Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Delores Allmond (Chairperson), Pamela Thornton (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), and Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.by Chair Delores Allmond, followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

- 1) **Public Comment**: District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins reported that the Spring Festival at the 135th Street School turned out to be a fundraiser for grades 1,2, and 3, rather than a true community festival such as had been indicated by Daisy Ybarra, Council District 15 Field Deputy.
- **2**) **Approval of the May 12 Board minutes:** It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the minutes as corrected.
- **3) Discussion and approval of the 2015-2016 Strategic Plan:** The Board reviewed a draft for the 2015—2016 Strategic Plan questions, the 2014-2015 Strategic Plan, and other data and then decided that the two goals to focus on with metrics would be 1) planning and land use outreach to 15 stakeholders impacted by development proposals and 2) an emergency preparedness outreach event which would attract or involve at least 50 stakeholders.

For the Big Solutions, 1) Planning and Land Use: network with other Neighborhood Council's planning committees to learn more effective techniques for HGNNC planning and land use issues and also an educational focus on the City's water resources, 2) Emergency Preparedness: one emergency preparedness outreach event and also working towards installation of a left-turn signal going south on Vermont Avenue at 135th Street and also a traffic signal at 157th Street and Vermont Avenue by working with Council District 15 and the City of Gardena to identify funding sources, 3) programs for youth: support for the Environmental Charter Middle School playground being open to young stakeholders on one Saturday per month and also hosting a financial literacy program for youth, community beautification: hosting of a Save the Drop lawn conversion program, and 5) outreach: 225 voters in the May 2016 Board election and outreach to one stakeholder category in each of the eight internal Districts.

The other categories of metrics were reviewed and appropriate numbers inserted.

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the 2015-2016 Strategic Plan as outlined above.

4) Announcements: There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary