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Type of NC Board Action: Against Proposal

Impact Information

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Agenda Date: 01/26/2011

Item Number:

Brief Summary: HHPNC has been asking to negotiate with McCormack Baron Salazar for 4 years. They are inflexible. They require this outsized inappropriate development and underground parking to preserve their profit while using large amounts of public funding. Other developers tell us they can build smaller scale mixed use housing. Why should our historic community suffer an unwelcome huge development destroying our special character to protect their profit?

Additional Information: The City Council requirements for this development, and our Historic Preservation Overlay Zone require any project to be in scale with the neighborhood. This development will explicitly violate both of these. Why are the City and our own ordinances discounted? What is left to a community after our government will not follow its own rules, and our pleas and protests are ignored and discounted? Why won't our own City Council help us?

HHPNC Regular Board Meeting October 21, 2010 Minutes Teri Bonsell Acting Secretary

- A. Call to Order
- B. Welcome Announcements
- C. Roll Call: Members in attendance: Chris Smith, Rick Marquez, Mauro Garcia, Teri Bonsell, Janet Dodson, Trish Gossett, Erick Duarte, Luis Antezana, David Kekone, Andre Anson, Lisa Brewer, Steve Crouch, Mark Reback.
- D. Public Comment
- E. Treasurer's Report –*Reback* Lisette Covarrubias from DONE delivered a letter from DONE releasing HHPNC funds, Mark described Budget and Finance process, and Budget Request Form.

Action Items

- 1. Adoption of agenda: Motion by Lisa Brewer 2nd by Andrei Anson Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Motion to hire a stenographer through one of the service agencies approved by DONE to ensure the minutes are written, and not to exceed 250.00 per meeting, unless Board finds a community member to serve by Nov 4th. Motion by Teri Bonsell, 2nd by Andrei Anson. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Motion to pass minutes from 8-19-2010. Motion by Lisa Brewer, 2nd by David Kekone. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Motion to approve minutes from 9-2-2010, Motion by Teri Bonsell, 2nd by Andrei Anson. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Motion to approve minutes from 9-16-2010. Motion by Teri Bonsell, 2nd by Andrei Anson. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Motion to address and resolve any remaining items mandated by DONE's letter of Exhaustive Efforts. Item tabled, subject covered in Treasurer's Report Item E.
- 7. Motion to approve \$500.00 for 3 Halloween events. Budget Committee has passed this budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. Board approval of any pending HHPNC treasury issues. Item tabled, subject covered in Treasurer's Report Item E.
- 9. Motion for HHPNC to meet once a month instead of twice. No motion at this time, Item tabled until 2011
- 10. Motion to approve the Inventory Rules and Check Out Sheet for storage with the understanding the LA City Attorney may offer the Board a Hold Harmless Form. City Attorney Rita Venegas will start her job Oct

21, 2010. Until then, City Attorney Darrin Martinez recommended HHPNC not use the power washer. Motion by Teri Bonsell, 2nd by Andrei Anson. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Motion to approve text for an interim color brochure for outreach for the 3 Halloween events. No budget was necessary, as funding this brochure is included in the approved Halloween Events budget. Motion by Lisa Brewer, 2nd by Andre Anson. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Should the HHPNC participate in the NE Holiday Parade Dec. 5, 2010? No motion was offered. Teri Bonsell offered to create a plan and participation schedule at the next Outreach Committee meeting Nov 11, as well as to create a Budget Proposal Form, and submit it to Budget and Finance. If approved, the committee will bring the plan and the budget to the Board on Nov 18. The Board assured Teri of participation if approved.
13. Motion to approve the purchase of a dolly for the helium tank. Budget proposal approved by the Budget and Finance Committee. Motion by Teri Bonsell, 2nd by Andrei Anson. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Rules Committee Report to the Board declined. Motion to approve Rules Committee report on the 14 leftover grievances with the addition of a reference to the Board motion Aug. 19, 2010 referring the grievances to the Rules Committee. Motion by Mauro Garcia, 2nd by Andrei Anson Motion passed unanimously.
15. Land Use Report to the Board declined. Motion for the Land Use Committee to draft an up-to-date CIS from the HHPNC for Board approval regarding the HP Gold Line Village. Motion by Rick Marquez, 2nd by Andrei Anson
16. Motion to approve a representative and alternate for the 2011-12 fiscal year Mayor's budget meetings. Stan Moore (not present) with Andrei Anson as alternate were nominated. Motion by Rick Marquez, 2nd by Andre Anson Motion passed unanimously.
17. Motion to return Stan Moore (not present) as chair for Youth Development and Education. Motion by Rick Marquez, 2nd by Andrei Anson. Motion passed unanimously.
18. Motion to create 4 missing Committees by Dec 2, 2010: Public Health, and Safety, Arts, Culture, and Architecture, Transportation, and City Services, Human Relations, Youth Development, and Education. President declared this not to be a motion, and instead asked Mauro Garcia, Andrei Anson, and David Kekone if they would form committees by Dec 2. Stan Moore was not present. All three present Board members answered they would create the missing committees by the deadline.
19. Discussion of Outreach Committee plans for a search for a

professional graphic designer to unify HHPNC graphics. Lisa Brewer has received design criteria from the Outreach Committee, and will conduct the search using those criteria. She asked for designer suggestions for the Board by Oct 31.

20. New business Mural on a store on Aldama. Artist showed plans, and stated that the HHPNC promised to match funds of \$1000 for this project in the 2009 fiscal year. The Board asked the artist to come back to board with an updated proposal.

21. Adjournment 9:15 pm

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January 20, 2011

Re: Council File Index 090451-S2 and Joint Development Agreement for
Proposed Project Concept of "Highland Park Transit Village"

**OPPOSITION TO JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MCCORMACK BARON
SALAZAR**

To: Councilmember Reyes, Members of the City Council. Assembly Member de
Leon, Mr. Mayor, Ms. Monterrosa, and Ms. Robinson:

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council would like to register our strong objection to the Joint Development Agreement with McCormack Baron Salazar for the development at the Highland Park Gold Line Village. We have been following this project closely over several years through our Land Use Committee. The entire Board discussed the current information, and voted approval of this Community Impact Statement, to follow our previous CIS dated November 19, 2008, and September 2, 2010.

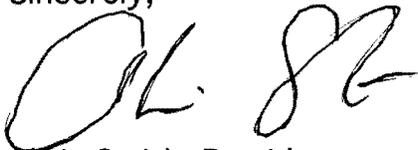
We welcome the City Council mandate for housing development on the Department of Transportation parking lots at the Gold Line on Ave 57 in Highland Park. However, the developers McCormack Baron Salazar, have been unwilling to negotiate with the neighborhood regarding the scale and size of the development. They insist on a development of 101 units four to six stories high with underground parking.

The City mandate, as well as our own Historic Preservation Overlay Zone requires any development to be compatible with the size and scale of the surrounding neighborhood. The proposed development would not be compatible in any way. Furthermore, to accommodate the large development, MBS requires underground parking to replace the current above-ground, free parking for the businesses along Figueroa. These businesses have owned these spaces for forty years. They know that no one in Highland Park will park underground to shop along Figueroa. We cannot find any commercial underground parking anywhere in Highland Park, for the same reason.

There are several other developers eager to work with the community to find a viable green design which will fit into our historic area, without commercial underground parking. How is it they can do what MBS says they cannot?

Please allow this project to go back to bid, and let us find a developer willing to move forward, even in this difficult financial climate, to bring the housing we need to our beautiful historic neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Smith". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "S".

Chris Smith, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council