

Harbor Gateway North General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

135th Street School Auditorium, 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), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), 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 6:35 p.m. She noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a disease which effects both women and men. She also urged attendees to take the time to vote on November 6.

2) **General Public Comment on non-agenda items:** Dr. Princess Sykes, HGNNC Budget Representative and Harbor Area Budget Advocate, reported that the budget Advocates are updating the White Paper and creating a new Mission Statement for the Budget Advocates.

3) **Presentation: 2019 Neighborhood Council Elections:** Renee McDade, Election Administrator-Office of the City Clerk, reported that the City Clerk's office is handling the Neighborhood Council elections this time. They will be creating a video to demonstrate how to register online for a Neighborhood Council Board candidate. Her office will be having each Neighborhood Council verify their ballot templates. There will be more intensive training for poll workers than in previous years. Candidate filing for the first set of Neighborhood Council elections will begin in December. The HGNNC is in Region 12 for Neighborhood Council elections; candidate filing begins on Saturday, February 23 and ends on Tuesday March 26. All candidates must submit identification within three days of filing. A list of certified candidates will be released on April 9. The HGNNC election will be Saturday June 8 from 10 am to 4 pm at the 135th Street School, with election results certified by Tuesday June 18. The new Board will be seated within thirty days of the election. The candidate filing forms and the ballot will also be translated into Spanish and a Spanish-language interpreter will be present at the polling site. She encouraged adding a link to the City Clerk's election website on the HGNNC website.

(Janet Mitchell entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.)

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios explained the role of the Department in supporting the upcoming Neighborhood Council elections. There will be a need for outreach on the part of the HGNNC Board and stakeholders. Stakeholders are needed to run for the seventeen Board seats. This time, the Department has paid for Canva accounts which are available to help create light pole banners, bus bench ads, bus shelter ads, lawn signs, trifold brochures, and election flyers. The Department has also created demographic summaries for each Neighborhood Council. The HGNNC summary shows that 53% of the HGNC stakeholders are Spanish-speaking only. The HGNNC should have its election outreach materials prepared by December 10, with an explanation that Neighborhood Councils are advisory to City Hall, engage with their stakeholders to learn about their issues and then relay that information to City Hall. A listing of the HGNNC Board seats and their qualifications can be provided to community groups as a way of promoting the Board election.

4) **LAPD updates-meet the Southeast LAPD leadership, Senior Lead Officers, Deputy Chief, and Police Captain:** The new Southeast LAPD Captain Louis Pagliolonga introduced himself. He has worked for LAPD for 25 years and done four tours of duty in the Southeast Division. Most of his career has been spent as a Homicide Detective. During the past year in the Harbor Gateway North area, there have been only three homicides, with two family-related and the third for unknown reasons. Incidents of burglary and theft from motor vehicles are up this year—"hide it, lock it, keep it." Residential burglaries are up, as well—keep your house locked, including the doors and windows. Gang crimes are down, shootings are down, and homicides are down. Aggravated assaults usually involve family members and include domestic violence incidents. The City's Dispute Resolution program can sometimes help with those situations, to help defuse them. Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez said that in regards to the G13, the Deputy City Attorney is filing a motion so that Gardena Blvd. businesses do not allow G13 members to use their properties to hang out. The Gardena Blvd. businesses have committed to providing security officers and cameras. LAPD has been working on this since

2015. The G13 is now also active at Rosecrans Recreation Center. The Southeast Division now has no staff on the desk at night and is one of six LAPD stations trying this out as a way to put more officers on the street. The 77th Division is still open at night. LAPD coordinates with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs, Metro police, and LAUSD school police.

5) Presentation: LA Department of City Planning – Harbor Gateway Community Plan Update: Teresa Batson, City Planner, and Salvador Gutierrez, discussed the Harbor Gateway Community Plan update process and explained that it will take place over three years. It is one of the City's 35 Community Plans and has not been updated since 1997. A Community Plan guides how land will be used or developed in the future and discusses the goals for housing, transportation, commercial, and industrial uses for the next twenty years. Some public workshops have already taken place but others will be held. The State of California requires updates of the City's General Plan of which the Community Plans form a part. More information is available at www.harborlaplans.org The Department of City Planning will study how new proposals will fit in with the community's vision for the area. The listening phase of the Harbor Gateway Community Plan update will extend through the end of January 2019.

6) Presentation: LA Metro – Vermont Transit Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez, Community Relations Manager for Metro, said that funds to create a Bus Rapid Transit along Vermont Avenue from Hollywood Blvd. to 120th Street were included in Measure M. There is the possibility that the BRT can be later converted to a rail line, though the funding for that would not be available until 2065. The BRT will be implemented in a manner so as not to preclude the conversion to rail later on. The expected ridership would be 45,000 people per day. It would connect to key bus lines and rail lines. The corridor is of varying widths from 80 feet at the north end to 200 feet south of Gage Avenue. The goal would be to improve the service experience of riders and to improve the surrounding community via street design enhancements. BRT is like light rail on rubber tires, with a dedicated bus lane, coordinated traffic signals for improved travel times. The future rail would probably be above-ground south of Slauson and underground from Wilshire to Slauson with nine stations. If it is only underground, then there would be sixteen stations and a lot of property would have to be taken in order to connect to the Red and Purple Lines. Another alternative is to have an underground line not connected to the Red and Purple Lines, also with sixteen stations. The BRT would be in place by 2028 with electric buses used to reduce noise and pollution.

7) Presentation: Sense.LA-discussion and information on upcoming workshops: Gabriel Kahan explained that his non-profit assists people to come up with ideas and a plan to implement those ideas. His program involves a learning and communications methodology that utilizes community intelligence to understand problems of mutual concern via systems thinking, which is something that engineers use. He will be working with every Neighborhood Council that wants to host a six-hour workshop during which a sculpture will be created that visualizes the identified problems. The Harbor Gateway North workshop will be Sat. November 17 to focus on the HGNNC community and its issues. These will then be scanned into 3D maps and connected with those of other neighborhoods. The workshop provides a method to creatively problem solve and at the same time attracts new people to the Neighborhood Council. The method utilizes multiple forms of communication and can guide long-term decision making

10) Approval of filing Community Impact Statement: Council file 18-0467: It was moved by Saira Cooper, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 9-1 (Preston)-3 (Jacobs, R. Lee, Paduani).
(Larry Morrison entered the meeting at 8:44 p.m.)

The General Membership meeting was temporarily recessed at 8:45 p.m. in order to hold a Special Board meeting. The General Membership meeting was called to order again at 8:52 p.m.

11) Consent Calendar (Items 11a-11b)

- a) Approval of the July 24, 2018 General Membership Minutes
- b) Approval of the August 14, 2018 Board minutes

It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 13-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 11a and 11b.

9) Committee Reports

a) Outreach and One Community Fair on October 27, 2018: The first pop up election outreach event will be held on October 31 at the Rosecrans Recreation Center during their Halloween event. The October 27 One Community Fair has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for early in 2019.

b) Ad Hoc Cultural Affairs Committee: David Matthews said that a Bell to Bell event is planned for Gardena Blvd. on Saturday December 22, with possible collaboration with the City of Gardena, as part of “Make Music Winter.” It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 12-0-0 to appoint David Matthews the chair of the Ad Hoc Cultural Affairs Committee.

c) Ad Hoc Quality of Life/Public Safety Committee: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 2-0-0 to appoint Kreston Jordan as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Quality of Life Public Safety Committee.

d) Ad Hoc Homeless Issues Committee: There are no updates or projects at this time.

e) Planning and Land Use Committee: The appeal hearing for the City Planning Commission’s approval of the Prologis warehouse at 747 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. has been postponed until November 27 or possibly December. A proposed supportive housing project at 200 S. Main Street, to be built by Affirmed Housing, will be further reviewed by the Planning and Land Use Committee on November 3. Some of the issues of concern are the lack of parking (only eight on-site spaces provided), landscaping, and security.

Youth Representative Richard Lee said that November 28 or November 30 are the tentative dates for the Gardena Elementary field trip to City Hall. He asked for Board volunteers to assist him with the field trip.

12) Announcements: The Finance Committee plans to meet on Tues. December 4 to review revised HGNNC funding guidelines.

Rosecrans Recreation Center will hold a Halloween Carnival on Wed. October 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary