

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2011  
135<sup>th</sup> Elementary School Auditorium  
801 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Gardena, CA

Present: Rosalie Preston (Chairperson); Delores Allmond (Vice Chairperson); Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary); Joan Jacobs (Treasurer); Adrian Valenzuela (District 2); Rey Paduani (District 3); Betty Hawkins (District 4); Gloria Christmas (District 8); Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), Kande Lewis (Youth Representative); Eva Cooper (At-Large Representative).

The Meeting was called to order by Rosalie Preston (Chairperson) at 7:04 p.m.

**1) Public Comment:** Rahman Shabazz, Community Coalition for Change, expressed community concerns regarding Union76 (Conoco Phillips) request of the L.A. County Regional Planning Commission for conditional use permits to authorize one 40,000-barrel gallon, 45-48 feet high, 85-feet in diameter, above ground fuel storage tank at an existing fuel storage and distribution plant in an M-2-DP (Heavy Manufacturing – Development Program) zone at 13512 S. Broadway. The community has concerns for safety in light of the September 2010 explosion in San Bruno. The hearing for the permits will be held 9 a.m. February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Los Angeles County Hall of Administration, 320 W. Temple Street, Room150.

Officer Ramirez reported on local crime and reported that the LA Times.com website can now be searched for crimes in an area by clicking on <http://crime.latimes.com> and entering your zipcode.

Volunteers are needed for the Crisis Response Team training, sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety in conjunction with the City's Fire and Police Departments. The training will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning January 13, 2011 through March 3, 2011, at Grace Simons Lodge located near Dodger Stadium, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Applications are available in the HGNNC office. Contact: LACRT@lacity.org or Jeffrey Zimmerman (213) 978-0697.

(Eva Cooper arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Rosalie read out a press release from Mayor Villaraigosa responding to Governor Brown's new budget proposal in which the Mayor states his opposition to using the City's Community Redevelopment Agency funds for general City services.

Lu Watson reported on the January 5 Harbor Alliance meeting. HANC unanimously voted to submit a resolution to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners supporting having just one official posting place for Neighborhood Council agendas as well as on the individual Neighborhood Council websites. HANC voted to support a Neighborhood Council task force to develop recommendations for the 2012 Neighborhood Council elections. HANC voted to oppose the long-term leasing of City parking facilities. The Community Care Facilities Ordinance will go before the City Planning Commission on February 13. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's current limit on credit card purchases is \$2,500. Processing of demand warrants now takes approximately ten days. Each Neighborhood Council is now allotted one City Hall parking pass to use until June 30. HANC is planning to sponsor a March 8 ballot measure/candidate forum somewhere in the Harbor area. As of July 1, any trucking company doing business with the Port of Los Angeles must have an offsite parking facility for its trucks, which will display a green sticker. However, the truck parking ordinance will not apply to those trucks working out of the Port of Long Beach.

Rey Paudani, District 3 Representative, again raised the issue of irregular street sweeping in District 3.

(Joan Jacobs arrived at 7:42 p.m.)

**2) Approval of the December 14 Board Meeting Minutes:** It was moved by Gloria Christmas, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 9-0 to approve the minutes of the December 14 Board meeting as presented.

**4) Appointment of District 1 Representative and Community Organization Representative:** The proposed new District 1 Representative was ill, so this appointment was postponed. Deborah Lee introduced herself and gave a brief summary of her community involvement, which includes being President of the 115<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Watch Club, part of the Southeast Division's Community Police Advisory Board; and active with RSVP, the volunteer organization for those 55 and older. It was moved by Delores Allmond, seconded by Ray Paduani, and passed 9 to 0 to seat Deborah Lee as the new Community Organization Representative.

**3) Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Joan Jacobs presented the current report. \$15,172.18 has been spent from July 1 to the present of the \$49,121 allocated for 2010-2011. A copy of the bank card summary for November 22 – December 22, 2010, was also provided as well as itemized expenditures by budget line item for December on a separate sheet. Neodros Bridgeforth moved, Gloria Christmas seconded, and it was passed 10-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report.

The Proposed Budget Revision for 2010-2011 was presented by Treasurer Joan Jacobs. Page 1 was the proposed revised budget as recommended by the Finance Committee; page 2 was the approved budget for 2010-2011 of 7/27/10; page 3 was a list of possible expenditures by line item for the duration of the fiscal year; and page 4 was a copy from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Treasurer's Handbook (Nov 2010) where a suspension on travel expenses and purchase orders was set on July 1, 2010. Rey Paduani moved to approve the recommended budget revision of January 11, 2011, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded the motion and it carried 10 to 0.

An office assistant is needed in the HGNNC office 15-20 hours per week for approximately four to six months to answer phones, assist with paperwork, keep up the stakeholder databases, and help coordinate the upcoming outreach events at a cost of about \$5,000 (100TAC.) Joan Jacobs moved to hire an office assistant for up to 20 hours per week through June 30, Delores Allmond seconded the motion and it was passed 10-0.

Some Board members have expressed interest in attending the Neighborhoods U.S.A. (NUSA) Conference in May in Alaska. However, as stated in the DONE Treasurer's Handbook, the City decreed in July 2010 that no City reimbursement for travel would be approved during this fiscal year due to the City's fiscal crisis.

The need for a HGNNC Vision statement for planning and zoning was discussed. The Planning and Land Use Committee has recommended hiring a retired City Planner to assist in its creation. This one or two-page document will serve as a message to developers and to our City Councilmember about what we would like to see built and developed within our boundaries and will help the HGNNC in responding to the revised South Los Angeles and Southeast Los Angeles Community Plans which are expected to be finalized later this year. Delores Allmond moved, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded, and it was passed 10-0 to pay Richard Platkin for two hours on a fee-for-services basis to meet with the Planning and Land Use Committee at their next meeting to discuss the amount of time he would need for advising the HGNNC on creating a planning vision statement.

**5) Appointment of the Ad-Hoc Committees for the April 2 Health Fair and the HGNNC Street Fair to be held in District 8 and additional member of the Planning and Land Use Committee:** It was moved by Adrian Valenzuela, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth and passed 10-0 to appoint Yolanda Cramer, Rey Paduani, Delores Allmond, and Betty Hawkins to the Ad Hoc Health Fair Committee.

Delores Allmond moved, Adrian Valenzuela seconded, and it was passed 10 to 0. to appoint Kandee Lewis, Eva Cooper, Deborah Lee, Richard Lee, Leo Youngbood, and Gloria Christmas to serve on the Ad Hoc Street Fair Committee, which may have a possible May date and will be held in District 8. The Finance Committee has recommended \$2,500 be allocated for this outreach event.

It was moved by Rey Paduani, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 10-0 to appoint Richard Lee to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

**6) Recommendation from Planning and Land Use Committee to support Community Care Facility Ordinance (CPC-2009-800-CA):** Lu Watson reported on the Committee's recommendations for the following amendments to the Proposed Ordinance (CPC-2009-800-CS) in order to more adequately protect L.A.'s communities: 1) Ban all existing nonconforming uses; 2) Define "bedroom" for purposes of Community Care

Facilities. This definition should correspond to those requirements set forth by the most recent edition of the Uniform Building Code, i.e. is not a room accessed directly from the garage and has one or more windows; 3) require a public hearing for all public benefits (public comment should be allowed before decisions are made on whether or not a community care facility serving seven or more has met the performance standards); 4) limit the proximity of boarding houses and licensed Community Care Facilities serving 7 or more to within 1000 feet of sensitive uses, such as schools, playgrounds, churches, and temples; 5) limit the concentration of boarding houses and licensed Community Care Facilities serving 7 or more to within 300 feet of similar uses to prevent overconcentration of these houses in any one area; and 6) prohibit second hand smoke from burdening adjacent properties. It was moved by Kandee Lewis, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and carried 10-0 to approve the proposed ordinance with the addition of the above amendments. The ordinance will be heard by the Planning and Land Use Commission on February 13.

**7) Update on proposed skateboard park in District 8:** Leo Youngblood was absent so discussion of the proposed skateboard park in District 8 was tabled.

**8) Update on HGNNC Outreach events and recruitment of stakeholders:** There were no new stakeholder contacts since last month's meeting. The Watts Neighborhood Council board is still interested in participating with HGNNC in the Emergency Preparedness Workshops. A building on 120<sup>th</sup>, past Central may be a suitable location for the seven workshops. They will need to be held in the evenings for the convenience of the participating Fire Department personnel.

Discussion of the Health Fair for Saturday, April 2 at the Rosecrans Recreation Center included the participation of the Gardena Valley Lions Club mobile van for vision and hearing screening; finalizing plans with the CVS Pharmacy Health Fair Coordinator; and, coordinating Fire and Police Department and the Long Beach Veterans Hospital participation. Please call any ideas you might have into the office, as well as any ideas you may have for the Harbor Gateway Music Festival for Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup> at Gardena High School, and the Harbor Gateway North Street Fair in District 8.

**9) Review of the January 25<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting agenda:** Betty Hawkins volunteered to coordinate refreshments for the meeting, with \$250 budgeted for food and beverages for 50 or 60 people.

**10) Announcements:** Kandee Lewis highlighted events from the Stop the Pain: Teen Summit on Dating Violence and Bully Prevention which will be held Sat. February 26, at the L.A. Convention Center. The event is free to adults and children and a continental breakfast will be served. Kandee is requesting donations of personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

With Supervisor Mark-Ridley Thomas as host, the Empowerment Congress 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit will be held on the USC campus (Bovard Auditorium) on January 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DWP will be hosting a Draft 2010 Water Management Plan Overview of the LADWP Water System's strategic priorities with an outline of the City's long-term water resources management strategy on February 3 in Van Nuys (Van Nuys Service Center, 14401 Saticoy Street) at 6 p.m. and on February 9, in downtown Los Angeles (LADWP John Ferraro Bldg, Cafeteria Conference Room, 111 N. Hope Street) at 6 p.m. For questions, call Simon Hsu at 213.367.2970 or email to [simon.hsu@ladwp.com](mailto:simon.hsu@ladwp.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Kelly Services)