

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chair), Saira Cooper (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Hannah Woods (Corresponding Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), David Matthews (District 1), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewlyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), 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 6:38 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence in memory of Board Member Rosalie Preston's mother Hilda, who passed away on November 26 at age 96.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: District 5 stakeholder Lu Watson read from the December 6 Wave newspaper, which announced that Pamela Thornton had been elected as Co-President of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters-Torrance area.

(Joan Jacobs and Eva Cooper-Pace entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.)

3) Presentation by Tina Cox, Public Affairs-Southern California Air Quality Management District: This presentation will be rescheduled as Tina Cox was ill.

4) New outreach initiative presentation by Cort Huckabone, Pacific Gateway Workforce Development Bureau, serving the Harbor Gateway community: Chair Pamela Thornton explained that as one of the goals of the HGNNC Strategic Plan is to encourage job development in the HGNNC area, she had invited the Pacific Gateway Workforce Development Bureau to speak. Cort Huckabone and Jennifer Weyh explained that their agency serves the Harbor Gateway, Long Beach, Signal Hill, and San Pedro. They have an office at 6th Street, San Pedro. They serve as a one-stop center to assist with resume writing, support for appropriate interview clothing, gas cards for getting to interviews, and a computer lab. They also offer a business services section. If a business hires through the Pacific Gateway, they can receive incentives for hiring and training new employees who are permanent, full-time, and paid \$15 per hour. They sponsor job fairs around the area and help youth 14-24 find employment.

(Rey Paduani and Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.)

There is the possibility that some of the training sessions could be held at the Harbor Gateway Community Center.

(Richard Lee entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

The City of Los Angeles has a targeted local hire program for those who live within the City of Los Angeles and are underserved.

5) Appointment of a new Budget Representative: Due to the resignation of Budget Representative Sierra Gothe, it was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12-0-0 to appoint La Juana Mitchell as the second HGNNC Budget Representative.

6) Position letters

- a) **Letter to Bureau of Street Services re: service request tickets closed out before all illegal dumping is removed from a location/service is completed:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Hannah Woods, and passed 12-0-0 to approve writing a letter to the Board of Public Works, expressing concern that the 311 system is not working well and that reported issues, particularly illegal dumping, are being closed out before the work has been completed and sometimes referred to Clean Streets LA under the Bureau of Sanitation. However the caller is not told about this and there seems to be no way for the service request to be followed up.

- b) **Letter to Caltrans regarding lack of regular brush clearance along the 105 freeway above the 200 E. block of 116th Place which leads to fires being set by the homeless:** It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 12-0-0 to write Caltrans with the recommendation that a regular schedule of brush cleaning along freeways should be implemented to prevent campfires of the homeless along the freeways setting off brush fires near homes.
- c) **Letter to Superintendent Austin Beutner and others regarding support for the key principals of Save Our Schools LA:** It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 12-0-0 to approve sending a letter expressing support for the principals of the Save Our Schools LA campaign.

7) Reports

- a) **Outreach: One Community Fair and June 8, 2019, Board election:** Outreach Coordinator Saira Cooper said that the One Community Fair will be held on Sat. February 23 from 10 am to 2 pm at the 135th Street School and then from 2-4 p.m. Film LA will show the movie "Black Panther" in the school auditorium. Council District 15 is providing 20 canopies and tables and 100 chairs. Councilmember Buscaino will speak. Many City Departments will have information, as well as LAHSA, Pacific Gateway Workforce Development, possibly Food Forward, and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment, with information about the Neighborhood Council Board election and how to run for a seat on the Board. Benevolence Health will have a health van present to do various medical tests and there will be three food trucks from Gourmet Food Trucks. During the middle part of the event, there will be youth talent on the stage in honor of Black History Month.

(Larry Morrison entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

On Sat. December 15 from 11 am to 12 noon, there will be a holiday parade through the District 7 area sponsored by Charity Mission Church CDC.
- b) **Homeless Issues:** The Committee is encouraging sign ups for the Homeless Count in late January. The Committee is also considering funding fleece blankets for the homeless, with distribution in partnership with a suitable non-profit.
- c) **Planning and Land Use:** The Committee held its first meeting on October 17 at Fire Station 64 and reviewed issues related to illegal dumping and service delivery. The next meeting will be Mon. December 3 at Fire Station 64.
- d) **Youth activities:** Youth Representative Richard Lee said that he and Chair Pamela Thornton accompanied 54 fifth graders and two teachers from Gardena Elementary School to City Hall on November 30. They met Councilmember Joe Buscaino, sat in on a Board of Public Works meeting, and viewed the city and portraits of past Mayors on the top floor of City Hall. Richard plans to create a neighborhood support group in each of the eight HGNNC schools so that students learn how to report issues in their neighborhoods and learn more about how City government works.
- e) **Harbor Alliance meeting of December 5:** HANC Representative Hannah Woods reported that the Ryu Neighborhood Council reform ordinance will be further discussed on December. The LADWP has a program called the "Bucket Brigade" to encourage water conservation via students in LAUSD, with buckets available for Neighborhood Councils to distribute to their LAUSD schools. The Budget Advocates are planning a Region 12 Budget Day which will focus on city services. Their budget survey is nearly ready and when sent out, they ask that Neighborhood Councils promote it. There will be no online voting for any Neighborhood Council in 2019.

8) Consent calendar (items 8a through 8c)

Consent calendar items are considered to be not controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. The Consent Calendar will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items

unless the item is removed from the Consent Calendar, in which event the item will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda.

- a) **Approval of the November 13, 2018, Board minutes**
- b) **Approval of the November Monthly Expenditure Report**
- c) **Approval of up to \$4,000 for the One Community Fair on Sat. February 23:**
It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 13-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 8a through 8c.

9) Announcements: Janet Mitchell announced that the District 7 holiday parade will take place on Sat. December 15, leaving and returning from Charity Mission Church. Food boxes and toys for neighborhood children will be given out after the parade and the HGNNC will have a car in the parade.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary