

## **Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting of May 12, 2009**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Leo Youngblood (District 8), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative) , and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Vice Chair Delores Allmond called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

**1) Public Comment:** Rosalie Preston reported that the Harbor area Neighborhood Council elections will be held between June 6 to 12 in 2010. The exact dates will be selected on Sat. June 13 at 11 a.m.

Rey Paduani, District 3 Representative, reported that there have been a number of automobile and truck burglaries on the north side of Rosecrans, east of the 110 Harbor Freeway. Also, three taggers have been caught in District 3 and the one who reported the tagging is receiving the \$1,000 reward.

Antonio Camacho, Principal of 135<sup>th</sup> Street School, gave out copies of a letter from LAUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines stating his positive impression of the 135<sup>th</sup> Street School on a recent visit. Mr. Camacho thanked the HGNNC Board for our contribution to the school's improvements, specifically our donation of the stage risers and stage lighting and participation in the recent Health Fair on April 17.

**2) Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the April 14 Board meeting were approved as submitted. Motion: Christmas Second: Bridgeforth Vote: 9-0

**3) Treasurer's Report:** Gloria Christmas reported that the Neighborhood Council Funding Report for May 1, 2009 shows a balance of \$63,990.51, with 23 Visa expenditures and 10 demand warrants during April. The summary of expenditures by quarter shows a total of \$83,055.92 spent from July 1, 2008 to May 7, 2009. It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0 to approve the treasurer's report.

It was moved by Gloria Christmas, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 9-0 to approve up to \$500 for lunches for the May 23 clean up and beautification volunteers in District 7.

(Adrian White entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 10-0 to spend up to \$700 for five new banners to advertise the HGNNC General Membership meetings.

(Eva Cooper entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

Betty Hawkins, District 4 Representative and also part of the committee organizing the May 26 recognition program for our former District 15 Community Advocate Reginald Zachery at the General Membership meeting, reported on balloon decorations which will be ordered, the possible caterers, and the various community groups and organizations which will attend and present certificates or plaques.

(Leo Youngblood entered the meeting at 8 p.m.)

It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 12-0 to approve additional funding, up to \$2,000 for the refreshments and decorations for this event.

The proposed 2009-2010 HGNNC budget as drafted by the Finance Committee was discussed, with various reductions needed, even if the City Council approves \$45,000 for July 1. An alternate budget for only \$11,200 was also presented. A budget reflecting the actual allocation and estimated amount of rollover money will be presented at the May 26 General Membership meeting, so that it can be approved and submitted to DONE before the June 1 deadline.

**4) Appointment of new Community Organization Representative:** Dr. Peter Rivera has resigned from the HGNNC Board due to on-going health problems which have prevented him from attending most of the recent Board meetings. David Ortega, a member of the Apostolic Mission Church in District 1 which focuses on service and outreach to the community, said that he was interested in being appointed to this

vacant position on the Board. Joan Jacobs moved, Rey Paduani seconded, and it was passed 12-0 to appoint David Ortega to be the Community Organization Representative.

**5) Appointment of new member(s) to the Emergency Preparedness Committee:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 12-0 to appoint Alvin LaBostrie to be a member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. He is one of the HGNNC's trained Ham radio operators and is now retired.

**6) Report on the May 13 vote of the full City Council on the WesPac jet fuel pipeline:** Rosalie Preston gave out flyers on tomorrow's hearing and said that the City of Gardena would again be providing a bus for those wishing to travel to City Hall via public transportation. Four councilmembers (Hahn, Greuel, Weiss, and Perry) have received campaign contributions from WesPac or its agents, as has Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The full Council will be voting on approval of the final environmental impact report, which covers phases one and two, and also the franchise approval for phase one, which includes Wilmington and the city of Carson.

**7) Report on the May 2 and May 9 Mayor's Day of Service clean up projects in District 1 and District 4:** The May 2 event attracted many Boy Scouts and their families, as well as a small number of District 1 residents and five people from the HGNNC. The new plants and three new trees were all planted on that date and all the flower beds at 802 W. Gardena Blvd. were weeded, with most covered with weed barrier cloth and bark.

Betty Hawkins said that 35-40 participated in the District 4 clean up on May 9, along with the Conservation Corps. All three dumpsters which the City of L.A. provided ended up being completely filled.

**8) Finalize agenda for May 26 Membership meeting:** One item was added to the proposed agenda.

**9) Announcements:** Home Assembly Church, 13515 S. Figueroa, will host a free electronic waste recycling event on Sat. May 16 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Seventh Annual Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative Community Forum will be held on Thurs. May 14 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the USC Davidson Conference Center. A free breakfast and lunch will be provided.

A free foreclosure prevention fair sponsored by the Los Angeles County NeighborWorks Center for Foreclosure Solutions will be held on Sat. May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston