

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting of June 9, 2009**

Present: Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith-Based Representative), David Ortega (Community Organization Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Delores Allmond called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

**1) Public Comment:** :135<sup>th</sup> Street School Principal Antonio Camacho thanked the Board for purchasing the new lighting system for the school auditorium stage and announced that the school would be putting on its first performance using the lights on Wed. June 10 at 1:45 p.m.

**2) Approval of the May 12 Board minutes:** The minutes were approved as corrected.  
Motion: Bridgeforth Second: Jacobs Vote: 9-0

**3) Treasurer's Report:** Gloria Christmas reported that the DONE monthly funding status report shows a balance of \$50,081.52, with 6 demand warrants and 22 VISA card expenditures during May. The summary of expenditures from July 1, 2008, to the present shows a total of \$88,278.99 spent.

The May 19 letter from DONE's General Manager Bonghwan Kim to Board members regarding the purchase of emergency preparedness bins and supplies was read out. At this time, no emergency preparedness supplies can be purchased by any Neighborhood Council. DONE is working with the City's Emergency Management Department to coordinate appropriate activities and materials for use when a future catastrophic event occurs.

Richard Higashi from District 1 asked that money be voted to plant a new queen palm tree in front of 734 W. Gardena Blvd. The original queen palm was planted there during the Targeted Neighborhood Initiative project some years ago but died and was replaced by a Mexican fan palm, which does not match the other pairs of queen palms along the Boulevard. He has obtained permission from the City to remove the Mexican fan palm and replace it with the appropriate palm tree. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 7-2 to spend up to \$400 for the purchase and planting of a 24" box queen palm tree.

**4) Approval of two DONE requested bylaws changes in Articles VI and VIII:** DONE has reviewed and approved the election-related changes made to the HGNNC bylaws which were approved by the Board on April 28. However, for two articles, DONE has recommended minor changes which will conform to requirements of the Los Angeles City Attorney. After review, it was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0 to approve the use of "requested" in place of "required" in Article VI B6 relating to the use of speaker request forms and to include as the final sentence of Article VIII D2 "The Board removal process shall only be implemented in consultation with the Office of City Attorney."

**5) Position on proposed 61 foot T-Mobile tower at 14032 S. Vermont Ave.:** After hearing the proposal for a new cell phone tower on the grounds of the Sea Rock Inn, it was decided to table this item until June 23, after District 4 has held its neighborhood meeting.

**6) Report on NUSA conference in Spokane:** Rey Paduani reported that about 400 attended this conference, with perhaps 12 from City of Los Angeles neighborhoods. He attended workshops on community response to emergencies and neighborhood watch groups. Eva Cooper said that she found the conference well-planned. She attended workshops on working with children and youth. Some of the useful ideas she thought HGNNC could consider were supporting community gardens, which help to

create a sense of community within a neighborhood, having a regular Farmers' Market within the boundaries of HGNNC, a Street Fair to exchange goods which residents need to get rid of or which they make themselves, a "Movies in the Park" series (or movies in another community location), obtain 501©3 status for the HGNNC so that additional funding can be raised for community improvements, involving stakeholders in solving their own problems or issues, encouraging stakeholders to bring another stakeholder to meetings or events, and "Get to Know Your Neighbors Day" activity.

**7) Report on the May 23 Mayor's Day of Service clean up and beautification in District 7:** Even though the 118<sup>th</sup> Street School did not really commit to this event until the week beforehand, about fifty staff, parents, and HGNNC Board members and stakeholders showed up to weed the library garden area and repaint the large planters. Additionally, Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office arranged for three large dumpsters to be placed around the neighborhood at the locations designated by District 7 Representative Mattie Menser.

**8) Finalize agenda for June 23 Membership meeting:** Suggestions were made to add to the agenda.

**9) Announcements:** Rose Ibanez, DONE Project Coordinator, reminded the Board of the June 10 planning meeting for the October Congress of Neighborhoods. The City Clerk will be holding the meeting to determine the day of the week for the 2010 June election on Sat. June 13 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon for Neighborhood Councils in our area. The deadline for submitting demand warrants for fiscal year 2008-2009 is June 12. Neighborhood Council budgets for 2009-2010 are due on June 19. The Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Festival will be held at City Hall on Sat. June 27.

Eva Cooper announced that City Year Los Angeles volunteers will be celebrating their year of service at Figueroa Street School, 150 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and working on school beautification on Sat. June 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Board members are invited to attend. Figueroa Street School is one of the six public schools within the HGNNC boundaries. It is also one of the schools which is receiving special attention from Mayor Villaraigosa.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston