

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Joan Jacobs (Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Piers Fairclough (Treasurer), Keith Pitts (District 1), Rey Paduani (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), Lorenzo Johnson (District 6), William Yates (District 8), Jackie Jackson (Community Organization), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Elijah Thomas (Youth Representative), Angela Springs (Outreach/Communication), 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 6:33 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: Sterlina Cerritos, WestCal Academy, encouraged attendance at the June 30 from 6-8 p.m. event on 6th Street in San Pedro, which is sponsored by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. WestCal Academy will be promoting marine-related careers. There will be free snacks and refreshments.

3) Reports

a) Council District 15: Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon reviewed recently passed ordinances, including 21-0956 (towing vehicles in instances of their use as dwellings) which now permits towing for vehicles which present a traffic safety hazard, those that pose an environmental or public health hazard which is documented, those that interfere with public works projects or special events, inoperable vehicles, and unregistered vehicles. 20-0841-S23 COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap funding recommendations by the CAO includes \$3.7 million for a Tiny Home village with 41 beds at 600 E. 116th Place on the Metro/Caltrans lot. CARE+ locations in HGNNC include San Pedro/116th Place, Alondra Blvd./Estrella, and 11598 Towne Avenue. These are cleaned on a regular basis due to illegal dumping and trash generated by the homeless. For clean up needs, contact Diana Gonzalez, Constituent Services for CD 15 at diana.gonzalez@lacity.org Keep reporting and attach photos.

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

c) Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District: Field Deputy Ara An said that the Supervisor will be hosting a Juneteenth celebration plus informational booths on Fri. June 17 from 12-4 p.m. at Magic Johnson Park. The LA River Master Plan creates guidelines for the creation of 51 miles of open space from Canoga Park to Long Beach. Speed limits will be reduced on unincorporated L.A. County streets to cut down on traffic deaths.

(Angela Springs entered the meeting at 6:51 p.m.)

d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Freddy Cupen-Ames said that in preparation for the April 2023 Board election he had met with the Outreach/Communications Committee on June 13 and will be meeting with Outreach/Communications Representative Angela Springs, Outreach/Communications Committee Vice Chair William Yates, and some of the Executive Board members to go over some ideas for holding a successful election and letting the community know about the Neighborhood Council. To learn more about DONE workshops, consult the website. The City of Los Angeles will be closed on Mon. June 20 in honor of Juneteenth. The Congress of Neighborhoods will be held via Zoom on Sat. September and those organizing it are seeking

suggestions for workshops. Sat. June 18 from 9:30-12:30 Budget Day will be held via Zoom. The Administrative Packet should be submitted by July 1 or otherwise the amount authorized to be spent will be \$330 until it is approved. Board members can subscribe to receive updates on planning for Neighborhood Council hybrid meetings. There will be a survey regarding the readiness of Neighborhood Councils for holding in-person meetings and the format for hybrid meetings. Amendments to the Brown Act are being considered in the State legislature and Neighborhood Councils will need to adhere to what the legislature determines. HGNNC can vote on this issue at the July 12 Board meeting.

e) HGNNC District Representatives – major issues: In the absence of District 2 Representative Julia Esqueda Arteaga, Rosalie Preston summarized the major issues as being the re-opening of the Mobil gas station after major work on the electrical and lighting system and a new Circle K mini-mart, 22 small lot homes being built at 15812 S. Vermont Avenue after a many-years delay, two to three over-sized duplexes under construction at 16000 S. Vermont Avenue, continual illegal dumping and clean up on Alondra Blvd. under the 110 freeway, street takeovers of Alondra Blvd. near the 110 freeway, a street vendor blocking the sidewalk outside the Mobil gas station, and street lights out on four blocks due to theft of the copper wiring, with most of the lighting now replaced.

District 4 Representative Arvie Powell commented on the slowness in having the Shell gas station at El Segundo Blvd. and Vermont Avenue rebuilt and the repair of street lights that were out due to the theft of copper wiring.

District 6 Representative Lorenzo Johnson said that there has been concern about the trucks using the southeast corner of Imperial Highway and Hoover Street for parking and container storage. He has talked with nearby residents, with some liking it because it displaces those who would camp there while others are concerned about the noise from the trucks and increased air pollution. He is drafting a flyer for residents with information about who to call regarding the trucks and other issues.

4) Approval of a comment letter on a conditional use permit for sale/service of a full line of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption at an existing restaurant (SalviMex110) with live entertainment, karaoke, and two pool tables at 14118 S. Vermont Avenue in District 4 (ZA-2021-10667-CUB; ENV-2021-10668-CE), as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee: The draft letter recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee was screen-shared and read aloud. Some corrections to spelling were made. It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 14-0-0 to approve the comment letter with the corrections. The hearing date before the Zoning Administrator has not yet been set.

5) Outreach events

a) Neighborhood Team Program training via Zoom: The first online class will be held on Thursday July 14 and there will be one class each month for six months on the second Thursday of each month.

b) National Night Out at LAPD Southeast Division – August 2: The HGNNC will have a booth at the event, which runs from 2 to 5 p.m. at 108th Street between Broadway and Main Street.

6) Approval to move the HGNNC office to a smaller space at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.: Treasurer Piers Fairclough said that with limited funds for the next fiscal year, the HGNNC needs to move into a smaller, cheaper office. Office 205 is available on the same second floor, is 363 square feet and the rent would be \$650 per month vs. the \$1,350 which the Neighborhood Council is now paying. The lease would be on a month to month basis. Secretary Rosalie Preston said that she had visited the space and it is just barely enough space for the office

furniture, copy machine, and supplies, so that if Committee meetings are held in person later in the year, there will not be room as there is now in the current office. There will also be some costs for moving the telephone from one office to another. Hopefully the City will be able to provide movers at no cost later in July or August. It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Angela Springs, and passed 11-1(Preston)-0 to approve the move to office space 205 in the Redondo Beach Plaza Building, 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.

7) Administrative motions

a) May 10, 2022 Board minutes: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 13-0-1 (Paduani) to approve the minutes.

b) May 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report: Treasurer Piers Fairclough reviewed the report after it was screen-shared. It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Jodette Spann, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the report.

(Lorenzo Johnson left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)

c) Approval of 2022-2023 fiscal year budget: Treasurer Piers Fairclough presented the budget and answered questions about different categories. He said it is a preliminary draft that will be adjusted as the new fiscal year proceeds and the exact amount of the rollover is known and added in. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

8) Board business/announcements:

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: Planning and Land Use Chair Keith Pitts said that the next meeting of the PLU Committee would be held on June 23 with Amy Gebert of Council District 15, who is serving as the Planning Deputy, present for the discussion about why interim control measures for the over-sized duplexes are needed, especially for the R2 zoned parcels in Districts 7 and 8. He also commented on Alma's Backyard Farms in Compton, 801 E. Redondo Beach Blvd., which provides green space, a Farmers' Market every other Sunday morning, and a community gathering space. The PLU Committee will begin discussion of how to create something similar within the HGNNC.

Youth Issues Committee Chair Richard Lee said that the June 21 meeting of the Committee would focus on discussion of mental health services for youth, especially related to returning to the classroom setting after the pandemic, and have a speaker from the Department of Mental Health.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: District 4 Representative Arvie Powell thanked the Board for their position letter regarding SalviMex 110 and also the letter about the Shell Gas Station and how it has generated some progress in seeing the remodeling move forward.

Youth Advocate Richard Lee noted that his grandson, Kenneth-Alan Callahan, is now a member of the Los Angeles Community College Board, serving as the Student Trustee.

Rosalie Preston reported on behalf of District 6 Representative Lorenzo Johnson that the organization he works for, the Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, will be performing at the Hollywood Bowl for the Fourth of July concert.

9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary