

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Special Board/Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Held via Zoom webinar

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (District 1), Rey Paduani (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Angela Springs (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions/roll call of Board members: Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. This was followed by the roll call of Board members which established that a quorum was present.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction: District 3 Representative Erica Payne said that there is a homeless encampment ten feet from her wall and now the homeless have put up a tent-like structure over the drainage area near the railroad tracks to use for a toilet. She needs help with this problem. She also said that unlike with a previous request, 311 told her they could not remove graffiti from the back of her wall facing the Union Pacific railroad tracks.

District 1 stakeholder Fred Nichols said that the HGNNC website has only negative statements about the proposed warehouse project.

A representative from the Kingdom Warriors Foundation said that there is a vacant lot on the east side of Vermont Avenue at 115th Street which could be used for housing but instead is used for truck storage. Someone gave the lot away to a developer. There is a non-profit funder ready to build housing.

CT Williams said that the Harbor Gateway Community Plan Policy Document is up for comment until October 15. He highly recommends that the HGNNC submit comment on it.

District 5 stakeholder Lu Watson said that she had had trouble connecting to the Zoom web link.

District 2 stakeholder Irene Segura said that there are potholes along Bonsallo Avenue between 154th and 157th Streets

(David Matthews recused himself; Rosalie Preston recused herself as she was one of two people who appealed the City Planning Commission approval of the project with a Mitigated Negative Declaration, which is a lesser level of environmental review and this is why now there is the full EIR)

3) Town Hall presentation on the environmental impact of the proposed Prologis warehouse: Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs summarized the details of the proposed project and said that the focus now is on the Draft EIR and the adequacy of it or inadequacy. Because of the complexity of the DEIR, the HGNNC hired Dennis Crable to review the DEIR on their behalf. She then turned over running of the meeting to Keith Pitts, Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee.

4) Crable & Associates, environmental consultants, will go over their report on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, which they prepared for the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council and answer questions: Dennis Crable began by explaining that he had

organized his review by each issue presented in the DEIR. He said that the Executive Summary omits analysis of land use. He noted that the Harbor Gateway Community Plan update is in progress right now, with the lot currently zoned M2 but proposed to be zoned Hybrid Industrial which would allow for a hotel and residential. He said that it is reasonable to expect that the fulfillment center usage and cold storage may be considered and should be in the report now. However, Mr. Crable's internet connection did not work and he had to call in via telephone and have his call on speaker phone which did not provide an adequate level of sound quality. Therefore, it was moved by Angela Springs, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 7-0-0, with two recused, to table the Special Board/Town Hall meeting until Thursday September 23.

(David Matthews and Rosalie Preston returned to the meeting at 7:24 p.m.)

5) Announcements: The Special Board/Town Hall is rescheduled to Thurs. September 23 at 6:30 p.m. and the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting scheduled for that night is cancelled and rescheduled to Sat. September 25 at 6:30 p.m. The Special Board meeting scheduled for Tues. September 28 will be held on Thurs. September 30 to give more time to post the draft comment letter.

6) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary