

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting of October 23, 2007**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), 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), Dr. Peter Rivera (Community Organization Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by Chair Adrian White.

4) Installation of the newly elected Board and honoring of out-going Board

members: Assistant General Manager of DONE BongHwan Kim was unable to attend tonight's installation. In his place, DONE Commissioner Diane Middleton was introduced and administered the oath of office for the new Board who were elected July 28, 2007. She then discussed the background of the Neighborhood Council movement and its purpose in bringing democracy to City decision making at the neighborhood level.

Reginald Zachery, Community Advocate for the 15th Council District, then presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing Board members BJ Mynatt (not present), Bettye Watson (not present), Betty Hawkins, Allan Rascon, Luetta Watson, Gloria Christmas, Patricia Martir (not present), and Mark Lewis.

Rose Ibanez, the DONE project coordinator for the HGNNC was introduced, and also Mark Lewis, DONE Senior Project Coordinator, Harbor, West and South Areas, who was present as a stakeholder.

There then followed a break for attendees to fill their plates with the light meal provided.

5) Community Plan information: Marie Cobian, Southeast L.A. Community Plan, and Griselda Gonzalez, South L.A. Community Plan, discussed the revision process to twelve of the current 35 Community Plans. The HGNNC area comes under three different Community Plans, with District 6 being part of the South L.A. Community Plan and Districts 7 and 8 being part of the Southeast Community Plan. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are part of the Harbor Area Community Plan which will be revised at a future time. The Community Plan sets the policies for development in the community and includes a land use map which shows the types of uses allowed on each parcel. Gail Goldberg, the new City Planning General Manager, is working to ensure that the new Community Plans are more comprehensive and are followed more carefully as a guide for future growth. The new plans will focus on encouraging walkability and better urban design. Each plan takes about three years to complete and each will include input from Neighborhood Councils and other community organizations.

Cobian and Gonzalez will come out to any block club or community group meeting in the South L.A. or Southeast L.A. Community Plan areas to receive comments. They will return to the Neighborhood Council sometime after January 2008 to give an update on the process of the Plan revisions. It is possible to include a specific plan corridor in the new plans, such as exists for the Crenshaw district. Cobian suggested that the HGNNC Board

and any Planning Committee chair make sure they are receiving Early Notification e-mails on development within the HGNNC boundaries.

2) **The minutes of the September 25 General Membership** meeting were approved as read. (Neodros Bridgeforth motion, Rey Paduani second, and passed 15-0)

3) **Treasurer's report:** Gloria Christmas read out the expenses for September and October. The balance on the credit card is \$25,180. Joan Jacobs moved, Neodros Bridgeforth seconded, and it was passed 15-0 to approve the report.

Public Comment: A stakeholder suggested using a microphone for future meetings and stakeholder Mark Lewis volunteered to bring the microphone equipment in the future.

Rey Paduani reported that the Oct. 13 Health Fair was very successful and thanked everyone for supporting it and for helping out with various tasks.

Rose Ibanez, DONE Project Coordinator, reminded all present of the Sat. Oct. 27 Congress of Neighborhoods at the Convention Center. Each attendee can attend two morning workshops, with topics including information about the planning process, the DWP rate increase, and also the proposed Telephone Users' Tax.

Stakeholder Luisa Gratz thanked the Board for their hospitality in providing the very nice light meal, cake, and sparkling cider toast and encouraged continued high participation via similar outreach methods.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston