

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting of April 8, 2008**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Leo Youngblood (District 8), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

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

1) Public Comment: Irfan Polat, Principal for the Magnolia Science Academy #3, a proposed charter school which plans to open at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. in September 2008, introduced himself and discussed the school which will be the Dialog Foundation's third science, math, and technology focused school, with the other two being located in the San Fernando Valley. The existing schools have high API scores and low drop out rates. LAUSD has approved this school's opening as has Council District 15. The Gardena location will begin with no more than 250 6th and 7th graders to be selected by lottery and expand to 575 students in grades 6-12 after five years. There will be no more than 25 students per class. Tutoring and coaching for low achieving students will be provided. The back parking lot area will be closed off and used for a recreational area. In response to a question about the air quality in that location which is so close to the 110 Harbor Freeway, Mr. Polat said that the school must test the air quality and methane gas levels before final approval for occupancy will be given.

Lu Watson, Co-Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLU), showed the Board a mock up of a tri-fold mailer, to be printed by L.A. Business Printing, which will be sent to District 6 residents by U.S. mail when a stakeholder discussion of the 7-Eleven Store at 700 W. Imperial Highway is set for sometime after April. The PLU Committee asks that the lobbying firm for the 7-Eleven be invited to the April 22 General Membership meeting to present their arguments in favor of the 24-hour operation and sale of beer and wine for offsite consumption. She also informed the Board that the Planning Department's Early Notification for March 16-29, 2008 shows two proposed 21-unit affordable housing projects within the HGNNC, both by the same developer, with one being located at 12015 S. Figueroa Street and the other at 12005 S. Broadway.

2) Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the March 18 Board meeting were approved as corrected. Motion: Eva Cooper Second: Gloria Christmas Vote: 9-0

3) Treasurer's Report: The Neighborhood Council Funding Report for April 1 has not been posted yet. Gloria Christmas estimated that the remaining account balance is between \$112,000 and \$114,000.

Leo Youngblood, District 8 representative, reported on the repeated instances of illegal dumping of trash and old furniture in his District and made a motion that the District 8 funds of \$1000 be reassigned from the previously approved emergency preparedness training to clean up projects within District 8. This motion was seconded by Gloria Christmas and passed 9-0.

Rosalie Preston asked that up to \$1000 be approved for April and for May for CIPS to distribute the General Membership meeting flyer door to door to 10,000 HGNNC households

with some guarantee from CIPS of equal distribution throughout the HGNNC. Eva Cooper seconded the motion and it was passed 9-0.

Leo Youngblood moved, it was seconded by Gloria Christmas and passed 9-0 to approve reimbursement of air fare, lodging, and meals as per DONE guidelines for Adrian White and Eva Cooper to attend the NUSA conference.

4) Appointment of members to Emergency Preparedness Committee and Finance

Committee: It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Gloria Christmas and passed 9-0 to appoint Rey Paduani to the Emergency Preparedness Committee and to seek further nominees at the April 22 General Membership meeting. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Mattie Menser and passed 9-0 to appoint Gloria Christmas, Betty Hawkins, and Rosalie Preston to the Finance Committee and to seek further nominees at the April 22 General Membership meeting.

5) Updates on outreach events for 2008: Eva Cooper reported that the Youth Fair scheduled for May 17 will need to be postponed indefinitely as she had tried to arrange using the Washington Primary Center, but the principal never responded to her requests. The May Cinco de Mayo program is being worked on and more details should be available by the April 22 General Membership meeting. Leo Youngblood asked about the proposed July bus trip to the Getty Museum and was told of some of the restrictions which DONE requires. Neodros Bridgeforth asked for a list of churches and other faith based organizations within each District as the faith-based picnic is definitely scheduled for Sat. June 21 from 12-4 p.m. at the 135th Street School. Adrian White is finding stakeholders willing to be Block Club presidents in Districts 7 and 8. The Outreach Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tues. April 22 at 135th Street School.

6) Announcements: Rose Ibanez, DONE Project Coordinator, passed out "Save the Date" flyers for the May 17 South Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils gathering at West Adams Preparatory High School.

Adrian White reported on a meeting of gang intervention leaders which he had attended at a church located at Western and 79th Street. Rose Ibanez pointed out that Mayor Villaraigosa has gang liaison staff which HGNNC may want to invite to future meetings.

Eva Cooper read out information from ComputerWorks which is located within the HGNNC boundaries and is donating computers to community organizations.

Mattie Menser handed out flyers for Steve Bradford who is running to be a Barack Obama delegate on Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium of Southwest College.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston