

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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

Present: Saira Cooper (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Hannah Woods (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Clyde Noguchi (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), Richard Lee (Youth Representative, and Eva Cooper-Pace (At Large Representative)

In the absence of the Chairperson Pamela Thornton, Corresponding Secretary Hannah Woods called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of meditation.

1) Public Comment on non-agenda items: District 3 Representative Rey Paduani said that the senior group which meets at Rosecrans Recreation Center could use some financial support. He also said that he has called Bureau of Street Services but is still having problems getting Rosecrans Blvd from Vermont to Orchard Avenue cleaned up.

Vice Chairperson Saira Cooper, who lives in District 4, reported that her husband's car was burglarized on Monday night. She wondered if the 135th Street Neighborhood Watch has a block captain for her street? It was pointed out that the 135th Street Neighborhood Watch meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. in the 135th Street School Auditorium.

District 4 stakeholder Victor Cruz said that people from outside the area are parking their cars on the street in front of homes and then sleeping in their cars, tossing trash onto the street, and stealing the recyclables from the blue bins. They do not appear to be homeless.

(Llewyn Fowlkes and Eva Cooper-Pace entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.)

2) Overview of Strategic Plan/Vision Statement for Harbor Gateway North NC (as discussed and agreed upon during the Board Retreat, June 3, 2017): A listing of potential elements for a 2017-2018 vision statement created during the Board Retreat was printed out and some possible final statements discussed, with the discussion led by Vice Chairperson Saira Cooper. It was then moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-0-1(Cooper-Pace) to approve the following as the new Vision Statement for the 2017-2018 Strategic Plan:

The Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council will be a community with all districts joined together to empower stakeholders, with emphasis on youth, enhance safety and security, address homeless issues, have strong volunteer activism, promote community beautification, and support civic engagement for a common cause.

3) Self-Assessment and Outreach Plan: The draft for each element was reviewed.

4) Budget 2017-2018

(Larry Morrison entered the room at 8:15 p.m.)

b) Recommended funding request procedure for new project/program support for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018: Treasurer Joan Jacobs then reviewed the revised Funding guidelines as recommended by the Finance Committee. She reminded the Board that all proposals for using the Outreach, Community Beautification, or NPG funds in the new budget

should be put on the revised Funding form and submitted to the Chair and Treasurer by June 30. The proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Board after that date.

5) Final Budget Package 2017-2018 – Outreach Survey, Strategic Plan, Self Assessment, and Budget: During this discussion, the Board discussed which major goals to select and how many. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 13-0-0 to adopt the five goals of *beautification of our community, engagement of our youth, traffic safety improvements and preparedness for emergencies, solutions for homelessness, and civic engagement.*

It was then moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the Outreach Survey, Strategic Plan with Vision Statement and five goals (with details of carrying out the goals to be worked on at a later date), Self-Assessment, and Budget.

6) Approval of minutes for June 3, 2017, Special Board meeting: It was moved by Saira Cooper, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the minutes as submitted.

7) Announcements: HANC representative Lu Watson presented a letter regarding the General Plan update which the Coalition to Preserve LA presented to HANC and which she will recommend that the HGNNC adopt and send their own letter asking that the discussions regarding the General Plan update be made more transparent, inclusive, and accessible to the public.

Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston showed the two certificates which the HGNNC received at the June 5 Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting in honor of having been a certified Neighborhood Council for 15 years as of November 12, 2017. One was from the BONC and one from Mayor Garcetti. Each Neighborhood Councilmember also received a special 15-year pin. Those Board members not present will receive their pin at the July 11 Board meeting.

Vice Chairperson Saira Cooper said that there will be a Special Board meeting on Mon. June 26 to take care of some remaining Board business. It will be held at the Harbor Gateway Community Center. She also said she will be sending out an email to find volunteers to help clean up the HGNNC office.

District 8 Representative Larry Morrison said that he plans to propose a Block Party for District 8 for July or August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary