

## Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

135<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), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), 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 7:10 p.m. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

**2) General public comment on non-agenda items:** District 1 stakeholder Fred Nichols asked that the proposed revised Bylaws and other similar documents to be acted on by the Board be posted to the HGNNC website in advance of the meeting so that stakeholders can review them before the meeting.

Scott Mulkay, Vice President Regional Development Manager for Prologis, said that they had reintroduced their proposed warehouse project for 15116-15216 S. Vermont Avenue/747-861 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. so that the vacant lot can be redeveloped. A public Scoping meeting for the draft Environmental Impact Report will be held on Wed. February 19 from 5-7 p.m. at the Dae Hueng Korean Presbyterian Church, 15411 S. Figueroa Street.

Karen King, Director for the Rosecrans Recreation Center, said that on Thurs. February 20 at 9:30 a.m. the Recreation and Parks Commission will hold their meeting at the Recreation Center. This is an opportunity for stakeholders to let the Commission know what items are needed for the Center, such as air conditioning and heat.

District 6 stakeholder Marvin Bell asked what would be built on the now vacant lot at the southeast corner of Imperial Highway and Hoover Street.

**3) Appointment of a Youth Advocate to fill the vacant Board seat:** Two applicants indicated their interest in filling the vacant seat for Youth Advocate: Richard Lee and Barbara Tyson. Richard Lee formerly served as the Youth Representative for the HGNNC and said that he would continue projects that he has been working on as the Chair of the Youth Issues Committee as well as create new initiatives. He is interested in scheduling field trips to City Hall for the local elementary schools, reaching out to the homeless youth attending local schools, and creating a program to teach the basics of City government to HGNNC youth.

Barbara Tyson is a probation officer and would reach out to HGNNC youth to help them focus on their pain and link them with work experience. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Rey Paduani to appoint Richard Lee as the Youth Advocate. However, this motion failed 2(Paduani, Preston)-4(Jackson, J. Mitchell, Rodriguez, Springs)-4 as there was a request to vote by roll call. This was done and then it was moved by Vanessa Johnson, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 7-3(Jackson, J. Mitchell, Springs)-0 to appoint Richard Lee as the Youth Advocate.

### 4) Reports

**a) Council District 15:** Gabriela Medina, District Director for Council District 15, said that street vendors now need to apply for a permit.

(Larry Morrison entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.)

Let Council District 15 know locations of street vendors and they will educate the vendors about the new requirements. On Sat. May 9 Sharefest will be making improvements to the Harbor Gateway Community Center façade. LAHSA, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, is a joint powers agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles to provide services to the homeless. The City contributes 40% of the funds. The City has now created the CARE program to handle clean ups of the large encampments. Every 20 days the Bureau of Sanitation asks for the priority areas for clean up. Use 311 to report those areas. There is also a pilot program to keep sidewalks clean next to where RVs of the homeless park. For RVs parked on residential streets, call LAPD for

enforcement. For the Bridge Home program, the one in Watts opened on November 16. The ones in Wilmington and San Pedro will be opening in four months, with each housing 100 people. CicLAvia will be held in South LA and Watts along Central Avenue on Sunday February 23 and 7,000 to 8,000 people are expected to attend.

**b) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Neighborhood Council Advocate Octaviano Rios said that the Congress of Neighborhoods will be held on Sat. September 26 at City Hall. For removal of Board members, please consult with the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney before putting the matter on the Board agenda. Also consult with DOEN and the City Attorney before holding forums on ballot measures or candidates running for elected office. On Thurs. February 27 there will be another funding Roundtable at the Harbor City Library. Bylaws updates are due to DONE by April 15. The City Clerk is already working on the 2021 Neighborhood Council Board elections. April 1 is Census Day and Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to involve non-profits and stakeholders in participation. In Council District 15, Wilmington and the Harbor Gateway area are the most under-counted areas. Arbor Day will be celebrated in Wilmington on March 7 with free shade tree and fruit tree give aways. On February 22 the County Registrar Recorder will open the first Vote Centers for the March 3 Primary election. Many Centers will allow people to vote over an eleven day period. Voters can use any Center and have their correct ballot generated at that location.

**c) Budget Representatives:** Dr. Princess Sykes, HGNNC Budget Representative and Harbor Area Budget Advocate, said that the Neighborhood Council Advocates White Paper is coming out soon. The Budget Advocates area also updating their Bylaws.

**d) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils:** HGNNC HANC Representative Lu Watson advised reading the February 11 *City Watch* for an article about the firing of the HANC Secretary by the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment.

**e) Youth Representative:** Richard Lee said that he has been visiting all five elementary schools and is a mentor for young men at four of the schools.

**f) Outreach Representative:** Outreach/Communications Representative Janet Mitchell said that the Outreach Committee is encouraging stakeholders to vote in the March 3 primary election and to participate in the 2020 Census. The Outreach Committee is in touch with Art Saves Lives about creating a mural of Kobe Bryant in the HGNNC area and other art projects within the HGNNC area.

**g) Planning and Land Use:** The Scoping meeting for the draft EIR for the proposed Prologis warehouse will be held on Wed. February 19 from 5-7 p.m. The Sub-Committee of the Planning and Land Use Committee will meet with Dept. of City Planning staff on Tues. February 25 to review the updates suggested by HGNNC for the Harbor Gateway Community Plan.

## **5) Consent Calendar (items 5a through 5d):**

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 January 14, 2020, Board minutes**
- b) Approval of the January 25, 2020 Special Board minutes**
- c) Approval of the January 28, 2020, General Membership minutes**
- d) Approval of the January 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report**

It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 10-1(Rodriguez)-0 to approve Consent Calendar items 5a through 5d.

## **6) Funding recommendations**

**a) Approval of \$895 to ACI/CIPS Marketing for flyer delivery for the January 28, 2020 General Membership meeting:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 10-1(Morrison)-0 to approve this expenditure.

**b) Approval of \$512.89 to Minuteman Press for printing of 10,000 General Membership meeting flyers:** It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 10-1(Morrison)-0 to approve this expenditure.

**c) Approval of increase of \$180 to the Holiday Community Festival to cover the LAUSD permit for Gompers Middle School:** No vote was necessary as verification from LAUSD for the payment of the permit was received.

**d) Approval of a Board member reimbursement of \$220.65 for Janet Mitchell for the Holiday Community Festival:** It was moved by Angela Springs, seconded by Vanessa Johnson, and passed 11-0-0 to approve this expenditure.

**e) Approval of increase of the HGNNC 2019-2020 budget of \$1,250 provided by NC Funding for reimbursement of interpreter expenses:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the increase.

**7) Approval of revised Bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee, for submission to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for final review:** It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by Janet Mitchell, and passed 10-1(Preston)-0 to table a vote on the Bylaws until the March 10 Board meeting so that the draft can be posted to the HGNNC website.

**8) Discussion of a new office space for the HGNNC:** Chair David Matthews asked Gabriela Medina, Council District 15 District Director, to explain the need for the HGNNC to move its office from the Harbor Gateway Community Center where the office has been located since the building opened in 2002. Gabriela said that the Boys and Girls Club lease the City-owned building and that the Boys and Girls Club –Harbor Gateway Gardena, Harbor Gateway-Torrance, and Harbor City were taken over by the LA Harbor Boys and Girls Club based in San Pedro. There is a new staffing model for the Club so that now there are seven staff to serve 100 children. The Club needs more space in the building and so the HGNNC has been asked to vacate the office by April 1. The HGNNC has been in the same office in the Community Center since it opened in 2002. There are no other City-owned properties within the HGNNC boundaries, but possible the Neighborhood Council could partner with a business which would provide discounted office space.

(Larry Morrison left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.)

Gabriela said that there were discussions about a year ago regarding moving the office. Board members expressed concern that they were not aware of such discussions and are only hearing about the need to move now. Concern was also expressed about the limited amount of office space available in the HGNNC area, as it is primarily residential, the cost of moving the office, and the amount of time available to find a space and create a lease. Board members asked that Council District 15 assist in looking for a new office location. Gabriela said that the Council office can create a list, including non-profits which could lease to the HGNNC for minimal cost. ReIgnite Hope on Figueroa Street is one possible non-profit that might have space. Beacon House can move the copy machine, furniture, and supplies to the new location and also do any needed re-painting.

(Jackie Jackson left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.)

**9) Position letters:**

**a) Approval of a letter and Community Impact Statement filing on Council File 18-1226-S1 (SB 50 and related housing legislation at the State level re: impacts), as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee:** It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 8-1(J. Mitchell)-1(Rodriguez) to approve the letter and file a Community Impact Statement.

**10) Announcements: Black History Month:** Jackie Jackson will staff a table for the HGNNC at the Black History Month event at Helen Keller Park on Sat. February 22. Figueroa Street School will host a Black History Month event. Gompers Middle School will host a Black History Month event on February 28.

**12) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary