

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of July 27, 2010**

Present : Rosalie Preston(Chairperson) Delores Allmond (Vice Chairperson) Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), AdrianValenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Gloria Christmas (District 8), Kande Lewis (Youth Representative), and Leo Youngblood (At-Large Representative

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Chairperson Rosalie Preston.

1) Public Comment: Rey Paduani reported that Southeast Station will celebrate National Night Out on August 3 from 2 to 8 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the HGNNC booth. Officer Phillip Bobo distributed flyers and large posters to advertise this event.

SLO Ramirez gave the crime update for his area of the HGNNC, reporting 34 crimes in the area over the last 30 days, 16 car thefts, and 1 shooting at a car.

2) Speaker: DWP on plans for solar power for our homes and future rate increases. Jeffrey Childers, DWP Liason, and Peter Liang explained the residential solar system and what benefits homeowners can get. Solar panels will bring down the electric bill when the sun is shining, will add value to your property, and reduce the need for coal-generated power. However there is a great deal of up-front cost in installing panels even with the rebates from the DWP and the Federal government. It takes from 15 or more years for you to break even on your expenses. Information is available at www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp000787.jsp.

Rate increases. No rate increases until next year for electricity. There will be an increase of \$1.37 per unit of purchased water starting in October. Watering is now allowed on 3 days weekly: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (homes with odd-numbered addresses) and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for those living at even-numbered addresses.

5) Recommendations from the Planning and Land Use Committee on the proposed six panel antennas, six microwave antennas, one GPS antenna, and one outdoor equipment cabinet on the AT&T building regarding 17200 S. Vermont Avenue: The draft letter to the Zoning Administrator was read out. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 10-0 to approve the recommendations and letter. A copy will be mailed to Councilwoman Hahn. The hearing is August 4 at 1 p.m. at City Hall.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Gloria Christmas, and passed 10-0 to petition the Federal Communications Commission for an environmental assessment.

It was moved by Delores Allmond, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes and passed 10-0 to write Councilwoman Hahn to ask the City Council to support a resolution asking the U.S. Congress to have the Federal Communications Commission to update their existing standards and adequately measure the health impacts of telecommunications towers.

3) Approval of the May 25 Membership meeting minutes: It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Kande Lewis, and carried 10-0 to approve the minutes.

4) Treasurer's report: Joan Jacobs presented the U.S. Bank purchase card summary for June 21 to July 16 and the demand warrant summary from the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment current as

of June 23. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Marvin Bell and carried to accept the treasurer's report 10-0.

It was decided to postpone discussion of purchasing monogrammed pens for outreach purposes until the August 10 Board meeting; the HGNNC has enough pens on hand to use for National Night Out.

The Finance Committee's recommended budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011 was reviewed. The format is the shorter form provided by DONE. More details for many categories will be put into the monthly expenditure tracking form. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Marvin Bell, and carried 10-0 to approve this budget.

7) Decision on whether to reduce the number of General Membership meetings from the current ten to four per year: Most other Neighborhood Councils have only one meeting per month. If the HGNNC reduced the number of General Membership meetings, it would free up time for better use of the standing committees and special training meetings. One stakeholder expressed concern that stakeholders would lose touch with the Board if the number of meetings was reduced. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and carried 5-3 with two abstentions that there be quarterly General membership meetings (January, April, July, and October) beginning in August and that Board meetings continue every 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next General Membership meeting will be Tues. October 26.

(Leo Youngblood left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.)

6) Appointment of DWP representative to the DWP Oversight Committee and official representatives to the Harbor Alliance: No one currently is interested in attending the DWP Oversight Committee meetings from the HGNNC.

It was moved by Kande Lewis, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and carried 9-0 to appoint Rosalie Preston, Luetta Watson, Joan Jacobs, and Marvin Bell to be the official representatives to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC), which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Kaiser Harbor City Conference Center. Any other HGNNC Board member or stakeholder is welcome to attend.

8) Decision on whether to allow a non-profit to share the HGNNC booth at National Night Out on Tues. August 3: On the recommendation of Peter King, City Attorney, who said that technically a non-profit could share the HGNNC booth at National Night Out but that it could present the appearance of self-dealing, it was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Rey Paduani, and carried 8-0 with one abstention to not allow a non-profit to share the HGNNC booth.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Neodros Bridgeforth, Corresponding Secretary