

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), David Matthews (District 1), 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 6:38 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

**2) General public comment on non-agenda items:** John Stinson of the San Pedro Art Association, said that he had emailed the HGNNC a request for funds to support the annual children's art contest and he hoped that a funding request would be considered.

Al Sattler of the Sierra Club reported that at the South Coast AQMD's Board meeting on February 1, there were hundreds in attendance because the topic was whether to require the Torrance and Wilmington refineries to change the use of the MHF in the refining process to something less dangerous. A Torrance Refinery Action Alliance representative will be meeting with Mayor Garcetti on March 13 and Al expressed the hope that a representative from the HGNNC could also be present to help persuade Mayor Garcetti to take a stand to support the change away from MHF.

Larry Morrison, District 8 Representative, noted that cameras have been installed in District 8 to help keep the illegal dumping from happening, but it is not known if they are working or which agency is monitoring them. Therefore, they seem not to be useful. There was a terrible fire earlier today of a vehicle under the 105 freeway at Stanford which created a lot of black smoke close to the 116<sup>th</sup> Street School. He also noted that a lot of residents keep chickens, goats, and other animals on their properties and was referred to the Department of Animal Services in regards to the regulations for these type of animals. Finally, he noted that on March 9 there was a ground-breaking ceremony for Magic Johnson Park. In future he hopes that the HGNNC can be notified and have representatives present at these and other major events near the HGNNC boundaries.

Arvie Powell, District 4 stakeholder, asked how to obtain funding for Neighborhood Watch banners and flyers so that there can be more awareness of the monthly meetings. There also needs to be funding for the public walkway along Hoover Street, to fund more landscaping and benches.

**3) Board Governance: Leave of Absence notifications received**

**a) Vice Chair, Saira Cooper**

**b) Corresponding Secretary, Hannah Woods**

Chair Pamela Thornton said that the two Board members had indicated to her that they will not be able to participate in any further meetings through June. There was discussion as to whether their seats should be declared temporarily vacant and replacements sought for appointment. It was noted that the Bylaws allow for appointments if they are made more than 60 days before a Board election.

(Eva Cooper-Pace entered the meeting at 7 p.m.)

After discussion, it was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 10-0-0 that the two seats be declared temporarily vacated, with candidates sought for appointment to the Vice Chair and Corresponding Secretary positions.

(Marvin Bell entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

**4) Position letters**

a) **Approval of a letter recommending specific land use/zoning for the updated Harbor Gateway Community Plan:** After discussion, it was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 11-0-0 to table this letter to the April 9 Board meeting so that the Planning and Land Use Committee can further amend the draft letter.

b) **Approval of a letter regarding HGNNC budget recommendations for the 2019-2010 City Budget:** There was discussion of the draft letter and a suggestion made to add in staffing for the LAPD Southeast Division so that the front desk can be staffed 24 hours per day, as in the past. Some Districts also want to have more time to create a list of their issues. It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace and passed 10-1 (Preston)-0 to table the budget recommendations letter until the April 9 Board meeting.

5) **Approval of a Board resolution on the necessity for holding the June Board retreat outside the HGNNC boundaries:** After discussion, it was decided that to hold a mid-June board retreat would be too soon after the June 8 Board election. Therefore, it was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-0 to approve a Board Resolution on the necessity for holding the July/August Board Retreat outside the HGNNC boundaries.

6) **Approval of a revised 2018-2019 HGNNC Budget of \$42,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee:** Treasurer Joan Jacobs reviewed the proposed revised budget which the Finance Committee drafted on March 9 and explained areas where funds had been subtracted or added. An additional \$4,000 has now been allocated for Neighborhood Purposes Grants. The Finance Committee will be meeting again to review proposals for funding.

Chair Pamela Thornton asked that in future, the Finance Committee present a report listing all funding requests received and include the reason why some projects are recommended for funding (received after the deadline, did not meet HGNNC/City Clerk funding criteria, not sufficient funds in the budget). New funding applications should be submitted by March 26 and then the Finance Committee will meet before April 9 to review them. A new letter of non-funding will be created that can sent to those requestors whose projects are not funded, explaining the reasons for non-funding, such as late submission, proposal not meeting HGNNC funding criteria, or not enough funding available. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by David Matthews, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the revised 2018-2019 budget of \$42,000.

**7) Consent calendar (items 8a through 8h)**

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 February 19, 2019, Special Board minutes**
- b) **Approval of the February 27, 2019, Special Board minutes**
- c) **Approval of the January Monthly Expenditure Report**
- d) **Approval of the March Monthly Expenditure Report**
- e) **Approval up to an additional \$3,000 for unexpected expenditures for refreshments for the One Community Fair on February 23, 2019**
- f) **Approval of up to \$1,500 to purchase 1,000 pens for Election outreach**
- g) **Approval of \$300 to support the Rosecrans Recreation Center Spring Festival on April 13-outreach event**

h) **Approval of a Board reimbursement of \$276.11 for Janet Mitchell for refreshments and garden supplies for the November 24 and November 25, 2017, Community Garden Spruce Up event**

Items 8d was removed from the Consent Calendar as the Report had not been generated in time to distribute to the Board. It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 8 a-c and items 8e-8h.

**8) Reports**

a) **Candidate filing and outreach for the June 8, 2019, Board election:** There are fifteen days left for candidates to file for the 17 HGNNC Board seats. The deadline is March 26 at 5 p.m. Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, reported that there was a candidate workshop for the Harbor Area on March 2 but only seven people attended, with three of those from the HGNNC. The HGNNC Outreach Committee is planning to hold Pop Up candidate registrations on Sat. March 16 at the Harbor Gateway Community Center and Sat. March 23 at three locations from 10 am to 12 noon (Farmer Boys, 7-Eleven at Imperial Highway and Avalon Blvd., and the Harbor Gateway Community Center).

b) **Homeless Issues:** Tabled

c) **Planning and Land Use-Harbor Gateway Community Plan, Vercher's Liquor hearing, proposed new 7-Eleven at 110 W. Imperial Highway:** Tabled.

d) **Budget Representatives report:** Tabled

e) **Harbor Alliance meeting of March 6:** Tabled

**9) Announcements:** The EmpowerLA Awards for 2019 will be announced on Thursday March 28 at City Hall and the HGNNC is one of the nominees. Dinner will be served, so please RSVP if planning to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary