

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Hannah Woods (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Clyde Noguchi (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Larry Morrison (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

- 1) **Welcome/introductions:** Due to the auditorium not having been set up for a Board meeting, the meeting commencement was delayed. Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.
- 2) **General public comment on non-agenda items:** District 3 Representative Rey Paduani said that there is unlicensed selling of vehicles along the south side of Rosecrans Avenue near Orchard Avenue.
Community Organization Representative Deborah Lee announced that after seven years of working with Council District 15 and various City Departments, the sidewalks along the 600 E. block of 115th Street have been repaired. They were badly raised due to huge tree roots.
- 3) **Discussion of HGNNC letter with recommendations for the 2018-2019 City budget and filing of a Community Impact Statement:** The draft letter was reviewed and edited. Because some Board members still need to submit items to the list, approval of the letter was tabled until the March 13 Board meeting to allow more time for additional recommendations.
- 4) **Review of 2017-2018 Strategic Plan goals – proposed programs and activities February – August 2018:** Chair Pamela Thornton read over the adopted Strategic Plan and noted achievement of goals and what still needs to be planned out, such as a new series of CERT classes for the May-June period.

(Eva Cooper-Pace entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

- 5) **Approval of a revised budget for 2017-2018, indicating programs/events to be funded with Clean Streets LA Challenge grant funding, as recommended by the Finance Committee:** Treasurer Joan Jacobs explained that the 2016-2017 Clean Streets LA Challenge grant funds are put into a separate account by the City Clerk Neighborhood Council Funding Program and must be requested by designating that account rather than the general Neighborhood Council funds. The funds can be used for clean up events or beautification projects. A listing of the proposed projects that will use the \$2,100 from 2016-2017 Clean Streets LA Challenge funds was presented.

The regular budget remains at \$42,000 with much of that amount still unspent. Joan said that she would like to have Board members let her know by February 20 if previously approved projects will not be carried out. The Finance Committee will be meeting again on February 26 to consider new funding proposals. She also reviewed the new Neighborhood Council Funding Program Policies sent out via email by the City Clerk Funding unit. She noted that there are some changes to past practice, including that each funding item must be voted on separately and that funding must occur within 45 days of the Board vote. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 12-0-0 to approve the revised 2017-2018 budget of

\$42,000, with separate accounting for the \$2,100 in 2016-2017 Clean Streets LA Challenge grant funds.

6) Approval of letter stating the urgent need for traffic calming measures along 135th Street: Recently, there were two more accidents along 135th Street between Hoover Street and Vermont Avenue. District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins has been working to have the City implement additional measures to slow traffic on the street which runs in front of the 135th Street School. Chair Pamela Thornton noted that Vision Zero gives priority to traffic calming measures when the number of accidents has been documented to be very high. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios suggested including current traffic accident data in the proposed letter. A vote on the letter will be tabled until the March 13 Board meeting.

7) Reports and updates:

a) February 8, 2018, City Planning Commission hearing on the Prologis warehouse, 747-761 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.: The City Planning Commission approved the recommendation from the City Planning Department, with two Commissioners voting “no” and Commissioners adding a number of additional conditions, including some recommended in the South Coast AQMD letter of December 19, 2017. Some residents near the proposed site are considering appealing the Planning Commission decision and possibly filing a lawsuit.

b) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) meeting of February 7, 2018: HGNNC HANC representative Lu Watson reported that there will be a Planning 101 event held on Wed. May 2 in the Harbor area. The City Attorney Carmen Hawkins, who is assigned to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, requests that each Neighborhood Council designate two Board members to be the contacts for communication regarding legal matters. Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to file Community Impact Statements on the 2018-2019 City Budget. Harbor Area Budget Advocate Danielle Sandoval is encouraging Neighborhood Council stakeholders to complete the online budget survey. March 2 is the deadline both for nominating City Departments/staff for Neighborhood Council Civic Engagement Los Angeles Vanguard Awards and for Neighborhood Council EmpowerLA Awards. There is a Council File that would allow Farmers Markets to operate within residentially zoned areas. SB827 would expedite development within a quarter mile of high quality transit zones, including in R1 zoned areas. \$3.00 is being requested from each Neighborhood Council to help pay for the HANC website domain name.

8) Consent calendar (items 8a through 8e)

a) Approval of the January 17, 2018

b) Approval of the January Monthly Expenditure Report

c) Approval of up to \$250 for a spring clean up event in District 7

d) Approval of reissuing a check to Joan Jacobs in the amount of \$286.23 to replace an expired check issued June 13, 2017, from 2016-2017 fiscal year funds

e) Approval of reimbursing Janet Mitchell \$24 via a missing receipt affidavit for refreshments for the November 24 and 25 Community Garden spruce up event

It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 12-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 8a, 8b, 8d, and 8e. Because of the typographical error in listing Consent Calendar item 8c, it was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 12-0-0 to approve up to \$150 for a spring clean up event in District 7.

9) Announcements: Chair Pamela Thornton said that she is planning a HGNNC Black History Month program for Sat. March 10 or March 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Harbor Gateway Community Center.

The Los Angeles Police Commission will be holding a meeting on Tues. February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Markham Middle School Auditorium to receive community input on the qualities which they would like to see in the next Chief of Police.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District will be holding a community meeting on Thurs. February 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City of Commerce Council Chambers to provide information and receive comment on two new State laws (AB 134 and AB 617) which will reduce air pollution in the area.

City Attorney Mike Feuer will hold a Town Hall at the Port of Los Angeles, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, on Thurs. March 8 from 6-7 p.m.

10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary