

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Ramon Montoya (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Shirley Johnson (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Richard Lee, Youth Representative.

1) Public Comment: District 6 Representative Marvin Bell commented that he was concerned that the security wall he had mentioned for District 6 stakeholders who live south of the 105 Freeway was not on the agenda for funding. Treasurer Joan Jacobs explained that such a project takes a lot of time to plan, get approval from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and any necessary permits.

(Marvin Bell left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.)

2) Approval of the May 19 Special Board minutes: It was moved by Ramon Montoya, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

(Betty Hawkins entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

3) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and May monthly expenditure report: Treasurer Joan Jacobs presented the May monthly expenditure report showing total expenditures of \$23,806.24 and total expenditures and commitments of \$37,420.59. Because the total allocated is now \$39,000, the remaining funds after including the commitments is \$1,579.41. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Ramon Montoya, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the May monthly expenditure report.

3a. Approval of \$2000 as an NPG for the Athens on the Hill Community Assoc. for the 121st Street and Figueroa gate liability insurance: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reported that the Athens on the Hill Community Association had informed her that they have withdrawn the request for this Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

(Pamela Thornton entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

3b. Approval of \$2,000 as an NPG for Athens on the Hill Community Assoc. for materials for the 121st Street and Figueroa gate: Lu Watson, District 5 stakeholder and Secretary for the Athens on the Hill Community Association, presented their completed Neighborhood Purposes Grant application and explained that their non-profit had obtained all necessary approvals via Council District 15, as reflected in Council File 14-0958. The grant would nearly cover the cost of equipment and supplies from Laco Steel for the construction of the gate along 121st Street near Figueroa Street to close off access to their neighborhood in a manner similar to the 122nd Street gate which was constructed many years ago in the interests of public safety for their community. The costs reflected on the invoice total \$2,033.94. She said that the Harbor Gateway North's contribution would be announced in their newsletter. She introduced the President of their Association, Mack Jones, and Hannah Woods who lives on 121st Street. It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 11-0-0 to fund the 121st Street and Figueroa gate as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for \$2,000 in the interests of public safety.

(Richard Lee turned over chairing of the meeting to Vice Chair Pamela Thornton at this point)

3c. Approval of \$150 to support refreshments for clean up volunteers at the Figueroa Street Green Line Station on Sat. June 20: On May 23 District 1 stakeholder Mark Lupfer organized a clean up of the alley east of Denver and south of Alondra in District 1 which filled a large dumpster provided by Council District 15. He will organize another clean up day on Sat. June 20 in the morning for the area around the Figueroa Street Green Line station and also work on the Main Street area under the 105 Freeway and have three large dumpsters available. As before, the Bureau of Street Services will provide the tools and gloves. On May 23 Mark provided water and refreshments for the volunteers. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 8-3 (Montoya, Fowlkes, R. Lee)-0 to approve up to \$150 to support this community clean up in District 7 with boxed lunches and water for the volunteers.

3d. Approval of up to \$600 for 1,000 pens for outreach: The personalized HGNNC pens purchased several years ago have nearly all been given out at outreach events. Ramon Montoya and Llewyn Fowlkes asked that in the future, print outs of pen costs be provided rather than just an oral summary of sample prices as seen on websites. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11- 0-0 to approve up to \$600 to purchase 1,000 personalized pens for outreach events.

3e. Approval of \$1,200 for two lateral file cabinets for the HGNNC office: Rosalie explained that the HGNNC office needs more file drawers to aid in keeping the office better organized and functional. Lateral file cabinets are safer than the tall vertical one currently in the office, whose drawers also do not work very well. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0-0 to approve up to \$1,300 for two lateral file cabinets.

3f. Approval of up to \$800 for eight more chairs and two folding tables for HGNNC meetings and outreach events: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0-0 to approve up to \$800 for eight more padded folding chairs and two folding tables for HGNNC meetings and outreach events.

3g. Approval of \$1,000 for the September Congress of Neighborhoods: Chair Pamela Thornton asked that this item be tabled until the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

3h. Approval of \$1,000 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Police Foundation to support the August 4 National Night Out at SE LAPD: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0-0 to approve \$1,000 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to support National Night Out on August 4 at the Southeast Division LAPD. The HGNNC will have an outreach booth there and be acknowledged as a contributor.

(Ramon Montoya and Richard Lee left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

4) Review and approval of the 2015-2016 budget of \$37,000: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the draft budget which the Finance Committee had prepared at their June 4 meeting. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the 2015-2016 budget as presented.

5) Review and approval of the outreach plan for 2015-2016: The draft of the plan as based on last year's plan, with minor revisions, was reviewed. It was moved by Rey Paduani, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the outreach plan for 2015-2016.

6) Approval of a Board Resolution for the necessity of using the Holiday Inn-Torrance for the fall 2015 Board Retreat: Because there is no suitable location within the HGNNC boundaries to hold the annual fall Board Retreat, it was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0-0 to approve a Board Resolution to this effect for submittal to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney as to the necessity for holding the Retreat at the Holiday Inn-Torrance.

(Richard Lee returned to the meeting at 8:40 p.m.)

7) Approval of two Budget Representatives for the 2015-2016 fiscal year: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 10-0-0 to appoint Joan Jacobs and Nancy Trojan to be the two HGNNC Budget Representatives for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

8) Announcements: Joan Jacobs reminded those present that Budget Day will be held on Sat. June 27 at City Hall. All Board members and stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

Richard Lee reported that the Small Business Workshop on Sat. May 30 was very successful with nearly 40 people in attendance. He thanked the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, the Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corp., Deborah Lee, Llewyn Fowlkes, and Rosalie Preston for assisting him.

District 3 Representative Rey Paduani reported that he needs assistance in obtaining resources to keep Rosecrans Blvd. between Vermont Avenue and the 110 Harbor Freeway kept clean of trash.

Rosalie announced that the International Rescue Committee along with the Mayor's Office is sponsoring a Citizenship Workshop with fee waiver assistance at the Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Library on Saturday June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary