

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (District 1), Julia Esqueda-Arteaga (District 2), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), Lorenzo Johnson (District 6), William Yates (District 8), Elijah Thomas (Youth Representative), Angela Springs (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At-large Representative)

1) Call to order and roll call of Board members: Chair Miguel Vazquez called the Board meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum of Board members was present.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction: There was none.

3) Reports

a) Council District 15: There was no representative present.

b) Mayor's Office: There was no representative present.

c) Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District: There was no representative present.

d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Council Advocate Freddy Cupen-Ames said that filing for Region 11 Board candidates opened on November 26. Region 12 filing opens December 2. For ideas on marketing the Neighborhood Council election, consult Election 101. He will email the Board a link to the election schedule. Council File 21-0407 covers standardized Neighborhood Council election rules. Council File 22-1070 Council File covers Neighborhood Council meetings and resuming in-person or hybrid meetings. 22-1146 covers Community Impact Filing portal update to correct problems with filing.

(Angela Springs entered the meeting at 6:43 p.m.)

If Neighborhood Councils want to take a position on ballot initiatives, DONE has a guide on measures to follow. The Department will be closed on Friday November 11 for Veterans' Day and also November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

4) Approval of a letter of support for an LADOT traffic study for installation of bollards in circles along Hoover Street intersections from 121st Street to 127th Street in District 5, for traffic calming/prevention of donuts: Council District 15 received a request for a study relayed by LADOT from a Harbor Gateway North stakeholder of District 5.

(Lorenzo Johnson arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 10-0-0 to send a letter of support for the study.

(Elijah Thomas arrived at 6:47 p.m.)

5) Approval of co-sponsorship with the Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce of six CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. on Tuesdays beginning January 3, 2022, 6:30-9 pm, for use of logo and HGNC outreach to stakeholders: Fred Nichols, President, was present to represent the Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce and to answer questions. District 5 stakeholder Lu Watson noted that there have been concerns that the name of the Chamber is so close to that of the Neighborhood Council, making it difficult to distinguish the two groups.

(Lorenzo Johnson left the meetings at 6:50 p.m.)

District 4 Representative Arvie Powell asked who the Directors of the Chamber are as no website is available. Fred said that the new website will be up soon, which will show the business members. Fred noted that he is one of the Chamber founders. It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Angela Springs, and passed 9-0-1(Powell) to co-sponsor the classes.

6) Information about Enrich LA, which builds organic schoolyard gardens and provides Garden Rangers to teach students how to grow fruits and vegetables, healthy eating and the environment: There will be a speaker about this program at the December 13 Board meeting. Enrich LA is proposing to build a schoolyard garden at the 118th Street School.

7) Outreach events

a) 2023 Board election candidate filing begins December 2 – January 17: The Outreach/Communications Committee is working on a candidate postcard which be delivered to HGNNC residents via the US Postal Service during the first week of December.

8) Administrative motions

a) October 11, 2022, Board minutes: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Angela Springs, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the minutes.

b) October 13, 2022, Special Board minutes: It was moved by Jodette Spann, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the minutes.

c) October 25, 2022, General Membership minutes: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Angela Springs and passed 10-0-0.

d) October 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report: In the absence of Treasurer Piers Fairclough, Chair Miguel Vazquez screen-shared the Monthly Expenditure Report and reviewed the expenditures for the past month. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report.

8) Board business/announcements:

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: There were no reports.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: Secretary Rosalie Preston said that District Representatives will be preparing listings of issues by District, which Chair Miguel Vazquez will compile into one report, with a map, that can be presented to the new Councilmember in January, for awareness of outstanding and current HGNNC issues that need to be addressed.

9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary