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Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Franz Rodriguez (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), La Juana Mitchell (Treasurer), John Ward (District 1), Joan Jacobs (District 2), Arvie Powell (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Jackie Jackson (District 6), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (District 8), Larry Morrison (Community Organization Representative), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Elijah Thomas (Youth Representative), Janet Mitchell (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Eva Pace (At Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions/roll call of Board members: Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

2) Reports

a. Council District 15: Council District 15 Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon said that the City budget shortfall is \$400,000 to 600,000, so there will be cuts to Department budgets, furloughs, and possible layoffs. LAHSA is offering Project Roomkey to provide temporary housing for the homeless in hotels and motels. The City and LADWP are offering a one-time grant program to help low-income residents pay for their utility bills.

(Richard Lee entered the meeting at 6:49 p.m.)

Homeless encampments are not supposed to block sidewalks. The CARES program provided additional clean ups for homeless sites. If the Neighborhood Council is in favor of being able to reinstitute the CARES program, please write a letter in support of . CD 15 will have a holiday caravan traveling through the Harbor Gateway North area on the afternoon of December 1. Drive up or walk up testing sites for COVID-19 are available. Installation of speed humps has been postponed due to COVID-19. Report requests for City services via 311, either via telephone, online, or the cell phone app. Parking Enforcement is again removing abandoned vehicles. If your vehicle was mistakenly towed, email Caitlin including your citation number.

b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios offered thanks to the Board members and stakeholders who are veterans. November 13 is the deadline to submit the Election Information Worksheet. Harbor Gateway North is part of Region 12 for elections and June 15 is the election day. Candidate filing takes place between February 13 and March 30. Stakeholders submit their vote by mail applications between April 16 and June 8. A ballot will be mailed to them and must be submitted by mail or dropped off by June 15. A funding training session for Board members is November 24 at 10 a.m. Additional sessions of the required training for Planning and Land Use Committee members will be offered online on December 11 and 15. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on November 16 at 1 p.m. will discuss DONE's budget and staffing level impact, Neighborhood Council Board elections, and the proposed Digital Media Policy. DONE will be adding language to Neighborhood Council Bylaws for the new language on uniform age for Youth Representative and voting and the updated Community Interest Stakeholder definition.

c. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils – November 4 meeting: Joan Jacobs said that the Digital Media Policy was discussed and BONC member Ray Regalado said he'd like to get opinions on it. It relates to Neighborhood Council digital media and what is posted and who does the posting with the intent to keep Board members' personal digital media kept separate from official Neighborhood Council social media. DONE has been awarded \$511,000 funding by the City Council to assist with Neighborhood Council Board elections. LADWP presented their Urban Water Management Plan, which is a 25-year plan to ensure water reliability, and Operation NEXT Water Supply Program which plans to recycle 100% of the waste water from Hyperion by 2035. That will ensure that 70% of all water used will be locally sourced. The

Budget Advocates are having some dissension over open meetings and challenges from a new group, the Budget Tribunes. One of the Harbor area Budget Advocates Danielle Sandoval suggested that the Harbor area hold its own budget meetings and come up with their own proposals for the City budget.

d. Aging Liaison – October 29 meeting: Eva Pace was not present.

3) Consent Calendar (items 3a through 3c):

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 October 10, 2020, Special General Membership minutes

b) Approval of the October 13, 2020, Board minutes

c) Approval of the October 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 9-0-0 (with 5 ineligible) to approve Consent Calendar items 3b and 3c.

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 14-0-0 to approve the October 10, 2020, Special General Membership minutes as corrected, item 3a.

(David Matthews and Rosalie Preston recused themselves at 7:24 p.m.)

4) Treasurer's report

a) Approval of up to \$3,000 on a fee for service basis for expert review of the draft

Environmental Impact Report for the Prologis warehouse at 15116-15216 S. Vermont avenue, 747-861 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. (ENV-2017-1015-EIR), in District 3: John Ward said that because the project is one of the biggest ever to come before the Neighborhood Council and also contentious, with a complex and technical draft EIR, the Planning and Land Use Committee has recommended hiring an expert consultant on a fee for service basis. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell and passed 7-0-0 (5 not eligible; 2 recused) to approve up to \$3,000 on a fee for service basis. Treasurer La Juana Mitchell said that the source of the \$3,000 would come from the line item for office rent that has not been paid as the lease has still not been finalized, \$200 that was already allocated, and the rest from the Outreach line item.

(David Matthews and Rosalie Preston returned to the meeting at 7:40)

5) Comment letters

a) HGNNC position letter on the proposed 7-Eleven store/gas station, 110 W. Imperial Highway, (ZA-2020-3944-CU-CPIOA; ENV-2020-3945-EAF) in District 7, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee: The Planning and Land Use Committee has not finalized a position letter. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 13-0-1 (Johnson) to table the item until the December 8 Board meeting.

6) Appointment of a Youth Representative who is 14 years of age to 17 years of age and who lives or works in the neighborhood: Elijah Thomas presented his background. He is a Serra High School freshman with a 4.0 average and on the baseball team. He has started a tutoring business for kids and plans a career in medicine. He also would like to help organize food giveaways, community clean ups, and other community improvement projects. He is 14 years old. It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 14-0-0 to appoint Elijah Thomas as the Youth Representative.

(Richard Lee left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.)

7) Approval of the Election Information Worksheet for the June 15, 2021, Board Election, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Election Committee: The draft Election Information

worksheet was read out. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0-2(Rodriguez, Ward) to approve it.

8) Updates from Committee Chairs: Bylaws Committee (Franz Rodriguez) will be setting a meeting.

Finance Committee (La Juana Mitchell) will be meeting in December.

Homeless Issues (no Chair yet) hasn't met in some months.

Outreach/Communications (Janet Mitchell) will meet on Mon. November 16 at 6:30 p.m. They will be helping to distribute food baskets at the Dae Hueng Korean Presbyterian Church on Sat. November 21 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Planning and Land Use Committee (John Ward) met on November 7.

Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness (Deborah Lee) has not held a recent meeting.

Youth Issues (Richard Lee) has not met recently.

9) Updates from District Representatives: District 1 (John Ward) A lot of streets and alleys have been cleaned up and abandoned vehicles and motor homes towed away. He is working on a street art project for Gardena Blvd. Miriam de la Matta of Gardena helped to clean up along Gardena Blvd. on October 31.

District 2 (Joan Jacobs) David Matthews helped to organize a clean up of Alondra Blvd. east of the 110 freeway though a week later there was a homeless encampment there. She is driving the District 2 area every Tuesday to see if bulky items that people put out for Monday pick up have been removed.

(Eva Pace entered the meeting at 8:17 p.m.)

District 3 –David Matthews said that for the past fifteen days he has had 125 abandoned vehicles and piles of garbage left by the homeless removed from Figueroa Street. The homeless have been vandalizing business along the east side of Figueroa Street.

District 4 (Arvie Powell) She noted that Figueroa Street looks much better now that the red curbs have been painted and RVs removed. There are continuing problems with the auto repair business located on Rosecrans just west of Menlo Avenue. District 4 is getting some trees trimmed.

District 5 (Llewyn Fowlkes) No report.

District 6 (Jackie Jackson) She is impressed to see that the neighbors are working together on issues. They put up signs encouraging people to vote in the presidential election. Residents are keeping the trash picked up from the Caltrans areas along the 105 freeway. The homeless were removed from the railroad tracks but now are living behind the 105 freeway. Caltrans has put up fencing at 115th Street and Hoover.

District 7 (Vanessa Johnson) Main Street under the 105 freeway has remained clean for two weeks. Other areas need to be reported.

District 8 (Angela Springs) She has been working with the stakeholders on various issues. They are now getting a response from Parking Enforcement when vehicles are reported not moving for 72 hours. She has been encouraging more use of 311 and will have 311 flyers passed out. The Temple of Believers is holding a toy drive on November 19.

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

11) Announcements: There were no announcements.

12) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary