

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Held at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185

Present: Joan Jacobs (Chair), Alonzo Williams (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Majenni Nixon (Treasurer), Ronald Robinson (District 1), Bart Bidlingmeyer (District 2), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Eva Cooper Pace (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (District 7), Shirley Johnson (District 8), Jeremy Guyton (Community Organization), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), Frankie Mays (Outreach/Communications), and Clifford McClain (At-Large Representative)

Absent: Finesse Simmons (Youth Representative)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The roll call determined that a quorum was present.

2) Seating of the new Board by Helena Doub, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: NEA Helena Doub administered the oath of office to the newly elected Board members.

3) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: Barbara Stanton, Executive Director of EECI (Entrepreneur Educational Center Inc.), welcomed the Board and stakeholders to EECI's space, which was remodeled thanks to a grant from former State Senator Steven Bradford. EECI helps people learn the skills to develop a small business or to learn skills to become a certified diver. Alonzo Williams is one of their instructors for the entrepreneurship program. Her mother is Ozie Gonzaque, who is now 100 years old; she served on the Los Angeles Housing Commission for 18 years, including 11 years as Chair.

(Marvin Bell entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.)

4) Reports

a) LAPD: Neither Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez or Senior Lead Officer Tyson Hamaoka was able to be present due to having been assigned to two clean ups in the morning and not given permission to work overtime. Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez had sent a brief report summarizing recent activities. One of the clean ups was Estrella Avenue, between 168th Street and Gardena Blvd. on the west side of the 110 freeway, where two RVs were removed and several items of waste picked up along the freeway side of the sidewalk. The other was along Estrella Avenue north of 135th Street, where several large encampments were cleaned up along the Caltrans embankment and fence line. Four pit bulls were removed by Animal Control. There will be scheduled for ongoing clean up due to the amount of trash and encampment issues. An alley behind an abandoned home at 742 W. 132nd Street was cleaned up, with assistance from the CD 15 Clean Team. The home is going through probate and attorneys are trying to identify the legal owner. The alley north of 132nd Street was also cleaned up by the CD 15 Clean Team. A female living in a tent was removed from Hoover and 136th Street. He is monitoring the Edge O' Town Motel, 12286 S. Figueroa Street, and working with the City Attorney to keep it and the nearby area abated. The property is in the process of having new ownership. He has also requested that Caltrans do a homeless clean up for the east side of the 110 freeway north of Redondo Beach Blvd., where there are a number of encampments.

b) Council District 15: CD 15 Field Deputy for the Harbor Gateway area, Rudy Martinez, was ill, so could not attend the in-person meeting. Board and stakeholders were reminded of his new email which is rudy.e.martinez@lacity.org

c) Other elected officials: In place of Kasie Hervey, Constituent Services for 2nd District Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Ara An attended. Supervisor Mitchell was elected in 2021, the year when Juneteenth became a Federal holiday. She started an annual Juneteenth celebration which this year will be held in Roy Campanella Park, 14812 S. Stanford Avenue. Other programs will be held there throughout the

summer, such as urban gardening with Crop Swap, ocean education with the Black Surfers Collective, diversity hair care, bicycle safety, and painting and mindfulness workshops.

Moises “Jun” Aglipay, Assemblymember Mike Gipson’s office, brought flyers for the August 29 movie showing of “Respect my Crown” in Carson.

d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Helena Doub, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for Harbor Gateway North, said that she will create an email group for the Board so that she can send out Neighborhood Empowerment information. Boardmember orientation will be led by the Civic Leadership Division of the Department. The period for amending the HGNNC Bylaws will begin in September with a Bylaws template provided. She will attend the Board’s Retreat and said that DONE can assist with arranging for speakers and having Council District 15 present. The Board’s Annual Assessment is due. A survey on the recent Board elections will be sent out by email. In response to a stakeholder’s question about what the requirements are for being a Boardmember, she said that it is taking the five required trainings via Cornerstone, attending the Board meetings, and being an advisory body for the neighborhood to the City of Los Angeles.

(Clifford McClain entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.)

5) Appointments to vacant seats

a) Vice Chairperson: Alonzo Williams had expressed interest in being appointed to the seat. He had run for the At-Large Representative seat. He has lived in the Athens on the Hill community for the past 40 years. He is editor of the online Hub City Legend newsletter/newspaper, which covers news of Compton and surrounding areas in both physical and digital format. He is the President of the Compton Entertainment Chamber of Commerce. Addressing the issue of illegal dumping is one of his big concerns. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Clifford McClain, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with McClain ineligible, to appoint Alonzo Williams as Vice Chairperson.

b) District 2 Representative: Bart Bidlingmeyer said that he has lived in the District 2 area for six years. He enjoys his neighbors and the community and would like to be a force for good and to create a good place for his two young children to live. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with McClain ineligible, to appoint Bart Bidlingmeyer as the District 2 Representative.

c) Community Organization Representative: Jeremy Guyton ran for District 6 Representative and said he is interested in being appointed to the Community Organization Representative seat. He is a third-generation homeowner, with his grandparents moving in 1963 to Menlo Avenue in District from Millport, Alabama. He runs a non-profit from his home, a.l.t. ^home, a cultural archive and community gathering space, with one goal being to document the backgrounds of those in the neighborhood who, like his grandparents, also moved there during the Great Migration from the South. He has already documented three neighboring families and will be expanding to other nearby blocks. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Ronald Robinson, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with McClain ineligible, to appoint Jeremy Guyton to the Community Organization Representative seat.

6) Appointments to Standing Committees

a) Bylaws Committee: Joan Jacobs, Rosalie Preston, Dave Trejo, Nancy Trojan, and Luetta Watson (those underlined are Board members)

b) Environmental Justice Committee: Joan Jacobs, Arvie Powell, and Nanci Torres

c) Finance Committee: Rene Chombeng, Joan Jacobs, Majenni Nixon, and Jodette Spann

d) Homeless Issues Committee: Marvin Bell, Barbara Tyson-Frazier, Jackie Jackson, and Janet Mitchell, and Victor Williams

e) Outreach/Communications Committee: Jeremy Guyton, Frankie Mays, Rosalie Preston, and Janeshia Robinson

f) Planning and Land Use Committee: Salim Mhunzi, Arvie Powell, Rosalie Preston, Janeshia Robinson, Rebecca Rodriguez, Nanci Torres, Dave Trejo, and Luetta Watson

g) Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Eric Bailey, Jackie Jackson, Frankie Mays, Rosalie Preston, and Dave Trejo

h) Youth Issues Committee: Marvin Bell, Jeremy Guyton, Jackie Jackson, and Clifford McClain
Because there were no more than four Board members who wanted to be on any one Committee and no more than nine total for each Committee, it was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Nixon, Powell, Preston, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, and Williams ineligible, to appoint all of the above-listed people to the HGNNC Standing Committees.

7) Community Impact Statements/comment letters

a) Statement of support of immigrants in the Harbor Gateway North community: District 3 Representative Dave Trejo had drafted the letter, projected it, and read it out. It was moved by Majenni Nixon, seconded by Ronald Robinson, and passed 10(Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Nixon, Preston, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-2(Bell, Powell), with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, and Williams ineligible, to approve the letter.

b) Support for Council File 25-0694 (requests the City Attorney to prioritize immediate legal protection to protect the civil rights of residents): It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Barbara Tyson-Frazier, and passed 10(Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Nixon, Preston, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-1(Bell)-1(Powell), with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, and Williams ineligible, to approve support for the Council File.

8) Administrative motions

a) Approval of the June 10, 2025, Board minutes: It was moved by Eva Cooper-Pace, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, Williams ineligible, to approve the minutes as submitted.

b) Approval of the June Monthly Expenditure Report: Treasurer Majenni Nixon reviewed the report. \$8,344.22 remained from the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget and will be rolled over to add to the 2025-2026 budget later in the summer. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, Williams ineligible, to approve the Expenditure Report.

c) Approval of increased rent for office 205 to \$710 per month: Armonia Investments has asked for a 3% increase in the monthly rent for the office at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Barbara Tyson-Frazier, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, Williams ineligible, to approve the expenditure.

d) Approval for continuing agreement for website services from The Mailroom, at \$200 a month: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0, with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, Williams ineligible, to approve continuing the services.

e) Approval of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$500 to the LA Police Foundation to support National Night Out at Southeast Division on August 5: The funds will help support the purchase of backpacks to give out to children attending the event. It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Barbara Tyson-Frazier, and passed 11(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Robinson, Tyson-Frazier)-1(Trejo)-0, with Bidlingmeyer, Guyton, McClain, Williams ineligible, to approve the NPG.

f) Approval of holding a Board Retreat on Sat. August 2 from 9:30 am to 2 pm, with expenditures of no more than \$800: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12(Bell, Cooper-Pace, Jackson, Jacobs, Johnson, Mays, Powell, Preston, Nixon, Robinson, Trejo, Tyson-Frazier)-0-0 to approve holding a Board Retreat on Sat. October 18, 2025, at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Room 185.

4) Reports

Mayor Karen Bass: Manager of Community Engagement Representative Jocelyn Dominguez explained that Mayor Bass is organizing a number of community clean up/beautification events on the last Saturday of each month. On July 26, one will be held at 256 W. 117th Street in the Harbor Gateway North area. Harbor Gateway North will have a table there. In regards to the ICE raids in the Los Angeles area, the City of Los Angeles has filed legal action against the Trump Administration as part of its actions to keep all Angelenos safe.

9) Board business/announcements

a) Reports from Committees: The Planning and Land Use Committee is continuing to work on a comment letter for the proposed six-story apartment building at 11516 S. Vermont Avenue. There are two appeals of the City Planning Commission approval of the Prologis warehouse project for the northeast corner of Vermont Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd., which will be heard before the City Council's PLUM Committee later this fall.

b) Brief announcements from Board members: The next General membership meeting will be held on Tues. July 22 at 555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. in Room 185. It was suggested that Caltrans be invited as a speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary