

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
135th Street Elementary School Auditorium
801 135th Street, Gardena, CA

Present: Rosalie Preston (Chairperson); Delores Allmond (Vice Chairperson); Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary); Adrian Valenzuela (District 2); Rey Paduani (District 3); Betty Hawkins (District 4); Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5 Representative); Marvin Bell (District 6); Gloria Christmas (District 8); Deborah Lee (Community Org. Rep.); Leo Youngblood (At-Large Representative); and Eva Cooper (At-Large Representative)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Rosalie Preston (Chairperson).

1) **Public Comment:** Rosalie Preston shared the EmpowerL.A. award that was presented to Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council for their three years' work on the Merit Tract zoning issue, which culminated in the City Council voting to deny the zone change. The award was presented at the September 22 Congress of Neighborhoods held at City Hall.

District 4 stakeholder Kreston Jordan reported on the many crimes which occur in the vicinity of Strawberry Square and the 7Eleven (intersection of Vermont Avenue and Rosecrans).

2) **Approval of the September 11, 2012 Board Minutes.** Gloria Christmas moved, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded and it was passed 9-0 to approve the September 11, 2012, Board Minutes as presented.

3) **Treasurer's Report** – Page 1 is the U.S. Bank statement for September 21. Major charges were for 10,000 2-sided copies of the “Call for Candidates” doorhangar for the October 20 Board elections(\$827); L.A. Spice for food for our share of luncheon at the Congress of Neighborhoods event on September 22nd (\$300); and CIPS delivery of “Call for Candidates” door hangars (\$995). Page 2a – 2b is the HGNNC Expenditures to date (July 1 to October 5); page 3 is expenditure details for August 2012; page 4 is expenditure details for September 2012; page 5 – copy of the budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 which was approved June 12, 2012. Marvin Bell moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Llewyn Fowlkes seconded the motion, and it was approved 9-0.

(Eva Cooper arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

4) **Appointment of two City Budget Representatives for Saturday, November 17 Mayor's Community Budget Day at City Hall** Two representatives are needed to officially represent HGNNC at the Mayor's Community Budget Day. District 3 stakeholder Lois Hill and District 7 stakeholder Dr. Princess Sykes expressed interest in serving. Llewyn Fowlkes moved to appoint them as representatives, Rey Paduani seconded the motion and it was passed 10-0.

5) **Candidates' Forum – the 19 candidates running for our 17 Board sets will introduce themselves to the stakeholders**

The Board Election is Saturday, October 20th at the 135th Street School, 801 135th Street, Gardena, CA. (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Election Chair, Lois Hill, conducted the Candidates' Forum with the introduction of each candidate and inviting each to speak. The candidates are as follows:

Chair:	Delores Allmond; current Vice-Chair;
Vice-Chair:	Pamela Thornton, resident Athens on the Hill for 12 years;
Recording Secretary:	Rosalie Preston, one of the founders of the Council and current Chairperson;
Corresponding Secretary:	Neodros Bridgeforth, incumbent and current Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee; 64-year resident of the area;
Treasurer:	Joan Jacobs, incumbent (not present);
District 1 Representative:	Ramon Montoya (ill, not present); and Arthur Cramer (out of country, not present);
District 2 Representative:	Adrian Valenzuela, incumbent, 24-year resident, District 2 representative for 4 years; and Angela Perry (not present);
District 3 Representative:	Rey Paduani, incumbent, Volunteer for SE LAPD CPAB, American Legion, retired military;

District 4 Representative: Betty Hawkins, incumbent, 41 years in the community;
District 5 Representative: Llewyn Fowlkes, incumbent;
District 6 Representative: Marvin Bell incumbent;
District 7 Representative: (no candidates)
District 8 Representative: Gloria Christmas, incumbent; and Mary Hinton
Community Org. Rep.: Deborah Lee, incumbent;
Youth Representative: Richard Lee; Allen Morgan; Kandee Lewis, incumbent (not present);
Outreach Representative: Donald Cook
At-Large Representative (no candidates)

(Leo Youngblood arrived at 7:57 p.m.)

6) **Update on planning issues, including the September 29 Planning & Land Use Committee meeting about Imperial Highway.** The September 29 meeting focused on the stretch of Imperial Highway between Avalon and Broadway which may become a focus for increased housing density under the new Southeast L.A. Community Plan.

7) **Update on HGNNC events (EmpowerLA award for HGNNC at the Congress of Neighborhoods; Councilman Buscaino's Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, October 8; October 20 Board election; Councilman Buscaino and RePowerLA at Tuesday October 23 General Membership meeting; Wednesday, October 31 Halloween Carnival at Rosecrans Recreation Center; and Saturday, November 10 Board Retreat)**

It was announced that Election Day needs volunteers to work the polling site and act as greeters – training to be held October 17th from 6 to 8 p.m. at 84th and Vermont, Mark Ridley Thomas Constituents Center. Also, a volunteer to oversee the HGNNC information table is needed. Volunteers can work 2 – 3 hour shifts.

Voters must be 18 years of age or older but are not asked for I.D. A registration form will be filled out.

8) **Announcements:** The Environmental Charter Middle School has started construction and may open January or February. Proposition K money is being applied for to complete the landscaping around the building. There will be an October 11 meeting at the South LA Sports Activity Center, 7001 S. Figueroa Street at 3 p.m. to present proposals for Prop K funding.

Councilman Buscaino hosted a Columbus Day spaghetti dinner in a street fair format on Mon. October 8. HGNNC Board members who attended gave very positive reviews. Attendees included Congresswoman Janice Hahn and City Controller Wendy Gruel.

Tues. October 23 is the date for the quarterly General Membership meeting. Topic: RePowerLA – a DWP strategy for low income residents to make their homes more energy efficient and thereby lower their energy bills.

Rosecrans Recreation Center will host the Halloween Carnival for children on Wed. October 31st. Stakeholders are needed to help judge the costume contest.

Sat. November 10 is the Board Retreat at Home Assembly Church. The facilitator will be a staff member from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The seating of the new Board will take place at the Tues. November 13th Board meeting.

(Marvin Bell left at 8:35 p.m.)

The proposed agenda for the Retreat was distributed for further input.

Throughout the month of October, free workshops for tenants/home owners and future homeowners will be sponsored by Los Angeles Housing Dept. (LAHD) with emphasis on LAHD services. RSVP: Online or (213) 928-9075. Five dates and locations are planned.

L.A. Fire Department CERT Training (Community Emergency Response Team) will be held at Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 Halldale Ave., Torrance 90501 (Harbor Gateway South) beginning Mon. October 15 for seven weeks. Hours each Monday are 6 to 8:30 p.m.. Certificate is issued upon completion of the consecutive courses.

The proposed agenda for the October 23 General meeting was distributed.

Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl J. Wendell (AppleOne)