

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of August 26, 2008**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Leo Youngblood (District 8), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith-Based Representative), and Dr. Peter Rivera (Community Organization Representative)

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

1) Public Comment: Rose Ibanez, DONE Project Coordinator, reminded everyone to plan on attending the Congress of Neighborhoods combined with the Mayor's Budget Day on Saturday, October 11 at City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street.

Tom Anderson, Rosecrans Park Neighborhood Watch, thanked the HGNNC for ordering and paying for the aluminum neighborhood watch signs for District 3. The signs used to be provided by the LAPD which no longer does so. Similar signs can be ordered for other neighborhood watch groups throughout the HGNNC.

Stakeholder Walter Mae Crockett of District 7 asked that the HGNNC request sidewalk repair for the area in front of 224 E. 118th Street. She has been attempting to have the City repair the sidewalk for three years without result.

Betty Hawkins, District 4 Representative, reported that the luncheon for the new police officers of Southeast Station held on August 18 was very successful and thanked the HGNNC for paying for the meat which was served at the luncheon. The *Daily Breeze* attended and had photos and an article about the event on the front page of their August 19 newspaper.

Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez asked for a moment of silence in honor of Rose Wilson, a very active volunteer with the Southeast Station whose funeral was held earlier today. A stakeholder asked Officer Ramirez how to handle noisy motorbikes in District 7 and he suggested talking to Senior Lead Officer Martinez.

2) The minutes of the July 22, 2008, General Membership meeting were approved as corrected. Youngblood (motion), Bridgeforth (second) 12-0

3) Treasurer's Report: Printed copies of the August 1, 2008, monthly funding status report from DONE were available showing a balance of \$138,664.91 and detailing one demand warrant expenditure and fourteen via the VISA card in July. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Leo Youngblood, second by Dr. Peter Rivera, and vote of 12-0.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Dr. Peter Rivera and passed 10-2 to approve the cost of twenty Red Cross emergency preparedness packs at \$40 each for block club members in District 8, using District 8 improvement funds.

The details and date for a teen dance have not yet been worked out, so a vote on this issue was tabled.

It was moved by Eva Cooper, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 12-0 to approve up to \$3000 from "Youth Programs" to support the Friday, October 31 Halloween program for children which Rosecrans Recreation Center will organize. The HGNNC will pay for carnival games and prizes, game booth rentals and refreshments as recommended by staff of the Recreation Center.

4) Letter to City Attorney for nuisance abatement of gas station located at Imperial Highway and Avalon Blvd.: This item was tabled until further details can be researched.

5) Letter to Councilwoman Hahn regarding Department of Recreation and Parks oversight of a Tony Hawk Foundation skateboard park in District 8: This item was tabled until further information can be obtained.

6) Asian/Pacific Islander Month program: Stakeholders were encouraged to sample the Filipino food from Bahay Kainan caterers in Carson and to enjoy the entertainment provided by the Korean dancers of Hi-Za Yoo and the Lamme' Malunao Hawaiian Dancers.

8) Announcements: There were no announcements.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston