

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Ad hoc Environmental Justice Committee  
555 West Redondo Beach Boulevard – Room 205  
July 21, 2023**

**Members Present:**

**Joan Jacobs; Arvie Powell; Nita Stonehocker; Lu Watson.**

**Member Not Present: Miguel Vazquez.**

**(1) Welcome/call to order/roll call:** Joan Jacobs calls the meeting to order at 6:48pm, followed by roll call. {Arvie Powell arrives: 6:50pm}

**Quorum, established.**

**(2) Committee Officer Appointments:**

**Via Consensus: Miguel Vazquez, Chair. Vote: 4-0-0; Joan Jacobs, Vice Chair. Vote: 4-0-0; Lu Watson, Secretary. Vote: 4-0-0. {Via Agreement: Arvie Powell and Nita Stonehocker will perform duties of Notes Taker/Minutes Taker, if secretary absent.}**

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

**(4) Approval of June 16, 2023, Ad hoc Environmental Justice Committee Minutes, as corrected:** Lu Watson, moves; Joan Jacobs, seconds. {Corrected on page 5, to read as follows: “*Next meeting: July 21, 2023; 6:30pm.*”}  
**{Motion passed: 4-0-0.}**

**Miguel’s written Discussion Input:**

**{Handout abridged as follows} Item 5: (a)** Will begin drafting flyer for meeting with Amanda so she will have visualization for one of the EJC “*tools.*”

**(b)** Will begin taking photos of CWS site and **Stanford Ave.** for ***Virtual Tour.***

**(c)** Will provide power point presentation and send to Members for review and, for later Input. **Item 6: (a)** Flyer/Virtual Tour should be easiest ways to **engage/educate** stakeholders re environmental impacts of dust and air pollution; **(b)** After consultation meeting with Amanda (8/11/23) and receiving her Input, can submit Recommendation(s) to Board at September Board meeting.

(c) Request Committee provide one location and some facts to be appended to power point presentation. **Items 7/8:** Similar to what is mentioned in previous notes.

**(5) Update(s): (a) Discussion re Directory (List of EJC Recommendations/ Tools.)**

In light of the *Policy Update* announcement in the June 24, 2023, e-Newsletter of Councilman Tim McOsker (Handout) re the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement in **Wilmington** and its negative impact on traffic, on the health of drivers and of the entire community; and the **Watts** Community article re Jordan High School and the activity and emissions generated by a waste facility located next door to the campus, the Recommendation for Item 6 of the **Directory** now reads as follows: *“Board write letter to Councilman McOsker requesting his support on environmental issues confronting Stakeholders of Harbor Gateway North, specifically Stakeholders of District 2 and District 3.”*

**(6) Choose EJC “tool” and Request Board set date ASAP to place “tool” on HGNNC Website:**

(a) Members agree to use “proposed” flyer(s) now being drafted in Committee as the EJC *“tool.”*

(b) **Joan Jacobs** suggests also including the link of a “short” EPA air pollution video on website.

**(7) Finalize ideas for Flyer(s) which grab attention of Stakeholders to Engage and Educate them on Environmental Pollution and its Impact Financially and Socially upon their Health, Safety, Welfare, Well-being:**

A Committee member offers a **“Draft Flyer #1,”** a *Collage*, gleaned from various environmental websites i.e., WHO; AQMD; EPA; State of Calif.

“Proposed” title of Flyer = *“Bad Air” Day(s) In Harbor Gateway North.*

**Members make suggestions to improve “Draft” Flyer #1 and its message:**

(i) Make flyer 2-sided; (ii) Make flyer 3-fold; (iii) Make font smaller;  
(iv) Rearrange caption on flyer; (v) Make some colors lighter – too dark;  
(vi) Change title of Flyer to “*Causes of ‘Bad Air’ Day(s) In Harbor Gateway North;*” (vii) Etc. [“Draft” Flyer #1 is a collage and requires the services of a graphic artist to make changes.]

**Solution:**

(1) Each member, individually, submits a version of “Draft” Flyer #1.

(2) Each member submits his/her own “draft” flyer for consideration.

**Deadline** to e-Mail “draft” flyer(s) + any further suggestions for “Draft” Flyer #1 is Saturday, August 5, 2023; **NOON**.

(Suggested) **“Catchy” phrases for flyer(s):**

(i) “*Can’t See It, Just Breathe It.*” (Nita Stonehocker---5-16-23)

(ii) “*If You Care; Beware of Your Air; Beware of the Air You Breathe, if You Care.*” (Joan Jacobs---6-16-23)

(iii) “*Warehouses Pollute More Than Refineries.*” (Miguel Vazquez---6-16-23)

(iv) “*Bad Air Day(s) In Harbor Gateway North.*” (Lu Watson---7/21/23)

(v) “*Causes of Bad Air Days In Harbor Gateway North.*”

(Joan Jacobs---7/21/23)

(7) {Update}/Finalize Areas of Interest in **Each** District (locations/addresses) to be included in the Virtual Tour:

**{Note:** Lack of “*tree canopy*” in **all** Districts of Harbor Gateway North; ***Chronic Illegal Dumping Sites*** in **many** Districts.}

(i) District 1 = Gardena Elementary School: close proximity to 110 Fwy. {Noise/Air Pollution}

(ii) District 2 = Redondo Beach Boulevard south to Alondra: close proximity to 110 Fwy. {Noise/Air Pollution/Traffic Congestion/Illegal Dumping}

- (iii) District 3 = (a) California Waste Services: fine particulate (silica) observed in air causing rashes and respiratory problems;  
(b) Redondo Beach Boulevard & Vermont Avenue: groundwater contamination beneath surface;  
(c) Between Vermont & Figueroa – **South** of Rosecrans, **North** of Redondo Beach: 110 Fwy; and specifically vicinities of vacant lot/CWS/Rosecrans Recreation Center/railroad crossing/train tracks. {Noise/Air Pollution/Dust Pollution/Traffic Congestion/Illegal Dumping}
- (iv) District 4 = (a) Oil drilling sites on Figueroa Street **and/or** abandoned/active wells which have caused problems for residents.  
(b) Oil seeps from drain in bathtub(s) in 700 block of 129<sup>th</sup> Street; and 700 block of 131<sup>st</sup> Street.  
(c) Proximity to at least two “closed” oil wells.  
(d) Impacted from drilling/removal of oil from “active” oil well located on 126<sup>th</sup> Street in District 5.
- (v) District 5 = (a) Oil drilling sites throughout with abandoned/active wells which have caused issues for District 4 and District 5 residents.  
(b) Methane gas explosion (2/2002) on vacant lot located in the 600 block of Laconia Blvd. {*L.A. Times* article, 2/15/02} House now situated on site.  
(c) Vacant lot at 705 W. El Segundo (Hoover/El Segundo) prior site of gas station. {Residents suspect a **Brownfields** site.}
- (vi) District 6 = (a) Close proximity to 105 Fwy/Access Road leading to 105 Fwy/railroad tracks/train.
- (vii) District 7 = (a) Close proximity to 105 Fwy/Chronic illegal dumping locations.
- (viii) District 8 = (a) Stanford Ave. at 105 Fwy **underpass** plagued by chronic illegal dumping.  
(b) Close proximity to 105 Fwy **overpass**.  
(c) Close proximity to Metro Transit Station.  
(d) 116<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School is surrounded by air pollution resulting from (a)(b)(c), above.

**Note:** For the consultation and review by Amanda Bettinelli, and for her convenience, the *Directory*; the HGNNC website link with access to **all** EJC Minutes; and the “draft” flyers will be e-Mailed to her in advance of the August 11, 2023, meeting.

**Announcement:**

“*Coffee With a Council Member at the Enclave;*” Tuesday, July 25, 2023; from 5pm to 7pm; 990 W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street; Harbor Gateway, CA 90502. Free on-site parking.

**Adjournment:** 8:14pm.

**Next meeting:** August 11, 2023, 6:30pm.

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

**Ad hoc EJ Committee Mission:**

{Recommendation(s) to HGNNC Board}

**Engage:** (Stakeholders); **Educate:** (Stakeholders); **Advocate:** (On behalf of Stakeholders to local/state/federal government); **Oppose:** (Non-Compatible developments); **Support:** (Compatible developments)}