

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of March 25, 2008**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Lu Watson held up copies of the first HGNNC newsletter and thanked Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary for putting it together.

Rose Ibanez, Done Project Coordinator, reminded Board members to complete the Neighborhood Council Assessment Survey. She is also giving out a similar survey to stakeholders attending tonight's meeting.

Dr. Robinson, District 8 stakeholder, noted the need for "no parking signs" for 116th Place between Wadsworth and Clovis Avenue so that the street sweeper can properly clean their street. She also said that the City needs to install a crosswalk on Avalon between the senior citizen center and the Magic Johnson Park and also on Avalon at the MTA Green Line station.

Neodros Bridgeforth attended the City Council's hearing on the proposed DWP rate increase today at City Hall, along with others from the N.C. DWP Oversight Committee. Councilwoman Janice Hahn suggested separating the increases into those for water and those for electricity as a way to resolve the controversy. The City Council will continue their discussion on Wed. April 3.

Reginald Zachery, Community Advocate for Councilwoman Janice Hahn, noted that Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez is attending a community meeting on Gardena Blvd. and is unavailable tonight.

Rosalie Preston reported that WesPac pipeline has asked the Neighborhood Council via Janice Hahn's planning deputy Frank Hong whether they could speak again, along with various City agencies, to answer further questions about their proposed project. There was mixed feeling from stakeholders about having WesPac speak again but somewhat more interest in hearing from the City agencies who would be involved with the project.

2) The minutes of the February 26, 2008, General Membership meeting were approved as corrected. Allmond (motion), Bridgeforth (second) 10-0

3) Treasurer's Report: Printed copies of the March 1, 2008, monthly funding status report from DONE were available showing a balance of \$118,453.72 and detailing three demand warrant expenditures and seven via the VISA card in February. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Rosalie Preston, second by Willie Blackmon, and vote of 11-0. Gloria Christmas noted that she and Betty Hawkins have now officially switched their roles in regards to the duties of the treasurer.

4) Setting dates for Ham Radio classes on two Saturdays: BJ Mynatt said that the two Saturday classes in April will be adequate to prepare attendees for the Technician License. After taking the classes given by Walt Ordway, attendees will need to take the licensing test on their own. Those passing the test will then be given the HGNNC-owned radios on a long-term loan for use in emergency situations. The goal is to have at least three trained stakeholders in each District, although at present the HGNNC owns only ten radios and supporting equipment. BJ Mynatt, Itichai Tiemsanjai, and Rey Paduani are interested in serving on the Emergency Preparedness Committee when it is re-established. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, Seconded by Gloria Christmas, and passed 11-0 to hold the two classes on Sat. April 19 and Sat. April 26 at 135th Street School and to cover the cost of the PowerPoint handouts for those attending.

5) Speaker on the health effects of living near freeway traffic: As none of the three possible speakers contacted were able to attend, Joan Jacobs, who works for the Pediatric Therapy Network, presented information on the health effects of air pollution for those of us living near freeways and other heavily trafficked roads, including the effects of small particulate matter from diesel engines. The pollution greatly increases asthma rates as well as heart and lung disease. Joan will also write up a short article on this topic for the June HGNNC newsletter.

6) Announcements: Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo will be present at a meet and greet reception on Wed. March 26 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Southeast Community Police Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston