Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Special Board Meeting

802 W. Gardena Blvd. Tuesday, June 27, 2013

Present: Delores Allmond (Chairperson), Pamela Thornton (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary), Ramon Montoya (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Rosario Rico (District 7), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.by Chair Delores Allmond

- 1) **Public Comment:** Kreston Jordan (District 4 stakeholder commented on the homeless encampment along the edge of Rosecrans Recreation Center near the railroad tracks and wondered what could be done about it. Delores Allmond said that the Board was aware of the issue and would follow up.
- **2) Approval of the June 11, 2013, Board minutes:** It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Deborah Lee, and passed 9-0 to approve the June 11 Board minutes as submitted.
- 3) Review and position on the 2013-2014 Harbor Gateway North strategic plan statement which will accompany the 2013-2014 itemized budget of \$37,000: For the first time, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is requiring a Strategic Plan statement from each Neighborhood Council to be submitted along with the approved annual budget. The Strategic Plan is intended to both help Neighborhood Councils plan out their spending so that funds are spent in a more planned manner each fiscal year and also to help ensure that expenditures reflect the priorities of each Neighborhood Council.

The Board then reviewed the draft that had been presented at the June 11 Board meeting, agreeing to keep the five major goals of planning and land use, outreach, community beautification, emergency preparedness, and communication to stakeholders. The statement of purpose from both the Department's website and the Harbor Gateway North website (language from the City Charter which established Neighborhood Councils) will be used as the vision statement, with the planning vision statement as the additional vision.

(Richard Lee entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.) (Rosario Rico entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.)

The five solutions will relate to the five major goals. The budget categories for Outreach, Operations, Neighborhood Purposes Grants, Neighborhood Improvements, and Elections/Selections will be the amounts already approved for the 2013-2014 budget. Further discussion of goals and priorities will take place at the fall Board retreat.

It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-0 to approve the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan as attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary