

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 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), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Jackie Jackson (District 6), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (District 8), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Janet Mitchell (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions/roll call of Board members: After determining that a quorum was present, Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. He reviewed how those using the telephone can request to speak using *9. This was followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: Fred Nichols, District 1 stakeholder Fred Nichols suggested some ways to clarify the procedure for making comment on the agenda.
(Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 7:24 p.m.)

3) Motion to recognize June as LGBTQA+ Pride Month: Chair David Matthews read from the official declaration. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Franz Rodriguez, and passed 12-0-1(Springs) to make the recognition of June as LGBTA+ Pride Month.

(John Ward entered the meeting at 7:32 p.m.)

4) Appointments

a) HGNNC Representative to the newly formed LGBTQA+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils: It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 13-0-1(Springs) to appoint David Matthews and Janet Mitchell as Representatives, with Joan Jacobs as an Alternate Representative.

b) Two HGNNC Budget Representatives – Regional Budget Day is June 28 at 4 pm: It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 13-0-1 (Springs) to appoint Dr. Princess Sykes and Joan Jacobs as the two HGNNC Budget Representatives. They will participate in a virtual Budget Day on Sunday June 28 for Region 12 (Harbor Area) where they can be considered for the three Regional Budget Advocate positions.

5) Approval of relocating the HGNNC office from the Harbor Gateway Community Center, 802 W. Gardena Blvd. by July 8: Treasurer La Juana Mitchell said that since the HGNNC is required to vacate its office at 802 W. Gardena Blvd. by July 8, Council District 15 has arranged for the office desks, chairs, copier, and office supplies to be stored in one corner of the old Watts library building at no cost for up to one year. The Ad Hoc Office Relocation Committee is looking at three possible office spaces at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. One is 1,500 square feet, one is 763 square feet at \$1.85 per square foot, and one is 470 square foot at \$1.85 per square foot. The cost would be less if the lease were for three years or five years. The middle-sized unit has space for both an office and Committee and Board meetings, 24 hour access, and adequate surface parking. La Juana said that the Committee is still waiting to hear

from the Home Assembly Church about space in their building at 13515 S. Figueroa Street. Their Finance Committee met on June 22.

(Richard Lee entered the meeting at 8:35 p.m.)

There is also a decision to be made about whether to keep paying for the Konica copy machine while it is in storage or cancel the lease until a new office space is secured. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 15-0-0 to move the HGNNC office furniture and supplies into storage at the old Watts Library by July 8, to continue negotiations for a permanent office, and to cancel the Konica lease to save on the monthly charge.

6) Approval of the HGNNC Administrative Packet for fiscal year 2020-2021, including 1st bank cardholder, 2nd bank cardholder, second signer for Board Action Certification, and alternate signer for Board Action Certificates; note: the Responsibility of Card Holder: i. Maintains secure custody of NC's bank card. ii. Ensure the card is used for payment of transactions, as approved by the Board only. iii. Obtains itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for every card transaction. iv. Submits (UPLOADS) itemized receipts or itemized invoices for card no later than 10 days after the dates of the transaction posts. V. Must not accept cash refunds. All refunds must be made as a credit return. vi. Notifies Funding Program immediately of lost or stolen card:

a) 1st Bank cardholder: The two nominees were David Matthews and Rosalie Preston, with a vote of 3 (Rodriguez, Ward, Mitchell for David (Lee and Matthews abstaining), and 10 for Rosalie.

b) 2nd Bank cardholder: The two nominees were David Matthews and Richard Lee, with a vote of 12 for David and 1 (Preston) for Richard, Matthews and Paduani abstaining.

c) Second signer for Board Action Certificates: Joan Jacobs was the only nominee and was appointed 14-0-1 (Paduani)

d) Alternative signer for Board Action Certificates: Richard Lee was the only nominee and was appointed 14-0-1 (Rodriguez)

e) Approval of the total HGNNC Administrative Packet for fiscal year 2020-2021, including cardholders, signers, and 2020-2021 preliminary fiscal year budget: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 13-0-2 (Paduani, Rodriguez) to approve submission of the HGNNC Administrative Packet, including the preliminary 2020-2021 fiscal year budget, Rosalie Preston as 1st Bank cardholder, David Matthews as 2nd Bank cardholder, Joan Jacobs as 2nd signer, and Richard Lee as Alternate signer.

(Jackie Jackson and Eva Cooper-Pace left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.)

7) Approval of filing a Community Impact Statement for CF-20-0600 2020-2021 fiscal year budget re: proposed cuts to the LAPD budget: It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 13-0-0 to table a motion until the July 14 Board meeting, with the Emergency Preparedness Committee (soon to be Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee) reviewing and recommending a draft letter for the specific Council File for the LAPD budget cuts of 20-0692.

8) Decision on whether to cancel the Tues. July 28 General Membership meeting: It was moved by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-2 (Fowlkes, Rodriguez) to hold the meeting with an opportunity for stakeholders to express their issues. The meeting will be advertised via door-to-door flyer delivery, Next Door, Facebook, as well as Constant Contact

email blast. Meanwhile, the District Representatives should be surveying their stakeholders about their key issues and letting them know about the meeting. Chair David Matthews said Zoom practice will be held on Mondays from 6-8 p.m.

9) Announcements: The City of Gardena is offering curbside pick up of meals and masks on Sat. June 27 from 9 a.m.

Chair David Matthews said that many stakeholders are complaining about illegal fireworks. It is a big issue nationwide this year. Use the online link to report illegal fireworks:

David Matthews also commented on the June 18 shooting and death of 18-year-old Andres Guardado by Los Angeles County Sheriffs from the Compton station which took place at 420 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., just to the east of the HGNNC. There have been a number of marches and demonstrations by his family and the community.

10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary