

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chair), Saira Cooper (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Hannah Woods (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Clyde Noguchi (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Larry Morrison (District 8), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

1)Welcome/introductions: Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2)General public comment on non-agenda items: Youth Representative Richard Lee invited participation in the Boys mentoring program.

Debbie Stinson, Treasurer of the San Pedro Art Association, announced that the 15th Council District wide art contest would be held for the 7th year on Sun. June 3 at Crafted at the Port of Los Angeles, 112 E. 22nd Street in San Pedro. The HGNNC contributed support in 2017 and Debbie said that she hoped the HGNNC would be contributing again this year. A number of HGNNC elementary school students won awards.

(Larry Morrison entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m.)

The 135th Street School is sponsoring an art contest and would like some of the HGNNC Board members to help judge on Fri. March 16 at 1:30 p.m.

(Betty Hawkins entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.)

3)Final review of HGNNC letter with recommendations for the 2018-2019 City budget and filing of a Community Impact Statement: The current draft letter was reviewed and edited.

Chair Pamela Thornton said that any additions to the list of specific sidewalk repairs, tree removals, etc. should be submitted before 12 noon on March 14. It was moved by Saira Cooper, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed to send the 2018-2019 budget recommendations letter with added details and file a Community Impact Statement.

4)Board Resolution stating the necessity of holding the Sat. June 9, 2018, Board Retreat at the Holiday Inn Los Angeles Gateway-Torrance: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Saira Cooper, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the Board Resolution stating the necessity of holding the 2018 Board Retreat at the Holiday Inn Los Angeles Gateway-Torrance.

5)Approval of revised Bylaws with new language, including extended illnesses and Board removals, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee: Bylaws Committee Chair Hannah Woods and the other Bylaws Committee members (Richard Lee, Rosalie Preston, and Richard Lee) explained that although the previously proposed Bylaws changes which were approved by the Board on April 2017 were submitted in May 2017, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment did not review them until late September and retyped them into a different format. The Department asked that the HGNNC review their typed version for any errors and also consider clarifying language for the Bylaws regarding temporary Board appointments for times when Board members cannot attend meetings due to extended illnesses. Therefore the proposed new language is on page 9 in red under Article V Section. There was discussion by the Board as to whether the language was clear enough and whether some sections of the Sections on Absences and Removals should be moved around for clarity. However, the Bylaws Committee pointed out that they were following the Bylaws template language approved by the Department and also that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners previously required that every Neighborhood Council's Bylaws follow the same format with the Articles in the same order to

make review by the Department and City Attorney easier. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and Passed 8-1(Thornton)-1 (Fowlkes) to approve the second draft of the revised Bylaws and send to DONE for their review.

6)Approval of letter stating the urgent need for traffic calming measures along 135th Street:

A second draft was reviewed and additional changes made to the letter. It was then moved by Saira Cooper, seconded by Llewyn Fowles, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the letter regarding traffic calming measures along 135th Street, with the edits, and send to the Department of Transportation.

7)Reports and updates:

a) Finance Committee – date for 2018-2019 budget proposals: Treasurer Joan Jacobs said that the Committee had met on February 26 and found that there is about \$3,000 unallocated of the 2017-2018 funds of \$42,000. The Committee decided that the money would be spent on CERT classes in May/June, a possible grant to a non-profit serving the homeless, GAP (Gang Alternative Project), and the Congress of Neighborhoods. Other proposed projects can be submitted up to April 7. For projects using next fiscal year funds, project suggestions can be submitted between April 22 and May 21, with the Finance Committee meeting on Saturday May 26 to review the proposals.

b) Prologis warehouse – Letter of Determination and PLUM Committee hearing in late March/early April: The Letter of Determination from the City Planning Commission hearing should be released any day now. Two HGNNC stakeholders are prepared to file appeals of the Letter of Determination with the assistance of an attorney specializing in environmental law. The appeals will be heard before the City Council PLUM Committee late in March or early April.

c) One Water goals for DWP and Sanitation – stakeholder meeting of March 5, 2018: Rosalie Preston attended the March 5 meeting where the final proposals for the One Water LA goals of the Department of Water and Power and the Sanitation Department were presented. Both Departments have been working on the proposals for a number of years. The plan is to incorporate projects, programs, and policies that will yield sustainable, long-term water supplies for the City and will provide greater resiliency to drought conditions and climate change. A possible bond measure to fund the proposals may appear on the November ballot. More details can be found at One Water LA.

d) CERT quarterly refreshers and communication throughout South District
CERT: The Los Angeles Fire Department has been making progress on helping neighborhoods organize to be ready for major emergencies. South District CERT, which covers Battalions 6, 13, and 18 is now holding quarterly CERT class refreshers and monthly call ins for Ham radio operators and also those with FRS (Family Radio Service) radios which can cover a couple blocks and GMRS (General Mobil Radio Service) radios which have a greater range. South District CERT is coordinating with the Los Angeles Amateur Radio Club to offer an FCC license class and refresher on March 24 and other workshops on learning about ham radio operation. The HGNNC hopes to be able to sponsor a seven-week CERT class beginning in May.

e) Harbor Alliance meeting of March 7, 2018: HGNNC HANC representative Lu Watson reported that under the Vision Zero program of the Dept. of Transportation, new speed limits were set for various streets and some of those are located within the HGNNC boundaries. All streets will have new enforceable speed limits by the end of the year. On March 2 at the Getty House, May Garcetti rolled out his Resilience Strategy for Los Angeles; Neighborhood Councils will be informed how they can assist with achieving the goals of this initiative. The Department of City Planning will be offering Planning 101 classes for stakeholders, with the

Harbor Area session on Wed. May 2 at Kaiser Permanente from 6-9 p.m. Lisette Covarrubias, Neighborhood Council liaison, is leaving the Department of City Planning to work for the Los Angeles World Airports. Judith Balmain from the California Dept. of Public Health discussed the CARE Study LA, which will measure and compare chemicals found in California stakeholders. She asked Neighborhood Councils to let stakeholders know that they are needed to participate (www.cdph.ca.gov/CARE or 415-265-6029). The Economic and Workforce Development Department provides programs and assistance to Business Source/Work Source/Youth Source Centers. A draft of their Economic Development Strategy was presented with a proposed five-year implementation plan which focuses on areas of the City including the Harbor area and South Los Angeles. Stakeholders can provide feedback at www.LAEconomicDevelopmentSurvey.com Octaviano Rios, DONE Advocate, said that the Neighborhood Council Funding Equity Working Group is considering whether or not individual Neighborhood Council budgets should be proportionate to the number of stakeholders within their boundaries. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners member Ray Regalado said that he has visited a number of Neighborhood Council meetings and seen a great need for training of newly elected Neighborhood Council Board members. Council File 10-1832 which would allow Certified Farmers Markets to be held in certain Residential (R) zones was approved by the PLUM Committee on February 27. A new ordinance would allow Certified Farmers Markets to be located in R zones by right only on the parking lot of an approved institution, such as a church or school. Council File 09-0969 was approved which raises appeal fees but keeps them at \$89 for individuals filing appeals. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is asking other Harbor-area Neighborhood Councils to support Council File 17-1422 (Temporary Supportive Housing), 14-105-S3 (Rental Vehicles as Dwellings), and CPC-2017-3409-CA (Interim Motel Conversion).

(Richard Lee left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.)

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

a) Approval of the February 13, 2018, Board minutes

b) Approval of the February Monthly Expenditure Report

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 9-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 8a and 8b.

9)Announcements: Metro is encouraging public comment on proposed ExpressLanes (toll lanes) along the 105 Freeway via either upcoming public meetings or email before 5 p.m. on April 16: <https://www.metro.net/projects/i105-expresslanes/comment-form/>

The Bureau of Street Services Neighborhood Council Initiative will be filling small potholes in the Harbor Gateway North area on March 30. The list of requests should be submitted by March 16.

Chair Pamela Thornton attended the March 8 Town Hall meeting with City Attorney Mike Feuer and Harbor Area LAPD. The City Attorney is hoping to schedule a similar meeting in the Southeast LAPD area.

10)Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary