

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Special Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting
Held via Zoom Webinar
October 9, 2021**

Present: Keith Pitts (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Vice Chair), Lois Saito (Secretary), Craig Kusunoki, Micah Silver, Angela Springs, and Miguel Vazquez

- 1) [5:31 PM] **Welcome/introductions/rollcall:** Keith Pitts, Planning and Land Use Committee Chair, called the meeting to order followed by roll call.
- 2) **General comments on non-agenda items:**
Goat Puppet caller criticized CD15, the port trucking situation, suggests 15th district be it's own city. Unidentified caller commented with abusive language.
- 3) **Discussion and creation of a comment letter on the Harbor Gateway Community Plan Policy Document, with a recommendation for the HGNNC Board** – Rosalie Preston read out a draft letter with support for key elements of the Policy Document which pertains to District 1-5, noting that District 6 is part of the South LA Community Plan, Districts 7 and 8 are part of the Southeast Community Plan. Discussion for the comment letter included:
 - Keith Pitts suggested an amendment to MC2.1 needs to include rail transportation including Vermont as a connector to and from other areas, not an end point and future rail on the 110 freeway down to San Pedro

[5:52 PM] Angela Springs joined the meeting

- Rosalie recommends that the mention of Orchard Blvd. for a Character District should specify the area between Gardena Blvd. and Alondra Blvd. In the original letter to the Dept. of City Planning regarding the HG Community Plan the request was for the R2 lots on Orchard Avenue to be downzoned to R1 to protect that block from possible future building of incompatible, oversized duplexes similar to those that have been built in Districts 7 and 8. However, due to SB 330, downzoning of properties is no longer allowed.
- Rosalie crossed out Rosecrans, El Segundo as commercial corridors because they are primarily residential with businesses on the corners and a gas station on the southeast corner of Rosecrans and Vermont Avenue.
 - Stress that Gardena Blvd. is small scale commercial.
- Keith suggests mention of toxic waste and hazardous materials run off from businesses and encampments into storm drains should be highlighted as a concern. Micah Silver added this could be highlighted in the introduction as a focus on our streets. He highly supports the overall Community Plan as presented to transform the community for the better. Rosalie suggests an overall statement reflecting the environmental consequences (ex. takeout food generates trash, that goes into storm drains.)

Note: Motion was made by Angela Springs to approve and recommend the revised draft letter on the Harbor Gateway Community Plan Policy Document for the HGNNC area to the Board; seconded by Rosalie Preston. Motion passed 7-0-0

- 4) **Announcements:** None
- 5) **Next PLU Committee meeting** on October 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm
Adjournment: 6:46 pm

Minutes taken by Lois Saito, PLU Committee Secretary