

**Harbor Gateway North General Membership Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019  
Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Blvd.

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Franz Rodriguez, (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Jackie Jackson (District 6), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (District 8), Larry Morrison (Community Organization Representative), Viri Yahuaca (Youth Advocate), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large)

**1) Welcome/Introductions:** Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. This was followed by a review of the exits, the salute to the flag, and a moment of silence.

**2) Consent Calendar (Item 2a)**

**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 \$1,000 as an NPG to the Queen Isis Foundation/ Roof a Youth Foundation to support the Music Escape Festival on August 3, which supports connecting services to unhoused youth**

It was moved by Rey Paduani, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 5-1(Preston)-0 to approve awarding \$1,000 as an NPG to the Queen Isis Foundation for support of the Music Escape Festival on August 3.

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

**3) Approval of the revised 2019-2020 budget of \$42,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 6-0-1(Hawkins) to approve the revised budget.

**4) Updates from District Representatives:** There were updates on current issues in Districts 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8.

**5) Reports**

**a) LAPD:** None of the Senior Lead Officers were able to attend.

**b) Gardena PD:** The Gardena officers had other commitments.

**c) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Octaviano Rios had to leave for another Neighborhood Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. so was not present.

**6) Speakers:**

**a) MyLA311 – how to use the app or online web portal to report illegal dumping, potholes, homeless encampments, and other issues needing City attention:** Donna Arrechea, Director of 311, explained that 311 was established in 2002 under Mayor James Hahn. There are 50 agents at the call centers and the call centers are part of the 311 program which also includes the free mobile app MyLA311 and the online portal. The call in line is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For the app and the online portal, photos can be uploaded of illegal dumping, graffiti, lifted sidewalks, potholes, etc. The app and online portal allow the City Council and Mayor to track where services are being requested by Council District and later adjust the budget accordingly. The staff can speak many different languages. Residents can also pay their utility bills via the app.

(Larry Morrison entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

**b) Caltrans Adopt a Highway program:** Shelley Bickel explained that the on ramps and off ramps of the freeways are under Caltrans jurisdiction. Caltrans spends \$70 million a year on picking up litter along the freeways. The Adopt a Highway program gives businesses and residents a sway to beautify their neighborhoods. Volunteers can commit to removing litter twice a month, planting along the freeway, adopting an on or off ramp, or supporting graffiti removal or weed removal. The minimum segment for adoption along a freeway is two miles. A permit for adoption is good for five years, but volunteers can leave the program before that. Volunteers are provided with hard hats, tools, and trash bags. For those who adopt a two-mile segment, a sign with the

name of the group will be posted. Volunteers can adopt less than two miles or just an on or off ramp. Volunteer groups can also raise funds to hire an approved contractor to do the work.

**7) Meet and Greet:** The Board members present introduced themselves.

**8) General Public Comment on non-agenda items:** Community Organization Representative Janet Mitchell said that there will be a meeting on July 29 at 1 p.m. to discuss the issues of soil contamination under the former Ujima Village next to Magic Johnson Park. The meeting will take place at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, 10950 S. Central Avenue.

District 1 stakeholder Fred Nichols said that he is working with Dr. Cantu on organizing a book sale at Gardena Elementary School. He is seeking donations of childrens' books in good condition.

District 4 stakeholder Ismael Godinez commented on the number of RVs with homeless people living in them along 135<sup>th</sup> Street west of Figueroa Street after Los Angeles County prohibited vehicles from parking overnight their industrial areas just to the east since July 1.

A District 1 stakeholder complained about the apartment on the west side of Menlo Avenue at 167<sup>th</sup> Street which has very few vehicles parking in the underground garage. Instead, those vehicles are parked all over the residential area to the east.

**9) Appointment of Planning and Land Use Committee members:** Since five Board members are interested in being appointed to the Committee but only four Board members can serve on a Committee per the Brown Act, a straw vote was taken to determine the four: Llewyn Fowlkes, Vanessa Johnson, La Juana Mitchell, and Rosalie Preston.

**10) Announcements:** The Outreach Committee will hold its first meeting on Mon. July 29 at 6:30 p.m.

The Music Escape Festival for homeless youth outreach will be held on Sat. August 3 from 3-6:30 p.m. at Helen Keller Park. The HGNNC will have a booth there and volunteers are needed.

National Night Out will be held at Southeast Division of LAPD on Tues. August 6 from 3-7 p.m. The HGNNC will also have a booth there.

**11) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary