

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting of October 14, 2008**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), 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), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Chair Adrian White reported that the Oct. 11 Congress of Neighborhoods was a worthwhile event and provided him with many useful contacts, including in the Mayor's office. District 3 Representative Rey Paduani stated that he found the Congress very informative and wished that more stakeholders had attended.

Youth Representative Eva Cooper held up the orange flyer for the Halloween program at Rosecrans Recreation Center from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 31.

2) Presentation by the Community Coalition: George Graham, Nuisance Abatement Coordinator for the Community Coalition, reported that due to community diligence and persistence, 7-Eleven had decided to remove its request for conditional use permits to sell beer and wine and for 24-hour per day operation at its proposed store located at 700 W. Imperial Highway. However, he cautioned stakeholders to be vigilant in the event that 7-Eleven reapplies for such conditions in the future.

Mr. Graham has worked with the Community Coalition for five years and had been prepared to help HGNNC stakeholders understand the elements of the now-cancelled Zoning Administration hearing on the 7-Eleven store. Instead, he discussed nuisance abatement in general and reviewed the types of organization and documentation necessary before attending relevant hearings before the City of Los Angeles.

5) HGNNC position on Mitigated Negative Declaration for new mechanized sorting system at California Waste Services, 621 W. 152nd Street (District 3): This item was taken out of order. Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston summarized the September 17, 2008 Notice of Intent/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for installation of a mechanized sorting system that will allow California Waste Services to more efficiently sort and separate recyclable material at its facility. Eric Casper, owner of California Waste Services, was present and was asked to give more information about the proposed changes. However, he said that he was only prepared to answer questions and that all information about the new mechanized sorting system was available in the MND at Rosecrans Recreation Center or on-line.

District 3 stakeholders Erica Wing Payne and three others presented their concerns about excessive dust and noise coming from the facility despite many complaints over the past years. Eric Casper responded that he had already made many improvements to his business to mitigate the dust and that the facility does not operate after 10 p.m. and that California Waste Services can provide video recordings to prove that no such noise exists. He advised District 3 stakeholders who think they hear noise at night to call California Waste Services. He stated that the new system will be a great improvement over the current method of sorting the

non-hazardous construction debris which is now sorted by hand. The one new Dust Boss water mister will spray water on the one large pile which will remain under the new system, which replaces a number of smaller piles of materials dumped at the site by trucks coming from construction sites.

Rosecrans Park Neighborhood Watch chair Betty Anderson said that LAPD had come out many times in the past to investigate complaints of excessive noise after hours from the facility and had not found anything. She stated that she believes that the excessive dust is coming from the playing fields of Rosecrans Park and that that dust issue will be resolved once the park is finally renovated.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Rey Paudani, and passed 8-2 with two abstentions to write a letter to support the installation of the new mechanized sorting system because of its potential to reduce the dust and noise of the existing hand-method of sorting construction debris and also asking that the reports of the twice monthly random inspections by the Local Enforcement Agency of the City's Environmental Affairs Department be mailed to the HGNNC post office box along with any other inspection reports by other oversight agencies.

3) Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the September 6 Special Board meeting (Board Training/Goal Setting) were approved as corrected. Motion: Youngblood Second: Menser Vote: 12-0

The minutes of the September 9 Board meeting were approved as corrected. Motion: Youngblood Second: Menser Vote: 12-0

4) Treasurer's Report: Gloria Christmas reported that the Neighborhood Council Funding Report for October 1, 2008 shows a balance of \$128, 399.04, with 15 Visa expenditures and no demand warrants during September. The summary of expenditures by quarter shows a total of \$14,569.83 spent from July 1 to October 13, 2008. Delores Allmond moved, Rey Paduani seconded, and the treasurer's report was approved 12-0.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 12-0 to approve up to \$700 for six banners for District 1 from Improvement Projects by District District line item so that the neighborhood watch group known as "Gardena Gateway Community Club" in the Gardena Blvd. area can advertise their monthly meetings around that area

It was moved by Gloria Christmas, seconded by Delores Allmond, and passed 12-0 to approve up to \$300 to pay for 350 pieces of chicken (\$250) and meat for spaghetti sauce (\$50) to support the November 21, 2008, Community Police Advisory Board Volunteers appreciation meals for the officers at the Southeast Division station.

Leo Youngblood is applying for a Community Beautification Grant to place a brick bench and community sign at _____ and asked for Neighborhood Council funding to help provide the match for this project. After discussion about the amount of the request in light of other expenditures already made for District 8 in excess of the currently budgeted \$2000 per District, it was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Leo Youngblood, and passed 8-0 with 4 abstentions to approve \$2500 on the understanding that District improvement project funds will be increased to \$3000 each after the Finance Committee has met to review the 2008-2009 budget.

District 7 has decided to postpone applying for a Beautification Grant until 2009 to allow more time to prepare the grant package.

There was preliminary discussion of allocating \$750 to District 8 for decorating 55 trees and 25 lighting poles during the December holiday season, but a vote was postponed until the

October 28 General Membership meeting. Districts 4 and 7 also want to have similar holiday decoration projects within their Districts.

A vote on funding of six hours of a temporary accounting clerk was postponed until October 28.

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Leo Youngblood, and passed 12-0 to allocated \$500 from the line item "NUSA conference/Board training" to help fund the Sat. October 11 Congress of Neighborhoods.

6) Review of October 28 General Membership meeting agenda: Some suggestions for budget item votes were added to the proposed agenda.

7) Announcements: There were no announcements.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston