

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Planning & Land Use Committee  
Held via Zoom Webinar  
July 28, 2022**

**Present:** Keith Pitts (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Vice Chair), Majenni Nixon, Janeshia Robinson, Micah Silver, and Angela Springs

**1) Welcome/introduction/rollcall:** Committee Chair Keith Pitts called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by roll call which determined that a quorum was present.

**2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction:** Angela Springs asked about proposing a letter about the Tiny Home Village at 600 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street. Rosalie Preston said that it will be taken up at the next Board meeting on August 9.

**3) Approval of the June 23, 2022, Committee minutes:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Janeshia Robinson, and passed 6-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

**4) Discussion and recommendation to the Board on Council File 22-0002-S82, support for California SB1122 and AB2897, which would expand the territory of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to include the watershed of the Dominguez Channel:** Keith Pitts said that this is something that we would benefit our Neighborhood Council, particularly District 1 south of 168<sup>th</sup> Street. It would include the Dominguez Channel in the Conservancy and therefor provide another source of funding to help with future restoration of the Channel and, like the LA River restoration, provide different amenities for recreational use. Micah Silver added his support to rehabilitate the Channel into something that was usable rather than a concrete ditch with a chain link barrier. It needs to be cleaned up and restored, especially once mass transit expands just south of us. This will be an opportunity to connect more northern parts of our Neighborhood Council via public transit and the Vermont Avenue bike lane to recreational uses. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Micah Silver, and passed 6-0-0 to recommend to the Board to support the Council File 22-0002-S82.

**5) Further discussion of how HGNNC could support something similar to Alma Backyard Farms, 801 E. Redondo Beach Blvd., Compton:** Keith said he had identified one property in District 1 as an option. It is zoned for public use and could serve as a site for a community garden with native plants. Rosalie said that she had talked to the Alma Backyard Farms manager, Richard Garcia, when she and Maj visited in June. He created the non-profit focused on training those coming out of prison on how to grow the vegetables and sell them, as a form of restorative justice. Their site in Compton is about one acre and is a unique situation – it is church property and in the past was an active sports field. Richard has been running this site for about three years. They are also setting up another location in San Pedro. Other organizations we might try to partner with would be the LA Community Garden Council, which oversees the three existing community gardens located within the HGNNC area: Micah suggested considering an indoor site for hydroponic gardening, which would protect the plants from the impacts of air pollution and better utilize scarce water and energy resources in a small footprint.

**6) Further discussion of a planning and land use vision statement for the HGNNC:**

Rosalie shared the latest draft. Maj created a Google drive link to share comments:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16gdz19YdtPc2XnYffetBJtAEDE61eT5-uXIqrFLo8Q4/edit?usp=sharing>

Target deadline to finish it is by our September 22 or October 27 meeting. Key is to have it ready by the time our new Councilmember is in place.

**7) Reports**

**a) Zoning Administrator hearing date for SalviMex110 Restaurant:** No further information; public hearing date has not been set yet.

**b) Application by SoLA Impact for 121 unit apartment building with 60 parking spaces and 12 very low income units at 110-112 W. Imperial Highway, DIR-2022-4995-TOC-SPR-HCA:** Committee members should review the application with photos of the proposed design and layout and jot down ideas for recommendations, including referencing the draft HGNNC planning vision. SoLA Impact has been invited to attend the September 22 or October 27 PLU Committee meeting to discuss the proposal. DIR = Director of City Planning decides and so there will not be a public hearing. TOC = Transit Oriented Community site, which gives the applicant the ability to build it with a bigger footprint and less parking. SPR = Site Plan Review HCA = Housing Crisis Act.

**8) Announcements:** National Night Out is Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-5pm on at Southeast LAPD, 108<sup>th</sup> Street/Main. Harbor Gateway North will have an information booth.

**9) Next Committee meeting date** – September 22 at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment:** 7:37pm

Minutes taken by Majenni Nixon, Committee Member