

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

1035th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Franz Rodriguez (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), La Juana Mitchell (Treasurer), John Ward (District 1), Joan Jacobs (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Jackie Jackson (District 6), Angela Spring (District 8), Larry Morrison (Community Organization Representative), Janet Mitchell (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions: Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Lt. Jamie Bennett, Southeast LAPD Gang Unit, discussed the recent activity of the G13 along Gardena Blvd. He said they are also working on the illegal cannabis sales, narcotics, and referring youth who might become involved with illegal activity to counseling and other deterrence programs. He introduced Sgt. Marino who oversees the Cadet Program and Senior Lead Officer Martinez who said that LAPD was following up on a suspicious car seen on Gardena Blvd. yesterday and working on the RV issue along Figueroa Street using a Task Force.

(Eva Cooper-Pace and Angela Springs entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

Sgt. Marino said that the LAPD would have more officers along Gardena Blvd. to address recent issues there. He can be reached at 36053@lapdonline For graffiti, use MyLA311 and also report to the LAPD via their online website. LAPD reports can now be filed online, if there will be no need for detectives. He noted that each clean up of a homeless encampments takes nine hours and takes the Senior Lead Officers out of the field during that time.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: Sharon Williams, Equity for LAUSD South District, which is based at the 118th Street School, said that the 118th Street School has lots of great programs but no funding for the before-school program Ready, Set, Go. The cost is \$15,000 for the year for ninety minutes of before school care.

Jessyka Ramirez-Holden, newly appointed Assistant Principal at the Environmental Charter Middle School, said that the school will be holding its Green Up Day and Fall Festival on Sat. October 26 from 11 am to 4 pm and all are invited.

Martina Aguilar from the Normandale Recreation Center's Senior Program wanted to make all HGNNC stakeholders aware of their services.

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 September 3, 2019, Board minutes

b) Approval of the August 2019, Monthly Expenditure Report

c) Approval of the September 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report

It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 10-1 (Fowlkes)-1 (Hawkins) to approve Consent Calendar items 3a through 3c.

4) Committee appointments: Rosalie Preston moved to take up item 5 before item 4 because of a proposed change to place a limit on the number of members on HGNNC Committees. However, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios said that such a motion was

not allowed because the HGNNC does not have an item on its agenda to approve the agenda as presented.

a) Outreach Committee: It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Franz Rodriguez to approve the appointments of Lois Saito and Craig Kusunoki to the Outreach Committee on a vote of 8-2 (Fowlkes, Preston)-2 (Cooper-Pace, L. Mitchell)

b) Planning and Land Use Committee: There was discussion about the number of people already on the Committee, 19, and the difficulty of achieving quorum and also the stakeholder status of Laurel Casey, whom the City Attorney has ruled does have Community Interest stakeholder status because she works for a company which is paying a monthly sub-lease for the property at 747 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. It was moved by John Ward, seconded by Franz Rodriguez, and passed 5-4 (Cooper-Pace, Fowlkes, Hawkins, Preston)-4(Jacobs, Morrison, Paduani, Springs), with Chair David Matthews voting in favor to break the tie vote, to appoint Laurel Casey to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

5) Adoption of revised Standing Rules, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee: Bylaws Committee Chair Franz Rodriguez read out the proposed changes to the Standing Rules which the Bylaws Committee had voted to recommend. It was moved by Franz Rodriguez and seconded by Rosalie Preston to adopt the revised Standing Rules as read. John Ward then made a motion to amend the main motion to send back the proposed Standing rules to the Bylaws Committee to reconsider the limit on the number of members who can serve on Committees. District 1 Stakeholder Fred Nichols, who is also a member of the Planning and Land Use Committee, read out a statement arguing that limiting the number of Committee members discourages stakeholders who would like to volunteer, silences diversity of opinions, and can create biased results on the Committee votes.

The amendment was voted on first, with a vote of 9-2 (Jacobs, Preston)-1 (Hawkins). The main motion was voted on, with a vote of 2 (Jacobs, Preston)-10-0.

8) Reports: As a courtesy to the new General Manager, this report was taken out of order.

c) Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment – report by new General Manager Raquel Beltran: Raquel Beltran introduced herself as the new General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. This is her fourth week on the job and she has visited 15% of the 99 Neighborhood Councils as of Friday. The mission of the Department is to promote more public participation in government and improve government responsiveness to local needs. She has previously worked in public administration for government agencies and for non-profits. She also has experience in organizing domestic workers and organizing response to disasters and has worked for the League of Women Voters and the Pat Brown Institute. The role of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is to support the Neighborhood councils, strengthen its relationship with the Neighborhood Councils, improve the Neighborhood Councils engagement and advocacy with their communities, and to improve City Hall’s relationship with the Neighborhood Councils. As part of her listening tour, there will be a survey created to learn what is needed by Neighborhood Councils and to give examples of successes which Neighborhood Councils have had.

6) Position letter: support for Council File 16-0243 (study of conversion of all LADWP power sources to renewables by 2030), as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee: This was tabled due to lack of time.

7) Finance Committee recommendations for Funding:

a) Approval of \$500 to support the Rosecrans Recreation Center Halloween Festival on Oct. 31: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 11-0-1 (Morrison) to support the Halloween Festival.

b) Approval of \$300 for Cancer Awareness event on Sat. October 26 at Ralphs: Outreach Representative Janet Mitchell said that the event would feature information booths about breast, prostate, and pancreatic cancer. She said the funds would pay for a dietician. It was moved by John Ward, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-1(Cooper-Pace)-0 to approve support for the Cancer Awareness event.

c) Approval of \$1,500 for Community Holiday Parade on Sat. December 14 or Sat. December 21 in District 7 and 8: It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by John Ward, and passed 12-0-0 to support the Holiday Parade in Districts 7 and 8.

(Rey Paduani left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.)

d) Approval of transferring \$1,000 previously granted to the Queen Isis Foundation for an event to distribute school supplies to students at Gardena Elementary, Environmental Charter Middle School, Peary Middle School, and Gardena High School where HGNNC children attend these schools: There was some discussion as to which schools within the HGNNC should receive the support for backpacks through Operation Backpack. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by John Ward, and passed 5-4 (Cooper-Pace, Fowlkes, Hawkins, J. Mitchell)-2(Morrison, Springs) to approve the transfer.

e) Approval of re-allocation of unused CERT budget of \$660 back into the HGNNC event budget: It was moved by John Ward, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 10-0-1 (Cooper-Pace) to approve the budget re-allocation for the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget.

8) Reports

a) Budget Representatives report: Tabled

b) LAPD: Given earlier in the meeting

d) Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting on October 2: Tabled

e) District Representatives reports: Tabled

f) Youth Representative report: Ad Hoc Youth Issues Committee Chair Richard Lee said that he would present his written report to Chair David Matthews.

g) Outreach: Tabled

h) Report of the Chair: Tabled

9) Board Retreat on Sat. November 9: The Ad Hoc Board Retreat Committee will be meeting to work out the details.

10) Announcements: CERT classes begin October 30 at the 135th Street School at 6:30 p.m.

The General Membership meeting will be Tues. October 22 at 7 p.m. at the 135th Street School

11) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary