

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chairperson), Saira Cooper (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Hannah Woods (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Clyde Noguchi (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), Theo Fowles (Outreach Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

**1) Welcome/introductions:** Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. She reviewed the Code of Civility for stakeholders and the Board and went over safety procedures for exiting the auditorium in the event of an emergency. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence in memory of District 2 stakeholder Victoria Anaya.

**2) Public Comment on non-agenda items:** District 1 stakeholder Art Cramer commented that City residents are not receiving the services they deserve and the situation is getting worse.

District 2 stakeholder Dorothy McLeod reported that there are motor homes with trash around them on Figueroa Street and a homeless man living under the freeway on Alondra Blvd.

District 3 Representative Rey Paduani said that the County area east of District 3 needs a lot of services. He has tried calling but has not seen a response.

District 6 stakeholder Algie McNeal noted that there is a tent encampment of homeless and prostitution taking place near Figueroa Street and the 105 freeway. Vehicles are also running the stop signs at the 105 freeway and Vermont Avenue area.

District 6 stakeholder Charlie Choi said that the sidewalk in front of his home is lifted from a large tree. He called about the issue last year and nothing has been done.

District 2 stakeholder Irma Fukumoto said that sidewalk repair is needed on her block of Bonsallo south of 154th Street

District 1 stakeholder Christopher LeVeaux said he had concerns with prostitution along Figueroa Street in his area last year. However the situation is much better this year and he commended the LAPD for their efforts.

**3) LAPD report:** Senior Lead Officer Carmen Gutierrez reported that crime is going up across the City and in the HGNNC area. The greatest statistics have been in the area from 120th to El Segundo and the least from Gardena Blvd. to Artesia. There were many problems with illegal fireworks this year, so next year she plans to work on a plan for dealing with them. She said that the City has an ordinance which allows RV's to park in industrial areas, including parts of Figueroa Street. However, they shouldn't be next to residential areas or within 500' ft. of schools or daycare facilities. There are issues with having illegally parked RV's towed quickly because the Bureau of Sanitation has to take care of the sanitation issues inside the RV's before towing is approved.

**4) Deputy City Attorney – Safe Neighborhoods/Neighborhood Prosecutor Sonja Dawson:** Each LAPD Division has a Neighborhood Prosecutor assigned to it; Sonja Dawson is the Neighborhood Prosecutor assigned to the LAPD Southeast Division. Email her with issues ([Sonja.dawson@lacity.org](mailto:Sonja.dawson@lacity.org)) or use one of the intake forms and mail it in. Her office handles people committing criminal acts, nuisance properties, prostitution, public intoxication, and homeless encampments. There has been some success with reducing prostitution along the Figueroa Corridor. She works with the Council District 15 office, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, and the Building and Safety Department. Clean ups are a slow process but don't give up. Document issues and use the MyLA311 app on your smartphone.

**5) Speaker: Safe Sidewalks LA presentation – Trisha Murakawa:** The speaker was ill so there was no presentation on this program.

**LADWP Solar Rooftops program – Henry Gallegos:** The LAPWP has a Community Solar Program for qualified residential customers. If approved, customers can get either a \$360 check per year or \$30 per month bill credit. The agreement will be valid from one to up to 20 years. There are no upfront costs, annual fees, credit checks or maintenance costs for program participants. The home must be owner-occupied, a one-story, single family home, and have a roof of composite shingles. The LADWP will build, own, and maintain the solar system of from 2 to 4 kilowatts. Signing up for the system will help the LADWP meet its clean energy goals by the 2020 deadline and helps support local jobs as well as reduce energy costs for customers.

**6) Motion for HGNNC to send a position letter to Mayor and City Planning Director regarding need for transparency during update of the City’s General Plan:** The draft letter was reviewed. It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 16-0-0 to approve sending the letter to Mayor Garcetti, Department of City Planning Director Vince Bertoni, Councilmember Joe Buscaino, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson.

**7) Consent calendar (items 7a. through 7p.)**

- a. Approval of the April 25, 2017 General Membership minutes
- b. District 7 Clean Up – July 29 \$150
- c. LA Police Foundation NPG – National Night Out – August 1 \$1,000
- d. Education Through Theatre (BAMN) NPG – “Lion King” on August 8 \$2,500
- e. District 7 Community Project – August 26 \$250
- f. National Drive Electric Week event at Ralphs – September 15 \$1,500
- g. Harvest Health Fair at 135th Street School – October 21 \$500
- h. Homeless Resources brochure – October 24 \$757
- i. Halloween Festival at Rosecrans Recreation Center – October 31 \$300
- j. District 7 Community Gardena spruce up – TBD \$350
- k. Backpacks and toiletries for HGNNC homeless youth – January \$1,200
- l. Sharefest NPG – Hoover Street walking path in District 4 – April \$4,950
- m. HGNNC Spoken Word Festival – April \$2,085
- n. District 5 Spring Clean Up – April 28 \$1,000
- o. District 4 Clean Up Day – May 5 \$600
- p. San Pedro Art Association – June 1 \$500

It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 12-2 (Cooper-Pace, Fowlkes)-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 7a, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l, 7m, 7n, 7o, and 7p.

Item 7b. was pulled to revise the date of the event. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 14-0-0 to approve \$150 for the District 7 Clean Up Day in August.

Item 7d was pulled to correct the title of the play to be performed. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 14-0-0 to approve \$2,500 as an NPG for Education Through Theatre (BAMN) to put on “The Jungle Book” on August 8.

**8) Announcements:** Community Organization Representative Deborah Lee reminded those present that the LAPD Southeast Division is sponsoring National Night Out on Tues. August 1 on 108th Street from Main to Broadway.

Dr. Princess Sykes announced that Mothers in Action will be giving away backpacks on August 5 at the Missionary Baptist Church.

Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, said that he is available to advise stakeholders on how to obtain City services or how to work with the Neighborhood Council to achieve improvements. He congratulated the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council on their upcoming 15-year anniversary.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary