

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Joan Jacobs (Chairperson), Piers Fairclough (Treasurer), Keith Pitts (District 1), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), Lorenzo Johnson (District 6), William Yates (District 8), Jackie Jackson (Community Organization), Elijah Thomas (Youth Representative), and Angela Springs (Outreach/Communication)

1) Call to order and roll call of Board members: Chair Miguel Vazquez called the Board meeting to order at 6:49 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: Jamie York spoke about Council File 22-0560 (Updates to the Municipal Lobby Ordinance), which hasn't been updated since 1994. She would like to speak more about it on a future agenda. This ordinance would force lobbyists to identify themselves as lobbyists and who their clients are when participating in Neighborhood Council meetings and provide better transparency. Councilmember Joe Buscaino is on the Committee that needs to move this forward, so she expressed hope that the HGNNC would write him in support of the Council File. Reseda Neighborhood Council has voted to support it.

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: Field Deputy Ara An said that there have been 18,000 new COVID-19 cases in the last three days and when it gets to 10 per 100,000 then the indoor mask requirement may be brought back. She is in contact with a sanitizing wipes and gel company in Compton that is willing to donate to non-profits; contact her at aan@bos.lacounty.gov. There are now more than 50 cases of monkey pox in Los Angeles County and vaccinations are in short supply and limited to certain individuals. The Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services has been divided into two new Departments: Department of Economic Opportunity and Department of Aging and Disability. The Board of Supervisors has voted to place a measure on the November ballot so that the L.A. County Sheriff can be removed from his elected position for cause. This motion was made by Supervisor Holly Mitchell and seconded by Supervisor Hilda Solis. For removal of RVs parked on streets where people are living in them, contact la-hop to have outreach workers talk to them about more permanent housing and services.

d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Freddy Cupen-Ames said work on the 2023 Election starts now. Candidate recruitment for the first batch of NC elections begins November 26th. There will be an Election Handbook and a draft was sent to Board members in July for their review and comment, which is due at the end of this week. The Election Strategy Plan Townhall will be held on July 16 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. NC workshops are listed on the EmpowerLA website for all to review. The Digital Communication Policy has been updated takes effect in October 2022. In April 2023, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners will review the policy and consider adjustments. Sat. September 24 is the Congress of Neighborhoods, which will again be held via Zoom. Please read the Monthly Profiles for more information.

4) Approval of the Election Worksheet for April 1, 2023, Board election: Chair Miguel Vazquez screen-shared the proposed Worksheet, which the Outreach/Communications Committee drafted. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the 2023 Election Worksheet.

5) Administrative Packet 2022-2023: Chair Miguel Vazquez screen-shared the document. Treasurer Piers Fairclough went over the key pages and explained that the budget of \$32,000 and the line item amounts will be adjusted in a month or so when the exact rollover amount is known. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Piers Fairclough, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the Administrative Packet for 2022-2023.

6) Outreach events

a) Neighborhood Team Program training via Zoom will now begin in August instead of July 14.

b) HGNNC General Membership meeting on July 26: Two speakers, possibly LADOT and also someone from Councilmember Joe Buscaino's office discussing the Tiny Home Village on the C Line parking lot at 600 E. 116th Place.

c) National Night Out at LAPD Southeast Division on August 2: HGNNC will have a booth from 2-5 p.m. Miguel Vazquez, Rosalie Preston, William Yates, and Frankie Mays will be the volunteers giving out information on Neighborhood Councils and Angela Springs invited other Board members and stakeholders to stop by the event.

7) Administrative motions

a) June 14, 2022 Board minutes: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the minutes.

b) June 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report: Treasurer Piers Fairclough reviewed the report after it was screen-shared. The rollover should be \$3,556.96. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 10-0-0 to approve the report.

8) Board business/announcements:

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: None were presented.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: None were presented.

9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jodette Spann, District 5 Representative