

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), and Will Yates (Outreach/Communications)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: In the absence of Chairperson Miguel Vazquez, Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order and welcomed those present at 7:22 p.m. A quorum was not yet 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:** No one was present.

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

d) **Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District:** No one was present.

e) **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Octaviano Rios, the newly assigned Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, introduced himself. The previous NEA Freddy Cupen-Ames, has transferred to another City Department. Octaviano works with ten Neighborhood Councils. He has worked for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for seventeen years and previously worked in constituent services for a Council office and as Mayor Eric Garcetti's Harbor area representative. He was the NEA for the HGNNC before the pandemic.

(Arvie Powell entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

There are currently many vacancies in various Departments of the City of Los Angeles. December 18 is the application deadline for the Youth Conference which will be held on Saturday January 27 for 50 youth agenda 14-17. Attendees will learn more about Neighborhood Councils and how they can get involved in their neighborhoods.

(Marvin Bell entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: At 7:45 p.m. a roll call was taken which determined that a quorum of Board members was now present.

4) Administrative motions

a) **Approval of the November 14, 2023, Board minutes:** It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Dave Trejo, and passed 8-0-1 (Jacobs) to approve the minutes.

b) **Approval of the October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Nita Stonehocker, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report.

c) **Approval of the November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report:** It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Frankie Mays, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the November 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report.

5) Discussion and possible action to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including Board meetings, in accordance with the rules established by

Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary because, in our experience, meetings held via teleconferencing have allowed for better attendance by stakeholders and the ability to record such meetings for later review by stakeholders: This item could not be voted on because two-thirds of the Board (12 members) were not present.

6) Support for Council File 23-1323 (Harbor Gateway Community/Active Oil Wells/Land Use Violations) and filing of Community Impact Statement: Because of issues of vibration and subsidence at at least one stakeholder's home on 129th Street between Menlo Avenue and Hoover Street, Councilmember Tim McOsker has introduced this motion in City Council to obtain additional resources to find out which oil well or wells is causing the issues. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell Jackson, and passed 9-0-0 to support the Council File and submit a Community Impact Statement.

7) Support for Council File 23-1097 (Conflict of Interest/Ethics Laws/City Councilmembers): This motion supports the creation of a permanent Office of Compliance that would proactively assist Councilmembers with identifying and avoiding potential conflicts of interest when they vote on City Council issues. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Laivern Frerichs, and passed 9-0-0 to support the Council File and submit a Community Impact Statement.

8) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: In the absence of Planning and Land Use Committee Chair Keith Pitts, Vice Chair Rosalie Preston mentioned two new apartment building complexes where the applicants kept postponing their presentations to the Committee until the applications were already approved. One was the SoLA Impact project at Imperial and Broadway (they did finally attend the November 30 PLU Committee meeting with a presentation) and the other was the 70 unit apartment building with five parking spaces at 11840 S. Central Avenue by Oak Road Capital, which the HGNNC learned about in February and was approved in early September as part of Mayor Karen Bass's.

Outreach/Communications Representative Will Yates said that three HGNNC Board members staffed a booth at the Gardena Blvd. Winter Wonderland sponsored by Councilmember Tim McOsker. Will had a box of donated black Bombas socks, 700 pairs of which were given out along with fifty of the HGNNC green reusable bags. A number of local stakeholders signed up to receive HGNNC emails.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: Community Organization Representative Frankie Mays said that 200 boxes of donated food were given out on December 9 at True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 100 E. 119th Street, in District 7. This was organized by the LAPD and the Church.

District 6 Representative Marvin Bell said that RVs are parked on Imperial Highway near Hoover Street and cannot be removed as people are living in the RVs. There is also an issue with an RV that is parked in the Denver Avenue cul de sac north of 117th Street

District 4 Representative Arvie Powell said that the street lights along 132nd and 133rd between Menlo Avenue and Hoover Street have been out for sixty days now. It was also noted that big trucks are parking in the middle of Figueroa Street in the District 4 area.

In District 1 along Gardena Blvd., there is a lot of continual G13 graffiti and LAPD no longer has a gang unit to cover that area.

District 8 Representative Oscar Ruiz said that among the four RVs that have been parked along Central Avenue near 118th Street for a few months now, one caught on fire and the fire

burned the electrical and cable wires above it. It is still sitting on Central Avenue. Also, fires are still being set along the 105 freeway in District 8, though at least one arsonist was arrested previously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary