

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Franz Rodriguez (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), John Ward (District 1), Joan Jacobs (District 2), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Jackie Jackson (District 6), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (District 8), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), and Larry Morrison (Community Organization Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions: In the absence of Chair David Matthews and without a quorum of nine Board members present, Vice Chairperson Franz Rodriguez asked guest speaker Caitlin Muldoon to make her report.

3) Reports:

a) LAPD report: No one was present from the LAPD.

b) Council District 15: Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon said that in light of the Janet Garcia v. City of LA decision which ruled that LAMC 56.11 violates the U.S. Constitution, City Attorney Mike Feuer is seeking direction on how to revise the Municipal Code language relating to personal items of the homeless being removed from City sidewalks. Per Council File 16-0461-S1 tree replacement program, six trees will be planted at Hoover and 120th Street, with watering provided. No date has been scheduled yet. A request to install a traffic signal at Menlo Avenue and Rosecrans was denied as the location does not meet the national guidelines for traffic signal installation. A roundabout will be installed at 125th Street and Ainsworth where it meets 126th Street and Menlo Avenue as a deterrent for illegal vehicle donuts. There will be a block party on Sat. April 4 along Gardena Blvd. between Menlo Avenue and Berendo. This is a joint effort between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Gardena to encourage residents to fill out their Census surveys. To report homeless encampments, take a photo and submit via your cell phone through the MyLA11 app. To report abandoned vehicles via telephone, call 1-800-222-6366 and not via 311.

(Richard Lee entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m., which resulted in a quorum of nine Board members) Caitlin said that Parking Enforcement actions are very slow because they have 100 vacancies and only one enforcement person for the whole of Council District 15 in an eight-hour period.

c) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Council Advocate Octaviano Rios reported that the deadline for submitting Bylaws changes is April 15. The Department is drafting outreach and other plans for the 2021 Neighborhood Council Board elections. Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to promote completion of the Census survey by their stakeholders. Wilmington is holding an Arbor Day event on . Homelessness liaisons will be meeting on

d) Budget Representatives: No one was present to give a report.

e) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils: HGNNC HANC Representative Lu Watson noted that the HANC Secretary had been fired by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. She also had worked as the secretary for a number of other Neighborhood Councils. She suggested that the HGNNC place a letter of protest to this firing on the April 14 Board agenda.

f) Outreach activities – Census 2020: The Outreach/Communications Representative was not present. However, the Census 2020 Block Party on May 4 had been announced by Council District 15 Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: There was no general public comment.

4) UPS reports on their truck usage along 135th Street: UPS will be available at the April 14 Board meeting to make a report on their study of their vehicles using 15th Street to travel west past the 135th Street School from their distribution center on the east side of the 110 Freeway to the Gardena area.

5) Consent Calendar (items 5a through 5b):

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 11, 2020, Board minutes

b) Approval of the February 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 8-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 5a and 5b.

6) Committee appointments

a) Ad Hoc Youth Issues Committee – Barbara Tyson: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 to appoint Barbara Tyson to the Ad Hoc Youth Issues Committee.

b) Ad Hoc Office Relocation Committee – Richard Lee, La Juana Mitchell, Franz Rodriguez, and Angela Springs: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 9-0-0 to appoint Richard Lee, La Juana Mitchell, Franz Rodriguez, and Angela Spring to the Ad Hoc Office Relocation Committee. So far, Council District 15 has offered some space in their Watts office for a telephone and use of their copy machine. The Committee members met by telephone on March 10 and will meet again on March 24 with Aksel Palacios of CD 15.

7) Approval of revised Bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee, for submission to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for final review: Franz Rodriguez, as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, reviewed the proposed changes, including adjusting the wording on the District 8 eastern boundary, placing a limit on the maximum number of Committee members, and revising the age of the Youth Representative position to ages 14-17 per the changes approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 8-1(Ward)-0 to approve the revised Bylaws as presented.

8) Approval of an EIR Scoping comments letter for the proposed Prologis warehouse, 15116-15216; 747-861 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. (ENV-2017-1015-EIR), as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee: Planning and Land Use Chair John Ward said that there had been a very successful collaborative effort at the Saturday March 7 Planning and Land Use Committee to review and finalize the draft letter. The Scoping comments letter includes a number of proposed alternatives for study and also comments on various topic areas, such as Air Pollution, Noise, and Transportation.

(Vanessa Johnson entered the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)

It was moved by John Ward, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the letter as presented.

(Richard Lee left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.)

9) Announcements: HANC Representative Lu Watson asked that the HGNNC place the draft letter regarding the firing of the HANC Secretary on the April 14 Board agenda.

District 7 stakeholder Dr. Princess Sykes suggested that buying bottled water during the novel corona virus pandemic is not necessary as regular tap water can be used or boiled and a small amount of bleach added if stakeholders are concerned about drinking water safety. She also recommended staying six feet away from other people who are sneezing or coughing.

(Vanessa Johnson left the meeting at 8:11 p.m., which ended the quorum.)

10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary