

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood
General Membership Meeting**
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. – Room 185

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Majenni Nixon (Treasurer), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Eva Cooper Pace (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (District 7), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), and Craig Kusunoki (At Large Representative)

Absent: Laivern Frerichs (District 1 Representative), Nita Stonehocker (District 2 Representative), Oscar Ruiz (District 8 Representative), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), and Finesse Simmons (Youth Representative)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The roll call determined that a quorum was present.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood

Council's subject matter jurisdiction: District 4 stakeholder Kevin Green reported that 36 street lights are out along 121st Street, 124th Street, and along Figueroa Street. Ten lights along Athens Boulevard and Denver Avenue were called in and not repaired since last August. Why can lighting be restored quickly in the Palisades area but not in our neighborhood?

District 7 stakeholder Clifford McClain said that 117th Street from Main Street to Figueroa Street is a constant dump site. He is hoping to use the non-profit California Council on Christian Youth to help with volunteer clean ups.

3) Reports

a) LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Tyson Hamaoka said that the CD 15 Clean Team is really helpful in keeping illegal dumping under control. He noted that as part of construction on the Metro ExpressLanes project, the encampments along the 105 are being dismantled. There was a homicide of a male at Imperial Highway and Olive in April and a car break in at 117th and Spring. With the new 311 app, you can now text requests for service.

b) Council District 15: Field Deputy Rudy Martinez introduced himself as the new CD 15 Field Deputy. He can be reached via text to his work cell phone 213-335-0863 or email rodolfo.martinez@lacity.org. He said that he has been working on getting the street lights repaired at 127th and Figueroa, 117th and Figueroa, and 135th and Figueroa. The RVs on 120th at Vermont Avenue have been removed due to the efforts of Kmond Day, CD 15 Unhoused Services Coordinator. Rudy noted that clean up of illegal dumping along 117th Street from Main to Figueroa happens on a regular schedule every two weeks. There is also a weekly clean up by the CD 15 Clean Team along Gardena Blvd. The owner of the mini mart to the west of the Boys and Girls Club is not selling alcoholic beverages to the men who used to hang out in front drinking.

District 8 stakeholder Del Trent said that the street lights are not very bright on 116th Place near Clovis and that is an area with a lot of vehicle break ins and street takeovers take place at 116th Place and Wadsworth. She asked if more lighting could be put on the wooden power poles. Could the City of Los Angeles use drones to capture the license plates of cars involved in the illegal street takeovers, as other cities do?

Other issues raised by attendees were all of the potholes along Redondo Beach Blvd., which Rudy said were on a list to be addressed. Imperial Highway from Avalon to Central Avenue needs repaving. Main Street under the 105 freeway needs the lights restored and also Main

Street at Imperial Highway. Rudy said that LAPD has a quality of life patrol which is working on the illegal dumping issue. Rudy is also working on new “No Illegal Dumping” signs to replace the faded signs in District 4.

4) Speaker: Metro-update on the 105 freeway ExpressLanes Project impacting HGNNC Districts 6,7, and 8: Ron Macias of Metro introduced himself, Phillip Wong, and William Lopez. The Project is a major construction project funded by Measure M that will offer many benefits to all users of the 105 freeway by increasing travel times and safety. It will also benefit local communities. One existing HOV lane will be converted into two ExpressLanes. There will be no residential right-of-way impacts. Single occupancy drivers can use the lanes for a toll fee. Those with more than one person in the vehicle can use the lanes at no cost but will need a transponder. Segment 1 of the project is from Sepulveda Blvd. or the 405 freeway to Central Avenue. Highway safety will be enhanced by addressing auxiliary lane gap closures, re-striping for night time visibility, and channelizing buffer zones between ExpressLanes and general purpose lanes. Currently HOV lanes are degraded per Federal standards and travel on them is less than 45 mph. The new lanes will speed up travel time by 10%. New sound walls will be added in some areas. Sound walls east and west-bound at Avalon will be made higher. Sound studies were conducted to determine the height and where walls should be placed. There will also be funding for improvements at the Harbor and Avalon Blvd. C Line stations. Currently there are K-rail and concrete barriers along the right lanes to protect the construction zones. All landscape that is removed will be replaced. Metro will install the new landscaping but Caltrans will maintain it. Bridge widening on the 105 will take place over Stanford, Avalon, San Pedro, Main Street, and Hoover. Construction hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Construction on Segment 1 will continue until late 2026. For updates contact 213-922-6565 or email 105expresslanes@metro.net

5) Speaker: Niles Foundation-mobile air pollution monitoring: Jakobi Ewart said that the Niles Foundation is a 501c(3) environmental justice organization that develops and implements climate mitigation strategies to empower South Los Angeles communities. The Foundation is currently working to gather community input on where to place Aclima mobile air monitoring vehicles.

(Barbara Tyson-Frazier left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.)

The \$27 million initiative is part of the California Air Resources Board’s efforts to implement AB 617 passed in 2017, which develops measures to reduce exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution. The Harbor Gateway North area is one of those communities. Aclima vehicles with attached air monitor sensors will travel assigned areas in 64 communities. Pollutants being measured include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitric oxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, methane, ethane, total volatile organic compounds, (TVOC), fine particulate matter (pm 2.5), and black carbon. The vehicles will start appearing in June. Send Jakobi the HGNNC areas that should be monitored at jakobi@thenilesfoundation.org

(Rosalie Preston recused herself at 8:44 p.m. from the meeting as the City Attorney had advised her that due to having filed the appeal of the 2018 City Planning Commission approval of the Prologis warehouse with only a MND for environmental review which then led to the full EIR review, she now had a conflict of interest)

6) Approval of a comment letter on the Final EIR for the proposed 53-foot tall, 340,298 square-foot warehouse/manufacturing/high-cube/warehouse/distribution center, at 15116-15216 South Vermont Avenue and 747-861 West Redondo Beach Boulevard with 36 docks

(71 trucks), 24/7 operation, and 768 daily truck trips (CPC-2017-1014-CU-ZAA-SPR; ENV-2017-1015-EIR), with a recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Committee: Majenni Nixon, Secretary of the Planning and Land Use Committee, screen-shared the draft letter which the Planning and Land Use Committee has recommended. It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 7(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell-1(Trejo)-0, with one recused (Preston) to approve the letter.
(Rosalie Preston returned to the meeting at 9:05 p.m.)

7) Administrative motions

a) Approval of \$760.37 to Minuteman Press for printing of April 22 General Membership meeting flyers: It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 8(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Trejo)-0-0, with Jacobs ineligible due to lapsed funding training, to approve the expenditure.

b) Approval of \$1,575 to Walking Man for delivery of April 22 General Membership meeting flyers: It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 8(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Kusunoki, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Trejo)-0-0, with Jacobs ineligible due to lapsed funding training, to approve the expenditure.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary