

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Delores Allmond (Chairperson), Pamela Thornton (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), 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, followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

1) Public Comment: District 1 stakeholder Mark Lupfer handed out a proposal for a zone adjustment to allow for subdivision of their property so that the two houses on the property at 17216 S. Hoover Street in the Merit Tract can be sold separately. Mark said that they have owned the parcel for thirty years and have been trying to sell it for the past two to three years without any buyers. He said that the Fire Dept. will allow the 10' easement for access to the rear unit instead of the normally required 20'. He will present the issue at the June 6 Planning and Land Use Committee meeting and then at the June 9 Board meeting.

Pastor Bryan David of the Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church in District 7 asked for information on how to determine where the church property line is on the north side of the church in order to construct a fence. Pamela suggested contacting the L.A. County Assessor's office for an accurate property map, possibly to check the ZIMAS website, and to check with Heather Anderson of Council District 15. She cautioned that it might be best to hire a surveyor so that there are no disputes over the boundary line in the future.

Youth Representative Richard Lee introduced Clarence Espinosa, President of the Kappa Delta Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Mr. Espinosa may be able to provide some other classes relating to small business in the future. He works for the Dept. of Water and Power and has worked with the Mayor's Small Business office on their workshops.

2) Approval of the April 14 Board minutes: It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Adrian Valenzuela, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

3) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and April monthly expenditure report: Treasurer Joan Jacobs presented the April monthly expenditure report showing total expenditures of \$22,957.45 and total expenditures and commitments of \$29,938.32. Because the total allocated is now \$39,000, the remaining funds after including the commitments is \$9,061.68. It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Deborah Lee, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the April monthly expenditure report.

3a. Approval of up to \$400 to co-sponsor the Sat. May 16 Spring Festival at the 135th Street School (hotdogs, buns, and condiments): After discussion about the lateness of the request and whether the HGNNC had already funded a lot of other projects for the 135th Street School, it was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 7-2 (Thornton, Bell) – 1 (Fowlkes) to approve up to 400 for the food which will support the Sat. May 16 Festival which is an outreach event for the community and sponsored by the 135th Street School and Councilmember Joe Buscaino.

3b. Approval of paying for Spanish-language translation for seven CERT classes for a total of up to \$2,100: Joan clarified that the total amount will actually be \$1,575 (\$225) per class. There was some discussion as to the necessity of having Spanish-language translation and why this request wasn't part of the original funding proposal for the CERT classes. Rosalie explained that the HGNNC only became aware that so many Spanish-speakers would be attending the classes just before the first class. Joan also assured the Board that there is definitely enough money in the HGNNC account to cover this cost. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-1 (Fowlkes).

1) Public Comment: Lydia Gutierrez, candidate for District 7 of the Los Angeles School Board, gave some background on who she is and why voters should elect her to the seat. The election is May 19.

4) Discussion, nomination, and appointment of the 2016 Election Chair: After letting stakeholders know about the position, only one stakeholder has expressed interest in being appointed to this position. District 6 stakeholder Nancy Trojan presented her background, qualifications, and interest in being the 2016 Election Chair. She said she was a team player and thought that having on-line voting would make for a more exciting election with greater turnout. It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 10-0-0 to appoint Nancy Trojan as the 2016 Election Chair.

5) Review and Approval of the 2016 Election Stipulation Worksheet: Thomas Soong, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, went over the draft selections which the HGNNC Executive Board had selected and explained the pros and cons of each possible selection. He reviewed the process of selecting the on-line election contractor, Everyone Counts, a company which has handled the counting of ballots for the Academy Awards. After going over the options, it was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the selections on the Election Stipulation Worksheet.

6) Appointment of Rosalie Preston as the interim Treasurer (June 14-Sept. 7): Due to the absence of Joan Jacobs, it was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Adrian Valenzuela, and passed 10-0-0 to appoint Rosalie Preston as the interim Treasurer during that time.

7) Adoption of the recommendations from the Planning and Land Use Committee to approve, with conditions, the application for a 7-Eleven at 600 E. Imperial Highway in District 8 (ZA-2014-4308-CU): Pamela explained that the Planning and Land Use Committee met on May 2 to hear a presentation by the applicant's representative Armen Ross and then voted to support it, with seven conditions. The applicant is not asking for approval to sell alcoholic beverages. She also said that she was told by Captain Al Pasos of Southeast Division of LAPD that he would be sending the HGNNC his recommendations for security at the site.

(Rey Paduani left the meeting at 9:07 p.m.)

There was further discussion of wording of the conditions and an eighth one added. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the application for 7-Eleven at 600 E. Imperial Highway, with eight conditions (1-hours of 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week, 2-on-site security officer from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. (If the store is granted 24-hour operations, then an on-site security officer from 3 p.m. to 8 a.m. seven days a week), 3- Local hiring by utilizing local Worksource Centers, local employment resources, such as People for Community Improvement and the Southwest College Student

Employment Office, 4- Web-based cameras provided with the potential for monitoring by the LAPD Southeast Division, 5- parking restricted to 20-minutes, with posted signs indicating this limit, 6- Community benefits agreement (CBA) provided in writing after being worked out between 7-Eleven (either the corporate headquarters or the franchisee) and local community groups and/or residents and the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council, 7-3-year plan approval review, and 8- Conditions to run with the land

8) Adoption of the recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Committee to not approve the proposed child care facility for up to 57 pre-school children at 762 W. 130th Street in District 4 in the R1-1 zone (ZA-2014-3889-CU): Pamela explained that the Committee decided that the single-family home at 762 W. 130th Street was not an appropriate use as a child care facility for up to 57 pre-school children. Such a use would be appropriate in a commercial zone. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0-0 to not support this conditional use application at 762 W. 130th Street.

(Deborah Lee left the meeting at 9:16 p.m.)

9) Date setting for Special Board meeting to finalize the 2015-2016 Strategic Plan: There will be a number of items on the June 9 Board agenda so the Executive Committee decided that there should be a special meeting to review the elements of the Strategic Plan. It was decided to set this meeting for Tues. May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

(Adrian Valenzuela left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

10) Report on the May 6 Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting: Rosalie reported that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is discussing various elements that need to be posted on Neighborhood Council websites, including all approved minutes. Animal Services has combined the staffs of the South L.A. and Harbor area officers. Calls for assistance with animals will go to the South L.A. office and officers will be dispatched from there. Currently 40% of the Harbor Area animal services calls come from Watts, so those residents will not be impacted by this change made necessary by budget cuts and therefore limited staffing.

11) Announcements: Richard Lee announced that the Small Business workshop will be held on Sat. May 30 at 9:30 a.m. at the 135th Street School. The flyer should be ready soon.

Richard Lee announced that Deborah Lee was just appointed to the Selected Service Board, a lifetime appointment. She was notified of this appointment via telephone by President Barack Obama.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary