

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Special Youth Issues Committee – September 22, 2021
Held via Zoom

Present: Richard Lee (Chair), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (Vice Chair), Jackie Jackson, Margaret Kong, Fred Nichols, and Arvie Powel

- 1) **Welcome/call to order/roll call:** The meeting was called to order by Richard Lee, Chair at 7:16 p.m.
- 2) **General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction:**
There was no public comment.
- 3) **Approval of August 30, 2021, Youth Issues Committee minutes:** Fred Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Arvie Powell seconded and motion passed 6-0-0.
- 4) **Review of youth issues in 2020-2021:** Richard Lee (Chair) stated that the Youth Issues Committee did not do too much because of the COVID-19 pandemic but had some interaction with some of the schools.
- 5) **Goals and objectives for 2021-2022:** Richard Lee listed some of the youth issues as follows: retail cannabis, traffic calming measures, barrier for the 135th Street School (Hoover and 135th), reach out to Principals, Safe Passages to School, neighborhood clean up, COVID-18 issues, mentoring, health and wellness, list of schools in our area, reading/literacy, interview techniques for jobs, youth survey, field trips for Districts 1-8, honor awards for students, and promote civic responsibility.
Arvie Powell stated that the 135th Street School needs traffic calming because there is no crossing guard and no speed humps to control traffic speed in front of the school. Margaret Kong will look into the traffic issue with the City of Los Angeles. Fred Nichols said there is the same issue with Gardena Elementary School on Gardena Blvd.
Jackie Jackson suggested a youth survey to get the youth opinion on what they would like to do or see what they would like to see done in the community. Arvie Powell agreed and that this is also a way to get the parents involved. Fred Nichols suggested that each Committee member be assigned a school to do a youth survey.
Fred Nichols suggested focusing on reading/literacy, with a book fair, science fair, etc. Margaret Kong said that students need help with their school work.
Barbara Tyson-Frazier suggested health and wellness for our youth. Youth need to have leadership classes to motivate them and to mentor them on youth issues. USC has a mentorship program for children.
Jackie Jackson said the youth in our area need to know some history about the neighborhood they stay in. For example, famous celebrities, football, basketball, baseball player, singer, and actors. Fred Nichols said that Gardena Blvd. is a historical place.
- 6) **Announcements:** Congress of Neighborhoods Sat. September 25 at 8:30 a.m.
- 7) **Next meeting date/adjournment:** The next meeting will be Tues. October 19 at 7 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by Angela Springs, Committee Secretary