

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Franz Rodriguez (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), La Juana Mitchell (Treasurer), Joan Ward (District 1), Joan Jacobs (District 2), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Jackie Jackson (District 6), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (District 8), Larry Morrison (Community Organization Representative), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Janet Mitchell (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Eva Cooper-Pace (At Large Representative)

3) Reports

b. Council District 15: As a quorum of Board members was not present at 6:32 p.m., Chair David Matthews asked Council District 15 Constituent Services Deputy Ashley Lozada to give her report. Caitlin Muldoon is still out on maternity leave. The City Council has decided to keep the permit fee for sidewalk vendors at \$291 per permit until July 11, 2021. Parking enforcement is still not being carried out due to the pandemic. The Speed Hump applications process opens up at 8 a.m. on September 16. “No parking anytime” Sign have been put up along 140th Street at Figueroa so that the mobile homes of the homeless are not parked on that street. Figueroa Street from El Segundo to Alondra Blvd now has “no parking anytime” signs as well. Painted bike lanes designations along Figueroa will be coming soon. David Matthews noted that there are currently 704 abandoned vehicles which need to be removed from HGNNC streets but cannot be removed due to no enforcement because of the pandemic. For residents who park their cars on their lawns, report to Building and Safety.

1) Welcome/introductions/roll call of Board members: Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. He announced that District 4 representative Betty Hawkins had passed away this morning. She was one of three remaining original Board members from certification in 2002. A moment of silence was observed in her honor. Franz Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance. Treasurer La Juana Mitchell wondered how Betty Hawkins’ service could be honored. Octaviano Rios said that the City Council will probably adjourn in her memory and this would be arranged by the office of Councilmember Joe Buscaino. The Congress of Neighborhoods on September 26 will have a roll-call of Board members who have passed on this year and her name will be included.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items: A District 8 stakeholder commented that his neighbor keeps their trash cans next to his home office. He has offered to help bring them out from their backyard each week but they will not agree to that. It was suggested that he contact the City Attorney’s office about mediation.

Treasurer La Juana Mitchell said that HGNNC stakeholders will have sixty days to request a vote by mail ballot for the Tuesday June 15 Neighborhood Council Board election and the Neighborhood Council will need to make sure stakeholders are aware of that deadline.

3) Reports

a. **LAPD:** No one was present.

c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment; Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils: Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios expressed his condolences to the Board and community on the passing of Betty Hawkins. He noted that the City Council has passed

some new ordinances relating to Neighborhood Council elections. There will now be a uniform minimum voting age of 16. However, all Board members must be at least 18 years of age to run for a seat, except for any designated Youth Representative seat, where the age will be 14-17. There has also been modification of the language for determining who is a “Community Interest” stakeholder. On September 17 there will be a workshop by the City Clerk for the Harbor area on the Board elections in 2021 and vote-by-mail. Harbor Gateway North will hold its Board election on Tuesday June 15. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be held virtually on Sat. September 2 from 9 am to 12 noon. The deadline to complete the Census is September 30.

The Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council could use another representative to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils which meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:0 p.m. and is currently meeting via Zoom.

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 August 11, 2020, Board minutes**
- b) Approval of the July 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report**
- c) Approval of the August 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report**

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 12-0-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve Consent Calendar items 4a through 4c.

5) Treasurer’s report

a) Review and approval of proposed revised FY2020-2021 budget with re-allocation adjustments: Treasurer La Juana Mitchell reviewed the revised budget as approved by the Finance Committee. It was moved by La Juana Mitchell, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the revised FY2020-2021 budget.

b) Review and approval of 118th Street School Neighborhood Purposed Grant proposal in the amount of \$2,168.86 for school supplies, as recommended by the Finance Committee: The 118th Street School has put on a science fair for the past five years so the supplies requested in this grant would partially go toward supplies needed for Science Fair projects with this year’s Science Fair being held virtually. LAUSD Local District South Equity Coordinator Sharon Williams said that the other money would provide journals for upper grade students. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 12-0-0 to approve the Neighborhood Purposes Grant.

c) Review and approval of Moore Business Results Outreach Proposal and Scope of Work: The proposal presented by the HGNC webmaster Wendy Moore was reviewed by Treasurer La Juana Mitchell. She charges \$119 per hour for website and social media communications work, \$73 per hour for use of her software developer to update the website, and \$107 per hour for any needed graphic design. In the last fiscal year, the monthly charge was in the range of \$400+ per month. This fiscal year it is higher as more information is being posted, partly to update pandemic resources. Her proposal would cover website updates and social media posts through June 30, 2021. It was moved by Franz Rodriguez and seconded by La Juana Mitchell to approve the Outreach Proposal and Scope of Work as required by Funding. Under discussion, there were questions about her charges as compared to other webmasters. Chair David Matthews said that the software developer had to create a new page to handle the Zoom recordings of meetings and also the new District Representative pages. Secretary Rosalie Preston thought that the Proposal should include a baseline amount and procedure for obtaining

permission for additional work, such as creating new pages. David Matthews said that the current website design cannot be updated by the Board and that the new pages and a lot of the new content requires the use of coding. There was a tie vote of 3-3-4, so Chair David Matthews voted “yes” to break the tie. The motion then passed 4-3 (Cooper-Pace, Johnson, Ward, -4 (Lee, L. Mitchell, Rodriguez, Springs)

d) Approval of a \$100 speaker service fee for the League of Women Voters to provide information on the State ballot issues during the October General Membership meeting:

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Vanessa Johnson, and passed 12-0-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve the \$100 speaker service fee.

6) Approval of moving the October General Membership meeting to Thursday October 8 or Saturday October 10 in order to hold the League of Women Voters ballot measures discussion earlier in October:

The HGNNC is working with the League of Women Voters to provide a speaker on the twelve state ballot measures on the November 3 election ballot. Because vote by mail ballots will be mailed out early in October and so many people will be voting earlier than usual by mail, it was decided to move the October General Membership meeting to an earlier date. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace and passed 9-2 (Rodriguez, Ward)-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to cancel the October 27 General Membership meeting and hold the meeting on either Thurs. October 8 or Saturday October 10, depending on availability of a speaker from the League of Women Voters.

7) Committees – removal of members for non-attendance during the past year-Bylaws Committee (Monika Badillo, Viri Yahuaca), Emergency Preparedness Committee (Mariana Mendoza), Homeless Issues Committee (Darryl Harvey, Debbie Mitchel, Leslie Mitchel, Angela Starr Perry, Janeisha Robinson), Outreach/Communications Committee (Oliva Kyle, Amber Romero), Planning and Land Use Committee (Don Pastell): It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 13-0-0, with Chair David Matthews voting, to approve removing the listed Committee members who have not attended those meetings over the past year.

5c. Review and approval of Moore Business Results Outreach Proposal and Scope of

Work-reconsideration: Community Organization Representative Larry Morrison said that he had been trying to speak throughout the meeting and vote but was not recognized or heard. He indicated his vote as “yes” on 5d, which did not change the vote, but “no” on 5c which meant that the motion had been defeated or would have been another tie vote if Chair David Matthews had voted. The Bylaws language on Reconsideration was read out and a new vote was taken. It was moved by Franz Rodriguez, seconded by La Juana Mitchell, and passed to approve the Outreach Proposal and Scope of Work for Moore Business Results, with Chair David Matthews voting, 6-4 (Cooper-Pace, Lee, Morrison, Ward)-2 (Johnson, Springs).

8) Announcements: “Rising Together Through Challenging Times” Congress of Neighborhoods Sat. September 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, with networking to follow. This is a free digital event but attendees need to register via the Congress of Neighborhoods website.

Appointments to Standing Committees, creation of an Ad Hoc Election Committee, and appointment of an additional Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Council representative will be made at the October 13 Board meeting.

At-Large Representative Eva Cooper-Pace expressed her concern over not following the HGNNC Bylaws and Standing Rules on holding a reconsideration vote on using Moore Business Results for the HGNNC website as it then achieved the result that some wanted without being

fair. Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios noted that the use of Zoom for Neighborhood Council meetings results in some technical challenges. On this occasion, the Board member's vote was allowed to count when he made it known he had been trying to speak but was not recognized. He noted that reconsideration of a vote is allowed in the Bylaws.

District 1 stakeholder Fred Nichols said that he had missed the first half of the meeting due to technical difficulties. He also expressed his condolences on the passing of Board member Betty Hawkins.

District 6 Representative Jackie Jackson reported that a large, chaotic demonstration is taking place near the Sheriffs' station along Imperial Highway near Normandie.

9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary