

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185

Present: Miguel Vazquez (Chairperson), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), and Craig Kusunoki (At-large Representative)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: Chair Miguel Vazquez called the meeting to order and welcomed those present at 7:07 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum was present.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: There was none.

3) Reports

a) CD 15: Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez was not present.

b) LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Tyson Hamaoka reported that the homeless encampment situation, especially in the Caltrans areas, has improved. Councilmember Tim McOsker's office has been supportive of enforcing laws pertaining to RV encampments. There are still some crime issues on Main Street and also San Pedro. Kia's are over half of most stolen cars Citywide. Officer Hamaoka reports encampments to Caltrans but could use additional support to report and push Caltrans to respond. Report via <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/> as a Customer Service Request and choose "encampment" as the issue.

c) Mayor's Office: Harbor and Watts Area Representative Jocelyn Dominguez was not present.

d) Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District: Ray Cruz introduced himself as the new Deputy of Constituent Engagement with 35 years of experience in City government. 1) There's a motion to transfer parking enforcement responsibilities from LA County Sheriff's Department to Public Works. His office hopes to put more resources there by July 2024 to improve the Department's enforcement response. 2) The issue of how to deal with the RV campers as human beings while also recognizing how these RV camps are becoming a whole other economy that are being rented, many are not operational, and are unsafe for habitation. There have even been boats parked on the major streets. Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office is creating an ordinance to make it illegal to rent the RVs to homeless individuals. On December 21 there will be an open house at the West Carson district office, which was remodeled six months ago. Stop by to enjoy some holiday cheer, but also let the staff know directly what's bothering you within the County.

e) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: No one was present. Chairperson Vazquez said that the Board was notified that Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Freddy Cupen-Ames has left City service and HGNNC will transition to having a new Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate soon.

4) Administrative motions

a) Approval of the October 10, 2023, Board minutes: It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Dave Trejo, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the minutes.

b) Approval of the October 24, 2023, General Membership minutes: It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Jackie Jackson, and passed 8-0-1 (Kusunoki) to approve the minutes.

c) **Approval of \$700 to Onsolve for 5,000 robo-call credits:** It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Jackie Jackson, and passed 8-0-1 (Trejo) to approve \$700 to Onsolve for 5,000 robe-call credits.

d) **Approval of the use of Apple One for temporary staffing services, such as a minute taker for Board meetings, for services not to exceed \$250 per meeting during fiscal year 2023-2024:** It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Jackie Jackson, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the use of Apple One temporary staffing services for note taking during fiscal year 2023-2024.

5) Approval of HGNNC position letter on Harbor Gateway Community Plan ENV-2019-3379-EIR, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee: It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Craig Kusunoki, and passed 9-0-1 (Trejo) to approve the letter.

6) Approval of position letter on Ponce Auto Repair, 11000 S. Figueroa Street, continued use of non-conforming auto repair and smog check shop in [Q]R4-1 zone (ZA-2023-5293-ZV; ENV-2023-5294-CE), in District 6, as recommended by the Planning and Land Use Committee: It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Jackie Jackson, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the letter.

7) Approval of Council File 23-1114 (Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils/SB411/Teleconferencing/Remote Meetings/Brown Act Modification) Authorizing Neighborhood Councils to use teleconferencing for Board and Committee meetings pursuant to California Code Section 54953.8: It was moved by Jackie Jackson, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 9-0-0 to approve the Council File 23-1114 and submit a Community Impact Statement.

8) Board business/announcements

a) **Reports from Committee Chairs:** There were none.

b) **Brief announcements from Board members:** District 4 Representative Arvie Powell mentioned that she noticed new trees were planted along Hoover Street in District 4, north of 135th Street, where many of the previously planted trees had died. The Arco station on El Segundo Blvd. has still not reopened after a long remodeling process. The street lights are out on the 700-800 block of 132-133rd and Hoover Streets since October 14th.

Chair Miguel Vazquez announced that draft plans for a roundabout with bollards as a traffic calming measures on 135th at Hoover Street, just east of the 135th St. Elementary School have been released. Councilmember McOsker and his staff have worked with LADOT to install the bollards to reduce speeding. More than a year ago Miguel asked former CD 15 Field Deputy Caitlin Muldoon and Quan Tran of LADOT Harbor Area to improve traffic safety at the intersection to honor the memory of former Board member Betty Hawkins, who had long pushed for means to slow traffic at that location. After her death, Councilmember Joe Buscaino had the intersection named Betty Hawkins Square in her honor and Caitlin Muldoon initiated a traffic study which started the process.

District 6 Representative Marvin Bell asked if there's a way to eliminate the trucks parking along the 105 and 110 freeways. Big rigs are parked at 115th and Vermont, to the east of the businesses at 11512-11514 S. Vermont Avenue and to the south of homes along the 800 block of 115th Street. He recalled that during the Corona virus pandemic, Governor Newsom arranged for trucks and containers from San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles to use Caltrans lots and private property to park the overflow. There are also trucks parked near Broadway and Imperial,

along the 105 freeway. The trucks parked at the southeast corner of Hoover and Imperial were removed some time ago.

Chair Miguel Vazquez witnessed two encampment fires and reported that during a clean-up at 118th Street and Stanford he noticed part of the freeway is damaged from a car fire at the underpass. There's been fires burning at the 105 and 110 interchange. The arsonist setting fires along 115th and Vermont was arrested.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Lois Saito, HGNNC Stakeholder

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