

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

135th Street School Auditorium, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Delores Allmond (Chairperson), Pamela Thornton (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Ramon Montoya (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Rosario Rico (District 7), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative.), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), and Donald Cook (Outreach Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Delores Allmond.

1) Public Comment: Diana Diankoff, Director of the Rosecrans Recreation Center, thanked the HGNNC Board for their \$1,000 support of the Halloween Carnival on October 31 and presented the Board with a beautiful plaque of appreciation. There is still no word as to when the grand re-opening of the recreation fields will be scheduled.

2) Approval of the November 12 Board minutes: It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Joan Jacobs and passed 12-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

3) Treasurer's report: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the monthly expenditure report for November 2013. As of the end of November, total HGNNC expenditures of the \$37,000 allocated are \$11,472.45, with \$24,170.60 remaining. Joan also passed out copies of the more detailed "Expenditures to Date" form, dated December 9, 2013, and the approved 2013-2014 annual budget. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 12-0-0 to accept the Treasurer's report.

4) Approval of the May 2014 Election Stipulation Worksheet as recommended by the Ad Hoc Election Committee: The Ad Hoc Election Committee met November 26 and presented its recommendations for completion of the 2014 Election Stipulation Worksheet, which include holding the election on Tues. May 6 in order to attract a wider variety of stakeholders as voters, utilizing vote-by-mail to increase the number of voters, and using the 135th Street School auditorium as the polling place. A draft of the Worksheet was passed around. It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12-0-0 to accept the Committee's recommended language for the Worksheet.

5) Approval of a letter supporting one official Brown Act agenda posting site and request of Councilman Buscaino to carry the recommendation to the full City Council for implementation
A draft of the proposed letter was distributed. The letter would express support for the recommendation of the Neighborhood Council Plan Review committees that Neighborhood Councils be required to post their agendas at only one physical posting site which would be accessible 24 hours a day as per the Brown Act requirement rather than at the five current sites (Gardena Elementary School, Rosecrans Recreation Center, 135th Street School, Martinez Coin Laundry, and Bel-Vue Community Presbyterian Church). The 135th Street School would be the 24-hour accessible site because the school allows the HGNNC agendas to be posted on the outside of the main office door which faces the outdoors and is not behind a gate. The agendas would continue to be posted to the HGNNC website and also e-mailed to stakeholders. Nearly all of the Harbor area Neighborhood Councils attended the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting on November 5 when after much evidence that a very high percentage of Neighborhood Councils support this proposal and that the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment agrees that multiple agenda postings are not an adequate form of outreach, the Commissioners still would not vote to support this recommendation to the City Council. Therefore HANC at its November 6 meeting voted to recommend that each of the Harbor-area NC's vote to support the recommendation and also ask Councilman Buscaino to introduce a motion in City Council to that effect. It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12-0-0 to support sending such a letter.

6) Announcements: The Planning and Land Use Committee will meet Sat. December 14 at 10 a.m. to hear the revised plans for the proposed 30 condominiums at 15812 S. Vermont Avenue in District 2.

Joan Jacobs, Harbor Area Budget Advocate, reported that the Advocates have been visiting individual Departments to study their budgets in detail and ask questions of the Department heads. Their last meeting on December 5 lasted for four hours. There may not be a budget survey this year but there will be another “white” paper with recommendations on how to cut expenses.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary