

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of March 24, 2009**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), and Willie Blackmon

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Officer Phillip Bobo, from Southeast Division Community Relations, gave out flyers on the South Bureau's Community Police Academy, which will begin on Wed. April 8 at the Community Church, 10611 S. Hoover Street. Those 18 and older will learn about LAPD organization and structure, use of force policy, gangs, juvenile services, and more.

Officer Bobo also reported that Monday, April 6 at Southeast Station will be the first planning meeting for events related to the Tuesday, August 4 National Night Out programs and activities, which the LAPD will be supporting. Southeast Division residents are encouraged to plan block parties, cookouts, parades, and other activities for that night.

Delfina Mota, District 4, noted that cars with "for sale" signs are illegally parked near the corner of 135th Street and Vermont Avenue.

Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary, reported on the Mayor's Housing Community Meeting which was held Feb. 5 in San Pedro to discuss the plans for housing. She was the only person there who did not live in San Pedro. The South and Southeast Community Plan Areas (HGNNC Districts 6, 7, and 8) are targeted for higher density development.

An anonymous letter was received from a resident in District 4 about the Narayan Corp., 13432 S. Estrella Avenue, which manufactures plastic bottles. This company does not keep the trash picked up from the front of their property. The District 4 Representative and the HGNNC will investigate and write letters.

A District 4 stakeholder asked about the house at the corner of 135th and Vermont Avenue, where the yard is covered with trash, old tires, and many birds. Another stakeholder suggested contacting Southeast Area Neighborhood Prosecutor Sonja Dawson at (323) 789-2701.

Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary, reminded those present that the HGNNC Health Fair will take place on Sat. April 4 at the 116th Street School, 11610 Stanford Avenue, and asked for volunteers to help set up and staff the HGNNC booth.

2) Report from DONE Project Coordinator: Rose Ibanez reminded the Board of the upcoming Ethics Training on Sat. April 25. She also encouraged attendance at the Regional Congress of Neighborhoods on Sat. May 30 in the Valley, which will include Emergency Preparedness and land use issues workshops.

3) Approval of the February 24 Membership meeting minutes: Speaker: This item was tabled due to the lack of a quorum of Board members.

4) Treasurer's Report: Gloria Christmas noted that the March 1, 2009 monthly funding status report from DONE shows a balance of \$95,416.39, with 2 demand warrants and 14 VISA card expenditures during February. The summary of expenditures from July 1, 2008, to the present shows a total of \$52,279.22.

A vote on approving funding of Chrysalis clean up projects for two areas of the Neighborhood Council was tabled due to lack of a quorum of the Board.

5) Speaker from the Bureau of Sanitation on alternative technologies to process our solid waste:

The speaker was not present and the presentation will be rescheduled.

6) Report on the WesPac jet fuel pipeline hearing : Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary, and Luetta Watson, stakeholder of District 5, reported on the hearing before the Board of Transportation Commissioners on March 12. WesPac packed the hearing room with many from the Laborers' union, several from the Wilmington Boys and Girls Club, and representatives from the Wilmington and Harbor City – Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce. Each “side” was allowed one person to present their main position, with the somewhat differing view of the HGNNC being overshadowed by that of the City of Gardena, which does not oppose the pipeline as long as it does not travel under their City's streets. All others were only given one minute to speak. Bruce Lackow, consultant from Matrix Environmental, and Wespac representatives were allowed much more time. The very last speaker was Frank Hong, who read out Councilwoman Janice Hahn's letter of support for the project. The Board finally voted to approve the full EIR and to recommend that the City Council approve phase one of the project, the section running from Wilmington to Carson, and to recommend that the route used in phase two not go through the City of Gardena but rather go under El Segundo Blvd. Phase two, which would involve the HGNNC area and others, will not be considered until 2012. Luetta Watson pointed out that the Alternative B route under El Segundo Blvd. would have to cross over the 110 Harbor Freeway and pass a methane gas area to the east of District 5. Athens on the Hill (District 5) has written CalTrans about this, as well as L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas. She asked that the HGNNC also write Supervisor Ridley Thomas.

LAPD Report: Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez asked for a minute of silence in honor of LAPD Officer Kenny Gardner, the South Bureau Deputy Chief who died unexpectedly, and the four police officers killed in Oakland. He reported that during the last two months, crime in our area has dropped, though illegal sales of cars along our streets is continuing. Kirk Albanese is the new Deputy Chief for South Bureau. He will investigate the parking tickets being given to vehicles parked along 157th Street in District 2, a street without any curbs.

7) Approval of HGNNC Oct. 14 version of the proposed bylaws revision: Since there was no quorum of the Board, this item was tabled until the April 14 Board meeting.

8) Announcements: The Home Assembly Church, 13515 S. Figueroa Street, will hold an electronics recycling day on Sat. May 16 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston