

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Minutes of Sustainability Committee Meeting and Agenda

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Antigua Bread Bakery Café

5703 N Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90042

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order & Introductions – Margarito Martinez, Larry Hoze, Stan Moore, Liz Amsden

B. Public Comments on Items NOT on the agenda (max: 10 minutes, 2 minutes/person) = none

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the agenda – moved by Stan, second by Mike unanimous
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2015 Sustainable Committee meeting – in 4., amend to include that housing is a moral obligation as well as and ethical issue – moved by Stan with amendment, second by Mike unanimous
3. DWP rate increase issues – supposedly 20% will go to the City's General Fund, which could be unfair to minimum wage people as proportionately more of their income becomes unavailable to them; \$11M of \$40M in the questionable non-profit DWP training funds still has not been spent, Ron Galperin feels there should be no more funding until DWP operations are more transparent, resentment expressed about DWP's pay scale.
4. Discussion on projects previously considered: Did not hear back from Rebecca Prine on what if anything the Committee could do to help without duplicating efforts; homelessness issues – check who voted for homeless emergency [CF: 15-1138 moved by Gilbert Cedillo and Mike Bonin, seconded by Felipe Fuentes, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Jose Huizar, Mitch O'Farrell and Curran Price & was announce by the Mayor and 7 Councilmembers]; Mike advised that LAPD Lieutenant Alfred Labrada LAPD was developing new approaches and that the Skid Row area was petitioning to become a Neighborhood Council; discussion on providing a low-water event including landscaping and other approaches delayed till the new year when we will hopefully have more manpower.
5. Brief discussion on need for incentives to keep businesses local and the promise of vertical farming. Mike will follow up on approaches in farmers markets
6. Set priorities for rest of the year: committee sees homelessness support and affordable housing of immediate importance, followed by water conservation, recycling and the need for garbage reduction.
7. New business – discussion on other people who may join committee
8. Adjournment 19:50. Next meeting 28th October