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BOARD MEETING
Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm
555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. – Room 185, Gardena, CA 90248

Board Members

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson
Joan Jacobs, Vice-Chairperson
Rosalie Preston, Secretary
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Laivern Frerichs, District 1
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Dave Trejo, District 3
Arvie Powell, District 4
Eva Cooper Pace, District 5
Marvin Bell, District 6
Barbara Tyson-Frazier, District 7
Oscar Ruiz, District 8

Frankie Mays, Community Organization.
Jackie Jackson – Youth Advocate
Elijah Thomas, Youth Representative
Will Yates, Outreach/Communications
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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call (quorum is 9 members)
- 2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes per speaker.
- 3) Reports
 - a) CD 15
 - b) LAPD
 - c) Mayor's Office
 - d) Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District
 - e) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- 4) Administrative motions
 - a) Approval of the December 12, 2023, Board minutes **Vote**
 - b) Approval of the December 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report **Vote**
 - c) Approval of granting \$3,500 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Reading Partners program at Figueroa Street Elementary School **Vote**
 - d) Approval of spending up to \$200 for a large retractable HGNNC banner for outreach events **Vote**

5) Discussion and possible action to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including Board meetings and Committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary because, in our experience, meetings held via teleconferencing have allowed for better attendance by stakeholders and the ability to record such meetings for later review by stakeholders.

Vote

6) Position letter: Improved methods of communication between the HGNNC and the Southeast Division of LAPD, including with Senior Lead Officers and other sections of the Police Department, with a goal of improved and more effective delivery of needed services within the HGNNC area **Vote**

7) Appointments

a) One or more Homelessness Liaisons to participate in upcoming Neighborhood Council Homelessness Liaison meetings as organized by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Vote

b) One Board member to serve as a panelist on a Regional Grievance Panel **Vote**

8) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committee Chairs

b) Brief announcements from Board members

Adjournment

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Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), and Will Yates (Outreach/Communications)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: In the absence of Chairperson Miguel Vazquez, Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order and welcomed those present at 7:22 p.m. A quorum was not yet present.

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

3) Reports

a) CD 15: Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez was not present.

b) LAPD: No one was present.

c) Mayor's Office: Harbor and Watts Area Representative Jocelyn Dominguez was not present.

d) Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District: No one was present.

e) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Octaviano Rios, the newly assigned Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, introduced himself. The previous NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames, has transferred to another City Department. Octaviano works with ten Neighborhood Councils. He has worked for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for seventeen years and previously worked in constituent services for a Council office and as Mayor Eric Garcetti's Harbor area representative. He was the NEA for the HGNNC before the pandemic.

(Arvie Powell entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

There are currently many vacancies in various Departments of the City of Los Angeles.

December 18 is the application deadline for the Youth Conference which will be held on Saturday January 27 for 50 youth agenda 14-17. Attendees will learn more about Neighborhood Councils and how they can get involved in their neighborhoods.

(Marvin Bell entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: At 7:45 p.m. a roll call was taken which determined that a quorum of Board members was now present.

4) Administrative motions

a) Approval of the November 14, 2023, Board minutes: It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Dave Trejo, and passed 8-0-1 (Jacobs) to approve the minutes.

b) Approval of the October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Nita Stonehocker, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report.

c) Approval of the November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report: It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Frankie Mays, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report.

5) Discussion and possible action to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including Board meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary because, in our experience, meetings held via teleconferencing have allowed for better attendance by stakeholders and the ability to record such meetings for later review by stakeholders: This item could not be voted on because two-thirds of the Board (12 members) were not present.

6) Support for Council File 23-1323 (Harbor Gateway Community/Active Oil Wells/Land Use Violations) and filing of Community Impact Statement: Because of issues of vibration and subsidence at at least one stakeholder's home on 129th Street between Menlo Avenue and Hoover Street, Councilmember Tim McOsker has introduced this motion in City Council to obtain additional resources to find out which oil well or wells is causing the issues. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell Jackson, and passed 9-0-0 to support the Council File and submit a Community Impact Statement.

7) Support for Council File 23-1097 (Conflict of Interest/Ethics Laws/City Councilmembers): This motion supports the creation of a permanent Office of Compliance that would proactively assist Councilmembers with identifying and avoiding potential conflicts of interest when they vote on City Council issues. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Laivern Frerichs, and passed 9-0-0 to support the Council File and submit a Community Impact Statement.

8) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: In the absence of Planning and Land Use Committee Chair Keith Pitts, Vice Chair Rosalie Preston mentioned two new apartment building complexes where the applicants kept postponing their presentations to the Committee until the applications were already approved. One was the SoLA Impact project at Imperial and Broadway (they did finally attend the November 30 PLU Committee meeting with a presentation) and the other was the 70 unit apartment building with five parking spaces at 11840 S. Central Avenue by Oak Road Capital, which the HGNNC learned about in February and was approved in early September as part of Mayor Karen Bass's.

Outreach/Communications Representative Will Yates said that three HGNNC Board members staffed a booth at the Gardena Blvd. Winter Wonderland sponsored by Councilmember Tim McOsker. Will had a box of donated black Bombas socks, 700 pairs of which were given out along with fifty of the HGNNC green reusable bags. A number of local stakeholders signed up to receive HGNNC emails.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: Community Organization Representative Frankie Mays said that 200 boxes of donated food were given out on December 9 at True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 100 E. 119th Street, in District 7. This was organized by the LAPD and the Church.

District 6 Representative Marvin Bell said that RVs are parked on Imperial Highway near Hoover Street and cannot be removed as people are living in the RVs. There is also an issue with an RV that is parked in the Denver Avenue cul de sac north of 117th Street

District 4 Representative Arvie Powell said that the street lights along 132nd and 133rd between Menlo Avenue and Hoover Street have been out for sixty days now. It was also noted that big trucks are parking in the middle of Figueroa Street in the District 4 area.

In District 1 along Gardena Blvd., there is a lot of continual G13 graffiti and LAPD no longer has a gang unit to cover that area.

District 8 Representative Oscar Ruiz said that among the four RVs that have been parked along Central Avenue near 118th Street for a few months now, one caught on fire and the fire burned the electrical and cable wires above it. It is still sitting on Central Avenue. Also, fires are still being set along the 105 freeway in District 8, though at least one arsonist was arrested previously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, HGNNC Secretary

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January 12, 2024

Yvonne Ortiz, Captain III
Los Angeles Police Department – Southeast Division
145 W. 108th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90061

Re: Improved methods of communication between HGNNC stakeholders and LAPD Southeast Division

Dear Captain Ortiz:

On January 9, 2024, our Board voted x-x-x to send this letter with the following requests for follow up and action after hearing from a number of our stakeholders about public safety issues which are currently not being addressed adequately by the LAPD Southeast Division.

We understand that there are still a number of vacancies. However some of these issues date back many years, including the lack of adequate numbers of Senior Lead Officers and Assistant Senior Lead Officers so that when one Senior Lead Officer is on vacation, out sick, or temporarily reassigned, there is a point person for the Basic Car Area for residents to contact for needed services other than emergencies and routine reports on loud parties, fireworks, street takeovers, etc. Ever since the creation of the LAPD's Community Based Policing/Community Relations initiatives in the late 1960's, the Senior Lead Officers were made the point of contact for the community being able to access the services of Narcotics, Vice, and Gang Impact and for problem-solving and creating mini-task forces to solve more complicated public safety issues impacting the community. Yet now, for months at a time, our Senior Lead Officers are not available and most of the time we are not even informed that they will not be at work, with a back up staff member provided.

Besides improvement to the Senior Lead Officer system, we would like to see the use of civilians to staff the front desk at Southeast Division's office so that when our stakeholders call, there is someone available to answer the telephone and direct them to services. Our station desk is not even staffed 24 hours per day due to lack of officers to handle this role.

Something else that is needed are computer terminals available at the station desk area, with civilian staff who can assist members of the public in filing police reports online. The ability to file reports online for losses of under \$5,000 is a big step forward, but we have a number of stakeholders who do not have access to computers or the technical skills to complete the reports and therefore do not report robberies, thefts of catalytic converters, and other thefts from vehicles.

We welcome further conversations on these issues and how to move forward on providing effective and responsive public safety services to our residents.

Sincerely,

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: LAPD Chief Michael Moore
Rachel Rodriguez, Captain I
Dr. Erroll G. Southers, President – Board of Police Commissioners
Sgt. Jeff Spangler
Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez
Senior Lead Officer Tyson Hamaoka
Senior Lead Officer Carmen Gutierrez
Councilmember Tim McOsker – Council District 15
Nicholas Chavez, Field Deputy - Council District 15
Jocelyn Dominguez – Harbor/Watts Representative for Mayor Karen Bass



Figueroa Street Elementary School FY24 Budget

Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	Amount
<i>Expenses</i>	
Personnel	\$126,211.00
Professional Development	\$453.00
Travel	\$625.00
Food & Beverage, Non Travel	\$313.00
Supplies - Program, Curriculum	\$4,444.00
Natonal Program Support	\$4,756.00
Community Engagement	\$1,441.00
Research & Evalua>on	\$1,441.00
Occupancy	\$4,115.00
Other Expense - technology, background checks, fees	\$961.00
Total Expense	\$144,760.00

**City of Los Angeles
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Neighborhood Council Funding Program**

Neighborhood Purposes Grants

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a **public benefit** and purpose, **open**, **accessible**, and **free of charge** to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs ([click here](#)) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A “Project Completion Report” template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC Funding Program:

- Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org
- (213) 978-1058

Neighborhood Council Funding Program

APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: _____

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) _____
Organization Name *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1b) _____
Organization Mailing Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1c) _____
Business Address (If different) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name *Phone* *Email*

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**

☐ Public School *(not to include private schools)* **or** ☐ 501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*
Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

3) _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) *City* *State* *Zip Code*

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large.
 (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	**Budget Attached	\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	**Budget Attached	\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: Harmon, Zapata King, South Central, Mid-City West, South Robertson, PICO, Little Tokyo Arts District, Boyle Heights

8) Is the Implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) ☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
N/A	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$5,000

10a) Start date: 07/01/23 10b) Date Funds Required: 05/01/24 10c) Expected Completion Date: 06/30/24
(After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?

☐ Yes ☒ No *(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

<u>Chloe Oliveras</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>	<u><i>Chloe Oliveras</i></u>	<u>12/6/23</u>
PRINT Name	Title	Signature	Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

<u>Stefanie Bond</u>	<u>Board Secretary</u>	<u><i>Stefanie Bond</i></u>	<u>12/6/23</u>
PRINT Name	Title	Signature	Date

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org for instructions on completing this form