

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

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Leo Youngblood (District 8), and Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative)

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

1) Public Comment: Neodros Bridgeforth, Co-Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee, reported that the PLU Committee had learned that the Zoning Administration hearing on the proposed 7-Eleven store for 700 W. Imperial Highway has been scheduled for Thursday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1020 of City Hall. Therefore the PLU Committee asks that the workshop on such zoning hearings be set for the Tuesday, October 14 Board meeting and that stakeholders of District 6 will be notified as previously voted via a flyer mailed by L.A. Business Printing. The PLU Committee is trying to arrange for a bus to take stakeholders to the meeting. The PLU Committee also learned that comment could be made on the mitigated negative declaration which reports on the environmental aspects of the project. Therefore a draft letter to the Zoning Administration of City Planning, with a copy to Planning Associate Jonathan Hershey, Environmental Unit of the City Planning Department, was presented for the Corresponding Secretary to submit on September 10.

2) Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the August 12 Board meeting were approved as corrected. Motion: Youngblood Second: Jacobs Vote: 9-0

3) Treasurer's Report: The Neighborhood Council Funding Report for September 1 has not yet been posted by DONE. However, Treasurer Gloria Christmas presented the summary of expenditures which HGNNC is tracking, showing a total of \$11,023.96 spent since July 1, 2008. Joan Jacobs moved, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded, and the treasurer's report was approved 9-0.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0 to approve up to \$300 from the amount budgeted for "Litter removal" for orange woven polyester vests, screen-printed with "Clean Team" and also "Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council." The vests will be worn when stakeholders volunteer to clean up HGNNC neighborhoods.

It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Willie Blackmon, and passed 9-0 to spend up to \$500 from the budgeted amount for "Office Repairs and Maintenance" to put cages on the two on-off switch control boxes for the automated parking lot gates at 802 W. Gardena Blvd. so that the gates can be electronically opened by a key. The switch controls have been tampered with by vandals after hours.

4) Approval of recommended bylaws changes: This item was tabled as the Bylaws Committee has not completed its revisions of the 2006 bylaws.

5) Selection of Mayor's Budget Day representatives: The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has asked that two representatives be approved, with one being a stakeholder if two Board members are not interested in carrying out this responsibility. It was moved by Leo

Youngblood, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0 to appoint Mattie Menser, Board member, and Luetta Watson, stakeholder, as the two HGNNC Mayor's Budget Day representatives.

6) Letter to City Attorney for nuisance abatement of gas station located at Imperial Highway and Avalon Blvd.: It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Gloria Christmas, and passed 9-0 to write a letter to City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, with copies to Deputy City Attorney Sonja Dawson and Councilwoman Janice Hahn regarding the need to begin the nuisance abatement process for the Xtra Fuel gas station located at 480 E. Imperial Highway. Over the past year, there have been numerous stakeholder complaints and calls to the Police Department, Building and Safety Department, and Councilwoman Hahn's Watts office about the lack of upkeep of the property and the illegal activities which take place on the property.

7) Letter to Councilwoman Janice Hahn regarding Department of Recreation and Parks oversight of a Tony Hawk Foundation skateboard park in District 8: Leo Youngblood has talked with the MTA, Caltrans, and the Department of Water and Power regarding use of one of three lots near the MTA Green Line station at Avalon for a skateboard park which the Tony Hawk Foundation would fund. All have suggested that Department of Recreation and Parks should be the lead agency for this project. Therefore, it was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0 to write Councilwoman Janice Hahn asking that her office help facilitate this transfer of responsibility of one of three pieces of property near the Green Line station to the Department of Recreation and Parks for the purposes of a skateboard park.

8) Approval of agenda for the September 23 General Membership meeting: A draft agenda was presented and Board members made suggestions for additions.

9) Announcements: DONE Project Coordinator Rose Ibanez gave out flyers for the Saturday, October 11 Congress of Neighborhoods at City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, and encouraged all Board members to attend and to encourage attendance by stakeholders. Parking at City Hall can be arranged via call-in reservation, but car-pooling and use of public transportation is encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston