

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting of November 13 2007**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Ray Johnson (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), 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.

2) The **minutes of the October 16, 2007, Board meeting** were approved as corrected. Motion: Gloria Christmas, Second: Dr. Peter Rivera Vote:14-1 During discussion, it was agreed that former Chair BJ Mynatt would meet with current Chair Adrian White on Thurs. November 15 to return the new laptop, old laptop, and printer which are still in her possession.

1) **Public Comment:** Lu Watson passed out a sheet to each Board member explaining how to sign up for both Early Notification of planning issues and also for City Council committee agendas, including the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM). Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston pointed out that our DONE project coordinator Rose Ibanez has already submitted all Board e-mail addresses for Early Notification.

BJ Mynatt stated that tonight's Board meeting on the second Tuesday of the month is a violation of the HGNNC Bylaws and therefore all business conducted at the meeting will be illegal.

Lu Watson would like the HGNNC to put a letter to West Coast Office Supply on the January Board agenda. The letter would express the HGNNC's concern with their having a noose hanging in their doorway on October 17 when she went to pick up the General Membership meeting flyers. The staff explained the noose as being part of their Halloween decorations and were unaware of its symbolism as a means of denying African Americans their civil rights in the South. She would like the HGNNC to stop using the West Coast Office Supply because of their discriminatory and offensive practices.

3) **Treasurer's Report:** Gloria Christmas summarized the expenses for October.

Because she does not have the receipt, Joan Jacobs withdrew her request for \$10 to reimburse her Pediatric Therapy staff for the outside lunches they purchased during the Oct. 13 Health Fair due to the caterer running out of food.

District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins requested that HGNNC fund up to \$1000 for District 4's holiday neighborhood beautification projects. Motion: Joan Jacobs, Second: Gloria Christmas, Vote: 15-0

District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins requested funding to have the 135th Street Neighborhood Watch flyers professionally distributed each month, which would be part of their annual District 4 allocation. Motion: Rosalie Preston, Second: Neodros Bridgeforth, Vote: 14-0-1

Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston discussed having a computer technician evaluate the set-up for the office computer, install security software, and analyze the problems with the two non-

working printers and presented estimates from three possible technicians. Joan Jacobs moved, Dr. Peter Rivera seconded and the motion passed 12-3 that up to \$200 be spent to bring the computer and printers up to good working order with the City's ITA first being contacted to see if they can provide any assistance in this matter.

4) **Appointment of two representatives for the City budget process:** Rosalie Preston moved, Gloria Christmas seconded, and it was passed 15-0 that Joan Jacobs and Lu Watson be appointed the two 2008-2009 budget process representatives for the HGNNC.

LAPD Report: Chair Adrian White asked Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez to give a report. SLO Ramirez noted that car thefts and property crimes continue to be the leading types of crime within the Neighborhood Council. There was a shooting resulting in one death in front of the Laundromat on Gardena Blvd. November 16 will be officer appreciation day at the Southeast Station and all are invited. Betty Hawkins expressed appreciation for Ramirez's help in obtaining proper lighting for the alley behind her home in which a car was burned and set fire to her property. Lu Watson also thanked Ramirez for the assistance he has provided residents in District 5.

5) **Discussion of activities calendar for 2007-2008:** Due to the time, this item was tabled.

6) **Appointment of Board members authorized to submit Community Impact Statements for the HGNNC:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 15-0 to appoint Delores Allmond, Rosalie Preston, Joan Jacobs, Leo Youngblood, and Dr. Peter Rivera to be those authorized to submit approved Community Impact Statements for the HGNNC.

7) **Discussion of submitting a Community Impact Statement on the DWP rate increase:** Joan Jacobs moved, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded, and it was passed 15-0 for Rosalie Preston to submit a CIS on behalf of the HGNNC on opposition to the DWP rate increase and their not following the MOU with the Neighborhood Councils as previously stated in the HGNNC letter to the DWP Commission.

8) **Determination of meeting dates in December and whether to change the date of future Board meetings to the second Tuesday of the month:** Rosalie Preston moved, Joan Jacobs seconded, and the motion passed 11-4 to have a Board meeting on Tues. Dec. 18 and cancel the General Membership meeting as it would fall on Dec. 25. For now the Board meetings will continue to be the third Tuesday of each month as the Watts N.C. meets the second Tuesday of each month. Moving the Board meeting further away from the General Membership meeting would make the deadline for flyer production and distribution easier.

9) **Setting dates of Ham radio training in January:** This item was tabled as the trainer, Frank Voit, was not present.

10) **Announcements:** Another Zero Waste Plan workshop is scheduled for Thurs. November 15 at 6 p.m. at the Port of Los Angeles High School in San Pedro.

Neighborhood Councils are working on an Oversight Committee with the Planning Department. Lu Watson attended the November 10 meeting of the Planing Pilot Program. The next meeting will be on December 8.

The WesPac jet fuel pipeline project will now take place in two phases with the first phase being the section from Vopac in Wilmington to Kindermorgan in Carson. This should be completed by February 2009. The second phase running from Kindermorgan to LAX will not begin until 2011. The proposed route remains the same, according to Nicole Clark of WesPac. The draft EIR should be out soon and will cover both phases.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston