

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

135<sup>th</sup> Street School Auditorium, 801 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chairperson), Saira Cooper (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Clyde Noguchi (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

**1) Welcome/introductions:** In the absence of Chairperson Pamela Thornton, Vice Chairperson Saira Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

**2) Speakers: LAPD HOPE Team, Mayor's Office, Harbor Interfaith Services, and Bryan Davis, Chair of the HGNNC Ad Hoc Homeless Issues Committee:** Southeast LAPD HOPE team Officers Cabral and Ferrara discussed their work with homeless encampments. They work with LAHSA, Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation Hazmat Unit, and other groups. There are two officers assigned from each of the LAPD Divisions. Southeast works together with Harbor Division, Southwest Division, and the 77<sup>th</sup> Division. They go out weekly to officer services to the homeless and clean up the encampments. An encampment is defined as tents or tarps which are fixed to fences. The Municipal Code covers when tents are allowed to be up. Call 911 if you see crimes occurring in homeless encampments or by the homeless. Otherwise, for encampments, call your Senior Lead Officer to have him contact the HOPE team. It is now illegal to live in a car or RV on the street except in certain industrial zones. Southeast Division has staffing to tow away two motor homes per week. For trash and illegal dumping around homeless living areas, use the MyLA311 app on your smartphone or computer.

Manny Lopez of the Mayor's Office said that he represent the Harbor Area. He said that L.A. Municipal Code 85.02 allows cars and RVs to be used for housing on certain streets. The map can be viewed at [www.lacity.org/vehicledwelling](http://www.lacity.org/vehicledwelling). The annual homeless count will be January 24 for the Harbor area (SPA 8) and January 25 for South Los Angeles (SPA 6). One of the Mayor's priorities is housing homeless veterans and 7,000 veterans have been housed over the past several years. HUD-VASH vouchers for homeless veterans are available, but many landlords are not accepting them for apartment rentals. The City has instituted a new Affordable Housing Linkage fee for new developments in order to help fund affordable housing. The goal is to build 100,000 new units by 2021. The rent stabilization ordinance for rent control only protects those apartments that were built before 1978. Mayor Garcetti is committed to strengthening this ordinance. The Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance is another new incentive to encourage an increase in affordable housing.

(Janet Mitchell entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.)

Breanna Jaijairam, Regional Outreach Coordinator for SPA 8, based at Harbor Interfaith in San Pedro and also St. Margaret's in Inglewood, explained that LAHSA SPA 8 (the HGNNC area south of 120<sup>th</sup> Street) has three Homeless Engagement Teams which are sent out to work with the homeless and homeless encampments. She encouraged the use of 211 as a referral number for shelter of the homeless and winter shelter. There is a winter shelter area in Inglewood and one in Long Beach. By April, 211 and LAHSA will have an online portal to request services for the homeless. Also check out [www.211.org](http://www.211.org).

(Chairperson Pamela Thornton entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and took over chairing the meeting)

Bryan Davis, Chair of the HGNNC Ad Hoc Homeless Issues Committee, discussed the Committee's initiatives including providing backpacks and toiletries for youth in the five HGNNC elementary schools and the Homeless Resources card that was delivered to HGNNC households along with the January 25 General Membership meeting flyer. He said that for the SPA 6 area north of 120<sup>th</sup> Street, he has utilized HOPICS, 5715 S. Broadway, as a source for housing referrals for a number of homeless people in the area near his church on Main Street. He also encouraged more participation in the Homeless Issues Committee.

(Richard Lee entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

**3) Council District 15 report:** There was no representative from Council District 15 present.

**4) LAPD report:** Senior Lead Officer Angelo Stewart reported that violent crime and property crime rates in the Southeast LAPD Division are down. There was a recent murder at the illegal marijuana clinic located at 118<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. He also noted that all of the 42 marijuana clinics located throughout the Southeast Division patrol area are currently illegal.

**5) General public comment on non-agenda items:** District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins reported that the new left-turn signals at 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Vermont Avenue are still not working due to construction delays. She also noted that at 135<sup>th</sup> Street and 140<sup>th</sup> Street cars are being parked in the alleys to the east of Vermont Avenue, which is illegal.

Youth Representative Richard Lee said that a focus group will meet on Sat. January 27 at the A.C. Bilbrew Library to give opinions on whether they prefer having a chain store like 7-Eleven or individually owned liquor stores in the community.

District 6 stakeholder Edmond Wright said that with the bike lane created along 120<sup>th</sup> Street, it is difficult to drive out of the neighborhood onto 120<sup>th</sup> Street and safely avoid bicycles in the bike lane.

District 7 Representative Janet Mitchell announced that on January 27 from 10 am to 1 pm Charity Mission Church will hold a workshop "Let's Talk Money" which will cover credit repair and debt elimination.

District 2 stakeholder Mark Yamasaki asked when the crossing at 157<sup>th</sup> Street and Vermont Avenue would be open again as having that intersection closed off to traffic makes traffic back up on Alondra Blvd. and also Redondo Beach Blvd.

District 7 stakeholder Michael Gonzalez said that there has been illegal dumping of concrete at 117<sup>th</sup> Street near Figueroa Street.

District 7 stakeholder Adrian White said that 119<sup>th</sup> Street between Main Street and San Pedro Street needs speed humps for when the Metro bus needs to be re-routed from 120<sup>th</sup> Street.

(Larry Morrison entered the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report:** Neighborhood Council Advocate Octaviano Rios explained that the Department supports all 97 of the Neighborhood Councils. He said that the Workforce Development Department is asking for each Neighborhood Council to appoint a liaison to their Department. He reminded the Board that any Bylaws changes are due by April 15. He congratulated the HGNNC for winning a second Clean Streets LA Challenge award, which will be given out on Sat. January 27 in the Board of Public Works Room at City Hall. He also congratulated Chair Pamela Thornton for her Unsung Hero award which was given by Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson for her work on environmental, health, and economic disparities among people of color.

**6) Consent calendar (items 6a-6b)**

a) Approval of the October 24, 2017, General Membership minutes

b) Approval of the December 2017 monthly expenditure report

**7) Announcements:** Tabernacle Holiness Church will have a backpack giveaway on February 25.

Rosecrans Recreation Center Director Karen King said that there is now a regular walking program at the Recreation Center.

Budget Advocate Dr. Princess Sykes said that she attended the Regional Budget Day on January 20 along with HGNNC Budget Representative Sierra Gothe. Some of the areas for funding which were discussed were better lighting near bus stops, activities for seniors living in senior housing, street sweeping, access to fresh fruits and vegetables via Farmers Markets, and how best to promote use of 311 to stakeholders.

Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston announced the Ham radio license preparation class and FCC testing on Sat. March 24.

The hearing on the proposed Prologis warehouse at 747-761 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. will be held on Thurs. February 8 at 8:30 a.m. before the Los Angeles City Planning Commission in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

District 8 Representative Larry Morrison suggested that stakeholders sign up for the free app NextDoor to be able to notify neighbors of issues and learn what's happening near them.

**8) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary