

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

135<sup>th</sup> Street School Auditorium, 801 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chairperson), Saira Cooper (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Clyde Noguchi (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

1) **Welcome/introductions:** Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She reviewed safety procedures in the event of a major emergency. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

2) **Public comment on non-agenda items:** Victor Ibarra, Field Deputy for Assemblymember Mike Gipson, handed out his legislative agenda for 2017. The Assemblymember will be holding a Town Hall via Twitter on April 12 from 1-2 pm.

Dexter McLeod, President/CEO of the LA South Chamber of Commerce, reminded the Board that there will be a small business round table with Los Angeles City and county representatives, community leaders, and local businesses on April 20 from 10 am -12 noon at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year after the 1992 Los Angeles Uprising which resulted in \$1 billion in lost revenues. May 4 there will be a Small Business Expo and Trade Show held at the Carson Community Center in honor of Small Business Week

**Council District 15 Report:** Field Deputy Aksel Palacios said that residents would soon be seeing signs going up for slurry sealing of local streets that are graded A, B, or C. He and John Jones III have driven around the Athens on the Hill area (District 5) to see issues that need addressing, such as traffic calming measures. On May 6, Sharefest will replant the Laconia Blvd. median in District 5. He is aware that Gardena Blvd. needs improvements, such as signage. He was advised that there are traffic speeding issues in front of Gardena Elementary School and 135<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School and also cut-through traffic along Hoover Street in District 4 that need to be addressed.

3) **Approval of the revised Bylaws:** In the absence of Bylaws Committee Chair Hannah Woods, Lu Watson, Committee member, reported that the Committee met twice, on April 4 and April 8. She presented a summary of the proposed changes. Copies of the full Bylaws with proposed changes in red were also handed out.

(Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.)

The Standing Rules will be revised and updated at a meeting later in the year.

(Eva Cooper-Pace and Richard Lee entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

It was moved by Marvin Bell and seconded by Betty Hawkins to accept the recommendations of the Bylaws Committee. However, after discussion of some of the issues, the vote on this motion was 0-11-0. Therefore, the Committee will review suggested changes and the draft Bylaws will be reconsidered at the April 25 General Membership meeting. Pamela Thornton asked that input be given via email by 5 pm. April 19. The Committee will meet on Thurs. April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

4) **Approval of two letters regarding Planning and Land Use issues:**

- a. **Letter to the South Coast AQMD opposing the expansion of the Tesoro and BP refineries due to the air pollution impact:** After review of the draft letter, it was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 11-0-0 to approve sending the letter.
- b. **Letter to Councilmembers Buscaino and Harris-Dawson supporting the STAND-LA campaign to have the City Council pass ordinances regulating oil wells near residential and other sensitive uses:** After review of the draft letter, it was moved by

Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 11-0-0 to approve sending the letter.

**5) Board resolution stating the necessity of holding the June Board Retreat at the Holiday Inn-Torrance:** Pamela Thornton explained that because the budget package with Strategic Plan for 2017-2018 is due by June 30 this year, the annual Board Retreat will be moved up to Sat. June 3. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-00 to submit a Board resolution testifying to the necessity for holding the Board Retreat at the Holiday Inn-Torrance due to the hotel having all of the requirements necessary for such a lengthy meeting which no other location within the HGNNC boundaries has.

**6) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, (HANC) update:** HANC representative Lu Watson gave the report. She said that Budget Advocate Danielle Sandoval is encouraging a contribution to support the September Congress of Neighborhoods. The annual Budget Day is June 24 and Neighborhood Councils need to appoint two Budget Representatives to attend the meeting. There is a Department of Water and Power Customer Bill of Rights and a community solar program. Central San Pedro Board Vice President Donald Galaz is working to have a 90-day pilot program for Project Street Legal, which would set up an off-street racing site in the San Pedro area. This would discourage illegal street racing. HANC voted to support this and encourages individual Neighborhood Councils to write letters of support. This will be put on the May 9 HGNNC Board agenda.

**7) Consent calendar (items 7a, 7b, and 7c)**

**a. Approval of the March 9, 2017 Board minutes**

**b. Approval of the March 2017 monthly expenditure report**

**c. Approval of reimbursement for Joan Jacobs in the amount of \$286.23 for boxed lunches for the District 7 Clean Up Day on March 25**

It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the consent calendar items 7a, 7b, and 7c.

**8) Announcements:** There will be a Climate Change march and rally in Wilmington on Sat. April 29 at 11 a.m. Meet in Banning Park to march to the Tesoro Refinery.

On Sat. April 22 Rosecrans Recreation Center is holding an Earth Day event from 11 am to 2 pm. Pamela Thornton, Joan Jacobs, and Saira Cooper will staff the HGNNC booth.

Civic Youth Leadership Academy applications are due on May 24. The workshops will be held on Mondays from 9 am to 12 noon.

There will be an upcoming Civic U for Homeless Issues and this will be three sessions.

Chairperson Pamela Thornton attended the Conversation with Government which was hosted by the Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce. Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Supervisor Janice Hahn, and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi attended. Councilmember Joe Buscaino and Assemblymember Mike Gipson were not present.

Youth Representative Richard Lee met with Gardena Elementary School staff to discuss issues with traffic, parking, and vandalism. The school would like signage to control speeding on Gardena Blvd.

Richard said that the 116<sup>th</sup> Street School had sent a package of letters with art work to thank the HGNNC for organizing the City Hall field trip on January 13.

District 8 Representative Larry Morrison said that he has been told there is a problem with illegal auto repair taking place in the alley north of Ralphs in District 6. District 6 Representative Marvin Bell will investigate.

The two speakers for the Tues. April 25 General Membership meeting will be Alicia Rivera discussing STAND-LA and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson from Council District 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary