

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Keith Pitts (Treasurer), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Eva Cooper Pace (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (District 7), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), and Craig Kusunoki (At Large Representative)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: In the absence of Chairperson Miguel Vazquez, Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The 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: A stakeholder commented on the amount of graffiti that is being put up on walls near the Environmental Charter Middle School, 812 W. 165th Place. She was advised to report via 311.

3) Reports

a) CD 15: Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez reported that the applications for speed humps closed fifteen minutes after the application period opened on March 21. Only twenty-five per each City Council District are accepted and then those are reviewed to see if they meet the criteria: be a residential street with no more than one lane in each direction, no fewer than 900 and no more than 10,000 vehicle trips per day, no more than an 8% grade, and a speed limit no higher than 30 miles per hour. Funding for speed humps in front of fifty elementary schools which have been identified as being in the high injury network was made available in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. He noted that the Merit Tract held a neighborhood watch meeting on April 2 which brought out over 100 residents. Councilmember Tim McOsker attended as well as Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez and his supervisor Sgt. Jeff Spangler. The lights under the 110 freeway overpass at 168th Street have just been repaired. The CD 15 Clean Team has been monitoring that location for illegal dumping. The Council office checked out a reported illegal Airbnb in the Merit Tract. Nicholas and Planning Director Pamela Thornton attended the March 28 Planning and Land Use Committee meeting to discuss the next steps on the Harbor Gateway Community Plan. He has requested two large dumpsters for the May 4 Clean Up Day in District 7. If your block has excess palm fronds, call 311 to have them picked up. And use 311 for nearly every request for Los Angeles City services to help show the need for services in the Harbor Gateway North area, such as for clean up of illegal dumping and trash under the freeway overpasses. But then let Nicholas Chavez also know about your report:

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b) LAPD: Due to their schedules, neither Senior Lead Officer was able to be present. CD 15 Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez said that SLO Tyson Hamaoka was able to get the illegal dispensary at 119th Street and Main shut down. There is another illegal cannabis dispensary in the 800 W. block of Gardena Blvd. that LAPD Vice will be working on.

c) Mayor's Office: No one was present.

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

e) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Octaviano Rios reminded Board members that a revised Code of Conduct training is available via Cornerstone and needs to be completed by June 3 or Board members will lose their voting

privileges. There is also a new anti-bias gender identity training that must be completed. All Committee members must also read over and acknowledge the revised Code of Conduct. A recording of the Brown Act training that was offered to all Presidents/Chairs is available online for all Board and Committee members to view. Empowerla can offer assistance and support to Neighborhood Councils, such as event planning, assistance with designing flyers, and general outreach assistance, including how to create a QR code, setting up bus bench ads, and assistance with sending out bulk mailings. The City Clerk's office is seeking feedback on the revised Election Handbook by May 5. May 20 is the last date to submit Event Approval requests; June 1 is the last day for the Treasurer to write a check; June 20 is the last day to use the Neighborhood Council bank cards. Women leaders of Neighborhood Councils were honored at an event at City Hall on March 28.

4) Administrative motions

a) Approval of the March 12, 2024, Board minutes: It was moved by Keith Pitts, seconded by Arvie Powell, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

b) Approval of the March 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report: Treasurer Keith Pitts reviewed the various expenditures for March. The net amount available after all expenditures to date and encumbered funds is \$18,463.78. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 11-0-0 to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report.

5) Position letters

(Keith Pitts recused himself at 8:10 p.m., due to serving on the Los Angeles County Grand Jury and their work on issues related to the Department of Cannabis Regulation)

a) Approval of a letter of non-support for Cantasia retail cannabis, 12804 S. Hoover Street, Council File 21-0420-S49: Secretary Rosalie Preston explained that the Neighborhood Council Board members were informed via email by the Department of Cannabis Regulation on April 2 that various approved cannabis retail storefronts would be up for an annual license review, including The Drop/Therapeutic Health Collective (formerly known as Stone Age), 621 W. Rosecrans Blvd. However, a link provided in the email led to another list of PNC (Public Convenience and Necessity) applications for retail cannabis locations, including Cantasia at 12804 S. Hoover Street, though it was unclear if this was still an active application. Rosalie emailed the Department of Cannabis regulation for clarification but has not received a reply. Meanwhile, CD 15 Planning Director Pamela Thornton advised taking a position. The draft letter is one that was prepared in 2021 after Cantasia representatives had appeared at a September 16, 2021, Planning and Land Use Committee meeting and before the application seemed not to move forward. It was moved by Arvie Powell, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 12-0-0 (Pitts recused) to approve sending of the letter and submitting a Community Impact Statement to the Council File.

(Keith Pitts returned to the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

b) Approval of support for Council File 23-0002-S115 (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities/Jurisdictional Control): Support for this Council File would show support for the City's position of opposing any State legislation that would undermine local control over its utility assets, including limits on the City's authority to regulate the placement of wireless facilities. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Keith Pitts, and passed 13-0-0 to support this Council File.

c) Approval of support for Council File 22-0002-S123 (Stormwater and Watershed Management/Stormwater Capture Master Plan): This Council File supports State legislation that supports stormwater permitting reform that would allow the LADWP to expand its local

water supply. It was moved by Eva Cooper Pace, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 13-0-0 to support this Council File.

6) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: There were none.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: Neighborhood Council Budget Day will be held at City Hall on June 15.

District 1 Representative Laivern Frerichs reported that the April 2 Merit Tract neighborhood watch meeting focused on an update on the John Ross, the squatter who had assaulted a mail carrier in their neighborhood. About 150 people attended. There was also discussion about creating an LAPD sub station on 190th Street, CD 15 Clean Team services, issues with illegal duping under the 168th Street overpass of the 110 freeway, and how Councilmember Tim McOsker is working with Assemblymember Mike Gipson on various resources that the state of California can provide, including through Caltrans. The next meeting will take place in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary