

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee Minutes

3/26/15

A. Call To Order- 7:08pm

Members Present: Liz Amsden, Linda Caban, Steve Crouch, Charles Fisher, Trisha Gossett, Susanne Huerta, Miranda Rodriguez, Harvey Slater, Nancy Wyatt

Members Absent: Antonio Castillo, Lloyd Katro and Tina Miller

B. Public Comment

- Christine Anderson is a county planner who lives in HLP and is interested in being on the land use committee
- Harvey suggests we agendaize her nomination to the committee at the next meeting

C. Chair's Report

- New Starbucks is open and no one has made any comments good or bad about it

Action Items

1. Agenda Adopted with no comments or objections
2. Minutes not adopted, Miranda will send notes from last meeting (that didn't have quorum) to Susanne and Harvey
3. Discussion: Highland Park open spaces-community garden working group update and next steps
 - Miguel Ramos invited From Lot to Spot (FLTS) to the meeting to educate us on their org and mission
 - FLTS helps to identify land for open space/placemaking projects in low-income communities. They are a full service org and can shepherd a project from concept to construction. They have completed various community gardens and park projects mostly in South LA. Community designed spaces and engagement in the projects are important to them. They are currently working on a vacant lot inventory for HLP
 - Recommended places: San Pascual Park, Metro Goldline Right of Way on Marmion way, research DWP land, strip of land on Echo St and Avenue 55
 - Harvey will make sure that with if we move forward with the partnership we will be in compliance with the by-laws
 - LUC will recommend to the full board that FLTS provide a proposal to install a community garden in HLP

- Miguel will run with the project and help identify land, write a budget and put together a fundraising plan. We can form a working group

4. Discussion: LADOT People Streets project- the next application period is Oct-Nov 2015, perhaps we can come up with areas in HLP that might benefit like somewhere around the Figueroa /Monte Vista corridor

- Miranda and Boo will do some reasearch and make recommendations

- We will see if we can integrate into the great street pop up efforts being led by the Mayor's office

5. Discussion: about approaching the SW Museum to see if they might be open to the development of a low-water indigenous garden on their grounds for both show and training purposes

- LUC is supportive of efforts, Liz has a contact at the SW Museum and will explore with staff and report back

6. Discussion & Possible Action: Williams Homes has submitted applications to the City Planning Department for approval to develop a 24 unit townhouse project at 5103-5123 Echo St. and is seeking neighborhood council support

- Williams Home not present, but have filed their application. They will need to go through an enviro. review and we will keep an eye out on the draft MND

- NE Trees to see if the arborist tree report on the oak is actually dying

- They are working with the HPOZ on the design, traffic concerns on Ave 52

- Harvey will email developers, we will move it to a regular report under D and Charlie will keep us updated

7. Reports and Updates:

a. HPOZ- HLP has a problem with illegal fences, many are over the legal height which is 42 inches tall & horizontal wood is not allowed in the HPOZ

b. 710 Freeway Extension- Draft EIR was released it is 26k+ pages, there is 120 days to read and comment, executive summary sent to stakeholders on a CD. Harvey will sponsor a NC letter of support for CalTrans to extend the review period of the draft EIR to 180 days.

c. Transit Village- No Report

d. The nursery is doing something, Remove trees on 175 s. 57 from the list, add 426 San Pascual to the list

e. Baptist Church Property on Fig/Ave 50- LUC states that this is why we have to get the HPOZ survey work done as this property is listed as a non-contributor

f. Survey LA- No Report

g. Mission Statement working group- Move on if HPHT doesn't respond

h. N Fig complete streets working group- Miranda will report

i. York specific plan working group- Harvey will send out email to get this started

j. Community garden working group- see item no.3

k. Green Initiatives best practices working group- no report

