

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019  
1035<sup>th</sup> Street School, 801 W. 135<sup>th</sup> 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), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (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 7:01 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag, a moment of silence, and safety instructions in the event of an emergency.

**2) General public comment on non-agenda items:** District 3 Representative Rey Paduani thanked Rosalie Preston and Richard Lee who joined him in representing the HGNNC at the Halloween Carnival at Rosecrans Recreation Center on October 31.

Outreach Representative Janet Mitchell said that in honor of Veterans' Day, she had provided a cake to honor those Board members and stakeholders who are veterans and have served their country.

### 3) Reports

**a) Council District 15:** Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon said that there are updates to Council File 15-0467-S8 regarding the City's urban forest policies. There is consideration for adding that if a tree is removed, then two must be replanted to take its place. The Night at the Aquarium event is November 25 from 5-9 pm; bring an unwrapped gift as a donation. A Winter Wonderland event will take place on Gardena Blvd. near Vermont Avenue on December 6 from 4-8 p.m. CD 15 has been working with the Bureau of Street Services Investigators and the telephone booths on Gardena Blvd. will be removed soon and a number of unpermitted collection boxes around the HGNNC area by next week. The handicapped parking blue curb application period is now open through the Department on Disability: 213-202-2685 or [dod.bc@lacity.org](mailto:dod.bc@lacity.org). For abandoned vehicle removal, do not use 311 but rather call 1-800-222-6366. For blocked driveways use 818-374-4823. For homeless encampments, use 311 and include some type of address, even cross streets, size of the encampment, and also use [la-hop.org](http://la-hop.org) and also report to LAPD online. When reporting an individual homeless person, provide a description. For illegal dumping, use 311 and also report to LAPD online.

**b) Budget Representatives report:** Dr. Princess Sykes was ill, so there was no report.

**c) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Octaviano Rios encouraged appointment of two 2020 Census liaisons to help with outreach activities and at outreach kiosks. The HGNNC is an area which has shown an under-count in the past. Many HGNNC Board members have not completed their demographic survey which is due by November 22. Two Homeless Liaison meetings were scheduled by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and both cancelled. One is now set for January. Bylaws Amendments are due by April.

**d) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils:** HANC Representative Lu Watson reported on highlights from the November 6 meeting, including that there are new Dept. of City Planning liaisons for the Harbor area: Fipe Luilua and Jaime Espinoza. The new Home Sharing ordinance went into effect on November 1. There will be a public hearing on a cannabis ordinance on November 13. A Bridge Home is opening in Watts on November 13. Services are provided by the Salvation Army and the People Concerned. HANC is encouraging filing of a Community Impact Statement (19-0600) to have the Mayor's proposed budget released on February 1 instead of April 20 to give Neighborhood Councils and the public more time to review and comment on it. The City is exploring the option of creating more housing for the homeless using 3-D printing which would lower the cost per unit. re:code LA is going to have a new name. SB330 Housing Crisis Act was signed by Governor Newsom as well as AB68 regarding accessory dwelling units. New zones for the Downtown Community Plan will be released at the end of October, which will allow increased density there.

**e) Youth Representative:** In the absence of the Youth Advocate, Youth Representative, and Chair of the Ad Hoc Youth Committee, Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston read out the reports by Richard Lee on the Career Day events at Gardena Elementary School on October 11 and October 28 which saw more than 690 students, staff, parents, and volunteers over the two days and 2,040 promotional items, flyers about City services distributed by the HGNNC at their booth. On October 31, the Halloween Carnival at Rosecrans Recreation Center had a theme of Sesame Street and more than 420 in attendance between 4-8 p.m. There was also a Sesame Street bouncy house, which was funded by the HGNNC. Three from the HGNNC helped out with the Spin-the-Wheel booth and also costume contest judging.

**f) Outreach:** Outreach Representative Janet Mitchell reported on the successful Cancer Awareness event in the Ralphs parking lot on October 26. She will be hosting a Diabetes Awareness event from 10 am to 2 pm at Truelove Baptist Church on November 23, with food baskets for the needy being given out. Help with assembling and distributing the food baskets is needed on Fri. November 22 from 6-7:30 p.m. and Sat. November 23. The Community Holiday parade will take place on Sat. December 14. She is finalizing details on the Grand Marshall and other participants, but has two motorcycle groups, classic cars, and a Gardena Transit bus. The parade will end at Gompers Middle School where donated toys will be distributed. The next Outreach Committee meeting will be held on Mon. December 2 at 7 p.m.

**g) Report of the Chair:** Chair David Matthews encouraged more calls and online reports to 311. Last week there were only 31 calls from the Harbor Gateway North area. On Sunday, he drove Vermont Avenue from Artesia Blvd. to 110<sup>th</sup> Street and noted 101 abandoned vehicles. Union Pacific is providing large dumpsters in three locations near their tracks. They will also put up fencing along their tracks where they go through Districts 6 and 7. Local businesses will be participating in Adopt-A-Railroad to help keep the areas next to the tracks clean. For stakeholders who want to be trained in how to use the MyLA311 app, the Neighborhood Council can set up training sessions.

District 7 Representative Vanessa Johnson said that she is working to identify one person per block of her District as a Block Captain who will take responsibility for their block and be trained to use 311. She also plans to organize neighbors to help other neighbors clean up their front yards. There is an issue on both San Pedro and Main Streets where people are parking their cars next to red curbs. She has talked with Pastor Chapel who leases some of the large duplexes on 118<sup>th</sup> Street and 118<sup>th</sup> Place and is operating homeless shelters in them. She has advised him that the shelters need supervision of the tenants.

District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins said that 135<sup>th</sup> Street is posted for no large trucks but that she has noticed a recent increase in tractor trailers and UPS trucks using that street. There is a lot of speeding and also cutting through the residential streets south of 135<sup>th</sup> Street. She asked that District Representatives be notified before any new initiatives or changes in policy are made.

District 8 Representative Angela Springs announced that she will be holding a District 8 community meeting on Thurs. November 21 at 7 p.m. at the Temple of Believers so that she can hear what the issues are for the stakeholders.

#### **4) Consent Calendar (items 4a through 4c):**

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 8, 2019, Board minutes**
- b) Approval of the October 22, 2019, General Membership minutes**
- c) Approval of the October 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report**

It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 13-0-1 (Hawkins) to approve Consent Calendar items 4a through 4c.

#### **5) Position letters**

**a) 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:** John Ward, speaking as the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee, said that the Committee had voted to recommend support for this Council File. Ethan Senser and Amanda Pantoja of Food and Water Watch then spoke about the Dept. of Water and Power study that was underway to evaluate how to transition to

renewable energy by 2030, which will include the types of renewable energy, timeline for transition, and cost. The Resolution would speed up the pace of the change as a way to address the current climate crisis and would eliminate the use of natural gas and biogas from being considered “clean” fuels. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-1 (J. Mitchell)-1(Fowlkes) to support Council File 16-0243.

**b) Preparation of recommendations for 2020-2021 City budget letter:** Recording Secretary Rosalie Preston suggested that the District Representatives start to create lists of budget priorities now and have them finalized by January 2. She also suggested submitting a more stream-lined budget letter with fewer details. The detailed lists could be kept on file for internal comparison from year to year. Neighborhood Council Advocate Octaviano Rios said that it is very important for a Neighborhood Council to submit a letter on the City budget and commented that some details in the letter help the City know how to prioritize budget allocations. He suggested using examples of the worst situations in the HGNNC area, such as the most lifted sidewalks and areas with the worst illegal dumping.

#### **6) Funding recommendations**

**a) Approval of \$675 for the Walking Man – delivery of October 22, 2019, General Membership meeting flyers in Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Franz Rodriguez, and passed 10-4(Fowlkes, Hawkins, J. Mitchell, L. Mitchell)-1(Paduani), with Chair David Matthews voting to approve the expenditure.

**b) Approval of \$512.89 for Minuteman Press – printing of 10,000 flyers for the October 22, 2019, General Membership meeting:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Franz Rodriguez, and passed 14-1(Hawkins)-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve the expenditure.

**c) Approval of increasing the Office Supplies line item in the 2019-2020 budget from \$300-600:** It was moved by La Juana Mitchell, seconded by Vanessa Johnson, and passed 14-1(Rodriguez)-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve the increase.

**7) Review and approval of the HGNNC Inventory for 2019: Treasurer La Juana Mitchell reviewed the updates and corrections to the HGNNC Inventory listing.** It was moved by Rey Paduani, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 14-0-1(Cooper-Pace), with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve the listing for submittal to the City Clerk-Funding office.

**8) Approval of supporting the Harbor Gateway Community Center as a site for the January 2020 Homeless Count in SPA 8, which includes designating a Deployment Site leader, recruitment of volunteers, and up to \$100 for light refreshments for the volunteers:** It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 15-0-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve support for the Deployment Site and up to \$100 for light refreshments. David Matthews will be the Site Coordinator.

**9) Adoption of revised Standing Rules, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee:** Vice Chairperson and Bylaws Committee Chair Franz Rodriguez explained that the Bylaws Committee had voted to resubmit the updated Standing Rules to the Board with all language the same as presented at the October 8 Board meeting, except that there is no upper limit on the number of members on a Committee. It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 13-2(Cooper-Pace, Jacobs)-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve the Standing Rules as submitted.

**10) Announcements:** Chair David Matthews said that a group of volunteers will be collecting excess fruit from local fruit trees and distributing it to those who need it. There is a plan to start a Farmers’ Market at the Harbor Gateway Community Center on Wednesdays, possibly from 1-2 p.m., where the fruit can be given out for free.

**11) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary