

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting of June 10, 2008**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Planning and Land Use Co-Chair Lu Watson said that the Committee had met at 6 p.m. and their focus is preparing for the Zoning hearing on the proposed 7-Eleven store at 700 W. Imperial Highway. The Committee recommends that the issue of the conditional use permit for Magnolia Science Academy #3 be placed on the June 24 General Membership meeting agenda.

2) Approval of the May 13 Board minutes: The minutes were approved as corrected. Motion: Cooper Second: Blackmon Vote: 9-0

3) Treasurer's Report: The Neighborhood Council Funding Report for June 1 was not yet posted to the DONE webpage. However, Gloria Christmas reported that all bills have been paid and that none of the \$50,000 allocated to the HGNNC three years ago should remain unspent by June 30.

The Board discussed the proposed 2008-2009 HGNNC budget as presented by the Finance Committee, which met for a second review of it on June 7. Joan Jacobs moved, Delores Allmond seconded and the budget was approved 9-0 for submittal to DONE.

Gloria Christmas handed out copies of the May 29, 2008 Los Angeles Sentinel article about suspected mis-use of a Neighborhood Council's VISA card on the part of a former Chair of a Neighborhood Council. She reminded the Board that DONE is now extremely vigilant in regards to the financial records which a Neighborhood Council submits.

Because a number of Board members were concerned about having microphones with cords during programs, after discussion it was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Gloria Christmas and approved 9-0 to spend up to \$2,000 for two set of two cordless microphones with one transmitter each, five mike table stands, necessary cords and batteries, and a carrying bag.

Stakeholder Regina White, who coordinated the Black History Month program, questioned the denial of the two additional bills which had been mailed to Treasurer Betty Hawkins on March 26. She said that she had asked the Char's Catering Service to prepare 24 additional meals when she realized that more than the 80 dinners would be needed although she had not discussed this with the Board or the Treasurer. She also asked Sylph to assist her with the banners and poster and flyers and programs, although she had not specifically asked for permission to do this. After discussion, it was decided to consult with DONE and to put these two bills back on an upcoming agenda.

4) Adoption of Code of Civility for all HGNNC meetings: DONE has recommended the official adoption and use of their suggested Code of Civility, which is found in the handbook for Board members as well as on the DONE webpage. After discussion, it was decided to use the

condensed version and to have it available at all Board, General Membership, and Committee meetings and to notify those present that violation of it will result in that person being asked to leave the meeting. Gloria Christmas moved, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded, and it was passed 9-0 to adopt the condensed Code of Civility for this purpose.

5) Appointment of additional members to the Emergency Preparedness Committee: This item was tabled as the interested members were not present.

6) Support for LANCC motion to revise L.A. City's ordinance for SB1818 : Joan Jacobs moved, Gloria Christmas seconded and it was passed 9-0 to adopt the following resolution recommended by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: That the HGNNC supports revising the City's SB1818 enabling Ordinance #179681 to, among other things, bring it more into conformity with the incentives allowed by SB1818; to provide notice to the public by requesting the filing of an application in all cases even if "by right"; to allow appeals by others in addition to the immediate neighbors, owners or applicants; and to determine that even those developments without incentives, other than parking, not be considered ministerial. Further, to support the amending of SB1818, California Government Code § 65915, at the state level to exempt from its provisions all charter cities with a population of in excess of 3 million if such cities enact comparable local legislation to incentivize the construction of affordable housing units.

7) Reports from Board members on meetings and activities: Rosalie Preston reported on the Rosecrans Recreation meeting she attended on June 5 at which the latest version of the design for the park renovation was presented by Withers and Sandgren Landscape Architecture. Due to delays in approval of the project from various City departments, the bond monies will not be able to cover as much as had been hoped and the project will not begin now until January 2009.

Joan Jacobs read out the letter which was sent to BJ Mynatt, on the advice of DONE, to remind her that she is no longer the Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and does not have the authority to make decisions regarding the activities of that Committee.

8) Update on Faith-Based Picnic for Sat. June 21: Neodros Bridgeforth reported that so far, fourteen churches have been personally contacted by Board members. A key Spanish-Speaking congregation, Fuente de Agua Viva, will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment.

9) Finalization of agenda for June 24 General Membership meeting: Lu Watson, Co-Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee asked that a Board vote in opposition to the Magnolia Science Academy #3, pending the environmental study, be added. Mattie Menser asked that a letter to support alley paving in District 7 be added, as well as the speed humps which are needed to control speeding in front of Rosecrans Recreation Center.

10) Announcements: A Chivas youth soccer clinic will be held at Rosecrans Recreation Center on Saturday June 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston