

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

135th Street School Auditorium, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chairperson), Saira Cooper (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Hannah Woods (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Clyde Noguchi (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), and Eva Coop-Pace (At-Large Representative)

A note regarding how we count abstentions during voting: Article V – GOVERNING BOARD Section 3: Official Actions A. A simple majority vote by the Board members present and voting, not including abstentions, at a meeting at which there is a quorum, shall be required to take official action.

1) Welcome/introductions: Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She reviewed safety procedures in the event of an emergency. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of the many recent victims of flooding, fires, and the Las Vegas shooting.

2) Public Comment on non-agenda items: Renee Oshita, who lives in the area north of the HGNNC which is not represented by a Neighborhood Council, noted that at the public hearings on the Commercial Cannabis ordinance, Councilmember Joe Buscaino has not been present for the votes. She said that the distance between commercial cannabis locations in Measure M was 1000' and now is reduced to 800'. The Cannabis industry is pushing for a reduction to 500' from each retail outlet.

3) Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE): Octaviano congratulated the Board on its 15th anniversary, which will occur officially on November 12, 2017. Board members were given commemorative 15-year pins.

He noted that there will be upcoming funding training, which is open to all stakeholders.

The 2018-2019 City budget process has begun. This is the time for the HGNNC to compile their priorities for City funding so that stakeholder service needs become top priorities and are better funded.

He reviewed Brown Act guidelines on serial communication among Board members, including via email, and how to avoid this.

(Richard Lee and Janet Mitchell entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

Octaviano also reviewed the issue of avoiding having more than a quorum of a quorum at a Committee meeting, which in the case of the HGNNC is more than four Board members. When more than four Board members are expected to attend, the Committee can be agendized as a joint Committee/Board meeting. However, the Board members who are not official Committee members cannot speak. For any questions on these issues, please email Octaviano and Stephen Box for clarification.

For decision-making on budget issues, when funds are limited, Octaviano suggested following the priorities for funding as stated in the HGNNC Strategic Plan. Each quarter, the Strategic Plan goals should be reviewed to note progress on the goals as submitted and readjust.

Neighborhood Council Board meetings often run over their time limits due to overly long public comment, Board members speaking for more than a few minutes, and elected officials making long reports. He recommended beginning the meeting as close to 7 p.m. as possible.

In regards to Board attendance at meetings and absences, he encouraged all Board members to attend as many meetings as they can and to be on time. He noted that by not attending meetings, the Board member gives up the valuable opportunity to advocate for the community's needs and takes up a seat that another community can help fill to advocate for needs.

In regards to Board member and stakeholder behavior at Neighborhood Council meetings, a referral to the Code of Conduct or Code of Civility should be adequate. However, if there is a genuine safety concern or Board members foresee disruption of a meetings by an individual(s), the HGNNC can hire an LAPD officer to be available to assist in resolving the incident.

As to Board roles and responsibilities, consult your Bylaws. For HGNNC meetings and events, help each other out when setting up and taking down meeting and event materials and displays.

In regard to the minutes, they do not need to be verbatim reports but rather emphasize the actions which have taken place.

4) Overview of all HGNNC Committees

a) Committee appointments – Ad Hoc Homeless Issues Committee

1) Hannah Woods: Hannah withdrew her name from consideration

2) Nancy Trojan: as Nancy was not present, this item was tabled. Pamela asked that Committee Chairs notify her, with a copy to Vice Chair Saira Cooper, on potential Committee appointments or withdrawals.

5) Report from Treasurer on HGNNC funding activities: Treasurer Joan Jacobs explained why the HGNNC had to spend a little more on the Electric Drive Week event on September 16 than originally budgeted, due to the last-minute need to rent generators from Home Depot for the sound system and to provide power. The I & O canopies which were rented were extra large ones to cover the areas where attendees sat for the talks and for the volunteers. Joan also noted that the Moore Business Results invoices are higher than expected as the company is doing more web updates and posting items to the HGNNC Facebook and Twitter accounts.

a) Approval of an additional \$310.45 for expenses from the National Drive Electric Week event on September 16, 2017: Home Depot – generators (\$197.95) and I & O Party Rental – canopies (\$112.50): It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the additional \$310.45 for the National Drive Electric Week event.

b) Approval for reimbursement to Joan Jacobs, Treasurer, for payment to I & O Party Rentals in the amount of \$1,612.50 for National Drive Electric Week event on September 16, 2017: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the reimbursement to Joan Jacobs, Treasurer, for the Payment made to I & O Party Rentals for \$1,612.50.

7c) Clean Streets L.A. Challenge grant proposal and approval of support by the Board:

Vice Chairperson Saira Cooper outlined the proposal which was submitted by the October 5 deadline. She thanked Richard Lee for his input and contact information for the schools which will be involved during the week of November 13: Environmental Charter Middle School, Gardena Elementary School, Skirball Middle School, and the 116th Street School. Projects, including instruction in the use of the MyLA311 app and perimeter clean ups around the schools, must be completed by November 30 to qualify. It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 14-0-0 to approve support of the grant proposal.

(Saira Cooper and Marvin Bell left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.)

6) Community Impact Statement: Support for Council File 17-0460; illegal to park/sidewalk and curb/right-of-way: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rey

Paduani, and passed 12-0-0 to support filing a Community Impact Statement for Council File 17-0460, which prohibits vehicles parking on the parkway between the street and sidewalk.

7) Reports and updates:

a) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) meeting of October 4, 2017:

HANC Representative Lu Watson reviewed the October 4 meeting highlights, including the visit of Councilmember David Ryu, who talked about

b) National Electric Drive Week event held on September 16: Pamela Thornton reported on this event and said that it had a good turnout for the first one at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center, with a lot of different electric vehicles on display and related speakers. She thanked those who came and those who volunteered.

d) Halloween at Rosecrans Recreation Center on October 31: Stakeholders and Board members are invited to attend the event, which the HGNNC is helping to sponsor.

8) Consent Calendar (items 8a through 8b):

a. Approval of the September 12, 2017 Board minutes

b. Approval of the September Monthly Expenditure Report

It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 12-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 7a. and 7b

9) Announcements: As part of its Community Movie Screenings, the Community Coalition is showing “City Rising” on October 19 at 6 p.m. at 8101 S. Vermont Avenue. The documentary examinations the history of gentrification and how advocates are working towards more responsible development.

Los Angeles Harbor College is offering a Guest Speaker Series, with topics covering hospitality, global trade, entertainment, manufacturing, entrepreneurship and politics.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will discuss its Equity Metrics Data Initiative on Thurs. October 12 from 9:30 to noon at the DWP Headquarters.

On Sat. October 7 Larry Morrison held a clean up day in District 8 with partnership from various City services, including the Bureau of Street Services and Bureau of Sanitation.

10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. in memory of Richard Higashi, a District 1 stakeholder who helped to organize the HGNNC in 2002.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary