

## HHPNC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 7 p.m.

### A. Call to Order at 7:11 pm

Introductions – Liz Amsden, Mike Martinez, Steve Crouch, Karin Flores, Nathan Nateras

B. Public Comments on Items NOT on the agenda (max: 10 minutes, 2 minutes/person) – Karin talked about events and resources at the Audubon Center in Debs Park which has a native plants nursery (25 varieties), a bird library, WiFi and 282 acres of trails. It is available for events and hosts various educational programs. They operate sustainably with water going back into the ground and power from a solar array, (can be a community resource for charging cell phones, etc. in an emergency). They also have a multi-purpose room which can be used for a variety of functions. They will be holding a bird count over the long weekend (February 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>), and a 4-Mile Hill Challenge and Earth Day Celebration on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ticketed run starts at 8:30 am with the free Earth Day fair at 11 am. People interested in volunteering should contact the Audubon Center at (323) 221-2255.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the agenda – moved by Steve, seconded by Mike, approved unanimously.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting – moved by Steve, seconded by Mike, approved unanimously.
3. Discussion and action to appoint Sustainability Committee members – deferred until Stan as one of the founding members can attend.
4. Discussion on actions taken by the City and state on the ‘emergency’ of homelessness – moving slowly, financing continues to be an issue, there have been recent positive action at the County and State level and we should encourage our City Council to work with them and, specifically, support upcoming State bills on homelessness and affordable housing.
5. Report back on status of Koretz/Krekorian motion on the watershed approach to conservation directed at the DWP/Dept of Sanitation. (Liz) – Motion is still sitting in Energy and Environment Committee, unlikely to move forward soon, other entities including Friends of the LA River are looking at the proposal as regards inadvertent results, the lower part of the river is an important biosphere especially for birds, conservation methods may reduce water flow impacting wildlife
6. Discussion on class on harvesting water for Highland Park (Charles Brunk). Possible motion to take it to the full Neighborhood Council or use it as our first event. – Deferred to next meeting due to Charles’ absence.

People can look at various programs run by the City/DWP to get water conservation information and rebates at: [https://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/ladwp/residential/r-savemoney/r-sm-rebatesandprograms?\\_afrc.ctrl-state=12ho92cf98\\_4&\\_afrcLoop=1006585716378523](https://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/ladwp/residential/r-savemoney/r-sm-rebatesandprograms?_afrc.ctrl-state=12ho92cf98_4&_afrcLoop=1006585716378523); obtain rain barrels rebates at: <http://bpw.lacity.org/klab/rainbarrels/>

A question arose if Sparkletts was still pumping water in LA; their website says water is drawn from deep, protected wells close to Sparkletts' bottling facilities, one of which is on York Blvd., and their customer service line says they source water locally so is this an issue to address? A request was made to check with the County for details on local water tables.

7. Choosing an event – what gets us the biggest bang for our buck – date and budget: can host at Audubon center Saturday 9-17 – give Karen 2 Saturdays, Nathan events what green clubs, gardens, interests; what can be recycled, Bureau of Sanitation events, lists, single stream vs. separated recycling; April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>? Election & Outreach, food no flames, professional
8. Motion to select an event and date, elect a committee to create an agenda and budget. – Deferred to next meeting
9. Status mission statement. – Deferred to next meeting
10. Discussion on incentives to keep businesses local, move to a living wage. – Deferred to next meeting
11. New business – None
12. Adjournment 8:03 pm