

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of January 22, 2008**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 1), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), and Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1) Public Comment: A precinct captain for the Barak Obama campaign asked people to volunteer. Paris Miller of Unity Two, 8503 S. Avalon, offered his services with gang intervention and alley clean ups (323) 590-9967 or (323) 971-8493

2) The minutes of the October 23, 2007, General Membership meeting were approved as read. Allmond (motion), Bridgeforth (second) 10-0

3) Treasurer's Report: Printed copies of the Jan. 1, 2008 monthly funding status report from DONE were available showing a balance of \$124, 687.23. Stakeholders were referred to the DONE website to see details of HGNNC expenditures via demand warrants and VISA card.

4) Approval of 2008 Office Space Sharing agreement with Boys and Girls Club of Harbor Gateway: The Board had previously been given copies of the draft agreement at the January 15 Board meeting. Vice Chair Allmond had questions about some of the requirements of the Boys and Girls Club for use of the building at 802 W. Gardena Blvd. and it was decided that approval would require a longer discussion. Delores Allmond moved, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded and it was passed 10-0 to table this discussion and vote until the February 19 Board meeting.

LAPD Report: Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez reported that there had been another shooting on Gardena Blvd. today at 4 p.m. but the victim had not been killed. On Jan. 5 there was a homicide at Menlo and 167th and earlier a homicide at Figueroa and 118th. For 2006 and 2007 violent crime is down by 10% but property crime is up 8% for the same period.

5) Presentation on the WesPac jet fuel pipeline: Ben Thompson of WesPac gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions on the proposed jet fuel pipeline project which would cross a mile and a half of the HGNNC at either Redondo Beach Blvd. from Figueroa and travel up Vermont Avenue or, under the Alternative B, would go north up Broadway from Compton Blvd. and west across El Segundo Blvd. He stated that this new pipeline would create a more efficient, state-of-the-art method to deliver jet fuel to LAX. Currently, four smaller diameter pipelines owned by area refineries are utilized. This new, larger diameter line would cut the cost of jet fuel to the airlines and lower airline fares.

The project is now divided into two parts, with part one beginning in fall of 2008. This would be the construction of the pipeline from Wilmington to Carson. Part two, which would impact the HGNNC, would not begin until 2012. The route was chosen to minimize the impact on residential areas, schools, parks, and medical facilities. The Alternative B route would have even less of an impact on schools and health care facilities but would have to cross the 110 Harbor Freeway.

Under questions, he stated that while jet fuel is a type of kerosene, it is not highly flammable under normal circumstances. The pipeline could not be constructed along the 110 and 105 freeways because Caltrans does not allow pipeline construction along freeways. Any one location along the route would be dug up for only two weeks. Phase two in our area would involve six months of construction. Pipeline welds will be x-rayed to assure they have been done properly and the latest technology will be used to monitor the line for leaks. The City of Los Angeles is the lead agency and the final Environmental Impact Report will be out in spring of 2008. A pipeline can be run under a freeway as freeways have slots in their concrete for utilities. Any earthquake dangers have been addressed in the draft EIR. The high tensile steel pipe which is used has been found to weather earthquakes well. Jet fuel is not carcinogenic like gasoline. Any clean ups that might be necessary will be paid for by WesPac. The Public Utilities Commission determined on December 20 that this pipeline is a common carrier.

Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston mentioned that the HGNNC has taken a position opposing the pipeline project because of its potential impact on stakeholders. She read out the contact information for comments on the draft EIR , which need to be mailed or faxed or e-mailed by February 8.

DONE report: Rose Ibanez, DONE Project Coordinator, urged stakeholders to complete the on-line budget survey before the February 23 budget meeting with the Mayor and representatives from the various Neighborhood Councils.

6) Presentation on Proposition S (Communications Users Tax): Ray Ciranna of the City Administrative Office explained the background on why the Proposition is on the ballot. Because of an AT&T and Verizon lawsuit, the City reconsidered its previous Utility Users Tax and proposed Proposition S, which would lower the current tax by 1% but extend coverage to voice over Internet calls (such as Vonage) and T1 lines. Usage of the Internet itself would not be taxed. Fifty percent plus one majority vote is needed for passage. Huge layoffs of City employees would not occur but City services would be cut as the loss would amount to \$270 million. The new tax would raise \$243 million per year.

7) Announcements: Ham Radio classes will begin on Sat. January 26 at the Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Blvd.

The HGNNC will be sponsoring a Black History month program at the February 26 General Membership meeting. Regina White is the Coordinator and is seeking young people and musicians to participate in this.

The City of Los Angeles is sponsoring a Zero Waste conference on Sat. February 26.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston

