of the month starting with Thursday, September 17, 2015 through December 31st, 2015.
   a. Issues – regarding how to make meetings more efficient.
   b. All in favor with exception of Joan Potter. Motion passes.

22. Motion to fill vacant board seat(s) through approved process. Candidate Application to be open September 4th through September 15, 2015 with a vote of the new board member(s) at the next general meeting.
   a. Johanna motions to change the closing application date to be September 29, 2015. Diego seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
   b. Motion with amendment. Motion passes.

23. New Business – none

24. Adjournment - 8:55pm