

Contact Information

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Brief Summary: Historic highland Park Neighborhood Council Supports City Council Resolution Dec 6, 2011 to support a Constitutional Amendment tha only human beings, not corporations are endowed with constitutional rights.

Additional Information: This is a re[posting of an original posting which did not post adequately

HHPNC MINUTES MAY 3, 2012

Stan Moore, Secretary

I. Call to order and welcome by president Chris Smith.*

II. Welcome

Announcements and Public Comments: Enrique Mota, Aztec's Rising, spoke regarding Safe Passages program in HP to protect students going and coming from their schools; CRW—no incidents in April; some major involvements in HP by Aztec's—5 different events, 2 on Drew Street, two on Monte Vista near Ave. 50; mentioned Aztec's Rising and the summer Fire Crew personnel's involvement in the April 14 cleanup of Veteran's Square and Figueroa, and that May 15 at 8:30 a.m. they would be doing a similar cleanup. People thanked them for their help on April 14.

Veneta Strange announced the NE Democratic Club's fundraiser on May 12.

Their entire savings account was lost—stolen by Ms. Durkee's actions. So they are having an art sale from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost: \$20 to attend. Donations of art gratefully received.

Stan Moore announced May 5th. Parade in Cypress Park and that the HHPNC was invited by the Greater Cypress Park NC. He announced My 17 LANI Conference at U.S.C.—a free conference, and reminded everyone of the May 19 Peace Day at Sonia Sotomayor High School from 1:30 to 6 p.m. He then introduced Amer Rayes, Assemblyman Gil Cedillo's new deputy.

Metro announced a series of Open Houses—where people could talk to the “experts” like occurred at Ramona Hall in Feb. People in the audience expressed their displeasure at the same approach. Strongly critical of the Metro's attempt to limit attendees attempts to be heard by other attendees were Janet Dodson, Rick Marquez, and Stan Moore. Perception of those present appeared to be distrust of Metro and its attempts at controlling public feedback regarding SR-710; Rick asked what criterion did the “Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) use to narrow down alternative paths for the proposed tunnels. The spokeswoman could not answer, just begged people to come. It was pointed out that HP was the largest community potentially affected and that none, zero, meetings were in HP!! Spokeswoman said that there were “Community Liaison Committees”—which has already divided the communities and “helped to” narrow the alternate paths to three.

Amer Rayes introduced himself, said he had no cards yet to distribute, but gave his telephone number at the office: (323) 225-4545.

Children's Librarian from the Arroyo Seco Library spoke about the Children's Summer Reading Club—designed to stop children from losing reading gains during the school year during the nearly three months of the summer break. They had 923 participants last year; the theme this year is Dream Big and they plan to work with the Red Cross and the Audubon Center. Adaptive story time to what is occurring at that time. Problem: **Funding** for the program is **questionable/problematic**. **Arroyo Seco community brings refreshments for the children. Library wants/needs volunteers.** Want folks who have special skills to demonstrate them to the children.

Janet Dodson—suggest Library talk to the Senior Center to recruit seniors into the effort.

C. Roll Call: Present—David Baird, Theresa Bonsell, Steve Crouse, Janet Dodson, Miriam Escobar, Mauro Garcia, Trish Gossett, Rick Marquez, Stan Moore, Joan Potter, Chris Smith and Ofelia Zuniga

Quorum Established. Absent: Antezana, Duarte, Kekone, Milligan, and Reback.

D. No treasurer's report.

E. Outreach report: Teri Bonsell reported that there were 800 parents and children at the Egg event at HP Recreation Center on April 7. Lummis Day is Sunday, June 3, from Noon to 7 p.m. Teri begs members of the HHPNC to participate in Lummis Day. June 16th will be the 2nd. Annual BBQ at the HP Senior Center. July 1 is Jose Huizar and CD 14's Fireworks evening. May 28th, thanks to Linda Phelps and Nancy Wyatt reminding the HHPNC, is the 10th. Anniversary of the HHPNC. Suggestion by Nancy—use Tuesday, May 29th. Farmers' Market as a time to celebrate. Chris Smith pointed out that we have no money to buy food, etc., for a big celebration.

F. CD 1 report: Daniel Andalon, new field deputy. His first event with CD1 was the April 14 cleanup—Trees were trimmed—more lighting on Veteran's Memorial. He announced May 19, Peace Day, at Sotomayor, and June 3, Lummis Day, and June 16, the BBQ at the Senior Center. Andalon announced that he was point man on the SW Museum. Telephone number: (213) 485-0763 and Daniel.Andalon@lacity.org.

G. CD14, Nate Hayward. (1) Ceremony celebrating Ave. 50 and York and the \$2.85 million grant to buy the property, still in negotiations for the property. 120 people attended. A new bookstore opened on York. (2) April 24 York Visioning. Barricades on Bridesmaid—York-Fig. sewage project, still needs two months of work. Stratford Street—no lights. Buddhist Temple at 51 and Figueroa is not CD 14, it is CD1.

H. No one from the Mayor's Office.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Agenda. MSA unanimous after agreeing to move item 18 to Item 15, then not doing it when the time came. Motion, Bonsell, Second, Zuniga
MSA Unanimous
2. Approval of the Minutes of April 5 and April 19, 2012. Moved, Potter Second, Garcia
MSA Unanimous
3. Discussion and Motion: To reconcile all current HHPNC finances (Smith). Smith talked to Jeff Brill and found out (1) on line balance not updated since 2010. (2) Items in the process of Demand Warrants—confusing and incomplete. (3) Nov. Meeting approved \$12,050 in Demand Warrants and other expenditures (passed after Oct. 30). Several never took place. A number of the Demand Warrants are still in process. (4.) Items on tonight's Agenda, plus operating expenses to June, total \$9,300. We may or may not have that much money. Item 4 and 3 discussed by consent—we need some volunteers to pitch in and get all \$9,300 to DONE by the deadline of May 16 (before our next meeting on May 17, and, before we can approve the minutes from tonight—so that we must ask DONE for a waiver of the

normal process. Amber, in a phone call, said two people can sign the minutes of tonight and attest to their passing.

A. Need and ad hoc committee to work on the Demand Warrants, etc., passed tonight. Volunteers of Chris, Rick, Stan, Joan Potter. Joan Potter said that she is willing to be treasurer, but only after May 12 event that she is chairing.

B. Members of Budget and Finance Committee seemingly volunteered. *The B and F Committee met at 6:50 with Enrique Mota and the Aztecs' Rising request and approved it unanimously--\$1500 request to go tonight to the HHPNC from the B and F Committee.

C. Verify and approve payments necessary for HHPNC operations for the remainder of the financial year, i.e., June 30. (We get our next year's money on July 1, supposedly, although DONE, because of so few staff, may be a month late on this. Need the info. regarding i. Storage, ii. Senior Center, iii. Constant contact and iv. ATT for cameras—RD Camera, requires annual HHPNC approval of camera service.

D.—Verify that present HHPNC treasurer is “on board” for the remainder of our term. If not, accept nominations for a new candidate for HHPNC treasurer, per our new by-laws, and appoint. Our previous treasurer was found to not be “on board”; (Mark Reback has resigned. On Thursday, May 10, Stan, Chris and Joan are going to take treasurer training so as to create a team to handle our present situation.)

5.—Motion: To approve funds up to but not to exceed \$200 to publish HHPNC By-Laws, Policies and Procedures. (Dodson) 25 copies; run on own machine; 3 hole covers, etc. Motion, Garcia Second, Bonsell MSA Unanimous

6.—Discussion and Motion: To approve funding up to but not to exceed \$500 for Peace Day at Sotomayor High School, May 19. Moved, Bonsell. Second Potter, MSA Unanimous except two abstentions: Moore and Garcia

7.—Discussion and Motion: Approve funding up to but not to exceed \$800 for Ad-hoc Election Outreach Committee. (Bonsell) Motion, Bonsell, Second, Moore MSA Unanimous

8.—Discussion and Motion: Approve funding up to but not to exceed \$1,500 for Franklin High School Solar Cup Team. (Bonsell) Sharon Burke, a teacher at FHS has watched over the Solar Cup Team, from first building a boat, and second, preparing to be in competition to win using only Solar power. Motion, Bonsell Second, Escobar MSA Unanimous

9. Discussion and Motion: To approve up to but not to exceed \$800 for Buchanan Elementary School's Reading is Fundamental (RIF). (Moore) Discussion and amendment. Since this item is for the Spring of 2013, if our available funds are exceeded by the decisions of May 3, then this would be the item that will wait for funding until later. Motion, Bonsell Second, Escobar MSA Unanimous

10. Discussion and Motion: Approve funding up to but not to exceed \$1,500 for Aldama Elementary School's PTA Playworks program. (Bonsell) Playworks is an anti-bullying program that teaches children ways to reconcile conflict other than by force. The “coach” brings in junior “coaches” and uses \$300 for multiple balls to help train nonviolent means of handling conflict.

Motion, Moore Second, Bonsell

MSA Unanimous

11. Discussion and Motion: Approve funding up to but not to exceed \$1,500 for Recycled Resources for the Homeless program. (Dodson) \$0 money in NELA for resources for the homeless.

Motion, Bonsell Second, Moore

MSA Unanimous

12. Tabled. Monte Vista Elementary School did not appear for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, nor for the HHPNC's May 3 meeting.

13. Discussion and Motion: To approve funding up to but not to exceed \$1,500 for Aztec's Rising Summer Fire Crew program. (Dodson) Note: an emergency meeting of The Budget and Finance Committee was held May 3 from 6:50 to 7:10 to discuss the proposal—since the Police and Fire emergency at the time of the Thursday's B and F meeting prohibited Mr. Mota getting to the meeting. The meeting was continued the previous Thursday to May 3rd. 2012.

Motion, Moore Second, Bonsell MSA 1 abstention: Garcia

14. Discussion and Motion: Re-authorize \$306 already approved funding to initiate an account with Constant Contact for HHPNC emails. (Smith)

Motion, Bonsell Second, Gossett

MSA Unanimous

15. Discussion and Motion: Approve new Agenda Policies and Procedures. (Dodson, Marquez) Motion, Gossett Second, Marquez MSA 1 No, Garcia; 1 abstention, Moore—whose email has been out for the last 6 days and he could not read the proposal.

16. Discussion and Motion: Approve a letter of support for Arroyo Seco Academy. (Smith) Tabled at Smith's motion.

17. Discussion and Motion: Approve Community Impact Statement in support of LA City Council Resolution 11-0002-S123. Opposing the Citizen's United Decision and supporting a Constitutional Amendment. (Dodson) Moved, Moore Second, Gossett

MSA Unanimous

18. Discussion and Motion: Approve art for a half-page color ad for Lummi Day. This ad has been approved by the Outreach Committee, and has a deadline.

Motion, Moore Second, Gossett

MSA Unanimous

19. Discussion and Motion: Create an HHPNC Ad-hoc Election Committee. This committee will require HHPNC funding. (Bonsell, Marquez)

Motion, Moore Second, Escobar

MSA Unanimous

20. Item 20 to be brought back.

21. Tabled

22. New Business—not discussed

23. Adjournment. 9:36 p.m.

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May 3, 2012

Re: Community Impact Statement in Support of CF 11-0002-S123

Dear Sirs,

On December 6, 2011, the Los Angeles City Council voted to:

Resolve to include in the City's 2011-12 Federal and State Legislative programs, Support for a Constitutional Amendment and other legislative actions ensuring that only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights and that money is not speech, and therefore the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council fully supports the Resolution.

Sincerely,

Chris Smith, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council