

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Special Executive Committee – January 27, 2021
Held via Zoom webinar

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), and La Juana Mitchell

1) Welcome/call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Chair David Matthews.

2) General Public comment on non-agenda items: A member of the public pointed out that the posted agenda listed the starting time of the Committee meeting as 4:30 p.m.

3) Discussion of telephone service for the new HGNNC office, with a possible recommendation to the Board: Rosalie Preston explained that the HGNNC has had telephone service, dsl, and fax through the City of Los Angeles' Calnet account for the past 18 years, since certification. The current cost is about \$130 per month. The fax line is no longer needed. La Juana Mitchell said that if the HGNNC resumes telephone and internet service via ATT Calnet through the City of Los Angeles contract, the cost is \$310 for one line, plus \$112 for a new jack to be installed. A new modem would cost \$250 to set up. Meanwhile, Rosalie called ATT and asked about a business account and was told a basic service with internet via fiber (because the new office is located in a building already installed with fiber) and telephone with voicemail and one wireless account would be \$110 per month, plus \$99 installation, which would include installation of any jacks. The long-time HGNNC telephone number is still available. David Mathews said that he had learned that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council uses a telephone service with a separate voicemail provider. He called their number and the Committee listened to their message, which has the ability to refer stakeholders directly to 311. District 1 stakeholder Fred Nichols suggested contacting Spectrum, to see what their cost would be. It was decided to do a little more research and meet again to decide on a recommendation to the full Board.

4) Discussion of a color copier/scanner for the new HGNNC office, with maintenance plan, with a possible recommendation to the Board: When the HGNNC asked Funding about resuming their Konica contract, Jeff Brill said that a new contract could not be written as the current contract with Konica is expiring soon. Therefore, there was only one Konica Bizhub model available to purchase and the cost would be over \$2,000. Rosalie Preston said that she had learned from Konica that their current lease with the City of Los Angeles, which was up in 2020, was extended for one year due to the pandemic. It will expire possibly in May and then Konica will have a new contract with the City and provide new machines. She suggested leasing a color copier/scanner for possibly five months on a month-to-month basis and had received two estimates in the \$150 a month range. Before the pandemic, the HGNNC had made 1,000 copies per month, plus had access to a multi-page scanner. La Juana Mitchell said that she thought that since the machine would not be used as much until the HGNNC again holds in-person meetings, the black and white HP laser printer would be adequate and color copies could be made at Office Depot. David Matthews agreed, so it was decided to wait on any new color copier/scanner decision until the new Konica contract with the City is an option, which will probably mean that the new Board will make the decision after July 1. Purchase of a new machine in the future is another option.

5) Announcements: Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell will be holding a telephone Town Hall at 7 p.m. tonight to answer questions related to COVID-19 with LA County Health Officer, Dr. Muntu Davis.

8) Adjournment/setting of next Committee meeting: The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m. The next Committee meeting will be Monday, February 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary

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