

# Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

## Sustainability Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, August 26, 2015 Meeting

A. Call to Order at 7:10; introductions. Present Margarito Martinez, Larry Hoze, Stan Moore, Liz Amsden – people here because “it’s important”

B. Public Comments – None

1. Motion to approve the agenda – Moved by Stan with Margarito as 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Sustainable Committee meetings – with one amendment for clarification on the minutes for May 27<sup>th</sup> – Stan moved with Larry as 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve, passed unanimously.
3. Discussion on projects previously considered – need to educate stakeholders on water issues, bring in someone to talk about watershed as well as other ways to reduce water use, aim to do so by November, hold on who to invite till see what happens with Koretz/Krekorian motion directed at the DWP/Dept of Sanitation.
4. Discussion on livability issues for the homeless including creation of a flyer with information and resources to be available at events. – Best to see what has been done what is needed so don’t duplicate efforts. Liz to check with Rebecca Prine.

Discussion about advocating that HHPNC send a letter in support of Councilmember Cedillo’s objection in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee to the criminalizing and incarceration of the homeless. Need to research what is needed for the homeless to comply with existing ordinances (belongings on public land, etc.). All in favor. Liz to draft letter for the NC meeting.

Housing for the homeless is a moral obligation and an ethical issue – need to provide housing first then address other issues. Do we want to address if homelessness as a result of gentrification (increased pressure from realtors, foreclosure, development, other issues) or just concentrate on remedial actions?

5. Discussion on Mobility Plan 2035 impact. Affordable Housing and Mobility Plan 2035 will be addressed at the Congress of Neighborhoods. Need to make sure people bring up other points of view – Liz will attend at least one of these.

Discussion on if a petition to address the traffic problems created by bike lanes on York Blvd would help. Stan felt petitions are not effective. Did not work for the Southwest Museum. Liz to talk to Melinda on how best to proceed.

6. Discussion on future meetings – the decision was made to leave meeting date as is (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday). Margarito to invite Randy Carillo and Jesse Rosas to join group
7. New business – given pressure to attend meetings for HHPNC, what are parameters on absences? [quorum for committees is 3, no parameters for committee attendance specified]
8. Adjournment at 8:49 pm