

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting of December 9, 2008**

Present: Adrian White, Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 1 Representative), Rey Paduani (District 3 Representative), Betty Hawkins (District 4 Representative), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5 Representative), Willie Blackmon (District 6 Representative), Mattie Menser (District 7 Representative), Leo Youngblood (District 8 Representative), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith-Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**1) Public Comment:** Rosalie Preston reported that the City Planning Department has notified HGNNC of a request by T-Mobile to modify their existing telecommunications facility located on the roof of Ascension Church, 517 W. 112<sup>th</sup> Street, by adding one additional electrical cabinet to the existing two already there. She contacted the church business administration office to make sure they were in agreement with the project and to offer any assistance from the Neighborhood Council and was informed that the Archdiocese is handling the negotiations and that they support the project at this time.

Leo Youngblood discussed the holiday decoration project for Districts 6, 7, and 8, which has generated some telephone calls from stakeholders as a result of B.J. Sisters flyer delivery to 2500 households. Flyers have been run off at the HGNNC office for an additional 1000 households.

Rey Paduani reported on the CPAB meeting of December 4. The LAPD and City are making illegal dumping a focus with a reward offered for those who give information which leads to a conviction. Try to note the license plate of the vehicle being used for the dumping.

**2) Approval of the November 18 Board minutes:** The minutes were approved as presented. Motion: Youngblood Second: Bridgeforth Vote: 13-0

**3) Treasurer's Report:** Gloria Christmas reported that the Neighborhood Council Funding Report for December 1, 2008 shows a balance of \$118,394.13, with 14 Visa expenditures and one demand warrant during November. The summary of expenditures by quarter shows a total of \$27,320.20 spent from July 1 to December 4, 2008. Rosalie Preston moved, Rey Paduani seconded, and the treasurer's report was approved 13-0.

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Leo Youngblood, and passed 13-0 to allocate up to \$2500 to buy supplies such as first aid kits, hand-crank radios, flashlights, etc. to fill the existing 32 or more Emergency Preparedness bags from the line item "Emergency Preparedness." The Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet by early January to decide the exact supplies to be ordered.

**4) Consideration of letter to City Planning Dept. supporting the position of Athens on the Hill Community Association (District 5) for the hearing on Thurs. Dec. 18 regarding the Edge of Town Motel:** Lu Watson, stakeholder in District 5, asked that the Board send a letter to the Zoning Administrator before the December 18 hearing in San Pedro, which would support the position of Athens on the Hill Community Association (District 5) requesting . It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 13-0 to approve the sending of the letter.

**5) Approval of a Community Impact Statement for the Council file on Magnolia Science Academy #3, 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.:** It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Mattie Menser, and passed 13-0 to approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement with the Board's position of opposition to the Magnolia Science Academy #3 being located at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. because of the environmental issues related to that site and the grave health impacts the proposed site could have on the health of the children attending the school.

**6) Letter to Street Services requesting alley paving for District 2 (east of Vermont Avenue) and District 7 (north of 119<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Main Street:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper and passed 13-0 to approve a letter requesting these needed improvements to the unpaved alleys when City funding allows for it.

**7) Letter requesting left turn lights at Vermont and 120<sup>th</sup> and Imperial Highway and Figueroa Street:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 13-0 to send a letter requesting dedicated left turn signals at the two intersections in the interests of traffic safety.

**8) Report of the meeting with Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council on December 3, with a proposal to co-host a candidates' forum before the March 3 election and to appoint representatives to a meeting with Councilwoman Hahn:** Various HGNNC Board members and stakeholders attended the planning meeting with two Board members from the HGSNC on December 3. A list of concerns to address with Councilwoman Janice Hahn was prepared, relating to communication, planning and land use, and funding allocation. It was agreed that an issues summit meeting with the Councilwoman should be planned for early 2009, that she be encouraged to schedule regular meetings with Neighborhood Council representatives from the 15<sup>th</sup> Council District, and that a candidates' forum be held in early February ahead of the March 3 City elections.

It was moved by Gloria Christmas, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 13-0 to appoint Adrian White, Leo Youngblood, Joan Jacobs, and Llewyn Fowlkes to represent the Board in future meetings with Councilwoman Hahn related to our areas of concern.

**9) Report from the Mayor's Budget Representatives:** Lu Watson, one of the two appointed Budget Representatives for the HGNNC, reported that at the Budget Day meeting held on October 11, it was reported that excluding the departments of Airports, Harbor, and Water and Power, the City budget for 2009-2010 is \$7.113 billion. DONE Project Coordinator Rose Ibanez informed the Board that currently, each City department is being asked to cut their expenditures by 3% with a further 9% cut as of July 1, 2009. Sales and property taxes contribute a lot of revenue to the City of Los Angeles and both are reduced at this time due to the economic recession. Ms. Ibanez also encouraged completion of more City budget surveys by the Board and stakeholders. Last year, most of the 2,500 completed surveys were filled out by residents of the San Fernando Valley and West L.A.. The goal this year is at least 3000 completed surveys by the deadline of January 12. Regional Budget Day meetings will be held January 31 with a summary of survey results. In late February or early March, the Budget Representatives from each Region will meet with the Mayor.

**10) Announcements:** The Los Angeles Foreclosure Response Network is offering Foreclosure Prevention Fairs and Clinics in English and Spanish as well as resources at WorkSource Centers around the City, including the South LA WorkSource Center at 7518 S. Vermont Avenue.

The 2008 Environmental Youth Conference will be held December 13, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The 2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless count will take place on the night of January 28 for the portion of the HGNNC falling within the South Bay boundaries and on January 29 for the South Los Angeles portion. Volunteers are needed to help make an accurate count and can contact the Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency via the website at [www.lahsa.org/hc09.asp](http://www.lahsa.org/hc09.asp)

The Los Angeles Police Department is seeking additional officers and offering rewards to those who refer candidates who successfully complete training and are hired by the LAPD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston