

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 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), Rey Paduani (District 3), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions: Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:4 p.m. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of District 2 stakeholder Frank Voit, who trained the Neighborhood Council's first ham radio operators.

Pamela thanked everyone who attended the Board Retreat on June 9 and emphasized that for the coming year, the Board needs to work collaboratively on issues and projects. She then asked for input from each Board member on suggestions for how to work towards improving Board dynamics. Board members suggested improved communications, timelines for approved projects, civility in email and telephone communications, attendance at all meetings so that there are not later mis-interpretations, a master calendar for events to avoid conflicting events, mutual respect among Board members, civil behavior in Committee meetings, and use of a parliamentarian at meetings.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: There was no public comment.

3) 2018-2109 Strategic Action Plan-follow up from Board Retreat; identify areas of focus for program/project implementation for the 2018-2109 Board term: Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios led a review of the past year's goals and Action Plan development for 2018-2019. He said that the vision and goals determined last year do not need to change, but rather the Board could come up with a list of projects to focus on as a Board, rather than so much focus on individual Districts. Consider what projects would unite the Board, such as working to get action on specific issues, leverage Councilmember Buscaino's role on the South Coast AQMD, and get involved in how Council District 15 Block Grant Funds are allocated. He noted during the June 9 Board Retreat, various presenters discussed issues which could become action items/projects for the coming year, such as Councilmember Joe Buscaino: the revision of the Harbor Gateway Community Plan, Vision Zero funding for 135th Street and Avalon Blvd., partnerships with Council District 15, input on temporary homeless shelters and Safe LA Parking in Council District 15; Chairperson Pamela Thornton: town halls on controversial topics such as police brutality and race relations; Gary de la Rosa: analysis of HGNNC demographics; Treasurer Joan Jacobs: utilizing partnerships for HGNNC events; and
(Rey Paduani entered the meeting at 7:20 pm)

Vice Chairperson Saira Cooper: new marketing tools for upcoming HGNNC programs.

Octaviano also pointed out that for the upcoming Board election, there will be a need to look for candidates who have skills, such as entrepreneurs, those with computer skills, etc.

The current five and additional sixth goal were listed and suggestions made for possible upcoming programs/events to reach those goals.

- **Beautification:** art on DOT utility boxes, targeted clean ups, advocacy for more clean up resources for targeted areas

- **Public Safety** (includes traffic issues, environmental, health, police, and emergency preparedness): MHF at the Torrance Refinery, proposed 2,500 foot setback for oil drilling near sensitive uses, high levels of air pollution near the freeways, increased LAPD patrols in neighborhoods, Vision Zero for 135th Street and Avalon Blvd., another series of CERT classes, and another Active Shooter workshop.
- **Youth Engagement:** encouragement of HGNNC youth to participate in Civic Youth, a back to school event, HGNNC presence at school assemblies and school events, Gardena Elementary School field trip to City Hall
- **Civic Engagement:** more 311 workshops, outreach to stakeholders about the Harbor Gateway Community Plan update
- **Homelessness:** working to identify appropriate locations for a temporary homeless shelter or Safe Parking, continuing distribution of the HGNNC Homeless Resources card, and a partnership with LAHSA (possible sponsorship of an outreach van to the homeless)
- **Workforce Development:** informational sessions for stakeholders TBD

It was moved by Rey Paduani, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-0 to adopt the 2018-2019 HGNNC Action Plan with the six goals of Beautification, Public Safety, Youth Engagement, Civic Engagement, Homelessness, and Workforce Development. The details of the programs for each goal will be worked out by the Outreach Committee.

The HGNNC Self-Assessment was reviewed. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the 2017-2018 HGNNC Self-Assessment.

4) Approval of authorized Financial Officers for the 2018-2019 fiscal year: It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 11-0-0 to approve Joan Jacobs as Treasurer, Pamela Thornton as the Bank Card Holder, Hannah Woods as the second signer, and Rosalie Preston as the Alternate Signer for the new fiscal year.

5) Approval of two HGNNC Budget Representatives for the 2018-2109 fiscal year: It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 11-0-0 to re-appoint Sierra Gothe and Dr. Princess Sykes as the two HGNNC Budget Representatives.

6) Board Resolution to approve the 2018 HGNNC equipment inventory: The Board reviewed the draft report which included older items that were reported in a previous inventory but not inputted via the portal last year. It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Deborah Lee, and passed 11-0-0 to approve and certify the 2017-2018 HGNNC inventory list.

8) Reports

a) Harbor Alliance meeting of June 6: HANC Representative Lu Watson reported that there is a new proposal by the Dept. of City Planning to only give notice via a newspaper if there are more than 1,000 people impacted by a new development. There is a Council District 15 Working Group on Homelessness and they will recommend the locations for five temporary homeless shelters to be located in San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, and Watts on City-owned property with supportive services, security, and vetting of the occupants. The Council District will receive \$1.3 million to build the temporary shelters. There will be no HANC meeting in July.

b) Planning and Land Use Committee: This report was tabled due to lack of time.

7) Approval of the 2018-2019 budget of \$42,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Treasurer Joan Jacobs presented the proposed budget as worked out by the Finance Committee. The budget will be revised once the outreach programs and election events are determined. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the 2018-2019 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

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

a) Approval of the May 8, 2018, Board minutes

b) Approval of the June 5, 2018, Special Board minutes

c) Approval of the June 9, 2018, Special Board minutes

d) Approval of the May Monthly Expenditure Report

e) Approval of \$1000 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Los Angeles Police Foundation to support National Night Out at Southeast LAPD on August 7, 2018, from 2018-2019 funds

f) Approval of \$250 for distribution of flyers in HGNNC District 4 regarding safe streets, 311 information, Neighborhood Watch

6f was removed from the Consent Calendar to adjust the amount of money. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-1(Thornton)-0 to approve \$350 for distribution of flyers in District 4 regarding safe streets, 311 information, and Neighborhood Watch.

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10) Announcements: Lu Watson reported that District 5 Representative Llewyn folks will be released from the hospital soon.

Lu Watson commented that ACI/CIPS Marketing did not deliver the flyers for the District 5 May 19 clean up event to all households in their area and this impacted the turnout. Also, the HGNNC clean up vests loaned to volunteers were dirty and wrinkled and had to be washed first.

11) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary