

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of May 27, 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), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Dr. Peter Rivera (Community Organization Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Lu Watson, Co-Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee, said she had available a new version of the 7-Eleven petitions in both English and Spanish.

BJ Mynatt (District 4) said that the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting of May 10 was not posted, which is a violation of the Brown Act. She also asked that Board members should be polled on their votes when motions are made and each person's vote recorded. She pointed out that the March HGNNC newsletter said that the HGNNC had been certified in 2005 when it was actually November 12, 2002. She then reported on the Ham Radio training given on April 19 and 26, which twelve stakeholders attended, and said that the Emergency Preparedness Committee would be meeting at the 135th Street School on Sat. June 14 to begin writing the Emergency Preparedness Manual for the HGNNC. She said each District representative could see her after the meeting to pick up a bag of keyrings with flashlights which the HGNNC had purchased in preparation for the October 13 Health Fair.

2) The minutes of the April 22, 2008, General Membership meeting were approved as corrected. Christmas (motion), Blackmon (second) 12-0

3) Treasurer's Report: Printed copies of the May 1, 2008, monthly funding status report from DONE were available showing a balance of \$111,946.99 and detailing three demand warrant expenditures and seven via the VISA card in April. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Rosalie Preston, second by Willie Blackmon, and vote of 12-0.

District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins said that District 4 was planning a luncheon to welcome the new officers of the LAPD's Southeast Station on Monday August 18 and she requested District 4 funds in the amount of \$450 for this purpose. District 4 stakeholder BJ Mynatt expressed opposition to this proposal as she said it was never discussed at the 135th Street Neighborhood Watch meetings and was an inappropriate use of Neighborhood Council funds. It was moved by Delores Allmond, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0 (one abstention) to approve \$450 for catering for this luncheon.

4) Request for June newsletter articles: Rosalie Preston asked for contributions to the HGNNC June newsletter. There will be an article on the health effects of freeway-related air pollution by Joan Jacobs and an LAPD report from SLO Armando Ramirez but other articles are needed.

LAPD Report: Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez said that the fear of crime often makes the public feel that there is more crime being committed than is reflected in actual crime statistics. There is an on-going problem with cars cruising along Figueroa between Gardena Blvd. and 190th Street on Sunday evenings after 10 p.m. and the LAPD recently impounded 24 cars in this area. There continue

to be home burglaries. In response to a stakeholder, he said that music inside a vehicle should not be so loud as to be heard more than 50 feet from the vehicle.

5) Cinco de Mayo program: Yvonne Valenzuela explained the significance of the 5th of May in Mexican history, eight members of the Peary Middle School band played various tunes, and the Nuestras Raices ballet folklorico performed dances of Jalisco and Veracruz after attendees took plates of food provided by the HGNNC.

6) Announcements: Donald L. Dear announced that he is running as a Democrat for the 25th State Senate seat in the June 3 election.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston