

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

135th Street School Auditorium, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Pamela Thornton (Acting Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Shirley Johnson (District 8), and Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Acting Chair Pamela Thornton. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence. She then reviewed safety procedures to follow in the event of an emergency.

2) Candidate Forum – moderated by Council District 15 Field Deputy John Jones III: John Jones III, Field Deputy for Council District 15 announced that the Watts Field office will have another staff member working there in the coming week. He and Nancy Trojan, Election Chair, then moderated the Candidate forum, reading out the biographies of the twenty-one candidates running for HGNNC Board seats and then having each candidate present state why they were running and what they hoped to accomplish during their Board term if elected.

1) Public Comment: District 4 stakeholder Darren Jones recommended that each resident take responsibility for their part of their alley and he also offered the assistance of his staff from the Rising Stars Academy. John Jones III said that the City could help provide large dumpsters for such clean ups. District 4 stakeholder Michelle Nelson said that the apartment residents from El Segundo Blvd. park along 129th Street, resulting in her family and guests having to park far from her home. Acting Chair Pamela Thornton said that the issue of permit parking had already been mentioned as a possible solution.

3) Approval of the January 26 Membership meeting minutes: This was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

4) Treasurer's report: expenditures to date: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the summary of expenditures from July 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. \$18,537.68 has been spent of the \$42,000 allocated. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Sat. May 21 at 10 a.m. to draft the 2016-2017 budget. She asked District Representatives and stakeholders to bring their suggestions for projects, with a detailed budget.

5) Announcements: There will be an active shooter training workshop on Wed. April 27 from 6-8 p.m. at fire Station 64, 10811 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061. The HGNNC is sponsoring this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary