

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: Joan Jacobs (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Majenni Nixon (Treasurer), Nita Stonehocker (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Eva Cooper Pace (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Oscar Ruiz (District 8), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), Finesse Simmons (Youth Representative), and Craig Kusunoki (At-Large Representative)

Absent: Laivern Frerichs (District 1), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (District 7)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: Vice Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:07 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: District 6 stakeholder Letty Romero discussed the parking issues on the 800 block of 117th Street near Vermont Avenue due to apartment residents' overflow vehicles and auto sales being carried out on the public street. This has resulted in double parking, lack of parking spaces for residents of the single-family homes, and harassment over parking spaces.

3) Reports

a) LAPD: None of the Senior Lead Officers was available due to reassignments related to the immigration demonstrations in downtown Los Angeles.

b) Council District 15: CD 15 Field Deputy for the Harbor Gateway area, Rudy Martinez, said that the street lights that were out on Figueroa Street, Athens Way, and Denver Avenue have now been reported as working again. He drives the Harbor Gateway area to monitor for illegal dumping and other issues, but asks that stakeholders also continue to report issues via 311 to help bring attention to the need for continued services in the area. He is working on the Caltrans easement issues along the freeways in relation to homeless encampments, illegal dumping, and graffiti. He met with residents along the 500 block of 127th Street regarding the abandoned vehicles and trash along that block. District 8 stakeholder Rochelle Fountain noted that on 113th Street between Wadsworth and Stanford, all of the street lights are out. For the homeless encampment along the Union Pacific tracks south of Rosecrans Recreation Center, a July clean up is being organized. He has also aware of the continuing trash issues under the 110 freeway at Alondra and in the nearby area.

c) Other elected officials: Kasie Hervey, Constituent Services for 2nd District Supervisor Holly Mitchell, said that the Supervisor's Juneteenth event is scheduled for Sat. June 14 from 12-4 pm at Roy Campanella Park. Volunteers are needed to help out. Other programs will continue at Roy Campanella over the next eight weeks. Due to cuts to the County of Los Angeles budget, Parks After Dark has been cancelled for this summer. Other LA County parks will provide snacks and some limited programming.

d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Helena Doub, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for Harbor Gateway North, said that today was the last election day for the Neighborhood Councils. She thanked out-going Board members. Helena said that she needs their Board business emails for all incoming Board members and then she can send out the information on the required trainings. Mayor Bass has signed the 2025-2026 City budget, which goes into effect on July 1. Currently there are 700 proposed layoffs. Neighborhood Council Budget Day is June 21 at City Hall. June 20 is the last day to use the Neighborhood Council Bank Card. Helena will send out a link to a survey on ideas for using Community Development Block Grant funds.

e) Updates on 2024-2025 Board goals/priorities: No updates.

4) Administrative motions

a) Approval of the May 13, 2025, Board minutes: It was moved by Arvie Powell, seconded by Nita Stonehocker, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Simmons, Stonehocker, Trejo,)-0-0 to approve the minutes as submitted.

b) Approval of the May Monthly Expenditure Report: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Arvie Powell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Stonehocker, Ruiz, Trejo)-0-0, with Simmons recused due to age, to approve the Expenditure Report.

c) Approval of a second Zoom license at a cost of \$193.74: Majenni Nixon had been added to the HGNNC Zoom account when it was transferred to Secretary Rosalie Preston from former Chairperson Miguel Vazquez, but subsequently the Neighborhood Council was informed that they would now have to pay for two accounts to allow Majenni to have full access. This will allow for a back up person to open the Zoom meetings when Rosalie is not available. It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Stonehocker, Ruiz, Trejo)-0-0, with Simmons recused due to age, to approve the expenditure.

d) Approval of the 2025-2026 Administrative Package, including 2025-2026 fiscal year budget: Treasurer Majenni Nixon said that the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed budget at their July 9 meeting and recommended adopting it. The assumption is that the total allocated to each Neighborhood Council will end up being \$32,000, though that is contingent on the City Council voting on that increase from the originally proposed \$25,000 in another month. If for some reason the City Council does not pass the increase, then a new budget of \$25,000 will be created. Majenni screen-shared the package and reviewed the spending categories. There was some discussion of looking into a different website provider in the future. It is expected that there will also be \$7,000 to \$8,000 in rollover funds added to the \$32,000 later in the summer. Lionel Mares from Sun Valley queried why there was a proposed \$500 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the LA Police Foundation when the LAPD receives the largest share of the City's budget. It was explained that National Night Out activities are funded solely by donations and not LAPD funds. It was moved by Nita Stonehocker, seconded by Eva Cooper-Pace, and passed 12 (Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Kusunoki, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Stonehocker, Ruiz, Trejo)-0-0, with Simmons recused due to age, to approve the Administrative Package and budget for 2025-2026.

5) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committees: The Planning and Land Use Committee is working on a comment letter for the proposed six-story apartment building at 11516 S. Vermont Avenue and will organize a community meeting on the lawn of a nearby home on Menlo Avenue to gain input.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: June 21 is Neighborhood Council Budget Day at City Hall.

The new Board will be sworn in at the Tues. July 8 Board meeting and all Committee members will be re-appointed at that time. The meeting will be held in person at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. A location still has to be found for the Tues. July 22 General Membership meeting and also speakers.

District 3 Representative Dave Trejo asked if a statement of values on immigrants could be added to the July 8 Board agenda.

District 4 Representative Arvie Powell reported that she attended the community swearing in of State Senator Laura Richardson on June 7 at the Enclave. Senator Richardson's office in Harbor Gateway will be at 970 W. 190th Street, Suite 310 and telephone (310) 217-4728. She has an office in Inglewood and she will also have an office in San Pedro.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary