

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Majenni Nixon (Treasurer), Laivern Frerichs (District 1), 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), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), Finesse Simmons (Youth Representative), 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 7:05 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: There was none.

3) Reports

a) LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Tyson Hamaoka, who represents the 18A63 basic car area, reported that for the Southeast Division of LAPD, there have been 30 homicides this year to date, which is four less than last year. Rapes are up over last year. There have been 597 robberies reported.

(Eva Cooper Pace and Barbara Tyson-Frazier entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.)

Property crimes are up slightly from last year while vehicle thefts are down. Petty thefts have increased. Overall total crimes are down by 200 from last year. He stressed the importance of reporting abandoned properties as a means to deter crimes from occurring there. The vacant building at 11715 S. Avalon has been sold, so the new owner will be taking care of needed repairs and oversight. For 901 E. 116th Place, he has made contact with a responsible party. In regards to the 7-Eleven at 600 E. Imperial Highway, the 7-Eleven corporate office has taken over from the franchisee who was not keeping up the front parking lot and landscaping as per the Letter of Determination. The camera coverage and maintenance was not adequate, either, which was encouraging the incidence of robberies at that location.

b) CD 15: Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez said that in regard to the AT&T outages reported for Athens on the Hill, many still do not have their landline service restored, but he has seen AT&T crews working at various locations. Those impacted should reach out to AT&T and also the Public Utilities Commission. So far the RVs who were removed from near the Edge O'Town Motel have not returned. The street lights at that location are still out. In regards to the two RVs on 140th and Vermont Avenue, he will be working to have LAHSA reach out to the residents to offer housing. He thanked Barbara Tyson-Frazier for organizing the District 7 clean up on November 2. At the job fair held at the Enclave on October 19, several people got interviews and connections to jobs. A meeting was held on October 28 to present a proposal for modular housing on 116th Place near Stanford where previously a Tiny Home Village had been proposed, with units to house one person. The Bureau of Engineering worked on the new proposal over the last year and has designed a plan for modular housing where each unit could hold up to four people to meet the need for temporary housing for families. He said that the proposal had received a lot of constructive comments, including the need to provide parking for vehicles that the modular unit residents might have. The Bureau of Engineering will probably revise the project to have fewer units and another meeting will then be held. In regards to the upcoming Winter Wonderlands, one will be held in each of the five areas of Council District 15. The one for Harbor Gateway will be held at the Normandale Recreation Center on December 20 from 4

p.m. to 7 p.m. Next year it will be held at the Rosecrans Recreation Center. Council District 15 will work with the Harbor Gateway Boys and Girls Clubs to have a shuttle bus pick up Club members to take them to the event.

(Oscar Ruiz entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

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

d) Los Angeles County Supervisor 2nd District: Deputy for Constituent Engagement Kasie Hervey announced that on November 20 at 3:30 - 5 p.m. Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Racial Justice Learning Exchange will present Art and Racial Justice at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall. On November 14 updates on parking enforcement in the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas will be discussed at Roy Campanella Park at 6 p.m. As of November 1, the requirements for street vendors to obtain licensing will be stream lined so that licenses can be obtained faster.

e) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Helena Doub, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for Harbor Gateway North, reminded that Board that an email had been sent out to let Neighborhood Councils know that they could amend their Bylaws to use the selection method for determining their Boards rather than hold regular elections. However, if that method is chosen, then all future Board elections would have to be by the selection process. The City Clerk will be holding a Harbor Regional information session on the Neighborhood Council elections on November 13 from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom. The EmpowerLA Youth Conference will be held on February 22, 2025, at City Hall for a day of engagement and leadership development. Youth need to apply by December 20. More than 100 youth participated at the Conference in 2024. On November 16 at 1 p.m. EmpowerLA will hold a homelessness Liaisons meeting via Zoom. On October 15 EmpowerLA launched Google Groups for all Neighborhood Councils. The HGNNC Executive Board is authorized to manage their Group. EmpowerLA is celebrating 25 years of Neighborhood Councils on December 13 from 6-9 p.m. at City Hall. Send HGNNC photos to Helena to include in the exhibit along the 3rd floor bridge.

f) Updates on 2024-2025 Board goals/priorities: Rosecrans Avenue medians planting with trees (Joan Jacobs and Dave Trejo)-CD 15 Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez said that California State University Dominguez Hills is still waiting to hear from the EPA on a possible grant for the project. Coffee with a Cop--Frankie Mays said that she is working with Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez on a location. Increasing stakeholder engagement via van tour of HGNNC (Jackie Jackson and Dave Trejo)—Jackie Jackson said that City Clerk Funding has advised renting vans rather than using the vans of Board members. Cultural event involving youth—Finesse Simmons said the focus will be on a black hair care demonstration on the stage at the Juneteenth event in Athens on the Hill and include the performer Tyler the Creator. There will be a discussion of how black hair and its care and design has been important to black culture. She would also like to see black-owned food trucks present and booths for vendors selling hair supplies. Farmers' Markets—Majenni Nixon reminded the Board that the Venice Family Clinic is continuing their food giveaways at the Gardena site on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, with distribution of fruits and vegetables to more than 250 people each time. Updating website—Rosalie Preston said that the website is continually updated but no major design changes have been worked on yet.

Assemblymember Mike Gipson: Moises "Jun" Aglipay noted that Board member Dave Trejo was honored by the Assemblymember as part of Hispanic Heritage Month. Regarding the Garner J1 well, the District Director Deon Arnold is working on this issue with CalGEM. Jun attended the October 15 meeting at Rosecrans Recreation Center on the 2025 permit review for California Waste Services. District 5 stakeholder Luetta Watson pointed out that the AT&T landline outages in her neighborhood have been ongoing since September 25. She asked that Assemblymember Gipson assist in restoring service.

4) Administrative motions

a) Approval of the October 8, 2024, Board minutes: It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 14-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

b) Approval of the October 22, 2024, General Membership minutes: It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Barbara Tyson-Frazier, and passed 14-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

c) Approval of the October 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report: Treasurer Majenni Nixon screen-shared and summarized the expenditures for October. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report.

d) Approval of paying \$712.96 to Minuteman Press for October 22, 2024, General Membership meeting flyers: It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Frankie Mays, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

e) Approval of paying \$1,575 to Walking Man for delivery of October 22, 2024, General Membership meeting flyers: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper Pace, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

f) Approval of \$71.42 as a Board reimbursement to Barbara Tyson-Frazier for seven additional sandwiches from Jersey Mike's for November 2 Clean Up Day: There was such a good turnout of volunteers that more than the original order of 20 sandwiches was needed. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper Pace, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

g) Approval of up to \$500 for either a craft item or food item giveaway at the December 20 Harbor Gateway Winter Wonderland at Normandale Recreation Center: The HGNC will have a table at the event and will coordinate the craft or food item with the Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Eva Cooper Pace, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

h) Approval of up to \$1,000 for purchase of a new projector for meeting presentations: The current HGNNC projector is more than 22 years old, is very slow to power up, and does not have connectivity with newer laptops. Besides the projector, an HDMI adapter, Google Chromecast, Apple TV wi fi connector, and any other needed device will be ordered so that the projector can connect with various types of laptop. It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Dave Trejo, and passed 13-0-0 to approve the expenditure.

5) Position letters

a) Support for Council File 24-1225 (Just cause for Eviction Ordinance/Substantial Remodel): The Los Angeles City Council already voted to amend the Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance to include "major remodeling" as not a reason to allow eviction as this has been seen as a loophole that allowed for evictions so that owners of apartments under rent control could then lease to others at higher monthly rents. A former HGNNC Board member was evicted from his apartment of fifteen years because of a major remodel. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Barbara Tyson-Frazier, and passed 14-0-0 to approve support and submittal of a Community Impact Statement for this Council File.

b) Support for Council File 24-1337 (Large Asphalt Repair/Repair Alleys): Councilmember Tim McOsker has introduced this motion which requests the Bureau of Street Services to inspect alleys and estimate repair costs, with a list of alley repairs in priority order for each Council District. The HGNNC will create a list of alleys badly needing repair in the GNNC area to submit as part of the Community Impact Statement, so that the list is on the record. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Frankie Mays, and passed 14-0-0 to approve support and submittal of a Community Impact Statement.

7) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committee Chairs: Rosalie Preston reported that since the regular date for the Planning and Land Use Committee falls on Thanksgiving, the Committee will meet on Thurs. December 5. Issues to be discussed are the permit review process for California Waste Services which begins in January 2025, the final EIR for the proposed Prologis warehouse at the northeast corner of Vermont Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd., and the recent purchase of three 1954 four-unit apartment buildings in the 700 block of Redondo Beach Blvd. where the new owner, an LLC, has told the residents that they will be evicted, the three buildings demolished, and one new larger building constructed.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: Rosalie Preston and Oscar Ruiz attended the meeting at the 116th Street School where the proposal for Modular Housing was presented by the Bureau of Engineering. At least 20 residents from the nearby neighborhood attended and made comment.

District 3 Representative Dave Trejo met with the California Waste Services owner Eric Casper on November 4 to discuss the dust and noise issues which the residents along 149th Street are experiencing from CWS operations. Eric Casper said that he will propose additional mitigations for the facility, including higher netting with a method to direct the dust generated from operations away from the residences.

The issue of the continuing work-related absences of Chair Miguel Vazquez was raised. The Executive Committee will meet to review Bylaws language about vacancies, absences, and appointments in relation to the upcoming Board election date of March 25.

For the January 28 General Membership meeting, a representative from LAHSA SPA 6 will be invited to discuss the type and quality of services for the homeless which are provided at shelters that are operated by non-profit organizations.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary