

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of February 24, 2009**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), 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 7:25 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Noel Weiss, candidate for City Attorney, introduced himself.
Chris Salabaj, candidate for City Council District 15, introduced himself.

2) Report from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator: DONE
Project Coordinator Rose Ibanez said that she would make her report under agenda item number 8.

3) Approval of the January 27 Membership meeting minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted. Motion: Allmond Second: Christmas Vote: 9-0

4) Treasurer's report: Gloria Christmas reported that the February 1, 2009, monthly funding status report showed a balance of \$105, 026, 82, with one demand warrant and fourteen VISA card expenditures in January. The summary of HGNNC expenditures from July 1, 2008 to the present shows a total of \$41, 452.90 spent. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Rosalie Preston, second by Neodros Bridgeforth, and vote of 9-0.

Mattie Menser, District 7 Representative, summarized the proposal by 118th Street School for beautifying their outside reading/study areas. Rosalie Preston moved, Leo Youngblood seconded, and it was passed 9-0 to approve up to \$4,200 to fund this project.

5) Presentation of the Pacific Charter School proposal for former Methodist Church at 812 W. 165th Place: Michael Rueda, Ramiro Viramontes, and Mike Woodward presented their proposal to convert the former Methodist Church property at 812 W. 165th Place in District 1 into a school to be used by Aspire Schools by September 2010. There would be 352 students, which would help to relieve over-crowding at Gardena Elementary School. Their plan is to demolish the old sanctuary, which is structurally unsound and would be very costly to retrofit, keep the two-story building, one story building and current open space on the north side of the property. The community would have access to the school after hours. Their traffic study shows that only forty additional cars would be traveling the roads near the school in the mornings and afternoons for drop off and pick up. There are twenty-seven current parking spaces on the south side of the property and these would be retained.

(Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 7:58 p.m.)

6) Speaker: Measure B – the Solar Initiative pro and con arguments: John Stamreich from “No on Measure B” presented the arguments against this March 3 ballot initiative. Since a speaker from “Yes on Measure B” was unavailable, HGNNC Board member Rosalie Preston presented the arguments in favor of the measure. Mr. Stamreich answered questions from the HGNNC stakeholders.

7) Board position on Measure B – the Solar Initiative on the March 3 ballot: The DONE Project Coordinator, Rose Ibanez, explained that the Board may take a position on a ballot initiative but can only record their position in the minutes and may not spend funds to support their position. Chris Salabaj, candidate for Council District 15, and Noel Weiss, candidate for City Attorney, both spoke against Measure B and urged the Board to take a position against it. It was moved by Delores Allmond, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 8—1 to oppose Measure B.

8) HGNNC Budget Representatives’ report on the Feb. 21 Regional Budget meeting: Mattie Menser and Neodros Bridgeforth attended the February 21 Regional Budget meeting as HGNNC representatives. The priorities of HGNNC stakeholders, such as sidewalk repair, left-turn signals, additional traffic signals, and other infrastructure improvements, ended up on the low end of the overall survey results. City departments must trim their budgets by 67-9% for the 2009-2010 budget. This year, over 5000 surveys were received, with only 200 from all of the Harbor area of the City. The Mayor will present his proposed budget to the City Council on April 20. Neodros Bridgeforth will be one of two representatives from the Harbor area to meet with the Mayor on March 16.

9) Update on HGNNC Bylaws revision: The City Clerk will oversee the Neighborhood Council elections in 2010. DONE is encouraging Neighborhood Councils to revise their bylaws to include language recommended by the Neighborhood Council Review Commission. All bylaws need to be ready by June 2009 for review by the City Clerk. The HGNNC Board will vote on March 24 on all bylaws revisions which they can agree on.

10 Announcements: The WesPac jet fuel pipeline continuation hearing will be held Thurs. March 19 at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

The Los Angeles Police Foundation is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day hike and beach party on March 15 at Gladstone’s of Malibu.

The HGNNC Health Fair will be Sat. April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 116th Street School, 11610 Stanford Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners will be meeting at the 136th Street School on Wed. March 4 at 6 p.m. and the HGNNC is invited to share their best practices and experiences on a two-page survey and to prepare a slide show of their community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston