

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street (outside the Auditorium)

Present: Pamela Thornton (Acting Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Shirley Johnson (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Acting Chair Pamela Thornton, followed by the salute to the flag, and a moment of silence in memory of the Orlando shooting victims.

1) Public Comment: There was no public comment.

3) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and May monthly expenditure report: Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the twenty-three expenditures during the month of May, which totaled \$7,996.24. She also summarized the total amount of money spent so far in June and the expected remaining commitments. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the May monthly expenditure report.

3a. \$3,000 as an NPG to GAP for community beautification: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 9-0-0 to approve allocating \$3,000 to the Gang Alternative Program as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to support their work of graffiti removal and community clean ups throughout the HGNNC area.

3b. \$1,000 as an NPG to Beacon House for community beautification: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 9-0-0 to support allocating \$1,000 to Beacon House for community beautification efforts within the HGNNC.

3c. \$1,300 for a new three-drawer lateral file cabinet for the HGNNC office: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0-0 to allocate up to \$1,300 for a new three-drawer lateral file cabinet for the HGNNC office.

3d. \$500 for a VHF transmitter for the HGNNC Ham radio network: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 9-0-0 to approve up to \$500 for a VHF transmitter for the HGNNC Ham radio network.

3e. \$1,000 for the Congress of Neighborhoods: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Deborah Lee, and passed 9-0-0 to approve up to \$1,000 to support the September 24 Congress of Neighborhoods which provides training for Board members and stakeholders.

3f. \$1,000 for the Budget Advocates: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 8-1 (Preston)-0 to approve up to \$1,000 to support the work of the Budget Advocates.

3g. \$1,000 as an NPG to the Police Foundation for National Night Out Southeast LAPD from 2016-2017 funds: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 9-0-0 to approve \$1,000 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Police Foundation to support National Night Out at Southeast LAPD on August 2, with the funds coming from the 2016-2017 budget.

3h. \$400 for the Officer Appreciation Luncheon in District 4 from 2016-2017 funds: It was moved by Betty Hawkins, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 9-0-0 to allocate up to \$400 from 2016-2017 funds to support the annual District 4 Officer Appreciation Luncheon.

4) Approval of the 2016-2017 budget of \$37,000 as recommended by the Finance Committee: This item was tabled until a Special Board meeting is held to consider it.

5) Letter commenting on DIR-2016-1559, regarding boundary adjustment for 15812 S. Vermont Avenue in District 2: The HGNNC previously sent a letter of approval for the proposed 23 small-lot homes project at 15812 S. Vermont Avenue (ZA-2013-4089-ZAA) in 2014. However, the project has been held up due to a section of property which is zoned R1 on the east side, running north and south.

The developer Steve Stapakis has been advised by the Dept. of City Planning that a boundary adjustment is the way to resolve this discrepancy with the R3 zoning of the majority of the property. Mr. Stapakis was unable to attend the June 4 Planning and Land Use Committee meeting to discuss the boundary adjustment, so the Committee recommended writing a letter regarding the boundary adjustment listing two concerns (one about the width of the setback on the east side which is closest to the R1 homes on Ainsworth and the other about the turning ratio for the entrances and exits onto Vermont Avenue). It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Deborah Lee, and passed 6-0-3 (Hawkins, R. Lee, and Paduani) to send the letter to Vince Bertoni, Director of City Planning.

6) Approval of a Board resolution for the necessity of using the Holiday Inn-Torrance for the fall 2016 (tent. Sat. September 17) Board Retreat: The draft Board Resolution stating the reasons why the Holiday Inn-Torrance offers the only location for a Board Retreat with all of the necessary requirements for a Board Retreat, including conference tables, chairs suitable for a four-hour meeting, a pull-down screen, projection capability, internet access, air conditioning, nearby bathrooms, and the ability to provide a mid-meeting luncheon within the same room, and availability. It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to pass the Board Resolution regarding the necessity of using the Holiday Inn-Torrance for the fall 2016 Board Retreat.

7) Report on outreach activities for the June 11 Board election including voter registration, online voting, and final voter tally: In the absence of Election Chair Nancy Trojan, Ad Hoc Election Chair Secretary Rosalie Preston reported that the Board election had many fewer voters participating than expected (only 170 according to the Unofficial Canvass of Voters which is posted to the HGNNC Election website). There is a mistake on the Unofficial Canvass for the Community Organization Representative showing the wrong name for one of the candidates and therefore a challenge has been filed. Also, there is a tie for the District 1 Representative seat and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment will need to set up a process for breaking the tie. Additionally, a number of in-person voters reported that the electronic ballots they were given did not show their proper District Representative and the election staff had to reset the tablet to bring up the correct ballot.

2a) Approval of the May 10, 2016, Board minutes: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the May 10, 2016, Board minutes as presented.

2b) Approval of the May 24 Special Board minutes: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the May 24, 2016, Special Board minutes as presented.

8) Report on the HANC meeting of June 1: This report was tabled.

9) Announcements: There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary