

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting - April 12, 2016**

**Location: 135<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School Auditorium, 801 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Gardena CA 90247**

Present: Pamela Thornton (Vice Chair-Acting Chair), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Shirley Johnson (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Rep), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), Charlene Marshall (At-Large Representative)

**This meeting was called to order at 7:10p.m. by Vice Chair Pamela Thornton.**

Review of safety protocol

Pledge of Allegiance (Led by Rey Paduani) and Moment of Silence

**1) Public Comment:** Roxanna Gracia, the new Field Representative for Assemblymember Mike Gipson, introduced herself. Roxanna also invited Board members and neighborhood watch leaders to the upcoming neighborhood conference on Sat May 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at California State University Dominguez Hills, Loker Student Union, 1000 E Victoria St., Carson, CA 90747. Attendees of the conference will learn about reducing neighborhood crime, preparing for natural disasters, and additional L.A. County resources.

Roxanna also discussed the upcoming women's leadership breakfast encouraging leadership in women; on Sat April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744. Roxanna said that Assemblymember Gipson has introduced three new pieces of legislation; AFF mortgages for people who can't afford to pay down payment on homes, the new vehicle replacement "cash for clunkers" bill providing up \$175.00, and the new HIV bill-giving doctors safety information about how to be safe with high risk patients.

Karen King, Recreation Director at Rosecrans Recreation Center, introduced herself. Karen discussed the new RBI program sponsored by the Dodgers. With a \$25 fee, participating children ages 5-16 will receive a uniform. Karen also announced that coaches were needed for the RBI program, no experience necessary; however a finger print and passing life scan test are necessary to qualify as a coach. Karen also announced the upcoming day camp for ages 5 to 12. The day camp will be dedicated to academics, arts and crafts, games, and a field trip once a week. Karen also announced that fundraising is needed for 50 or more children to attend a field trip to the Discovery Cube. The funding will cover transportation.

Janet Mitchell, District 7 Representative, discussed an upcoming event on Wed. June 1 at the Charity Mission Church. The HGNCC may be able to partner with the church on the program "Keeping our sons out of prison, including safe zone."

**2) Appointment of a District 7 stakeholder to the Outreach Committee:** This was postponed as the stakeholder was not able to be present.

**3) Approval of the March 8, 2016, Board minutes:** Corrections to the minutes were suggested. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the minutes as corrected.

**4) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and March monthly expenditure report:** Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the March expenditure report which shows expenditures totaling \$5,743.34. With funds already committed, the balance of the \$42,000 is \$22,461.83. Joan noted some minor corrections that needed to be made to the report. It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the March monthly expenditure report as corrected. Joan asked Board members to finalize proposed projects, including an itemized budget, so that the projects can be presented at the May 21 Finance Committee meeting.

**4a) Approval of \$675 to support the May 7 Clean Up Day in District 4:** Betty Hawkins moved, Adrian Valenzuela seconded, and it was approved 10-0-0 to approve \$675 to support the May 7 Clean Up Day in District 4.

**4b) Approval of \$500 to support the June 7 Officer Appreciation Day at Southeast Division**  
Marvin Bell moved, Rey Paduani seconded, and it was passed 10-0-0 to support the June 7 Officer Appreciation Day at Southeast Division in the amount of \$500 for refreshments.

**4c) Approval of up to \$1000 to print 10,000 flyers in color for the April 27 Active Shooter program and for refreshments:** Richard Lee, moved, Shirley Johnson seconded, and it was passed 10-0-0 to approve up to \$1,000 to support flyers in color and refreshments for the Wed. April 27 Active Shooter program.

**4d) Approval of up to \$500 for shelving for the HGNNC office:** Richard Lee moved, Joan Jacobs seconded, and it was passed to spend up to \$500 for new shelving for the HGNNC office.

**5) Approval of design criteria for the new HGNNC logo to present to the graphic artist:** Richard Lee, Outreach Committee Chair, discussed the collaboration with graphic designers to create a new logo for the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council. Richard said the Committee has talked with two graphic designers: Rachel Kim, a freelance designer, and Justin Martin, graphic design student from Santa Monica City College. Richard discussed the criteria for the new logo which the Outreach Committee had drawn up. The criteria will be presented to the selected graphic artist to use in guiding them with the design. Richard also announced the next Committee meeting on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Boulevard. Julie Fonseca, a member of the Outreach Committee with previous logo design experience, presented on behalf of the committee the initial preliminary ideas: 1) modern style, 2) no dark background for the logo so that it can be easily seen on a colored T-shirt, 3) full name contained within the logo, 4) the logo will not contain the outline map of HGNNC boundaries, 5) the logo will include some type of graphic and not just be the name of the Neighborhood Council, and 6) there will be two colors used, either white and lime green or black and lime green. Julie said that the Committee agreed to use a friendly and modern design for the logo, with the understanding that this is the logo and the map of the eight Districts can be used as needed. Acting Chair Pamela Thornton asked that in regards to the issue of incorporating the neighborhood map in the logo if the selected graphic artist can create one design incorporating the map which could be used in different media platforms and, if the re-design will not distort pixels. The direction given to the Outreach Committee Chair was to have one new logo and a re-design of the neighborhood map. Per Richard Lee, the Outreach Committee would move forward with meeting with the graphic artist to get designs to present to the HGNNC Board for review and Board approval. No vote was taken.

(Marvin Bell left the meeting)

**6) Status on HGNNC activities/events to date:** Election Chair Nancy Trojan discussed the status of upcoming Board election events, including having a mobile health van and DWP tree giveaway at the 135<sup>th</sup> Street School to attract more voters on Sat. June 11. District 7 will hold its next clean up day on Sat. April 16.

7) **Report on outreach activities for the June 11 Board election, including status of Candidate registration, Candidate Forum on Tues, April 26, voter registration, and activities planned for the polling location on Sat. June 11:** Election Chair Nancy Trojan reported that the current number of registered voters is 125. She talked about securing radio ad space to encourage voter registration and turn out. The Candidate Forum will be held at the April 26 General Membership meeting, with John Jones III as moderator. He will read out the candidate biographies and then will ask each candidate one question. Candidates will have one minute to answer the question. A flyer with further details will be emailed to each candidate. Nancy gave out her email and requested that the candidates who were present provide the requested information by April 22. Acting Chair Pamela Thornton asked that Richard Lee work with the Public Works Department to have some information booths at the June 11 election event at the 135<sup>th</sup> Street School.

8) **Follow up on dust issues at California Waste Services and AQMD report review, with possible vote:** Pamela Thornton discussed supporting a town hall discussion about the air quality, dust, noise complaints, and other issues in District 3, with the possibility of using Dr. Tom Williams as a technical advisor. Joan Jacobs moved, Rey Paduani seconded, and the motion was passed 9-0-0 to do this. Pamela asked that Richard Lee develop speaking points for this issue.

(Richard Lee left the meeting)

9) **Report on the HANC meeting of April 6:** District 5 stakeholder and HANC delegate Lu Watson said that the meeting covered Council District 15 efforts to clean up homeless encampments. Acting Chair Pamela Thornton stated that the contact for the homeless issue is John Jones III. It was stated that individuals should not approach the homeless themselves ; work through appropriate agencies which have resources and trained individuals.

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**10) Announcements:** District 4 stakeholder and 135<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Watch President Michael Scott introduced himself.

Larry Morrison, District 8 stakeholder, said he will be working with the Choppers motorcycle group to assist in cleaning up the entire District.

District 8 Representative Shirley Johnson thanked Board members for their support following the recent death of her husband.

Pamela Thornton discussed the agreement issue with the Boys and Girls Club of the South Bay. She stated that the HGNC does not have a current agreement with the Boys and Girls Club. She suggested that the Board consider either having a new space agreement or leasing space at another site. She asked Board members to provide information for suitable alternate meeting space with adequate parking, safety, and ADA compliance.

Public Works Liaison Joan Jacobs went over the issues discussed at the meeting on April at the LAPD Headquarters on the Mayor's Clean Streets Initiative. A new database has been created to deal with keeping the City clean. The database will allow the user to zoom in to specific streets to ensure all streets are included. Initially the worst streets will be targeted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Leslie Jarrett, Apple One