

## **Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Special Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

135<sup>th</sup> Street School Library, 801 W. 135<sup>th</sup> 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), Marvin Bell (District 6), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative)

**1) Welcome/introductions:** After finally having the school library opened up, Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**2) General public comment on non-agenda items:** District 7 Representative Janet Mitchell announced that Ronnie K. Hillman Sr., the pastor of Charity Mission Church located within District 7, had passed on July 6. Pastor Hillman and his church partnered with the HGNNC on many events over the past two years. The viewing will be held at the church on July 13 from 5 to 8 p.m., with the service at the New Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Inglewood on July 14.

### **3) Acknowledgement and acceptance of resignation from Theo Fowles as Elected Outreach Representative**

**a) Recommendation to appoint Saira Cooper to Chair Outreach Committee:** This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**b) Approval of Outreach Plan 2018-2019:** Outreach Coordinator Saira Cooper presented an outline of the major events which are proposed to take place throughout the coming fiscal year, including partnering with events which are scheduled at Rosecrans Recreation Center, abutting Los Angeles County parks (Magic Johnson, Helen Keller, and Athens), Ralphs at 11922 S. Vermont Avenue, and Back to School nights at the five elementary schools. Details of two larger events are being worked on, which are a Back 2 School event in late September at the Rosecrans Recreation Center and also a Black History Month Talent Show in February 2019.

### **4) Committee and liaison appointments**

- a) Planning and Land Use Committee**
- b) Bylaws Committee**
- c) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils**
- d) Outreach Committee**
- e) Finance Committee**
- f) Emergency Preparedness Committee**
- g) Ad Hoc Homeless Issues Committee**
- h) Ad Hoc Cultural Arts Committee**
- i) Ad Hoc Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee**

Chair Pamela Thornton reviewed the existing list of Committee appointments, noting those listed members no longer attending meetings and receiving new volunteers. Some members need to be consulted before a final vote is made at the Board meeting in August.

**Council District 15:** CD 15 Field Deputy John Jones III reported that he is working with Rosecrans Recreation Center to hold a Movie in the Park at that location and would like the HGNNC to be involved in setting the date, preferably a weeknight, and providing popcorn and juice for attendees. He noted that CD 15 was holding a meeting to discuss Safe Parking

locations and temporary housing for the homeless on Wed. July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the former Watts Branch Library, 1501 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.

(Hannah Woods left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.)

John said that Arely Garcia, Constituent Services for CD 15, has been working with Rothbart Development Corp., the property management company, to obtain better security for the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Vermont Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd. because of the homeless cutting through the fencing and camping on the concrete pad.

(Deborah Lee left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.)

Arely has also been following up with the railroad for clean up along the tracks. Report the vacant lot to Building and Safety for lack of upkeep. Additionally, Arely will be sending out the HOPE Team to clean up the homeless encampments.

Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston said that residents living north or south of alleys have been getting City notices that they must maintain their alleys, even when they do not have garages on the alleys and no easy access to the alleys. One stakeholder who has complained is in her late 70's and does not have the ability to remove illegally dumped items from the alley.

John said that the first Bridge Home location for temporary housing in CD 15 would be located at Imperial Highway and Mona Blvd. Councilmember Buscaino proposes having a Bridge Home location and a Safe Parking location in each of the five areas of CD 15 (Wilmington, San Pedro, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, and Watts). The new affordable apartments on El Segundo Blvd. and 127<sup>th</sup> Street will count towards A Bridge Home for Harbor Gateway. A Safe Parking location might be set up in one of the Green Line Park and Ride lots in Harbor Gateway. The Councilmember has to have the recommendations for locations ready for the City Council by July 29.

**5) Approval of a position and filing of a Community Impact Statement on Council File 18-0467 (Neighborhood Council system reform recommendations):** This item was tabled for lack of time.

**6) Approval of the 2019 Board Election Information Worksheet:** It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the Worksheet as drafted.

## **7) Reports**

**a) Budget Day on June 23:** No one was present to make a report.

**b) Bridge Home and Safe Parking locations proposed in Council District 15:** John Jones III already covered this under his report.

**c) HANC meeting updates (July meeting was cancelled due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July):** The next HANC meeting will be Wednesday August 1.

## **8) Consent calendar (items 8a through 8g)**

**a) Approval of the June 12, 2018, Special Board minutes**

**b) Approval of the June 19, 2018, Special Board minutes**

**c) Approval of the June Monthly Expenditure Report**

**d) Approval of additional \$206.55 to total \$2,206.55 in expenses for Stakeholder Appreciation Day in District 8**

**e) Approval of \$892.72 Board Member reimbursement to cover the permit costs to Larry Morrison for Stakeholder Appreciation Day in District 8**

**f) Approval of \$193.36 Board Member reimbursement for food and refreshments to Larry Morrison for Stakeholder Appreciation Day in District 8**

**g) Approval of up to \$600.00 for items for HGNNC outreach to be distributed at Operation Backpack hosted by the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce on July 22, 2018**

Consent Calendar Item 8c was tabled because the June Monthly Expenditure Report was only posted earlier in the day, not giving Board members enough time to review it. It will be agendaized for the next meeting.

It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 5-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 9a-9b and 9d-f.

Consent Calendar Item 8g was voted separately to adjust the amount that the backpack supplies will cost. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 5-0-0 to approve up to \$300 for school supplies to support Operation Backpack on July 22 which will be held at the Gateway Crossroads Center and sponsored by the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, with the HGNNC having a booth at the event from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

**9) Announcements:** District 8 Representative Larry Morrison thanked the Neighborhood Council for supporting the July 4 Stakeholder Appreciation Day in District 8 via funding and volunteers at the event.

Assemblymember Mike Gipson is requesting attendance at the Fri. July 13 Call to Action to End Gun Violence which will be held on the southeast corner of Vermont Avenue and Manchester Blvd. from 6-8 p.m.

**10) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary