

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
General Membership Meeting of September 25, 2007**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Ray Johnson (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Chair Adrian White.

**Public Comment:** Lu Watson urged attendance by HGNNC stakeholders at the Department of Public Works meeting in Wilmington on Thursday September 27 at 7 p.m. to discuss how to establish goals and objectives for achieving zero waste within the City of Los Angeles over the next 20 years.

Several Southwest College students who were present introduced themselves and explained that their government teacher had assigned them to study community groups and their democratic procedures. None were previously aware of the neighborhood council.

**DONE report:** Rose Ibanez, Project Coordinator for the HGNNC, introduced herself. She has been a staff member of DONE for a little over a year but has more than 20 years of experience working in other City and County positions. She encouraged attendance at the Sat. October 13 Mayor's Budget Day, though this will be the same morning as the HGNNC Health Fair. Two officially appointed representatives should be present at the January meeting to hear the survey results. On April 20, the L.A. City Council will receive the Mayor's proposed budget, which they will then discuss and revise before the final adoption sometime before June 30.

Rose also urged attendance at the Sat. Oct. 27 Congress of Neighborhoods which will be held at the L.A. Convention Center. Any L.A. resident can attend.

**LAPD Report:** Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez, one of ten Senior Lead Officers of the Southeast Division of LAPD, introduced himself. There has been a marked drop in homicides throughout the Southeast Division this year, from 50 during 2006 to 25 to date in 2007. The LAPD Southeast Division is currently focusing on quality of life issues, such as sales of cars from residential streets. The L.A. City Council is considering a new law relating to this. For homeless sleeping and camping near train tracks, call the LAPD and also Union Pacific at 1-800-892-1283 or 1-888-877-7267. For homeless sleeping under or along the freeways, call Caltrans-Brenda (310) 342-6161 or Caltrans-Debra (213) 897-0362. For any excessively loud music or noise, there is no restriction on hour, so call anytime to the LAPD non-emergency number at (877) 275-5273 or (877) ASK-LAPD. For on-going loud noise issues, contact SLO Ramirez.

**Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the August 28 General Membership meeting were approved with corrections. (Motion made by Gloria Christmas, seconded by Ray Johnson and passed 11-0)

**Treasurer's report:** Gloria Christmas reported that payments have been made for the Oct. 13 Health Fair expenses (rental of 20 canopies \$1070, 20 tables \$129.90, and 120 chairs \$76.64) and the re-keying of the HGNNC office door locks \$95.76. There is \$25,498 available on the bank card. Ray Johnson moved and Rey Paduani seconded approval of the treasurer's report. 11-0

**Committee report on the Sat. Oct. 13 Health Fair at Rosecrans Park:** A summary of vendors and booths confirmed to date was presented and a request for stakeholders to volunteer was made.

**Appointments to fill vacancies for Vice Chair, District 4 Representative, and Business Representative:** Betty Hawkins requested appointment to the vacant District 4 Representative seat and gave her background statement and Delores Allmond did the same for the Vice Chair. No one present volunteered to fill the Business Representative vacancy. Ray Johnson moved and Joan Jacobs seconded the motion to table appointment of the Business Representative position to a future meeting and this passed 11-0. Gloria Christmas moved and Neodros Bridgeforth seconded the appointment of Delores Allmond to fill the vacant Vice Chair position and this passed 11-0. Gloria Christmas moved and Neodros Bridgeforth seconded the motion to appoint Betty Hawkins to the vacant District 4 Representative seat and this was passed 11-0.

**Office Assistant Committee Report:** The committee has been unable to meet, so this item was tabled until the next meeting. (Rosalie Preston moved, Joan Jacobs seconded, and motion passed 11-0).

**HGNNC position on DWP Oversight Committee recommendations re: rate increase:** Rosalie Preston read out some background information on the recommendation from the Neighborhood Councils' DWP Oversight Committee which had been sent by the previous Chair BJ Mynatt, who has been attending the Oversight Committee meetings but was not present tonight. Board members thought they had already voted earlier this year to oppose the DWP rate increase. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Willie Blackmon, and passed 11-0 to table this item until the next meeting for further clarification of the issues.

**District 4 request for City action on problem alley:** Betty Hawkins explained that a resolution of the security issues for the alley located south of 135<sup>th</sup> Street and west of Hoover was in progress so Neighborhood Council action was not necessary at this time. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Gloria Christmas and passed 11-0 to table this item until a future agenda.

**Announcement:** Interested stakeholders should put their names on the sign up list for free Ham radio training classes which will probably be started in January 2008 at the Harbor Gateway Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston