

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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

Present: Pamela Thornton (Chair), Princess Sykes (Vice Chairperson), 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), Richard Lee (Youth Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions: Chair Pamela Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence in honor of the Gang Alternatives Program staff member Mario Hernandez and Dr. Larry Moore, Jr., long-time educator with LAUSD.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: District 3 Representative Rey Paduani reported that Rosecrans Recreation Center has received donated exercise equipment for the public area.

District 6 Representative Marvin Bell said he has met the new LAPD HOPE (Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement) team members for his area.

District 1 Representative David Matthews said that as of July 1, the County of Los Angeles will no longer allow RV's to be parked along the streets in their area.

3) Presentation by Dr. Pablo Osorio, Principal -135th Street Elementary School on Measure EE: Special Local School Funding Election on June 4, 2019: Dr. Osorio played an informational video about Measure EE, the parcel tax measure which would assess 16 cents per square foot for residential and commercial properties. The video featured LAUSD School Superintendent Austin Beutner and explained that proceeds from the tax will be used for lowering class sizes; providing school nursing, library, and counseling services and other health and human services for student support; providing instructional programs, school resources, and materials; retaining and attracting teachers and school employees; and providing necessary administrative services. Dr. Osorio then answered questions about the measure and pointed out that there will be an exemption process for those over 65 or disabled. Two-thirds must vote for the measure on the June 4 ballot for it to pass. If passed, the measure would be in effect for twelve years.

4) Board Governance: Roles and Responsibilities until end of 2018-2019 Board term: Chair Pamela Thornton stated that she began her Board term in July 2016 working on team building for the Board. There will be one more Board meeting of the current Board before the newly elected Board is sworn in. She asked that Committee Chairs follow through on their assignments and that the person assigned carry out the task without multiple Board or Committee members working on the same issue. She noted that various actions are being taken which are not sanctioned by the Board. If assigned roles are followed, then she looks forward to seeing a successful end to this Board's term.

5) Bylaws Committee Report: Standing Rules recommendation: Hannah Woods, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, read out the introduction to the proposed new Standing Rules. She said that the Bylaws Committee had met on January and then she had met with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios to review the proposals. Board members then read over the proposed fourteen Rules. Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston, a member of the Bylaws Committee, pointed out that the Bylaws Committee had not met to review

the final list of Rules. After further discussion and revision of the language of proposed Rule 7, it was moved by Dr. Princess Sykes, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 13-1(Preston)-0 to approve the Standing rules as corrected.

(Rey Paduani left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)

6) Temporary appointment of two HGNNC Budget Representatives (to represent HGNNC at Budget Day on Saturday May 18, 2019): There was clarification that the appointed Budget Representatives will serve through the 2019-2020 fiscal year and that Budget Day is actually Sat. June 29 at City Hall. The appointed Budget Representatives will meet on Budget Day with the other Harbor Area Budget Representatives and vote on the two Budget Advocates to represent the Harbor Area. It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 12-0-0 to appoint Princess Sykes and David Matthews as the HGNNC Budget Representatives, and Joan Jacobs as the Alternate Budget Representative.

7) Position letters

a) Approval of a letter regarding HGNNC budget recommendations for the 2019-2020 City Budget and filing of a Community Impact Statement CF-2019-0600: The finalized draft letter was presented. It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12-0-0 to send the budget recommendations letter and file a Community Impact Statement on Council File 19-0600.

8) Report from the Treasurer

a) Status of HGNNC funds for 2018-2019: Treasurer Joan Jacobs said that about \$7,000 remains of the funds allocated to HGNNC for the current fiscal year.

b) Approval of a revised Election outreach budget: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 12-0-0 to approve the revised Election outreach budget.

c) Approval of a revised budget for 2018-2019 with updated election expenditures: Treasurer Joan Jacobs presented the revised fiscal year budget of \$43,300, which included the additional allocation for Election outreach events. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 12-0-0 to approve the revised budget.

9) Reports

a) Board election: June 8, 2019, election day events and outreach: The Outreach Committee met on May 9 and proposed items for the June 8 Election day which would help to create a festive atmosphere to attract voters, such as a taco bar, shred van, and possibly a DJ at the 135th Street School polling place. The goal is to have 250 people voting. Stakeholders will be made aware of the Election day event via a flyer delivered door-to-door, notices on social media, a poster displayed at each of the eight schools within the HGNNC boundaries, a robo-call, and email blasts. Ralphs is holding its Customer Appreciation Day on June 8 and possibly some flyers about voting in the Board Election can be given out at that event.

(Marvin Bell left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.)

b) Planning and Land Use-Harbor Gateway Community Plan; Vercher's Liquor, 12023 S. Central Avenue Letter of Determination: A number of HGNNC stakeholders attended the May 4 workshop at Gardena High School to view the boards listing the Department of City Planning's current proposals for the vision and zoning elements of the updated Harbor Gateway Community Plan. The Letter of Determination for Vercher's Liquor was mailed out on April 11. It restricts hours of operation at the new location to 11 p.m. closing Sunday through Thursday and 12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Verchers had asked for a closing of 1 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. One Board member noted that the sign

announcing the opening of the liquor store has been removed from the building at 12023 S. Central Avenue.

c) Homeless Issues-Fresh Mondays at HOPICS, status of Safe Parking LA at 14000 S. Figueroa Street: On April 22, three members of the Ad Hoc Homeless Issues Committee volunteered at HOPICS Fresh Monday, giving out donated socks and small toiletries to about 25 homeless people who came to make use of the Lava Mae shower and toilet as well as consult with legal. They also helped to give out the boxes of donated clothing. HOPICS has been providing services at Fresh Mondays for the past four months as a way of connecting the homeless to housing and other needed services. The Ad Hoc Homeless Outreach Committee hopes that Fresh Mondays or similar services can sometimes be offered in the HGNNC area, particularly in the area where the 105 and 110 freeways meet and where many homeless are living. Safe Parking LA will probably not open at 14000 S. Figueroa Street unless private funding is raised as sites on public property are receiving priority for funding from Measure HHH.

d) Budget Representatives report: Princess Sykes said that there was no report.

e) Harbor Alliance meeting of May 1: HGNNC Representative to HANC Lu Watson said there was no report.

10) Consent calendar (items 10a through 10d):

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 April 9, 2019, Board minutes

b) Approval of the April Monthly Expenditure Report

c) Approval of \$450 for a meeting minute taker and monthly administrative costs to support the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils during fiscal year 2019-2020, billed through a City-approved temporary staffing agency:

d) Approval of \$50 to the Mail Room for website hosting and maintenance for the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils during fiscal year 2019-2020:

It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 10a through 10d.

11) Announcements: There will be a meeting in Wilmington on Sat. June 22 about removing MHF from the Torrance and Wilmington refineries.

The Finance Committee will meet on Sat. May 25 at 9 a.m. to review the submitted funding proposals and draft the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder will present information on the new Voting Centers which will be used in 2020 on Thurs. May 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3300 Civic Center Drive, Torrance.

On Thursday May 16, Council Districts 8 and 15 are holding a workshop on cannabis regulations at Southwest College.

Soulful Café, a new restaurant offering vegetarian options, has opened at 6569 S. Vermont Avenue. The Village Market Place at the same location offers fresh produce, bulk grains, herb, honey, home-made pastries,

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary