

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Blvd.

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Franz Rodriguez (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), La Juana Mitchell (Treasurer), Joan Jacobs (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Jackie Jackson (District 6), Angela Springs (District 8), Anahi Gomez (Youth Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions: Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. and thanked the large number of stakeholders for coming out to support the new Board. He reviewed the agenda. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

2) Seating of the new Board: Southeast LAPD Captain Lou Pagliolonga led the Board in taking the Neighborhood Council Oath of Office.

3) Appointment of a Parliamentarian: Chair David Matthews announced that Vice Chair Franz Rodriguez would serve as Parliamentarian for the Board.

4) Consent Calendar (items 4a through 4e):

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 June 11, 2019, Board minutes**
- b) **Approval of the June Monthly Expenditure Report**
- c) **Approval of \$1,000 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Los Angeles Police Foundation for support of National Night Out at Southeast Division LAPD on August 6, 2019—school supplies for backpacks**
- d) **Approval of up to \$1,200 for refreshments and chair/table rentals for the August Board Retreat**
- e) **Approval of up to \$1,000 for pens for outreach events**

It was moved by La Juana Mitchell, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 12-0-1 (Rodriguez) to approve the June 11, 2019, Board minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Rosalie Preston and seconded by Rey Paduani to approve Consent Calendar items 4b, 4c, 4d, and 4e, but this motion failed on a vote of 1(Preston)-7-0. The other items were then tabled for consideration later in the agenda.

(Jackie Jackson entered the meeting at 7:29 p.m.)

5) Reports

a) LAPD: Southeast Division Captain Lou Pagliolonga reported that the Harbor Gateway North area had only one homicide in the past year and that occurred in a dispute between transients. However aggravated assaults are up to 112 this year whereas last year there were a total of 84. In comparison to the rest of the Southeast Division area, there are a lot more property crimes in the Harbor Gateway North area. This year 117 vehicles have been stolen to date, whereas last year the number stolen was 84. The vacant lot at the northeast corner of Redondo Beach and Vermont Avenue was recently cleared of the homeless. 81 were living there and along the railroad tracks and 70 accepted services. The eleven remaining are on Union Pacific property. Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez is back from his one-month vacation and will be following up on requests for service. August 6 is National Night Out and all are invited to attend

from 3-7 p.m. on 108th Street between Broadway and Main Street. On September 25 an open house will be held at Southeast Division in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the LAPD.

Gardena Police Department Officer Villanueva said that Gardena has a Juvenile Justice Intervention Program and also a family support program with resources. Gardena PD will be hosting Coffee with a Cop on July 18 at Giulianos. Two sessions of Active Shooter training will be offered on July 13.

b) Council District 15: Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon suggested that emailing her at caitlin.muldoon@lacity.org is the best way to contact her over issues needing attention. In regards to the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Vermont Avenue, there will be weed abatement scheduled and the installation of solar lights to discourage people from living on the property. CD 15 is planning to host a movie night in August at the Boys and Girls Club. On August 3 there will be a Peace and Unity event from 10 am to 5 pm in Harbor City. Use MyLA311 to report illegal dumping and homeless encampments. Your request by telephone, internet, or phone app goes directly to the relevant Department and creates a tabulation of requests made. This is why all issues need to be reported so that the City is aware of the need for services in your area. In regards to the City's ordinance for marijuana dispensaries, illegal dispensaries will now have to pay for the City services used to close them down. There is only one legal dispensary in the Harbor Gateway North area (Stone Age on Rosecrans Blvd.) Illegal dispensaries do not pay any taxes and their products may not be tested for safety.

c) Budget Representatives report – Budget Day was Sat. June 29: HGNNC Budget Representative La Juana Mitchell said that over 300 people attended Budget Day on June 29. The City's budget process for the 2020-2021 City budget will begin in November. Speakers were the CAO, Mayor's Budget Director, and City Controller Ron Galperin. The elected Budget Advocates (two per geographical area of the City) study how the City works and suggest improvements for efficiency in carrying out services. The Budget Advocates meetings are open to everyone and take place on the first Monday of each month and also the third Saturday. In the current 2019-2020 City budget, the funding to end homelessness has been increased by 49%.

6) Appointment of a District 1 Representative: This appointment will be tabled until August 13 to allow for a longer period to advertise for applicants.

7) Meet and greet: The Board members and stakeholders present introduced themselves.

8) General Public Comment on non-agenda items

Community Organization Representative Larry Morrison said that he has a contact for part-time jobs for young people in the community. He also noted that if you have a digital recording of a crime, you can send it to the LAPD anonymously.

Tanya Lewis said that she operates an alkaline water store at 10608 S. Main Street.

District 5 stakeholder Hannah Woods said that her church, Fellowship Christian Church, 8905 S. Figueroa Street, is hosting a free health fair with free mammograms and HIV testing on Sat. August 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At-Large Representative Eva Cooper-Pace said that she would like to see the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Vermont Avenue used to house the homeless and provide services to them.

Youth Representative Anahi Gomez said that she is concerned about reports of tampering with food at some grocery stores.

9) Review of required trainings for the Board

- a) Ethics training**
- b) Funding training**
- c) Code of Conduct review**

There are still a number of Board members who have not completed the three required trainings. Some reported problems with the new Cornerstone portal.

(Anahi Gomez left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.)

10) Appointment of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and official Liaisons: The proposed list of Committee members and official Liaisons for City Departments and issues was reviewed.

(Rey Paduani left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.)

It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 12-0-0 to appoint all those listed, except for the Planning and Land Use Committee, which will be considered at the July 23 General Membership meeting.

11) Board Retreat

- a) Ad Hoc Committee first meeting**
- b) Date in August; venue; luncheon and other refreshments**
- c) Program ideas**

Chair David Matthews suggested postponing the Board Retreat until September to give the Ad Hoc Committee more time for planning.

(Franz Rodriguez left the meeting at 9:29 p.m.)

4b) Approval of the June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 6-0-2 (Cooper-Pace, Jacobs) to approve the June 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.

4c) Approval of \$1,000 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Los Angeles Police Foundation for support of National Night Out at Southeast Division LAPD on August 6, 2019 – school supplies for backpacks: It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by La Juana Mitchell, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the NPG for the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

4d) Approval of up to \$1,200 for refreshments and chair/table rentals for the August Board Retreat: This was tabled until the August 13 Board meeting.

4e) Approval of up to \$1,000 for pens for outreach events: This was tabled until the August 13 Board meeting.

12) Announcements: the formerly named Bureau of Street Services is forming a StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Committee which will discuss, analyze, review, deliberate, and provide recommendations on current and proposed street programs and initiatives. If you are interested in applying for the Committee, apply through the website at streetsla.lacity.org or call 213-847-3333.

The HGNNC General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday July 23 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Blvd., with a presentation by MyLA 311 and Caltrans Adopt-a-Highway program.

The CD15 Homelessness Working Group will meet on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the San Pedro United Methodist Church, 580 W. 6th Street.

13) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary