Minutes for 6/4/15

A. Call to Order - 7:03pm
B. Roll Call: Present – Monica Alcaraz, Diego Silva, Joan Potter, Johanna Sanchez, Liz Amsden, Manuel Avila, SuzAnn Brantner, Linda Caban, Jessica Ceballos, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Amirah Noaman, Miguel Ramos, Harvey Slater, Fernando Villa; ABSENT – Aaron Salcido, Mauro Garcia, Miranda Rodriguez, Stan Moore – came late
C. Elected Officials (Mayor’s office, CD1, CD14, AD51, SD 22, BOS1)
CD14 – progress on utility boxes – deadline to June 18, update on June 28th fireworks show
D. President’s Report – update on softball event, Lummis Day
E. LAPD Report – Mark Allen, SLO – update on car break-ins, update on general crimes; Neighborhood Prosecutor – Gabrielle P. Taylor – quality of life crimes, working collaboratively with intervention (213-978-7878, gabrielle.taylor@lacity.org)
F. LAFD Report – Battalion commander – encourage to be online and look at website/twitter/keep connected, pulsepoint app – alerts (lafdcentralbureau) and notices where the nearest defibrillator.
G. Board Announcements
H. Committee Reports: (Budget, Land Use, Outreach, Rules, Public Safety, Beautification, Youth School Alliance, Digital and Social Media, Arts & Culture, Green & Sustainability)
Budget – we’ve overspent so current NPGs are conditional if monies do not go through, Land Use - none, Outreach – will be outreaching to Spanish speaking residents more using bilingual boardmembers, will be planning to visit PTAs and will be present at Lummis Day; Rules – still waiting on bylaw amendments; Public Safety – planning to meet this month re gang injunction, working on creation of Neighborhood Watch, Youth – none; Digital – none, Arts – none; Green – we can get the Drop for Lummis but need a volunteer for costume
I. Budget Advocates Report – Budget Day – June 27th
J. LANCC/Sustainability Alliance Report – Water day conference with Mayor re drought
K. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)
Sarah Moore – re library events

ACTION ITEMS
1. Approval of Agenda – Miguel motioned, Harvey seconded – moving #14 and #11 up and #3 down. Motion passes.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting. All in favor motion passes.
3. Discussion and motion to fund an NPG for an amount up to $343 as requested by Luther Burbank Middle School Rube Goldberg Club to purchase t-shirts.
   a. The funds would be for t-shirts and to promote and show pride in the extracurricular activities. Worn every Friday and their events.
   b. In favor: Monica, Liz, Manuel, SuzAnn, Linda, Jessica, Mauro, Huerta, Sheri, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando. Motion passes
4. Discussion and motion to fund an NPG for an amount up to $1000 as requested by Aztecs Rising to purchase two sets of fire clothing.
   a. Cleared up issue re Monica Alcaraz – not on board and has no conflict.
   b. Aztecs Rising – firefighting gear for low income youth, uniform is very expensive and youth cannot afford for training purposes
   c. In favor: Monica, Liz, Manuel, SuzAnn, Linda, Jessica, Mauro, Huerta, Sheri, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando. All in favor. Motion passes.
5. Discussion and motion to fund an NPG for an amount up to $1000 as requested by Recycled Resources for the Homeless to purchase a computer for use in the field.
   a. Need a computer to complete surveys out in the field to save time for volunteers.
   b. In favor: Monica, Liz, Manuel, SuzAnn, Linda, Jessica, Mauro, Huerta, Sheri, Amirah, Joan, Miguel, Johanna, Diego, Harvey, Fernando. Motion passes.
6. Motion to provide a letter of support for a Community Access Center in the Northeast for Recycled Resources for the Homeless.
   a. Update – Huizar supports, Cedillo’s staff supports. Working on concerns regarding location. Hoping for Board of Supervisors to fund. Working on going to other NCs to discuss.
   b. All in favor. Motion passes.
7. Motion to form a Green Community Spaces committee.
   a. Wants to look at vacant lots specifically in HLP – to look for community spaces
   b. From Lot to Spot (non profit org)– working to create green lots in urban spaces.
   c. All in favor. Motion passes.
8. Motion to appoint Board Member(s) to be responsible to write a press release or brief article on
    a recent event or activity (future or past) sponsored by the HHPNC by the next Board Meeting.
    a. On a rotation basis for all to participate – to go on the website and DONE.
    b. All in favor with exception of Mauro who opposes. Motion passes.
9. Discussion and motion to provide a letter to the City of Los Angeles zoning administrator in
   opposition to the proposed small lot subdivision zoning variance being requested by Williams
   Homes for a proposed small lot subdivision at 5103-5123 Echo Street.
   a. No one present from applicant.
   b. Land Use consensus – still concerns regarding traffic and residential opposition to the
density.
   c. All in favor except Mauro who opposes. Motion passes.
10. Discussion and motion to provide a letter with conditions to the City of Los Angeles zoning
    administrator in support of a conditional use permit to continue serving alcoholic beverages at
    Jonny’s Bar, located at 5006 York Blvd.
    a. General consensus – land use is approving of application so long with the conditions are
    kept as listed on letter.
    b. Have canvassed some neighbors, has worked on loitering issue – getting rid of the
    benches in front.
    c. Many people from the community came out to support the applicant – Rachel Hunter,
    Dieter Hartman, Hansel Tato, Jeremy Castaneda, Alfonso Arellano, Sonny Martinez, Paul
    Bonsell, Erick Valdez, Karla Johnson, Maegan Williams – in support.
    d. Stan arrived. All in favor. Motion passes.
11. Discussion and motion to provide a letter to the City of Los Angeles Building Department
    regarding construction of a new T-Mobile store located at 5701 N. Figueroa St. to ensure
    applicant has secured all necessary permits, and has vetted their design through the HPOZ board,
    and the independent non profit HPHT board, and that the applicant will comply with all codes
    and historic preservation guidelines, and restore any historic contributing feature on the building
    that applicant has already inadvertently destroyed or altered.
    a. The applicant claimed didn’t know the zone was under HPOZ.
    b. Applicant came to land use but is not present for this meeting.
    c. All in favor with Mauro – abstaining. Motion passes.
12. Discussion and motion to provide a letter to the City of Los Angeles Zoning Administrator in
    opposition to a zoning variance to convert a single-family residence to a child care facility with an
    occupancy of up to 30 children, located at 417 San Pasqual.
    a. Land use – the home is currently 1500sq. it’s been running as a childcare facility for 14
    children and has applied to expand. Many concerns with traffic, environmental concerns,
    the neighbors have not had good relations with the applicant.
    b. Bright Star – provides for care for 14 children, no new construction is planned. Explained
    that the increased enrollment is usually never at 30 since most children are not there the
    full amount of time that the home is open. There are to be staggered drop offs and pick
    ups. Does not anticipate more noise or parking issues. There have been no licensing
    issues, no city complaints.
    c. In opposition to the project – neighbors Maria Levari, Joseph Esposito, Manuel Murguia,
    Carlos Escoboza, Moira Clegg
    d. All in favor to support the letter in opposition with exception of Fernando who abstains.
    Motion passes.
13. Motion to add a requirement for an organization applying for a neighborhood purposes grant
    (NPG) to submit a flyer prior to the event (if the request is for an event) as well as a write up (via
    email) following the event or project, no more than 30 days after the event or project’s
    completion. Failure to do so would disqualify the organization from future NPG consideration.
    a. Concerns regarding making the process simple to have organizations comply with.
b. Diego rewording – adding a two paragraph write up for future consideration instead of outright ban.

   c. Joan motion to table. Manuel seconds. Motion to table passes – with Mauro opposing.

14. Discussion and motion to accept the proposed iPad policies for use by the Board and have the policies incorporated as standing policies and procedures.

   a. Concerns regarding where the device will be. Ipad

   b. All in favor. Motion passes.

15. New Business - none

16. Adjournment: 9:10 pm