

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

Present: Adrian White (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), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

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

1) Public Comment: A number of stakeholders reported that the membership flyer for tonight's meeting was not delivered to their District or some of the streets within Districts by Turtle Ridge Media.

Myrna Reyes, Lead Community Organizer for the Parents Union, invited parents with students in the LAUSD to become involved with the Los Angeles Parents Union and to attend the April 19 "We Too Have a Dream" conference at the L.A. Convention Center.

Stakeholder Arthur Cramer suggested that 168th Street between Figueroa and Vermont should allow parking on only one side of the street because of the amount of traffic using that street and its narrowness when parking occurs on both sides of the street. He was referred to the Gardena Blvd. Area meeting on March 25 where others who would support his idea may be present.

LAPD Report: Senior Lead Officer Armando Ramirez asked for a moment of silence in memory of SWAT Officer Randy Simmons who was recently killed in the line of duty. Due to the recent homicides in the Gardena Blvd. area, SLO Ramirez has been working with Mr. Young, a Gardena Blvd. property owner, and others to revitalize the neighborhood watch group for that area. Their first meeting will be Tues. March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 802 W. Gardena Blvd. Residents and business owners of the area are invited to attend. Car thefts and daytime home break ins have increased within the HGNNC boundaries.

DONE Report: Rose Ibanez, DONE Project Coordinator for the HGNNC, noted that she is the project coordinator for five other Neighborhood Councils besides the HGNNC. She said that at the recent Mayor's Budget Day attended by HGNNC representatives Joan Jacobs and Lu Watson, participants learned that only 2500 L.A. City residents participated in the on-line budget survey and this included 600 Neighborhood Council Board members. There is still time to give input on budget priorities by sending them to Councilwoman Janice Hahn. The budget process will be finalized in June and will be in effect from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

(Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.)

2) The minutes of the January 22, 2007, General Membership meeting were approved as read. Bridgeforth (motion), Christmas (second) 9-0

3) Treasurer's Report: Gloria Christmas read out the balance from the February 1, 2008, Neighborhood Council Funding Report for the HGNNC: \$123, 022.32. The treasurer's report was approved 10-0 on a motion by Joan Jacobs and a second by Willie Blackmon.

(Llewyn Fowlkes entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

4) Request for March newsletter articles: Chair Adrian White asked for written contributions and ideas for the March newsletter, the first one for the HGNNC. Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston plans to have one article about the improvements being made to the Rosecrans Recreation Center but needs others. All articles will be translated into Spanish so that the newsletter will have two pages in English and two in Spanish.

5) Black History Month program: There was a break for attendees to get their meal and then members of the Los Angeles Second Free Methodist Church, 2100 W. 54th Street, and the Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Compton presented readings and songs in honor of Black History Month.

6) Announcements: Dr. Stella Robinson announced that the Dillard University Choir from New Orleans, Louisiana would be in concert at L.A. Southwest College on March 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston