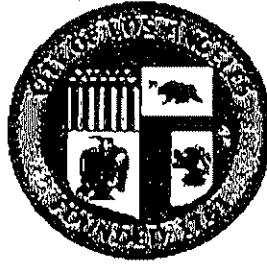


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Council File # 13-0876-S1

Community Impact Statement: The HHPNC requests that a narrowed EIR be performed on this project because we feel that certain criteria in the MND will have potentially significant impacts that are not being mitigated;

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. On behalf of our stakeholders, and after much consideration and community input regarding the above mentioned proposed project for an 80 unit housing development to be built in the core of the Highland Park Historic District on existing public parking lots, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) has concluded the following:

The HHPNC requests that a narrowed EIR be performed on this project because we feel that certain criteria in the MND will have potentially significant impacts that are not being mitigated; to include, but not limited to, as follows:

- I-120, Aesthetics: It is the general consensus that the multi-story brick façade building proposed for site 2 is out of character for the other structures in the project and for neighboring structures in the area, specifically in height, mass, and architecture style. It is the general consensus that the massiveness, height and density of the proposed development on site 2 is too large, dwarfing the size and feel of the neighboring single family homes and the other homes in the project.
- III-10, Air Pollution (Demolition, Grading, and Construction Activities): There is reasonable concern that there would be substantial increase in exhaust emissions during construction that, although addressed in the MND, would not be reasonably enforceable.
- V-50, Cultural/Historic Resources: Highland Park has a documented history of celebrating and preserving its natural surroundings. Historically, structures in Highland Park have been smaller in scale and constructed with materials that are harmonious to their natural surroundings. Historically their size are harmonious with the natural canyons, waterways, parks and hills in the

area. It is the general consensus that the multi-story brick façade building proposed for site 2 would have a negative impact on the vistas of and from neighboring parklands and mountains, and would interfere with the natural sunlight to surrounding properties and public areas. The proposed aesthetic design of the same building on site 2 is not, in scale or in character, conforming to the prevailing historic architecture of the neighborhood, and there is a probability of non-compliance with the Highland Park-Garvanza Historic Plan.

The completion of the project in its entirety sets a precedent for future non-conforming development in the area that will further negatively impact the preservation of the community's historic character.

In general, the consensus is that the proposed project is out of context with the community's history and heritage of blending housing with its natural surroundings harmoniously.

- VI- 20: Erosion; Runoff from constant wetting of the construction area during construction will contribute to pollution in the Arroyo Seco, a vital tributary in the LA River watershed system, and a natural waterway that carries alpine run off from the San Gabriel Mountains to the LA River. This will cause erosion of plant and wildlife in the river, and will have further negative impact on the regional efforts to restore natural and recreational resources in the LA River.
- VII-10, Greenhouse Gas Emissions: The particulate matter from increased automobile traffic and greenhouse gasses from the increase in general human consumption (air conditioning, refrigeration, gardening, pet waste, etc.) will have a negative impact on the air and water quality in the area.
- XIV-10, Public Services: There is reasonable concern that many of the public service departments in the City of Los Angeles are not adequately prepared for the increase in public demand that will come with the implementation of this project. This concern is based on stakeholders' current experiences with City of Los Angeles response time to existing neighborhood issues.
- XV-10, Recreation: It is the general consensus that the proposed mitigation to pay Quimbly fees does not adequately provide a clear plan or vision of how to address the impact this project will have on the already extremely high demand for safe, green, open recreational spaces in the immediate neighborhood.
- XVII-20, Utilities (Local Water Supplies, All New Construction): The implementation of wetting construction areas twice daily would deplete local water resources.
- XVII-90, Utilities (Electricity/ Plumbing): There is reasonable concern that the City of Los Angeles Sanitation Services and the Department of Water and Power are not adequately prepared for the increase in demand that will come with the implementation of this project. This concern is based on stakeholders' current experiences with lengthy power outages, and plumbing issues caused by antiquated pipes and old tree roots in the area.

Furthermore, we have reason to believe that the City of Los Angeles Planning Department failed to insure compliance with a number of CEQA guidelines during the MND processes. Attached "exhibit A"

contains footnotes from the Land Use Committee research team, showing just a handful of examples of these guidelines that we believe were either not enforced or not given proper due diligence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Alcaraz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

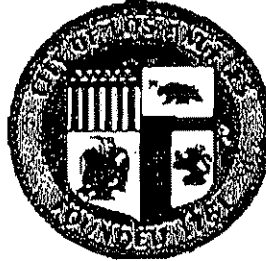
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Notice of Regular Meeting and Agenda

Thursday August 15, 2013

Highland Park Senior Center 6152 N. Figueroa St.

Los Angeles, CA 90042

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item prior to the Board taking action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. The public may also comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at (1) Café de Leche located at 5000 York Boulevard, (2) Ramona Hall Community Center located at 4580 North Figueroa Street, (3) Police Historical Museum located at 6045 York Boulevard, (4) Fire Station #12 located at 5921 North Figueroa Street, (5) Highland Market located at Figueroa at Burwood, and (6) when possible, Arroyo Seco Library, 6145 North Figueroa Street.

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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 DIAS DE TRABAJO (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA AYUDA CON ESTA AGENDA, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (213) 485-1360

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Council District 1 Report
- D. Council District 14 Report
- E. Assembly District 51 Report
- F. Mayor's Office Report
- G. President's Report
- H. LAPD Report
- I. Board Announcements
- J. Outreach Committee Report
- K. Rules Committee Report
- L. Land Use Committee Report
- M. Treasurers Report
- N. Public Comments (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes: August 1st, 2013.
3. (5 min) Tabled. Discussion and Possible Action: approve and submit a support letter for the Franchise System for Waste Hauling ordinance, as supported by LAANE- H. Huevo
4. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to purchase business cards for Fernando Villa and Johanna Sanchez at the cost of 21.60 for a pack of 200 cards, not to exceed 43.20. - H. Huevo.
5. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to approve and submit the proposed Draft Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the City's mural ordinance, (CF# 11-923) -H. Huevo
6. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to establish and elections committee to plan for Spring 2014 elections to begin working with DONE. -H. Huevo
7. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to select HHPNC parking permit holders for City Hall- H. Huevo
8. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to approve and submit the proposed Draft Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding jurisdiction over Neighborhood Council elections (CF# 11-1912-51). - H. Huevo
9. (10 Min) Discussion an possible action to submit HHPNC response to the Highland Park Transit Village's Mitigated Negative Declaration as a Community Impact Statement. -H. Huevo

10. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to submit a position on Senate Bill 405, the state plastic bag ban ordinance. -H. Huezo

11. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to designate 2-3 members to have access to submit board approved Community Impact Statements online. -H. Huezo.

12. (5 min) Motion and possible action to approve letter regarding SB 732- CEQA Reform- H. Slater

13. (5 min) Motion and possible action to approve a letter to the ZA in support of Maximiliano's expansion application- H. Slater

14. (5 min) Motion and possible action to approve a letter to the ZA in support of façade restoration at 5612 N. Figueroa St. - H. Slater

15. (5 min) Motion and discussion to approve changing the monthly HHPNC meetings to only 1 per month.- T. Bonsell

16. (5 min) Motion and Discussion to approve the replacement of office supplies to the LA Storm Water Program in the amount of not more than \$30.00. – T. Bonsell

17. New Business

18. Adjournment

HHPNC Minutes for 8/15/2013

Action Items:

1. Approve Agenda
 - A. Motion; T. Bonsell. Second: O. Zuniga
 - B. H. Huezo: Move Item 10 to end of agenda. H. Slater: Table Item 12
 - C. All in favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 0

2. Approve Minutes
 - A. T. Bonsell. Second: A. Lozano
 - B. Correction: T. Bonsell and P. Bonsell both absent, not listed.
 - C. Motion to Approve with corrections: T. Bonsell. Abstain 2. Minutes Approves

3. Item 3
 - A. Move: G. Knudsen. Second: O. Zuniga
 - B. Motion to Table. All In Favor 13. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 0

4. Item 4
 - A. Move: T. Bonsell, Second: P. Bonsell
 - B. Approve to purchase cards: P. Bonsell, All in Favor: 9, Abstain: 4. Motion Passes
 - C. Vote Retake: All in Favor: 9. Abstain: 4. Opposed: 0

5. Item 5
 - A. Move: T. Bonsell. Second: O. Zuniga
 - B. Motion to Approve letter with Corrections, strike #7: G. Trejo
 - C. Amendment: Change language in bolded Community Impact Statement "Commercial Units" All in Favor: 10. Opposed: 1 G. Trejo. Abstain: 1 A. Lozano
 - D. Amendment: Include language in statement requiring notification within 500ft. All in Favor: 8. Opposed: 4. Abstain: 1 A. Lozano
 - E. Amendment: T. Bonsell include HPOZ Review. All in Favor: 8. Opposed: 1. Abstain: 4
 - F. Motion to submit with all corrections/amendments: All in Favor: 4. Opposed: 4. Abstain: 5. Motion Passes.

6. Item 6
 - A. Move: P. Bonsell. Second: O. Zuniga
 - B. Motion to create ADHOC elections committee: T. Bonsell. All in Favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 0
 - C. Motion: G. Trejo: Table to next meeting. All in Favor: 13. Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion Passes

7. Item 7
 - A. Move: T. Bonsell. Second: A. Lozano
 - B. Motion: G. Trejo: Give pass to person who has gone to City Hall the most this month
 - C. Motion; O. Zuniga: Continue discussion next week when all members are present. All in Favor: 1. Opposed: 10. Abstain: 1
 - D. Motion: R. Carrillo: Do not designate a person for pass tonight. All in Favor: 3. Opposed: 10. Abstain: 0

8. Item 8
 - A. Move: T. Bonsell. Second: O. Zuniga
 - B. Motion: T. Bonsell Submit Letter Community Impact Statement. All in Favor: 10. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 2. Motion Passes

9. Item 9
 - A. Move: H. Slater. Second: O. Zuniga
 - B. Motion: H. Slater Approve and Submit MND letter
 - C. Motion: G. Knudsen Table Item until actual letter is given to Board. All in Favor: 8. Opposed: 1. Abstain: 3. Motion Passes.

10. Item 11
 - A. Move: T. Bonsell. Second: M. Escobar
 - B. Motion: 2-3 members have access to submit CIS online
 - C. Motion: A. Lozano Table Items #11, 15 & 16. All in Favor: 11. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 1. Motion Passes
 - D. Amendment: G. Knudsen Tabled Item #15 given 30 minutes and priority at next HHPNC meeting. All in Favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 0 Motion Passes

11. Item 13
 - A. Move: G. Knudsen. Second: P. Bonsell
 - B. Motion: Maximilliano's letter of support for expansion application. All in Favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion Passes

12. Item 14
 - A. Move: T. Bonsell. Second: G. Knudsen
 - B. Motion: Letter to submit ZA letter for Figueroa Building restoration. All in Favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion Passes

13. Item 10
 - A. Move: T. Bonsell. Second: M. Escobar
 - B. Motion: Plastic Bag Ordinance SB 405.
 - C. Motion: G. Knudsen: Support SB 405. All in Favor: 3. Opposed: 6. Abstain: 4
 - D. Motion: P. Bonsell: Table letter until next HHPNC meeting. All in Favor: 8. Opposed: 4. Abstain: 0. Item Tabled