

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 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), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), 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 6:45 p.m. She reviewed safety measures to follow in the event of an emergency. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence in memory of Yolanda Cramer, District 1 stakeholder.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: Daniel Tamm, Marketing Specialist - LA Sanitation and Environment, discussed the role of LASan in collecting trash, leading sustainability efforts for the City, and protecting the public's health and that of the environment in the City of Los Angeles. Mayor Garcetti has set the goal of having 100% of the City's water provided from recycled sources by 2035. The City is also on-track to have zero waste generated by households and businesses. On June 22 the Harbor District yard will hold an open house so that stakeholders can learn about recycling. The City also provides a number of Safe Collection Centers for hazardous waste.

Dr. Pablo Osorio said that as of June 25, he will be reassigned to the 15th Street School in San Pedro. He will let the HGNNC know the name of the Principal who will succeed him at 135th Street School.

Kenyatta Delancy and Diane Gardiner, District 5 stakeholders, discussed the issues of trash not being picked up along the 500 block of 127th Street, which is a cul de sac with a lot of apartments.

3) Board acknowledgements presentation: Caitlin Muldoon, Field Deputy from Council District 15, provided recognition certificates to all of the outgoing Board members as did Chair Pamela Thornton. Pamela also gave out bags of pens and other useful items and recognition certificates from Assemblymember Mike Gipson.

(Larry Morrison left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.)

Council District 15 Report: Caitlin Muldoon gave updates on her work in the HGNNC area. She noted that the request for a signal at the intersection of Gardena Blvd. and Menlo Avenue has been studied but the intersection does not meet the criteria for a signal. The application period for new speed humps opened in May. The next opening will be January 2020. Let her know of streets which need speed humps so that Council District 15 can assist with the application process. Sarah Bell is again the public works liaison for CD 15. Since January 2019, there have been 20, 315 requests for service via 311 throughout Council District 15. To report abandoned vehicles, use 1-800-ABANDONED and not 311. If the vehicle is still not removed, email Caitlin the vehicle information for follow up. The Summer Lights program at a number of City parks begins in June. She will follow up on the 127th Street issues raised by residents and also work with District 5 Representative Llewyn Fowlkes on this.

Mayor's Office: Johanna Rodriguez explained that she represents the Council District 15 area on behalf of Mayor Garcetti. She noted that per the data from the January Homeless Count, homelessness is up 12% in the Los Angeles County area and 16% in the City of Los Angeles.

Mayor Garcetti is taking full responsibility for the crisis. Meanwhile, 21,000 people were housed during 2018. 2,000 beds have been created in temporary shelters via A Bridge Home program during 2019. There are 1400 apartment developments in the pipeline which will be creating 10,000 units. The newly passed linkage fee will require developers to either provide affordable units in their developments or pay into a fund which will be used to pay for affordable units. The Mayor has supported the increase in the minimum wage to help workers be better able to pay for housing. His office has also publicized ways to avoid becoming homeless, such as the workshops on tenants rights that have been held throughout the City. There is a program for seniors which supports senior rent for five years until new affordable apartment units are available. She also mentioned the Summer Night Lights program which keeps young people busy during the summer. In the fall, there will be free DASH bus rides for those K-12 and also college students to help young people get to school and also to part-time jobs. This is a one-year pilot program.

4) Approval of a designated Treasurer, Second Signer, Alternate Signer, Card Holder, and Second Card Holder for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: The names of those proposed for Treasurer (La Juana Mitchell), Second Signer (Joan Jacobs), alternate signer (Franz Rodriguez), Card Holder (Rosalie Preston), and Second Card Holder (Joan Jacobs) were read out. It was moved by Princess Sykes, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-0-0 to approve these designation for the 2019-2020 fiscal year as part of the Administrative Packet.

5) Approval of the 2019-2020 budget of \$42,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Copies of the proposed 2019-2020 were passed out. It was moved by Princess Sykes, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 8-0-2(Fowlkes, Hawkins) to approve the budget as presented.

6) Approval of a Resolution requesting the Los Angeles City Council to support phase out of MHF (modified hydrofluoric acid) at the Torrance and Valero refineries, as recommended by the HGNNC Planning and Land Use Committee: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-0-0 to approve sending the Resolution with the addition of “as soon as possible” because of the urgency of the danger posed by the modified hydrofluoric acid if there should be a leak.

7) Reports

a) Board election report – elected candidates, voter turnout, date of new Board installation: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios said that the unofficial results of the June 8 Board election had been sent out during the afternoon. It will be another week until the final official results are posted. Over 200 people came out to vote. The new Board will be installed on Tues. July 9. Octaviano expressed the Department’s thanks to the outgoing Board for having served three years instead of the normal two-year term.

(Richard Lee left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

b) Board Retreat date and planning: The new Board will work on the details for a possible August Board retreat. David Matthews, Joan Jacobs, Eva Cooper-Pace, and La Juana Mitchell volunteered to work out the details.

c) Budget Representatives report – Budget Day is Sat. June 29: All Board and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this workshop which will be held from 7:30 am to 12 noon at City Hall. A free breakfast is included. The day offers the opportunity to learn more about how the City creates its annual budget which funds City services. The Budget Advocates voted to extend their terms by one year, though there have been challenges to this vote. Normally, Budget Advocates are voted on during the afternoon of Budget Day in the Regional meetings.

d) Harbor Alliance meeting of June 5: HGNNC HANC Representative Lu Watson reported that Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment General Manager Grayce Liu has announced that she will leave her position to become the Engagement Coordinator for the City's Personnel Department. Board members are encouraged to fill out the online survey on the qualities they would like to see in the next General Manager. The Board is encouraged to inform new Board members about the Harbor Alliance and to appoint new HANC Representatives at their first Board meeting. There will be no HANC meeting in July, so the next meeting will be Wed. August 7.

8) Consent calendar (items 8a through 8b):

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 May 14, 2019, Board minutes

b) Approval of the May Monthly Expenditure Report

Item 8a was pulled for a correction. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 8b.

David Matthews pointed out a correction to the May 14 minutes under Public Comment. It was moved by Princess Sykes, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the May 14, 2019, minutes as corrected.

9) Announcements: Chair Pamela Thornton noted that because the HGNNC had supported Council File 19-0046 for restrictions on developer contributions, the HGNNC was invited to attend a June 6 press conference organized by the Coalition to Preserve LA related to the proposed changes to the City's Ethics Reforms. However, none of the Board was able to attend due to other commitments.

Civic U classes are again being offered on July 15, 22, and 29 from 6-9 p.m. the classes give Neighborhood Council leaders the tools they need to understand City government and influence policy at City Hall. The HGNNC will send David Matthews and La Juana Mitchell to the three trainings, with Janet Mitchell as an alternate.

A Neighborhood Council Leadership Academy workshop will be held on Wednesday June 12 from 6-9 p.m. at the Harbor City Library with Pamela Thornton leading some of the workshop components.

There will be a Civic Life for all Angelenos workshop on

There is an Arts for LA workshop on June 21.

10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary