

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Minutes for Wednesday, May 25, 2016

A. Call to Order & Introductions: 7:09 Liz Amsden, Steve Crouch, Margarito Martinez, Stan Moore, guests: Matthew Sullivan, Chris Foran

B. Public Comments on Items NOT on the agenda (max: 10 minutes, 2 minutes/person) – Matthew brought up the issue of overflowing trash cans on York from Avenues 49 to 54 most weekends, especially near El Super and the car wash. Motion by Margarito, seconded by Stan to ask Councilmember Huizar/CD 14 look into installing solar-operated compacting trash cans or take other steps to address. Passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the agenda – Moved by Stan, seconded by Margarito, passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting – Moved by Stan, seconded by Steve, 3 for, 1 abstention (Margarito)
3. Motion to elect Charles Brunk to the Committee, seconded by Stan, passed by acclamation.
4. Discussion of what types of information should be posted on the Sustainability section of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood website: garbage/recycling; water reduction tips for home & garden; energy conservation; cutting fossil fuels/expanding solar; transit service issues/electric car chargers; labor sustainability – higher minimum wages/rejection of the on-demand economy profiteers; free or municipally provided WiFi; why the City needs expanded resilience including urban farms, affordable housing and what resilience means. Liz to circulate these to committee members for further input.
5. Discussion about what our mission statement should address: livability, resilience, water and energy conservation; economic sustainability, transit related improvements, affordable housing, CERT programs.
6. Other business – Margarito requested that a motion to make the Sustainability Committee a standing committee be added to the upcoming HHPNC agenda along with creating an Ad Hoc committees on transportation, and one on housing (addressing affordable housing and homelessness, transition and supportive housing; senior housing – with an emphasis on LGBTQ specific needs – and the concerns of couch surfing and car/trailer sleepers) He also announced that food will be served to the homeless at All Saints Church on Saturdays. He recommended that all new board members take CERT training,
7. Adjournment 8:00