

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

135th Street School Auditorium, 801W. 135th Street

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (District 1), Julia Esqueda-Arteaga (District 2), Arvie Powell (District 4), Jodette Spann (District 5), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Angela Springs (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At-large Representative)

1) Call to order and roll call of Board members: In the absence of Chairperson Miguel Vazquez, Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. although a quorum of Board members was not yet present.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: District 4 stakeholder Mr. Green said that he is a forty year resident in the neighborhood and there are many District 4 alleys that need cleaning up, there are many red curbs that need repainting, and that the area has not been getting needed services. He also noted that he did not receive the General Membership meeting flyer nor did neighbors around him, but a neighbor who got the telephone call let him know to attend.

District 1 stakeholder Rene Grannio said that sidewalks on 170th west of Figueroa Street are very lifted. He also noted that there is a pallet company to the south of his home which stacks them in a manner which creates a danger of fire. The company has also been trenching near the back wall of his home. A traffic light is needed at Figueroa and 170th because of issues with the Zum buses that are creating additional traffic on Figueroa Street.

A District 2 stakeholder said that there is a mattress on Alondra under the 110 freeway that he has reported. However, he got a response that it is considered a homeless encampment and so cannot be removed. Cameras and street sweeping are needed for that location.

District 5 stakeholder Kim LeDuff said that their alley south of 124th Street (entered from Vermont Avenue) has terrible potholes again. In the past the potholes were repaired when reported but not lately. They have made 30 calls about the same issue over the last two years.

District 8 stakeholder Al said that he lives in the 800 E. block of Imperial Highway and has issues with the alley to the south of his home.

District 2 stakeholder Nita Stonehocker said that there is trash and other items under the 110 freeway overpass at Redondo Beach Blvd. There are also speeders at that location and street takeovers, with a lack of police enforcement.

District 6 stakeholder Tannia Mendoza discussed the issues at 115th Street and Vermont Avenue with illegal dumping in the alley north of 115th Street, the former homeless encampment on the north side of the 105 off-ramp now a truck parking and container storage lot, and the customers of the two taco vendors along Vermont Avenue north and south of 115th Street eating on 115th Street and leaving their trash along the curbs. There is no street sweeping on 115th Street as there are no posted signs. Additionally, a new illegal cannabis store is opening on the south corner of 115th Street and Vermont Avenue.

District 4 stakeholder Kizzy Johnson asked about the conversion of the former Sea Rock Inn to a Project Homekey site at 14032 S. Vermont Avenue.

A District 6 stakeholder commented on the prostitution and illegal dumping along Flower Street next to the 110 freeway north of Imperial Highway. She has made over 300 calls in recent years because of the repeated illegal dumping. There are also abandoned vehicles in the area. There have also been twenty fires set near the freeway in the last week.

District 4 stakeholder said she has called many times about the illegal dumping in the alley south of El Segundo Blvd. and then been told the case was closed when the dumping had not been picked up.

District 7 stakeholder commented on the illegal dumping near 118th Street and Broadway.

3) Reports

a) **Council District 8:** No one was present.

c) **Los Angeles Police Department:** There was no one present.

4) Speaker: 311 – how to report issues in the City of Los Angeles (potholes, sidewalk repair, illegal dumping, etc.): Donna Arrechea, 311 Director, said that she had been listening to the stakeholders' complaints about the lack of response after calling 311 but wanted to explain that 311 is a service to report issues needing attention and is accessed using the mobile app, website, or telephone. 311 first determines that you do live within the Los Angeles City boundaries. It is then the Public Works departments that go out to do the work. The focus right now is on the homeless encampments. So if the Sanitation staff think that an illegal dumping site is also a homeless encampment, the situation is referred to the Councilmember's office and then a clean up is scheduled. Street Services handles potholes and prioritizes those on City streets rather than alleys. She noted that the Harbor Gateway North area has railroad tracks and freeways which create jurisdictional issues for obtaining services. For clean up of illegal dumping in alleys, Sanitation can offer neighbors tools and supplies if the neighbors want to organize a clean up. She encouraged input to the proposed 2023-2024 City budget as currently the budget for basic City services is limited. For example, due to the budget, tree trimming is on a 10-year schedule. Street Services have a 50-50 sidewalk program, where the homeowner pays half to expedite the process of getting sidewalks repaired. The MyLA311 app will be upgraded to allow for before and after photos. Sanitation can be called 24/7. 311 offers access to information in 150 languages.

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b) **Council District 15:** Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez said that Councilmember Tim McOsker is referring to Council District 15 as the "One-Five" to show that all areas of the District are equally considered. He noted that all of the new Field Deputies for the five neighborhoods live in their assigned neighborhood. The Mayor's proposed 2023-2024 budget is being discussed in Committee now. In regards to adding street sweeping routes, Sanitation currently does not have enough funds in its budget to add routes. There are many staff vacancies in the City of Los Angeles, which makes providing services difficult. Incentives are being offered to encourage people to apply for the open positions. Councilmember McOsker held a Town Hall for the Harbor Gateway area on March 11 and will be holding others quarterly.

(Richard Lee entered the meeting at 8:22 p.m.)

At 8:22 p.m. a quorum was achieved and Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs asked for a roll call to verify the quorum.

5) Speaker: Phillips 66 – pipeline safety in our community (focus on HGNNC Districts 4 and 5): Juliana Moreno, Public Affairs Advisor for Phillips 66, said that the 12-page notice of pipeline safety had been mailed to those residents living within a two-mile radius of the underground pipelines that travel from the Phillips 66 facility at 13707 S. Broadway to LAX. The mailer included the number to call in the event that a resident notices a leak or smells an

odor: 1-877-267-2290. Phillips 66 does have fenceline monitoring and their 2 She said that she had received calls about the homeless living in RVs around their property. However Phillips 66 only has jurisdiction within their fenceline. 24-hour readings are available online at the Phillips 66 website. The locations of all pipelines are also on their website. Their facility at 13707 S. Broadway consists of storage tanks and terminals. Their refineries are located in Wilmington and Carson.

6) Outreach events

a) Report on 2023 Board election – vote by mail and in-person voting totals, official results: Outreach/Communications Representative Angela Springs said that the official results were now posted and copies were available on the back table. She thanked all stakeholders who had come out to vote on April 1 or mailed in their ballot.

b) Neighborhood Team Program online – monthly classes continue via Zoom on May 4: The classes will continue online through July 6. The HGNNC is considering ways to hold mock preparedness drills to engage neighbors along various blocks throughout the HGNNC.

7) Administrative motions

a) Approval of the March 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report: It was moved by Jodette Spann, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 5-0-0 to approve the report.

b) Approval of \$529.51 to Minuteman Press for printing 10,000 flyers for the April 25, 2023, General Membership meeting: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 5-0-0 to approve this expenditure.

c) Approval of \$1,575.00 to Walking Man for delivery of 10,000 flyers for the April 25, 2023, General Membership meeting: It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Jodette Spann, and passed 4-0-1 (Powell) to approve this expenditure.

6) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: Planning and Land Use Committee Chair Keith Pitts said that the Committee would have a presentation about the conversion of the Sea Rock Inn, 14032 S. Vermont Avenue, into a Project Homekey site. The presentation will be made by the Weingart Center and Los Angeles County Housing Department on Thurs. May 25 at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185.

Nita Stonehocker, Committee member of the Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee, pointed out that the illegal dumping issue is an environmental justice issue and the Committee is working to address it.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: There were none.

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary