

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee
Held Via Zoom Webinar
October 08, 2021

Present: Willa Henshaw (Chair), Carolyn Webster (Secretary), Jackie Jackson, Joan Jacobs , Frankie Mays, Janet Mitchell

- 1) Welcome/call to order/roll call: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by HGNNC Chair, Willa Henshaw.
- 2) General public comment on non-agenda items: There was no public comment.
- 3) Congress of Neighborhoods 2021: Leading Change Together: Brief Synopsis from Attendees: Council Chair Willa Henshaw attended meeting and spoke to members of the Los Angeles Homeless Authority and gave us the following info. The group is actively seeking landlords who will accept Section 8 Vouchers. There are not enough property owners currently willing to accept the vouchers and the number of unsheltered individuals keeps increasing. Neighborhood Team Program needs committed individuals and leaders, block captains in our neighborhoods to coordinate, and plan for Emergency Events, to develop a list or directory of neighbors in our community or street block by block. A list will help to identify the resources, skills, equipment or particular needs we may be able to utilize during an emergency and to prepare people to take care of each other. Their website is NTP-la.org. CERT Training is a separate entity and is directed by the Los Angeles Fire Department. Classes are virtual and include orientation, quarterly drills, standard operating procedures, memorandum of understanding etc.
- 4) Report on Conference Call with Officer Hill: Notes from our Team Member who was able to attend: Coffee with Cops will be held at 9:00 a.m.—9616 S. Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles, on Monday, October 11, 2021. There will be a clean up of the Watts Towers on Saturday, October 09, 2021. There is also information available for students called Walk with a Cop...info on Facebook at the LAPD website. Clean up of Algin Sutton Recreation Center on Saturday. LAPD Southeast Division has a Cadet and Boxing Program for interested students.
- 5) Homeless Needs: Our Team Member visited a homeless group and provided feedback of items needed by the unsheltered: i.e. First aid kits, feminine items, ear buds, wash cloths, soap. The Committee also discussed socks, toothpaste, knit caps for the Go bags and our group will also coordinate with our Homeless Committee to provide any items we collect so there is no duplication of effort.
- 6) Meeting minutes were read and approved for September 10, 2021- Vote: 6-0-0.
- 7) Ham Radio Training -2 Way Radio Training --- per a message from our HGNNC Secretary, Rosalie Preston, Ham radios owned by HGNNC can only be loaned out to those who have an FCC license. She will check for us to see if the Los Angeles Amateur Radio Club will be hosting or providing classes to train people for the Technician License which is the basic license needed and to consider training people for the GSR or FSR radios that do not require an FCC license to be able to communicate within a neighborhood.
- 8) Announcements: None
- 9) Next meeting date/adjournment: Friday, November 12, 2021 @ 7 p.m.- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Carolyn Webster, Secretary