

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

135th 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), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (District 8), Viridiana Yahuaca (Youth Advocate), Janet Mitchell (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At-Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions: Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

2) Appointments: Because one of the two applicants for the District 1 Representative position was not yet present, it was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 10-1 (Rodriguez)-0 to table this item until after item 3.

(Viridiana Yahuaca entered the meeting at 7:28 p.m.)

3) Approval of a revised 2019-2020 budget of \$44,523.71 which includes 2018-2019 rollover funds, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Treasurer La Juana Mitchell presented the draft revised budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. A major change was reduction of funds for General Membership meeting flyer distribution. A discussion followed about the feasibility of printing 10,000 flyers and having them distributed throughout the HGNNC by volunteers in each District.

(Janet Mitchell entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

The consensus was to try this method for the October 22 General Membership meeting and then evaluate the stakeholder turnout. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace and passed 11-0-1 (Janet Mitchell) to approve the revised budget as presented.

2) Appointments

a) District 1 Representative: Don Pastell and John Ward introduced themselves and gave some background about their residency in the District 1 area. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 10-1 (Jacobs)-1 (Springs) to appoint John Ward to the vacant District 1 Representative seat. John then took his place on the Board.

b) Outreach Committee members: It was moved by Janet Mitchell to appoint two new members to the Outreach Committee, Dr. Princess Sykes and Nancy Trojan, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 13-0-0

c) Planning and Land Use Committee: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Vanessa Johnson, La Juana Mitchell, Rosalie Preston, and John Ward as the four Board members to the Planning and Land Use Committee. The list of those stakeholders who had expressed interest in the PLU Committee via email was reviewed. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 6-4 (J. Mitchell, L. Mitchell, Rodriguez, Ward)-3 (Fowlkes, Hawkins, Springs) to appoint Ivan Cotton, Senita Craigen, Kasra Ferasat, Helen Greene (Gibson), Ralph Hamada, Harry Kim, Fred Nichols, John Nichols, Don Pastell, Jack Patel, Shobie Qazi, Rey Quiroz, Janeshia Robinson, Sylwia Szczepanek (Jonassen), and Luetta Watson as stakeholders to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

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

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 July 9, 2019, Board minutes
- b) Approval of July 23, 2019, General Membership meeting minutes
- c) Approval of January 25, 2019, General Membership meeting minutes
- d) Approval of July 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report

- e) **Approval of \$512.89 to Minuteman Press for printing of 10,000 July 23, 2019, General Membership meeting flyers**
- f) **Approval of \$1,275 to Walking Man for July 23, 2019, General Membership meeting flyer delivery**
- g) **Approval of 2,340 for seven CERT classes Oct.. 30-Dec. 1 (LAUSD permit, Spanish Language Translation, and refreshments)**
- h) **Approval of up to \$1,500 for the Board Retreat in October 2019**
- i) **Approval of up to 250 for August office computer repair**

It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 12-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 4a through 4i.

5) Approval of the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council supporting the September 25, 2019, Job Fair hosted by Harbor Gateway North Chamber of Commerce and Pacific Gateway Center on Gardena Blvd.: Chair David Matthews recused himself at 8:42 pm as he is the President of the Chamber. There will be 128 employers represented and the HGNNC will have an outreach table. The event runs from 9 am to 2 pm. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 11-1 (Fowlkes)-1 (Johnson) to support this event with an outreach table. (Chair David Matthews returned to the meeting at 8:47 p.m.)

6) Reports

a) HGNNC Chair report on HGNNC activities and issues: There has been a recent increase in gang activity throughout the HGNNC, including at Rosecrans Recreation Center and along the Union Pacific railroad tracks east of Figueroa Street. Union Pacific has signed an MOU with the LAPD, California Highway Patrol, L.A. County Sheriffs, and Compton Police Department so that those law enforcement agencies are allowed to go onto the Union Pacific property to deal with the gang members living in homeless encampments.

b) Budget Representatives report: No report was available

c) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils report: HANC representative Lu Watson gave out copies of her summary of the meeting on August

d) Outreach events

a, Music Escape on August 3: Outreach Chair Janet Mitchell summarized the HGNNC presence at this event, which the HGNNC helped to support financially with a Neighborhood purposes Grant.

b. National Night Out on August 6: District 3 Representative Rey Paduani reported on the HGNNC booth at this event and the great number of nearby residents who attended this year.

c. RYLAN presentation on September 5: Chair David Matthews said that a speaker from the Emergency Management Department will make a presentation about Ready Your LA Neighborhood at the Harbor Gateway Community Center.

d. Back to School Nights: The HGNNC has not yet scheduled attendance at any of these.

7) General Public Comment on non-agenda items: Silke Bradford introduced herself as a candidate who will be running for the LAUSD District 7 seat in March of next year, the seat which Dr. Richard Vladovic is vacating. She gave her background working for a number of school districts, including the LAUSD and as Assistant Principal and Principal at schools.

8) Announcements: The Congress of Neighborhoods will be held on Sat. September 28 at City Hall. Many workshops related to Neighborhood Council issues, including Board governance, will be offered, along with a free breakfast, lunch, and parking.

District 5 stakeholder Lu Watson encouraged the HGNNC to have a speaker from the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder about the new method of voting for next March, where Regional Voting Centers will be used and touch screen tablets.

9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.