

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council**  
**Ad hoc Environmental Justice Committee**  
**Held via Zoom Webinar**  
**March 24, 2023**

**Present:** Joan Jacobs; Arvie Powell; Miguel Vazquez; Lu Watson.

**{Not present: Nita Stonehocker}**

**(1) Welcome/call to order/roll call:** Miguel Vazquez calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm followed by roll call. It is determined a quorum is present.

**(2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction.** None.

**(3) Appointment of Chair; Vice Chair; Secretary; Assistant Secretary:**

- (1) Miguel Vazquez,** Chair;
- (2) Joan Jacobs,** Vice Chair;
- (3) Lu Watson,** Secretary;
- (4) Arvie Powell,** Assistant Secretary.

**{Vote passed: 4-0-0.}**

**(4) Defining the mission and goals of the Committee:**

**Mission:**

**(1) to Engage:** (Stakeholders)

- Get their attention;
- Get them involved;
- Get their participation.

**(2) to Educate:** (Stakeholders)

- Find ways to help them understand the adverse effects of air pollution, environmental and public health hazards.

**(3) to Advocate:** (On behalf of Stakeholders to local/state/federal government)

- Champion protection of environment and public health;
- Promote protection of environment and public health.

**(4) to Oppose:** (Incompatible developments)

**(5) to Support:** (Compatible developments)

**{Vote passed: 4-0-0.}**

**Goal:**

- (1) **Research;**
- (2) **Report** (Monthly Update to Board);
- (3) **Recommend** (Final Report to Board).

{Vote passed: 4-0-0}

**(5) Setting priorities for the first three months of the Committee and some beginning actions, with resources to utilize towards the goals.**

- (A) Each member assigned task:
  - (i) **Joan Jacobs:** *Effects of pollution on public health;*
  - (ii) **Arvie Powell:** *Cumulative Impacts of pollution on Stakeholders/Community;*
  - (iii) **Miguel Vazquez:** *Social Costs of pollution on Stakeholders/Community;*
  - (iv) **Lu Watson:** *Welfare Impacts on Stakeholders/Community;*
  - (v) **Nita Stonehocker:** *Compatible/Non-Compatible developments.*
- (B) As a resource, in the future invite Amanda Bettinelli, Atty – DOJ, to EJ Committee meeting for input and for Committee to remain focused.

{Vote passed: 4-0-0.}

**(6) Announcements:**

- (a) **Joan Jacobs** attended “virtual” meeting re environmental justice issues; will share link.
- (b) **Miguel Vazquez** attended “virtual” Environmental Conference; will share link.
- (c) HGNNC election is April 1, 2023; 10am – 4pm. Answer to question of is there limitation on number of boxes/bags of documents allowed for shredding-----will be ascertained and provided.
- (d) Question, who will post Agenda(s)? Volunteers: **Miguel; Joan.**
- (e) Members requested to think of Agenda items for April EJ Committee meeting.

**(7) Next meeting “tentative” date:** April 21, 2023; 6:00pm; Adjournment: 8:00pm.

Minutes taken by **Lu Watson**, Secretary.