

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chair), Saira Cooper (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions: Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of former District 1 Representative Ramon Montoya.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: John Stinson of the San Pedro Art Association discussed the Harbor area student art contest. Students from the 135th Street Elementary School have already submitted entries. The San Pedro Art Association would welcome a contribution from the HGNNC. This year, the SPAA will provide buses for students and families to attend the June 3 reception.

Norma Hollis, CEO of the Norma Hollis Companies, said that she presents programs about enhancing human dignity and how to create authenticity within an organization.

Larry Morrison, District 8 Representative, said that he had been out in his District today and needs to have t-shirts and other items so that stakeholders are aware of the Neighborhood Council and its purpose.

Youth Representative Richard Lee reminded the Board and stakeholders that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is holding its Pathways to Employment event for those ages 16-24 on Sat. April 14.

Antoinette Williams, a Los Angeles County resident, commented on all of the Rv's parked along streets with a lot of trash surrounding them in the Los Angeles County area to the east of the HGNNC. She was advised to call 211.

District 3 Representative Rey Paduani recommended a speaker from the Senior Ombudsman program of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

3) Recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Committee on a position letter for a proposed sub-division at 320 E. 118th Street in order to build a duplex on each lot (AA-2016-3310-PMLA), District 8; hearing date set for April 11: The Planning and Land use Committee have recommended opposing the request for a sub-division at 320 E. 118th Street due to the narrowness of the street, the number of other large duplexes already built on the street, and issues with inadequate parking. Two of the residents came to the PLU Committee meeting to state their opposition and one of the residents has gotten 62 signatures on a petition of opposition in just a few days. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace and passed 10-0-0 to adopt the recommendation and send a letter to the Department of City Planning to that effect.

4) Recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Committee for a position letter to the South Coast AQMD recommending that modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) be replaced with a safe alternative at the Torrance Refinery: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 10-0-0 to adopt the recommendation of the PLU Committee and send a letter to the South Coast AQMD.

8) Approval to rescind \$2,500 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the BAMN-ETI theatre project: The non-profit group has not yet worked out the details of a theatre production of “The Lion King” within the HGNNC boundaries. Therefore, it was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 10-0-0 to rescind the award of a Neighborhood Purposed Grant to BAMN-ETI for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

5) Approval of revised HGNNC budgets

a) \$42,000 general funds 2017-2018: It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the revised budget of \$42,000 indicating a lower amount allocated for Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

b) \$2,100 Clean Streets Challenge award 2016-2017 funds: Treasurer Joan Jacobs said that this budget does not need to be revised at this time.

6) Consideration of filing Community Impact Statements as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee:

a) Council File 17-1422 Permanent Supportive Housing: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0-1 (R. Lee) to submit a Community Impact Statement with a position of “oppose unless amended” for this Council File.

b) Council File 18-0002-S13 City Council Resolution opposing SB 827 (Wiener): It was moved by Saira Cooper, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-0-0 to submit a Community Impact Statement of support for this Council File which puts the City Council on the record as opposing SB 827 (Wiener), which would allow the construction of housing developments near major transit stops without compliance with local land use regulations in an effort to create more housing throughout the state of California.

c) CPC-2017-3409-CA (Interim Motel Conversion): It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 10-0-0 to file a Community Impact Statement for Council File 17-1432, with a position of support, if amended.

7) Reports and updates:

a) Finance Committee – dates for 2018-2019 budget proposal submissions: The Finance Committee met on April 2 and approved four additional funding proposals using 2017-2018 funds. There is currently \$3,750 unallocated from 2017-2018 funds and the Finance Committee will meet on May 2 to consider any final funding proposals for this fiscal year. Funding proposals for the 2018-2109 fiscal year can be submitted from April 15 to May 21. The Finance Committee will meet May 30 to begin reviewing those proposals.

b) Prologis warehouse – Letter of Determination and PLUM Committee hearing in May: The Letter of Determination from the Department of City Planning was sent out on March 16. Two appeals of the Determination were filed by two HGNNC residents on March 30. It is expected that the next public hearing before the PLUM Committee will be held in late May or June.

c) Harbor Alliance meeting of April 4, 2018: HGNNC HANC representative Lu Watson reported that there will be a Planning 101 workshop on May 2 in the Kaiser Permanente Conference Center. The City Clerk will be conducting funding training on April . All funding approvals for events must be submitted by May 20. Neighborhood Council Advocate Octaviano Rios acknowledged that the HGNNC did not win an EmpowerLA award this year (Harbor City was the winner), but the HGNNC has done a lot of great projects. The Mayor’s 2018-2019 budget will be announced on April 20. Harbor area Budget Advocate Danielle Sandoval has reported that not many stakeholders have taken the Budget Advocates budget survey this year. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be held on September 22; stakeholders from all areas of the City are needed to serve on the Congress planning committee.

9) Consent calendar (items 9a through 9g)

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

b) Approval of the March Monthly Expenditure Report

c) Approval of up to \$600 for a Uline 3-drawer lateral filing cabinet for the HGNNC office

d) Additional funds of up to \$1,000 for toiletry supplies for homeless youth in HGNNC schools

e) Additional funds of up to \$650 to fund spring cleaning fling in District 5

f) Approval of \$500 for a tree, plants, and bus bench ad at Main Street and Imperial Highway island bus stop for community beautification

g) \$1,500 for illegal dumping deterrent fencing for three underpasses (San Pedro/105 freeway, Main Street//105 freeway, and 117th Street/Athens Way)

It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 10-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 9a and 9g.

10) Announcements: Chair Pamela Thornton announced that Vice Chair Saira Cooper will take over as Chair of the Outreach Committee. The Committee will meet on April 23 at 6 p.m.

The public hearing on the proposed sub-division of 320 E. 118th Street will take place at 9:30 a.m. on April 11 at City Hall.

Assemblymember Mike Gipson will hold a workshop on how to form a non-profit on April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Rancho Dominguez Library, 4420 E. Rose Street.

The California Legislative Black Caucus is offering Frederick M. Roberts College scholarships for college freshmen. Applications are due on April 16.

The California Legislative Black Caucus African-American Leaders for Tomorrow program will sponsor a four-day residential summer camp in July for up to 90 high school students at California State University Dominguez Hills. The application deadline is May 1.

Sat. April 21 Assemblymember Mike Gipson will hold an Autism Awareness and Special Needs Forum partnering with the HGNNC.

April 21 is Earth Day and the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is sponsoring an event at Deane Dana Friendship Park.

Rosecrans Recreation Center Director Karen King announced that the park's basketball team made it to the City-wide championships.

Karen King also announced that summer camp at Rosecrans Recreation Center begins on June 11.

11) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary