

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Delores Allmond (Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Ramon Montoya (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), and Charlene Marshall (At-Large Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Delores Allmond.

1) Public Comment: Officer Angelo Stewart, who is the Senior Lead Officer for the patrol area 18A63 which covers Districts 7 and 8, reported that the alleys to the east and west of Main Street have been cleaned of the illegal dumping with the assistance of Nicole Wells from Councilman Buscaino's office. He has met with Neighborhood Prosecutor Sonja Dawson about ways to combat the illegal dumping along Main Street, including adding more lighting, signage warning of the penalties, and cameras. They would also like to see cameras on Figueroa and 90th Street, 104th Street, and 111th Street, which would be monitored at Southeast Division.

2) Approval of the January 13 Board minutes: It was moved by Rey Padunai, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the January 13 Board minutes as submitted.

3) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and January monthly expenditure report: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the eleven items on the January 2015 monthly expenditure report. The total expended and committed through January 2015 is \$20,468.49. with \$16,531.51 of the \$37,000 still available. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the January 2015 monthly expenditure report.

3a. Approval of up to \$500 to support refreshments and a meeting space for CERT classes in March: After discussion of the status of having CERT classes scheduled within the HGNNC, possibly at either the 135th Street School or Fire Station 64, it was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0-0 to allocate up to \$1,100 for refreshments and a meeting space in March or later in the fiscal year.

3b. Approval of up to \$1000 for 75 emergency preparedness bags for stakeholders who take training related to emergency preparedness or were block captains on November 8, 2014: Rosalie explained that the remaining 50 emergency preparedness bags which were left from the order of about ten years ago had been stored in the storage shed at the Harbor Gateway Community Center. When the shed was cleaned out in January, the Boys and Girls Club staff somehow didn't realize that the bags were the property of the HGNNC and gave them all away. It is believed that the Boys and Girls Club of the South Bay will reimburse the HGNNC for about \$500 to cover the replacement of those bags which will be ordered from an on-line company and personalized as before. It was moved by Deborah Lee, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 9-0-0 to spend up to \$1,000 for 75 new emergency preparedness bags.

4) Adoption of a position on the proposed child care facility in District 4 for up to 57 preschool children in the R1-1 zone at 762 W. 130th Street as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee (ZA-2014-3889-CU): Because the Planning and Land Use Committee did not take a position on this issue at their February 7 meeting, this item was tabled.

5) Adoption of a position as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee on the proposed 7-Eleven at 600 E. Imperial Highway in District 8 (ZA-2014-4308-CU): A position on this issue was tabled until the April 14 Board meeting as the Planning and Land Use Committee will have a further discussion on this application at its April 4 meeting.

Senior Lead Officer Stewart said that he has talked with Heather Anderson, Community Planning Deputy for Councilman Joe Buscaino, because of his concerns that this new 24-hour operation 7-Eleven will have the same crime issues as the 7-Eleven located at Manchester and Central Avenue. This 7-Eleven also does not sell alcoholic beverages but still has many thefts, robberies, and loitering. He recommends having wither security officers on site or an earlier closing to avoid having the same issues at Avalon and Imperial Highway, which is an intersection which already has other locations which generate a lot of evening-time crime.

(Richard Lee left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)

6) Adoption of a priority list of five projects for the Neighborhood Prosecutor Sonja Dawson to work on: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Deborah Lee, and passed 9-0-0, with Delores Allmond voting, to send the following issues to Sonja Dawson as the priority locations for her office to work on: Main Street under the 105 Freeway (illegal dumping), San Pedro Street under the 105 Freeway (illegal dumping), Stanford under the 105 Freeway (illegal dumping), 118th Street at Figueroa Street (prostitution), alley north of Ralphs (illegal storage of shopping carts), and alleys between El Segundo blvd. and Rosecrans, Vermont to Hoover (illegal dumping).

7) Approval of a letter to City officials regarding improvements needed to the permitting process for Above Ground Facilities in the public right of way: District 1 stakeholder Mark Hall reported on having filed an appeal letter with the Public Works Department in regards to the proposed Above Ground Facility which Verizon plans to install on the parkway to the west of his home at 805 W. 173rd Street. He has been told that Public Works Commissioner Matt Szabo will be part of the informal hearing panel. He plans to recommend another location within the search ring provided by Verizon which would not be located within the residential section of the Merit Tract. It was moved by Ramon Montoya, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0, with Delores Allmond voting, to send a letter to Jeff La Dou of the Bureau of Engineering and Council District 15 staff to support opposition to this proposed AGF because Verizon currently has adequate coverage for the area, because there are other more suitable locations nearby, and because the proposed installation is unsightly and will be a blight upon this section of the residential neighborhood.

8) Approval of application to be selected for the Emergency Management Department's Neighborhood Emergency Plan, with a focus on the Merit Tract in District 1: The Emergency Management Department is soliciting applications for their annual Neighborhood Emergency Plan. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Deborah Lee, and passed 9-0-0, with Delores Allmond voting, to approve applying for this outreach activity to be held on one or two blocks of the Merit Tract in District 1, with non-financial support from the HGNNC.

9) Report on the February 4 Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting: Rosalie discussed highlights of the METRO presentation on the future light-rail and commuter bus routes planned for the Harbor area.

10) Announcements: Every Board member must review the online Code of Conduct posted on the EmpowerLA website and fill in the requested information by April 3. So far only Delores Allmond and Rosalie Preston have completed this requirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary