

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting of August 12, 2008**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Leo Youngblood (District 8), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), Dr. Peter Rivera (Community Organization Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

**1) Public Comments:** Paris Miller, Unity Two and Board member of S.O.A.P., described the recently founded organization which is based in Districts 7 and 8. The initials stand for Supporters of Anything Positive) and the group is currently organizing flag football for ages 8-16. The activities on Sunday afternoon August 10 attracted 45 youth at the 118<sup>th</sup> Street School. Volunteer coaches have college and semi-professional football backgrounds. The meetings of the S.O.A.P. Board take place at 8921 S. Broadway. SLO Martinez has been invited to attend a future Thursday meeting at 6:30 p.m. Those wanting to get involved can contact Paris Miller at (323) 590-9967.

Rey Paduani (District 3) reported on his efforts to improve the signage for the Gardena bus which travels between Rosecrans and Vermont and the downtown L.A. area. It is not clear where to re-board the bus in the downtown area and the stop at Rosecrans and Vermont has no trash can. He is in the process of contacting Gardena City Manager Mitch Lansdell about these matters.

**2) Approval of the July 8 Board minutes:** The minutes were approved as corrected. Motion: Rivera Second: Bridgeforth Vote: 11-0

**3) Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Treasurer Gloria Christmas, Betty Hawkins presented the financial reports. The Neighborhood Council Funding Report for August 1 shows a remaining account balance of \$138,664.91. \$5,226.74 has been spent since July 1. Rosalie Preston noted that more than \$50,000 was spent in the last fiscal year so that the Finance Committee needs to meet to adjust the 2008-2009 projected budget by about \$6,100. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007-2008 financial reports and documentation for the VISA expenditures and petty cash are nearly completed and will be mailed to DONE so that they can be audited. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Dr. Peter Rivera, and passed 11-0 to approve the treasurer's report.

Adrian White said that he had hoped to organize a teen dance in September for a "back to school" celebration but will need to look at dates later in the fall.

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth, and passed 11-0 to approve up to \$2000 for a facilitator, lunch and refreshments, and possible speakers for the Sat. September 6 Board retreat/goals planning session. Rosalie reported that due to the summer vacations, little progress has been made on planning this special Board meeting and unless some commitments are received within the next ten days, it may have to be postponed.

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 11-0 to approve \$55 to CIPS for the costs of a “ride-along” flyer within District 1 in order to advertise the HGNNC’s need for a new District 1 representative.

**4) Board position on Certificate of Compliance for 854 W. El Segundo Blvd.:** A few weeks ago the HGNNC was mailed a notification from the Planning Department regarding a Certificate of Compliance on a proposed subdivision which relates to 854 W. El Segundo Blvd. where there is currently a Shell gas station and a car wash. The owner of the auto repair property to the south wishes to buy Lot 3 and cut Lot 4 from the property underlying the car wash. After review of the provided map, it was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0 to send a letter expressing the HGNNC’s opposition to the granting of the Conditional Use Permit for the purchase of the lots because of the small size of the remaining lot and impact on the future usage of the property.

**5) Appointments to the Planning and Land Use Committee:** This item was tabled as the interested member was not present.

(Leo Youngblood left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)

**6) Letters in support of District 3 speed humps, District 7 alley closure, District 7 speed humps, and District 7 sidewalk repairs:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Dr. Peter Rivera, and passed 10-0 to approve the HGNNC sending out letters in support of the following improvement projects to Councilwoman Janice Hahn and the appropriate City agencies: speed humps along 149<sup>th</sup> Street between Vermont Avenue and Menlo Avenue in District 3, speed humps along 118<sup>th</sup> Place between Main and Broadway and along 119<sup>th</sup> Street between Main and San Pedro in District 7, to close the alley south of 118<sup>th</sup> Place between Spring and Main Streets in District 7, and to repair sidewalks on the north side of 118<sup>th</sup> Place and along 119<sup>th</sup> Street between Main and San Pedro.

**7) Announcements:** Rosalie Preston showed a sample of the neighborhood crime watch signs ordered for District 3 from Sa-So and which can be ordered for other Districts within the HGNNC.

Adrian White and Rosalie Preston attended the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting on August 5 in Harbor City and received a certificate of appreciation for the HGNNC having achieved its five year anniversary of certification last November 12. The certificate will be framed and displayed in the HGNNC office.

DONE is sponsoring Board training on Thurs. August 14 from 6-9 p.m. at the Mark Ridley Thomas Constituent Service Center, 8475 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

The City is sponsoring a Technology and Education Summit on November 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston