

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015
135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Delores Allmond (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Ramon Montoya (District 1), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by Chair Delores Allmond, followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

1) Public Comment: Veda Hill, District 6 stakeholder, commented on how residents' bins are stolen and then used to put stolen items in after home burglaries. There is lots of illegal dumping in her area which is north of Imperial Highway and just west of the 110 Harbor Freeway. The area also has a lot of drug dealing and prostitution, which has been reported to Officer Hill.

Frank Madarasz, District 1 stakeholder, commented that the site at 17236 S. Hoover Street is not an appropriate site for 15 homes to be built and that such a development would bring increased traffic to the neighborhood.

Robert Munoz, District 1 stakeholder, stated that he was very concerned about the proposed project of 15 homes at 17236 S. Hoover Street in the Merit Tract.

Joan Jacobs, Treasurer and District 2 stakeholder, said that she was reporting on behalf of a District 1 stakeholder and business owner about the many illegal marijuana clinics located on and near Gardena Blvd.

Ramon Montoya, District 1 Representative, said that he, also, is very concerned about the proposal for 15 homes at 17236 S. Hoover Street. He mentioned that at the 2014 hearing on the previous proposal for 24 townhomes by the same developer, there were over 20 Merit Tract stakeholders present. He does not understand why the issue of building homes at the site has been allowed to be considered again.

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

2) Approval of the September 8 Board minutes: It was moved by Ramon Montoya, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 8-0-1 (R. Lee) to approve the September 8 Board minutes as presented.

3) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and September monthly expenditure report: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the September monthly expenditure report. \$1,229.84 was spent in September on five times. Total expenditures from July 1, 2015 total \$6,350.72, leaving a balance of \$30,649.28 of the \$37,000 allocated for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the September 2015 monthly expenditures report.

3a. Support of \$850 for refreshments for the Harvest Health Festival at the 135th Street School on Sat. October 24, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reported that the Finance Committee met on October 3 to review the proposal to fund refreshments for the Harvest Health Festival, which will be held at the 135th Street School on Sat. October 24. Councilman Joe Buscaino's office is one of the sponsors and selected the school for the Festival because many of the children who attend the school are low income. 600

adults and children are expected to attend. There are nearly 30 vendors, including the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council. The school via teacher organizer Valgene Pavageau will provide a summary afterwards of the number of attendees and number of vendors. It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to support the refreshments for the event in the amount of \$850.

4) Review and adoption of the revised 2015-2016 budget of \$42,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the draft of the revised 2015-2016 budget of \$42,000 which the Finance Committee drafted at its October 3 meeting. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve this new budget.

5) Review and approval of the Election stipulation worksheet: Rosalie Preston reviewed the proposed choices for the Sat. June 11 Board election, based on the decisions made for past HGNNC Board elections. This time, the date of all Neighborhood Council elections has been pre-set. The election polling place will be the 135th Street School Auditorium, with a back-up of the Rosecrans Recreation Center. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to allow those who work part of Saturday a chance to vote in person. This time, in addition to Spanish as a language other than English for the materials to be translated into, Korean and Japanese will also be requested. The Board also agreed to not have a vote by mail option, which would cost the HGNNC an additional \$2,500, since the HGNNC will also be utilizing the new online voting. The Board previously voted to appoint Nancy Trojan, District 6 stakeholder, as the Election Chair. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 8-0-1 (R. Lee) to approve the Election Stipulation Worksheet.

6) Appointment of the Ad Hoc Election Committee: Rosalie presented a listing of the proposed appointees, all of whom have agreed to serve. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 9-0-0 to approve appointing Lois Saito (District 1), Rosalie Preston (District 2), Arvie Kenan (District 4), Nancy Trojan (District 6), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), and Rhema Hightower (District 8) as members of the Ad Hoc Election Committee.

7) Adoption of support for File No. 15-1138 re: the City of Los Angeles declaring an emergency in regards to homelessness and emergency shelters and housing, with the filing of a Community Impact Statement: Rosalie Preston presented the summary of the Council File No. 15-1138 prepared by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, which would support authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance giving the City Council the authority to declare a State of Emergency as it relates to the current shelter crisis with the full range of power authorized by Government Code 8698 and additionally allow the City Council to authorize the operation of any homeless shelter or Safe Parking program on properties zoned R3, R4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2, M3, if the shelter or parking program is operated by a non-profit, charitable organization and the shelter is located on property owned or leased by such an organization and authorize the operation of any homeless shelter or Safe Parking program at a City-owned facility or city-owned property, if the shelter or parking program is operated by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority or a non-profit, charitable organization, and LAHSA or the non-profit organization have a City-issues right of entry permit for the dates, times, and operation of the program. While it was agreed that there is a crisis as relates to housing for the homeless, after much discussion about this proposal, there was great concern that this proposal would give the City Council too much authority as to the locations chosen with no right of appeal for an affected neighborhood. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs

to support the proposal with the elimination of the zones R3, R4, and C2. This motion failed 3 (Preston, Jacobs, Mitchell)-5-1 (Hawkins). An alternate motion was then made by Ramon Montoya, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes to oppose the File No. 15-1138 which would declare a State of Emergency in regards to emergency shelter and housing the homeless. This motion passed 5-2 (Preston, Jacobs)-2 (Hawkins, Mitchell) and a Community Impact Statement will be filed to that effect.

(Ramon Montoya left at 9:00 p.m.)

8) Report and follow-up actions – October 10 Board Retreat: Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Thomas Soong, who facilitated the October 10 Board Retreat has asked the Executive Committee to schedule a meeting to work out the details of a Special Board meeting on outreach and other follow-up items from the Retreat.

9) Report on the Harbor Alliance meeting of October 7: Board of Public Works Commissioners President Kevin James was the featured speaker at the October 7 Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting. More details for the Public Works Liaison position were handed out by Octaviano Rios from DONE. Sat. October 17 is Budget Day and one of the sessions is scheduled for San Pedro at the Port of Los Angeles High School from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

10) Announcements: The Vermont Villas affordable housing complex at 16304 S. Vermont Avenue will have its official opening ceremony on October 15 at 11 a.m.

District 5 stakeholder Lu Watson showed one of the HGNNC lawn signs from the 2012 Board election and suggested that the Ad Hoc Election Committee have more made for the 2016 Board election. She noted the HGNNC outline map on the lawn sign which she considers to be the HGNNC logo and questioned why any other logo would be considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary