

# ***Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council***

## ***Board Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2010***

**Call to order at 7:17 pm** by: Adrian White (Chair). Board members present were Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Jimmie Williams (District 1 Representative), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2 Representative), Rey Paduani (District 3 Representative), Betty Hawkins (District 4 Representative), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5 Representative), Willie Blackmon (District 6 Representative), Mattie Menser (District 7 Representative), Leo Youngblood (District 8 Representative), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

**1) Public Comment** A District 4 stakeholder living on Vermont Avenue just south of 135<sup>th</sup> Street again raised the issue of excessive sale of cars in front of her home. This impacts parking along Vermont Avenue

**2) Installation of the newly elected Board of Directors by Council woman Janice Hahn**

Councilwoman Hahn thanked the out-going Board members for their three years of service and presented those who were going off the Board with certificates. She then installed the newly elected Board: Rosalie Preston (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Cornita Pitchford (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2 Representative), Rey Paduani (District 3 Representative), Betty Hawkins (District 4 Representative), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5 Representative), Marvin Bell (District 6 Representative), Paris Miller (District 7 Representative), Gloria Christmas (District 8 Representative), David Ortega (Community Organization Representative), Kandee Lewis (Youth Representative), Leo Youngblood (At-Large Representative), and Eva Cooper (At-Large Representative)

**5) Appointment of a Corresponding Secretary:** It was moved, seconded, and passed 14-0 to appoint Neodros Bridgeforth the Corresponding Secretary. by Rosalie

(David Ortega entered the meeting at 7:50pm)

**7) Report on planning issues:** T-Mobile has not yet finalized their landscape design for 14032 S. Vermont Avenue. The HGNNC is insisting that the proposal include a maintenance plan for the length of the lease, which is believed to be 25 years.

Lu Watson reported on the July 6 appeal of the Zoning Administrator's denial of the conditional use permit for the swap meet at 16304 S. Vermont Avenue. Commissioner Joeann Valle did recuse herself from the vote, but the Harbor Area Planning Commission voted 4-0 to reverse the denial and grant approval for a one-year period with a number of conditions. The swap meet will only operate on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After some discussion by District 1 stakeholders and the Board, it was decided to schedule another Planning and Land Use meeting to take up the issue of the 12 new wireless and microwave antennas on the AT&T building at 17200 S. Vermont Avenue. This will be held Tues. July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Blvd.

**6) Appointment of Committee members:** It was moved, seconded, and passed 15-0 to appoint the following to the standing committees:

**Bylaws Committee:** Betty Hawkins, Richard Higashi, Mattie Menser, Lu Watson, and Leo Youngblood

**Emergency Preparedness Committee:** Willie Blackmon, Neodros Bridgeforth, Eva Cooper, Alvin LaBostrie, Paris Miller, Ray Montoya, and Rey Paduani

**Finance Committee:** Delores Allmond, Llewyn Fowlkes, Betty Hawkins, Joan Jacobs, Kande Lewis, and Adrian White

**Outreach Committee:** Marvin Bell, Eva Cooper, Kande Lewis, Paris Miller, Cornita Pitchford, and Adrian White

**Planning and Land Use Committee:** Neodros Bridgeforth, Marvin Bell, Betty Booker, Llewyn Fowlkes, Richard Higashi, Lu Watson, and Leo Youngblood

**3) Minutes for the Board meeting of June 15, 2010.** It was moved by Gloria Christmas, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes and passed 15-0 to approve the minutes as corrected.

(Kande Lewis and Leo Youngblood left the meeting at 8:45pm)

**4) Treasurer's report:** The Board reviewed the copy of the U.S. Bank statement covering May 21 to June 18, with notations of what each of the 11 charges was for. The Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment shows a rollover balance of \$6,001.29 from the fiscal year 2009-2010. It was moved, seconded and passed 13-0 to approve the treasurer's report.

The Finance Committee meeting for July 10 was cancelled due to two of the four committee members being unable to attend and will be rescheduled so that the new format budget for 2010-2011 can be prepared for Board approval on July 27.

**8) Evaluation of the June 8 Board election** The HGNNC will write the City Clerk with comments on the Board election process to help improve it for the future. Stakeholders are also encouraged to make comments. Some have expressed concern that so many "factual basis" stakeholders were able to vote for the Board seats.

**9) Report on Harbor Alliance meeting of July 7** Lu Watson highlighted the issues discussed, including that the Harbor Freeway toll lanes project is going forward.

**10) Set agenda for July 27 General Membership meeting** The draft agenda was reviewed and some items added.

**11) Announcements** The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment presents training for new board members on Sat. July 17 from 8am-11:30 am at the 135<sup>th</sup> Street School and on Sat. July 31 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Council District office 10, 1819 S. Western Avenue.

National Night Out will be celebrated at Southeast Station on Tues. August 3 from 2 – 8 p.m. Harbor Gateway North NC will have a booth there and volunteers are needed.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Cornita Pitchford