

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: David Matthews (Chairperson), Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Piers Fairclough (Treasurer), Keith Pitts (District 1), Julia Esqueda-Arteaga, (District 2), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), DThomas Israel (District 6), Joycelyn Montgomery (District 7), Jackie Jackson (Community Organization Representative), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Angela Springs (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions/roll call of Board members: Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. This was followed by the roll call of Board members which established that a quorum was present. David explained how stakeholders can indicate they wish to speak and unmute themselves, whether on a telephone or computer.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction: District 1 stakeholder Fred Nichols asked that an Ad Hoc Election Committee be created before the next Board Election so that it can incorporate what the previous Committee learned from this past Board election.

Teresa Batson, City Planner from the Department of City Planning, said that the draft policy document for the Harbor Gateway Community Plan is available via their website and she asked that the HGNNC share the link with their stakeholders living in Districts 1 through 5 so that they can comment on the policy document before late September. The Story Map was already released and covers the proposed new zoning designations. The Department of City Planning is seeking input now on the policies and goals. Teresa can be reached at Teresa Batson at tersa.batson@lacity.org or 213-978-1165. Her assistant on the Plan update is Cristopher Pina (christopher.pina@lacity.org).

3) Reports

a) Council District 8: There was no representative present.

b) Council District 15: Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon said that residents should email her with any questions or issues: caitlin.muldoon@lacity.org She said that Council File 21-0900-S29 is going before the Los Angeles City Council. It would create the Vermont Avenue/157th Street Lighting District to levy assessments for two LED street lights for the new small lot homes at 15812-15820 S. Vermont Avenue. Council File 20-0668 would ask for an extension on the time to present redistricting plans to October 29. Lisa Payne is the Mayor's Harbor Area representative until Johanna Rodriguez returns. The round-about pilot project for 126th Street and Ainsworth has been completed. Some clean ups of homeless encampments are possible now. Keep calling 311 for illegal dumping, use 1-800-ABANDON for abandoned vehicles, and 818-324-4823 for blocked driveways. Reporting creates statistics which help to focus services on the areas needing them. For as street closure permit, contact her for the procedure but allow thirty days for the process.

c) Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District: Ara An, Deputy for Constituent Engagement for Holly Mitchell, explained that she is one of three Deputies representing parts of the Harbor Gateway North area. On August 6 Supervisor Mitchell convened representatives of

all of the Neighborhood Councils within the 2nd District to hear about their issues. Vice Chair Joan Jacobs and Secretary Rosalie Preston represented the Harbor Gateway North NC.

d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: There was no report as Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Freddy Cupen-Ames was at another Neighborhood Council meeting.

e) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils: The main topic of discussion at the **August 4** meeting was the proposed updates to the Code of Conduct, which would require that all Committee members take training on the Code of Conduct.

4) Appointment of up to four Board members to attend Civic U classes on September 9, 23, and 30: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Jackie Jackson, Arvie Powell, and Jodette Spann as the Board members who will attend.

5) Appointments to Standing Committees

a) Bylaws Committee: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Jackie Jackson, Craig Kusunoki, Keith Pitts, and Angela Springs as the Board members to the Bylaws Committee and Janet Mitchell, Fred Nichols, Nakiesha Scott, Lu Watson, and Hannah Woods as the stakeholders on the Bylaws Committee.

b) Executive Committee: Per Article of the HGNNC Bylaws, the Executive Committee are the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

c) Finance Committee: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Board members Piers Fairclough, Joan Jacobs, Keith Pitts, and Jodette Spann to the Finance Committee.

d) Homeless Issues Committee: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Piers Fairclough, DThomas Israel, and Jackie Jackson as the Board members and Frankie Mays, Janet Mitchell, Nakiesha Scott, Barbara Tyson-Frazier, Dr. Princess Sykes, and Hannah Woods to the Homeless Issues Committee.

e) Outreach/Communications Committee: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Jackie Jackson, Joan Jacobs, Angela Springs, and William Yates as the Board members and

f) Planning and Land Use Committee: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Senita Craigen, Craig Kusunoki, Jack Patel, Keith Pitts, Rosalie Preston, Lois Saito, Micah Silver, Angela Springs, and Miguel Vasquez to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

g) Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Willa Henshaw, DThomas Israel, Jackie Jackson, Joan Jacobs, Richard Lee, Frankie Mays, Janet Mitchell, Dr. Princess Sykes, and Carolyn Webster to the Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee.

h) Youth Issues Committee: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Jackie Jackson, Margaret Kong, Richard Lee, Frankie Mays, Fred Nichols, Arvie Powell, Nakiesha Scott, Angela Springs, and Barbara Tyson-Frazier to the Youth Issues Committee.

6) Administrative motions

a) July 13, 2021 Board minutes: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Angela Springs, and passed 12-0-1 (Jacobs) to approve the minutes as submitted.

b) July 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 12-0-1(Jacobs) to approve the July 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report.

c) Appointment of Financial Officers-amendment to the Administrative Packet: second signer, alternate signer, first bank cardholder, second bank cardholder: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 13-0-0 to appoint Joan Jacobs as the second signer, Keith Pitts as the alternate signer, Rosalie Preston as the first bank cardholder, and Jodette Spann as the second bank cardholder.

7) Announcements: Chair David Matthews announced that there will be a community clean up around the 135th Street School on Saturday August 14 at 7:30 a.m.

8) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary