

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting of December 18, 2007**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), 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), Dr. Peter Rivera (Community Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Neodros Bridgeforth reported on the Zero Waste planning meeting she attended

Joan Jacobs reminded those present that the Mayor's Budget Survey is on-line and urged everyone to participate in determining the budget priorities. She will provide paper copies for those who do not wish to take the survey on-line. Rosalie Preston said she can arrange for those who do not have computers to do the survey on-line at the HGNNC office.

2) The minutes of the November 13, 2007, Board meeting were approved as corrected (motion: Youngblood, second: Rivera 11-0) **The minutes of the December 1, 2007 Special Board meeting** were approved as presented (motion: Bridgeforth, second: Youngblood 11-0) There was discussion of having an Ad Hoc Outreach Committee meeting on Sat. January 12 at 11 a.m. at the Harbor Gateway Community Center, to follow up on the work done at the December 1 Special Board meeting, and this was agreed to and notices will be posted.

3) Treasurer's Report: The November 1, 2007 Funding Statement for the HGNNC was reviewed and by the Current City Account Balance of \$129,851.14, it was assumed that about \$20,000 has been spent so far this fiscal year towards the goal of at least \$50,000.

District 7 withdrew its request for funding at this time.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Dr. Peter Rivera, and passed 11-0 to approve up to \$1000 for District 8 emergency preparedness training, emergency kits, and certificates.

After some further discussion of hiring an Apple One Administrative Assistant, it was agreed to do so in order to have a 20-hour per week Office Assistant on a month-to-month basis to commence in January (motion: Youngblood, second: Rivera 10-1) Ricardo Hong, representing the Mayor's Office, suggested contacting Coastal San Pedro N.C.'s President Doug Epperhart, as they already use an Apple One staff member for a similar purpose.

Mayor's Office Report: Ricardo Hong, Harbor Representative for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, discussed the 29 intersections within our boundaries which are slated to have ATSAC installed by October 27, 2009, using Proposition 1B funds. Each traffic light coordination installation costs \$100,000 per intersection.

Ricardo also thanked Joan Jacobs for her hard work on the Mayor's Budget Committee. And he let the Board know that the Mayor's Office can e-mail Board members of important initiatives, if they wish.

4) Appointment of two representatives to Pilot Planning Program Oversight Committee and approval of \$50 fee for 2008 training: It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Rosalie Preston and passed 11-0 to appoint Neodros Bridgeforth, Luetta Watson, and Dr. Peter Rivera to be our representatives and alternate to the Pilot Planning Program Oversight Committee. Leo Youngblood moved, Eva Cooper seconded and it was passed 11-0 to approve \$50 for each to cover the training sessions they will attend in 2008.

5) Discussion of activities calendar for 2007-2008: This item was tabled due to the late hour.

6) Discussion of sending a letter to West Coast Office Supply regarding offensive display of a noose and discontinuance of business relations with them: After discussion of the issues raised by a stakeholder who picked up HGNNC flyers from West Coast Office Supply on October 18 where a noose was displayed, Neodros Bridgeforth moved, Joan Jacobs seconded, and it was passed 11-0 to send a letter to West Coast Office Supply stating our displeasure over their insensitivity and asking for a letter of explanation and apology. A decision on whether to discontinue business relations with them will be made after receipt of their reply.

7) Setting the date for Ham Radio classes to begin Sat. January 27: Neodros Bridgeforth moved, Joan Jacobs seconded, and it was passed 11-0 to begin a new session of Ham Radio classes on Sat. January 27 at the Harbor Gateway Community Center and to cover all related expenses for those stakeholders who attend.

8) Announcements: Rose Ibanez, DONE Project Coordinator, handed out flyers listing the community workshops which the Department of Recreation and Parks is holding as part of its citywide Community Needs Assessment. Stakeholders may also mail in written comments.

Rose Ibanez also briefly discussed the Telephone Users Tax measure which will be on the February 5 ballot and pointed out that the revenues are greatly needed by the City of Los Angeles. Non-passage of this measure would result in reduced City services.

Rosalie Preston announced that the draft environmental impact report for the WesPac jetfuel pipeline project has been issued and that public comments are due by February 8. The Board agreed that WesPac should be invited to address stakeholders and answer questions at the January 22 General Membership meeting.

Neodros Bridgeforth announced that due to pressure from the Neighborhood Council DWP Oversight Committee, the proposed DWP rate increase has been postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston