

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chair), Saira Cooper (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Janet Mitchell (District 7), Larry Morrison (District 8), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

1) **Welcome/introductions:** Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The Board and stakeholders present introduced themselves.

2) **Black History Month program – Dr. Askia Muwwakkil, Historian and Harbor Gateway North/AOH stakeholder:** Dr. Muwwakkil discussed how Black History did not start in America, but rather Africa, and noted how the Africans developed the concept of a “god” long before Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Tariq ibn Ziyad of North Africa helped to spread the concept of numbers, Africans built the pyramids, and many African Americans developed key inventions, such as Garrett Morgan inventing the traffic light. He also stressed the need to focus on establishing family connections, rather than on buying expensive things, and to show more kindness towards others to help improve one’s spiritual and physical health.

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

4) **Position letters**

a) **Approval of a position letter regarding a conditional use permit for the sale of alcoholic beverage sales for off-site consumption at 12019-12023 S. Central Avenue (ZA-2018-5816-CUB; ENV-2018-5817-CE), as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee:** The letter of opposition as presented by the Planning and Land Use Committee was reviewed. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Saira Cooper, and passed 10-0-0 to approve a position of opposition to a conditional use permit for the new Vercher’s Liquor location. The public hearing will be held at City Hall on Tuesday February 26 at 9:30 a.m.

(Eva Cooper entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

b) **Approval of a letter regarding HGNNC budget recommendations for the 2019-2010 City Budget:** The draft letter was reviewed, but Chair Pamela Thornton asked that a vote be tabled until the Board meeting of March 12 so that recommendations from the Budget Advocates possibly be included in the HGNNC letter.

c) **Approval for HGNNC to send a letter of support for Resolution on Level 1 Coastal Development Permit 18-25: APM Terminals – Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment:** The Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils has supported this resolution, which asks for more analysis of automation at the Port of Los Angeles due to the impact of such automation on employment in the Harbor area. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the resolution and send a letter so stating.

5) **Approval of a revised HGNNC Funding Policy, as recommended by the Finance Committee:** Treasurer Joan Jacobs presented the revised HGNNC Funding Policy. Chair Pamela Thornton asked that a sentence be added to clarify that Finance Committee recommendations must be voted on by the full Board. It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the revised HGNNC Funding Policy.

## **6) Reports**

a) Outreach for the June 8, 2019, Board election- Sat. February 23 One Community Fair: Outreach Coordinator Saira Cooper said that the plan is to organize pop up outreach events in front of grocery stores, restaurants, and other places where people gather and also door-to-door visits in targeted Districts. The Outreach Committee will be planning Election Day events to attract voters to the polls and recruiting volunteers to help out at the polling site.

The One Community Fair on Sat. February 23 will have 20 canopies, 100 chairs, and barricades for the parking lot provided by Council District 15. There will be 20 vendors, two food trucks, and one dessert truck. 7-Eleven is providing water and snacks for 200 people.

## **7) Consent calendar (items 7a through 7e)**

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 January 9, 2019, Board minutes**

b) **Approval of the January 29, 2019, Special Board minutes**

c) **Approval of the October 23, 2018, Special Board minutes**

d) **Approval of the January Monthly Expenditure Report**

e) **Approval \$72.29 expenditure on 1/25/19 for supplies and snacks (lost receipt)**

Items 7a, 7d, and 7e were removed from the Consent Calendar. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 7b and 7c.

The date for 7a needed to be corrected. It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the January 8, 2019, Board minutes.

The January 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report has not been generated, so item 7d was tabled.

It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-0 to approve \$72.29 on 1/25/19 for snacks for the Harbor Gateway Community Plan Gardena Blvd. walk (lost receipt).

**8) Announcements:** There will be one last meeting of the Outreach Committee on February 22 at Rosecrans Recreation Center for a final walk through of the event site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary