

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

135<sup>th</sup> Street Auditorium, 801 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

Present: Delores Allmond (Chairperson), Pamela Thornton (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Ramon Montoya (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Mary Hinton (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Delores Allmond. After the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence, Delores reviewed the HGNNC Code of Civility adopted June 11, 2013.

**1) Public Comment:** Officer Dawson Hill, Volunteer Coordinator for the Southeast Division of LAPD, thanked the HGNNC for their \$1065 Neighborhood Purposes Grant which helped provide school supplies in reusable black bags for 500 children who attended the event.

Senior Lead Officer Hugo Valdez said that he was happy to have returned from vacation. He apologized for the limited staffing which meant that no other Senior Lead was able to adequately cover his area during his vacation. He noted that crime within the 18A97 patrol area is currently not bad. There have been seven auto-related crimes in the past four weeks with half happening along 135<sup>th</sup> Street. Two young male Hispanics have been reported seen in relation to those crimes. Also three burglaries in the 16000 block of Ainsworth in District 2. He encouraged stakeholders to get more involved with your neighborhood and get to know your neighbors so that you can report suspicious people.

Chair Delores Allmond complimented Councilman Joe Buscaino for his very well-organized swearing in ceremony at the Watts Towers and Art Center on Sat. July 27. There were many informational booths, entertainment, activities, and food, as well as the bus that was provided for Harbor Gateway North residents.

Rosalie Preston showed an olive green brochure from Rosecrans 3D Imaging which was mailed to her home. Most present had received it but a few had not. The company is inserting sensors in the public right of way and also on private property within the HGNNC area and also in parts of the City of Gardena and the County of Los Angeles area in order to create an image which will assist Breitkamp to know if there are oil and water resources below the surface. Two Board members said that the testing had already occurred on 120<sup>th</sup> Street and also 135<sup>th</sup> Street and that it caused about 4 minutes of shaking to residences while it was being done.

Pamela Thornton said that due to some concerns about the new HGNNC website and its content, an Outreach Committee meeting would be scheduled for Tues. August 20 at 6 p.m. at the Bel-Vue Community Presbyterian Church to review the website and seek comment.

**2) Report by Officer Jack Richter from LAPD Southeast Division on the Police Cadets Program:** Youth Representative Richard Lee introduced Officer Jack Richter, Youth Services Officer at Southeast Station, and four of the cadets he works with, Romero, Zembrano, Karina, and Morales. Officer Richter noted that the LAPD strongly supports the Cadet Program and there are currently nearly 100 cadets at the Southeast Station. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point to be enrolled in the Cadet program and then participate in an 18-week Cadet Academy on Saturday mornings. The Ray Charles Foundation provides funding for the many activities for the Cadets, including sports, a color guard, assistance at public events, CERT training. Contact Officer Richter at (951) 532-5766 if Cadets are needed for any HGNNC event.

**3) Approval of the July 9, 2013, Board minutes:** It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0-0 to approved the July 9 Board minutes as submitted.

**4) Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the new monthly expenditure report for July 2013, which includes all p-card purchases, demand warrant requests, and auto-deductions, including for the LAUSD meeting permit and the AT&T bill for telephone, fax, and dsl service at the HGNNC office. A copy of the 2013-2014 budget as approved June 11 was attached. Ramon Montoya moved, Marvin

Bell seconded, and it was passed 10-0-1 to approve the Treasurer's report. It was noted that AT&T has mailed the HGNNC two bills from 2011 that were never paid by DONE. Also, the Ricoh payments are not showing up on the DONE check tracker. And the HGNNC just learned via Grayce Liu at the August 7 HANC meeting that the Neighborhood Purposes Grant for GAP was not funded as DONE Funding believes that the HGNNC did not have sufficient funds in their account. Treasurer Jacobs and Second Signatory Preston dispute this and will need to schedule an appointment with DONE Funding to resolve this.

**4a. Request for additional funds to support District 4 Officer Appreciation Luncheon on Mon. August 19, for a total of \$325:** Joan Jacobs reported that the Finance Committee had met and examined the 2013-2014 budget. At the July 9 Board meeting, the Board had approved \$250 to support the annual luncheon, but District 4 asked to have a reconsideration of additional monies. The Finance Committee recommends an additional \$75 which would bring the total allocation to \$325. District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins passed around the sign in sheet from the 2012 luncheon with 62 sign ins. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0-0 to approve up to \$325 to provide meat and barbecue supplies in support of the August 19 Officer Appreciation Luncheon in District 4.

**11) Recommend cancellation of the "Movie in the Park" event for Fri. August 30:** Because Rosecrans Recreation Center will not officially reopen until at least October 30 and because the only open dates for R and R Projection are now two Saturdays in September and the park closes at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and because there is great uncertainty when the new parking lot will be completed, it was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 11-0-0 to postpone supporting a "Movie in the Park" event until sometime next year, at a time which would be more convenient for both the park and the HGNNC Board.

**5) Approval of revised 2013-2014 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee:** Joan Jacobs reviewed the changes to the annual budget, most of which are due to finding out that the HGNNC will need to pay approximately \$98 per meeting to use the 135<sup>th</sup> Street School Auditorium for the twelve meetings per year. Also, the money not utilized for the "Movie in the Park" will go into the 200EVE line item "possible future projects." It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Mary Hinton, and passed 8-0-3 to approve the revised 2013-2014 budget.

**6) Confirmation of Treasurer and Second Signatory and also card holder for new debit card:** DONE Funding has suggested reconfirming the Treasurer and Second Signatory at this time, before the new funding procedures are put into place. Pamela Thornton has expressed interest in becoming the Second Signatory in place of Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston, and Pamela has taken the full funding training on June 29. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0-0 to approve Joan Jacobs as Treasurer and Pamela Thornton as Second Signatory beginning September 1.

Joan Jacobs has expressed willingness to be the new debit card holder. It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 11-0-0 to approve Joan Jacobs as the new debit card holder.

**7) Board request to hold the fall Board Retreat at the Holiday Inn Torrance, outside HGNNC boundaries, and appointment of a Board member to coordinate the Retreat agenda:** Because there is no hotel within HGNNC boundaries and no other location which has all of the facilities needed to support a Retreat environment, such as a comfortable meeting room with internet connection, comfortable chairs, and the ability to have a catered lunch without undue interruption, it was therefore moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0-0 to send a Board resolution to the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment with the findings stated above as to the necessity of holding the October 12 Board Retreat at the Holiday Inn Torrance and to appoint Delores Allmond to coordinate the event in consultation with Amber Meshack of DONE.

**8) Appointment of Kreston Jordan to the Planning and Land Use Committee:** Kreston Jordan is a District 4 stakeholder who has lived in District 4 since 1978 and who has taken a lot of interest in

reporting areas in need of attention to Council District 15 and relevant City Departments. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-0 to appoint him to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

**9) Approval of new funding allocations by HGNNC district:** This item was tabled until the new funding guidelines can also be presented.

**10) Planning Committee report – PATH Partners outreach to the homeless in HGNNC:** Pamela Thornton reported that PATH Partners has attended several Planning and Land Use Committee meetings, including the one on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have also arranged a bus tour of a number of their existing affordable housing projects around the City of Los Angeles. The affordable housing project at 16304 S Vermont Avenue in District 1 remains a project for those 62 and older, with funding for those who have serious health issues and also veterans. PATH Partners is asking for the HGNNC to assist them in identifying homeless residents within the HGNNC area and nearby. Their outreach team has made one visit to the area and talked with 24 homeless people but found very few to be 62 and older.

**12) Report on National Night Out on August 6:** Deborah Lee reported that many elected officials stopped by, including Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Councilman Joe Buscaino, Daisy Ybarra, City Councilman Curren Price, and County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. Over 5000 attended and there were 65 vendors. Participants at the HGNNC booth were Lu Watson, Rey Paduani, Willie Colon, Marvin Bell, Gloria Christmas, Betty Hawkins, Neodros Bridgeforth, and Rosalie Preston. Richard Lee assisted with set up and take down of the event.

**13) Report on Harbor Alliance meeting of August 6:** The new Harbor Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti is Octaviano Rios, who prefers being reached at [octaviano.rios@lacity.org](mailto:octaviano.rios@lacity.org). HANC is planning a Town Hall Forum with new City Attorney Mike Feuer and asks each Neighborhood Council to estimate how many would attend from their area and if they could help provide refreshments. General Manager Grayce Liu encourages Board members to take the survey evaluating DONE on how well they are supporting Neighborhood Councils in various areas. The street bond issue supported by Councilman Joe Buscaino is being voted on by the City Council and some still feel that not enough input was received from Neighborhood Councils on this issue.

**14) Announcements:** Richard Lee reported that a letter was sent to Skirball, Environmental Charter Middle School, Gompers, Peary Middle School, and Gardena High School to inform them of ways to partner with the HGNNC on youth-related activities.

The Congress of Neighborhoods will be held on Sat. September 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at City Hall. All residents are invited to learn more about how to get things done in the City of Los Angeles.

The 135<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Watch is holding their annual Officer Appreciation Luncheon on Mon. August 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis and all HGNNC stakeholders are invited.

South Bay Family Health Care is holding a health fair on Wed August 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 742 W. Gardena Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary