

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting of February 10, 2009**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Willie Blackmon (District 6), and Mattie Menser (District 7)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**1) Public Comment:** Adrian White, Chair, commented on the Feb. 3 Candidates' Forum which the Harbor Gateway North N.C. co-sponsored with the Harbor Gateway South N.C. Seven of the invited ten candidates were able to attend as well as speakers in favor and opposed to Measure B.

Adrian White, Chair, asked the District Representatives to write articles about issues and events in their Districts for a future newsletter.

**2) Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the January 13 Board meeting were approved as corrected. Motion: Christmas Second: Blackmon Vote: 9-0

**3) Treasurer's Report:** Gloria Christmas reported that the Neighborhood Council Funding Report for February 1, 2009 shows a balance of \$105,026.82, with 14 Visa expenditures and one demand warrant during January. The summary of expenditures by quarter shows a total of \$37,891.62 spent from July 1, 2008, to February 4, 2009. The treasurer's report was approved 9-0 on a motion by Joan Jacobs and second by Delores Allmond. Delores Allmond asked for clarification on the amount which needs to be spent before July 1 so that allocated funds are not lost. The HGNNC balance must be below \$100,000 by that date, which should occur within the next month.

It was moved by Adrian Valenzuela, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0 to approve up to \$600 for fifty Neighborhood Watch window signs for District 2.

Details of new signs/banners to advertise the HGNNC monthly meetings have not been worked out, so this item was tabled.

**4) Appointment of alternate Budget Day representative for Feb. 21 Regional Budget meeting:** As Luetta Watson, one of the two previously appointed Budget Day representatives, is unable to attend the February 21 Regional Budget meeting, it was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Gloria Christmas and passed 9-0 to appoint Neodros Bridgeforth to be the alternate representative to attend along with Mattie Menser.

**5) Pacific Charter School proposal for former Methodist Church at 812 W. 165<sup>th</sup> Place in District 1:** The charter school requested that this item be tabled to the February 24 General Membership meeting as their proposal has not been fully completed yet.

**6) Report on HGNNC planning issues, including Magnolia Science Academy #3, Lowe's at 661 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., and WesPac jet fuel pipeline:** The HGNNC has learned from Frank Hong that the proposal to locate Magnolia Science Academy #3 at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. has been withdrawn by the applicant.

A number of HGNNC stakeholders attended the January 29 hearing on the Lowe's which proposes to open a store at 661 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Lowe's surprised those attending by announcing that most of the conditions requested by the HGNNC will be met and stated that the document listing these should have been mailed to the HGNNC but somehow was only mailed to the Planning Department. Some traffic calming issues primarily affecting District 2 were further discussed at a February 6 meeting with the Lowe's attorney, Tim McClosker, Frank Hong Planning Deputy of Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office, Eddie Guerrero of the Dept. of Transportation, and three District 2 stakeholders. A decision on these issues must still be made.

The Board of Transportation Commissioners continuation hearing on the WesPac jet fuel pipeline has still not been scheduled.

**7) Report of the Outreach Committee meeting of January 31:** A summary of the meeting was handed out. The Committee voted to approve purchase of new banners or lawn signs to advertise the monthly meetings of the HGNNC. There was further discussion of whether the banners should be the type to mount on street poles, with printing big enough to be read by those driving by or standard 5' x 8' banners to attach to fences throughout the HGNNC at major intersections. The Board also expressed interest in purchasing bumper stickers to advertise the monthly meetings and to investigate bus bench advertising. Some Board members would like to see a new logo, perhaps as the focus of a contest throughout the HGNNC.

**8) Update on the April 4 Health Fair, with preliminary budget:** The Board reviewed the outline of proposed expenditures for the April 4 Health Fair, to be held at 116<sup>th</sup> Street School. The costs will include \$500 for the services of the Lions Club mobile screening unit, \$1125 for 500 customized reusable bags to give to stakeholders who attend, \$2000 for entertainment, \$150 for the LAUSD permit to use the 116<sup>th</sup> Street School, \$400 for two bouncers, \$2057 for 20 canopies, \$375 for 20 tables and 120 chairs, \$250 for a stage, \$50 to rent a generator, \$1996 for 400 boxed lunches from Subway, \$6000 for direct mailing costs of two-sided bi-lingual flyers in color, and the costs of bagged apple slices, water, and juices. It was moved by Delores Allmond, seconded by Gloria Christmas, and passed 9-0 to allocate up to \$15,000 for Health Fair expenses from the Outreach Events line item.

**9) Discussion of Board procedures, such as meeting length, seating of the Board, courtesy to speakers, reading of the minutes, taping of the meeting:** Betty Hawkins asked that the seating for Board meetings, when the microphones are not used, be arranged as tonight so that Board members sit closer to each other and can hear what is being said. She also asked that each Board member receive a copy of any response from a developer on an issue which the HGNNC has discussed. She asked that the reading of the minutes include every word as typed up. And she requested that meetings end sooner. Other Board members noted that speakers need to be concise in their comments. To that end, the HGNNC will begin the use of speaker cards, especially for Public Comment and during controversial discussions with questions and answers. The Chair needs to enforce the time limits which are listed on the agenda for each item. A stakeholder asked that no more than two speakers be scheduled per meeting to help keep the length of the meeting to two hours. Another stakeholder asked that all materials for the meeting be stapled into one packet. The need for a greeter for meetings was again discussed.

**10) Finalize agenda for Feb. 24 Membership meeting:** The proposed draft agenda was finalized with a plan to invite pro and con speakers for Measure B and if they are not present, then the Board can read out the pro and con arguments but not take a position on the Measure. DONE Project Coordinator Rose Ibanez reminded the Board that even if they take a position on Measure B, they cannot spend HGNNC funds to promote that position.

**Report from DONE Project Coordinator:** Rose Ibanez reminded the Board to telephone if they can attend the DONE Regional Town Hall on Sat. Feb. 14. She reminded the appointed Budget Day representatives of their meeting on Feb. 21. She presented a certificate from the Mayor to Adrian White, for his work in planning the Congress of Neighborhoods on Oct. 11.

**11) Announcements:** The 186<sup>th</sup> Street Homeowners invite HGNNC stakeholders to their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair on Sat. June 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 186<sup>th</sup> Street School.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston