

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood
General Membership Meeting**
Tuesday, July 22, 2025
555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. – Room 185

Present: Joan Jacobs (Chair), Alonzo Williams (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Ronald Robinson (District 1), Dave Trejo (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Marvin Bell (District 6), Jackie Jackson (Youth Advocate), Frankie Mays (Community Organization), and Clifford McClain (At Large Representative)

Absent: Majenni Nixon (Treasurer), Bart Bidlingmeyer (District 2 Representative), Eva Cooper-Pace (District 5 Representative), Barbara Tyson-Frazier (District 7 Representative), Shirley Johnson (District 8 Representative), Jeremy Guyton (Community Organization Representative), and Finesse Simmons (Youth Representative)

1) Welcome/call to order/Board roll call: Chairperson Joan Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The roll call determined that a quorum was present.

2) Caltrans explains how to report over-grown vegetation, graffiti, homeless encampments, etc. on their properties: Maria Raptis, Government Affairs Office for Caltrans (maria.raptis@dot.ca.gov; 213-897-7563), and Staff Services Manager I Doug Asher (douglas.asher@dot.ca.gov) recommended best practices for obtaining services from Caltrans. The first step is to use the Customer Service Request portal for Caltrans: <https://csr.dot.ca.gov>

This can be used to report illegal dumping on the sides of the freeway, litter along the highway, homeless encampments, signals out along the freeway, lights out on highways, graffiti on freeway walls, etc. The online CSR will be reported and routed to the correct office. Among service requests, roadway emergencies have priority. You can also report Caltrans issues through your Council District office. There is no app yet for the Customer Service Requests and no ability to upload photos. CSR can take ten days to get to the right office. Graffiti removal takes about 7 to 10 days, unless there is offensive wording. For encampments, two weeks of outreach are scheduled with California Highway Patrol present. Then those living in the encampment are given two days' notice of the clean up. For any sign of machetes, guns, or fires related to encampments on Caltrans property, call 911.

(Arvie Powell entered the meeting at 7:19 p.m.)

Regarding lights out under freeway overpasses, if the light shines onto a City street, then it is the City's responsibility to repair it. However, if the wiring to the light belongs to Caltrans, then the lighting will be repaired by Caltrans. Just for July 2025, they are working on 256 requests. Caltrans has spent \$112,000 on repairing fencing along Union Pacific railroad tracks in the last year.

3) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: District 5 stakeholder Jacqueline Marrero said that she is a Board member of the Athens Boulevard Block Club. Their neighborhood is dealing with a proposed apartment building of 50 units with no parking at 700 W. 120th Street, at Hoover Street. This will create an adverse impact to their community. Their Block Club has hired a legal team to file an injunction to stop the demolition of the single-family home on the site, with an August 11 court date. She is hopeful that the HGNNC can support their efforts.

District 6 stakeholder Charles Doakes expressed concern that LAPD is accepting military equipment. He also discussed how globalization is dwarfing America's right to have control over local jurisdictions and neighborhoods. Hedge funds are backing apartment developments, such as the one previously mentioned. Reverse mortgages often lead to foreclosures.

4) Reports

a) LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Tyson Hamaoka said that for issues along railroad tracks within 30 feet of the rails, then Union Pacific needs to be contacted. There was a homicide on July 19 in the 600 block of 126th Street. There was a robbery at gunpoint at 120th Street and Figueroa. There was a shooting at

427 W. El Segundo Street, at Figueroa near a tobacco shop. The suspect is part of the Athens Park Bloods. For any issues in Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez's area while he is away, stakeholders can contact Officer Hamaoka.

b) Council District 15: Field Deputy Rudy Martinez said that if stakeholders need assistance with issues on Caltrans property, forward the CSR requests to him and he will follow up with Caltrans and the relevant State Assemblymember's office. Slurry sealing of local streets will begin next week, including Hoover Street from 158th to 159th, Orchard Councilmember Tim McOsker is advocating for scheduling Redondo Beach Blvd. for pavement repair. CARE+ operations are scheduled on a bi-weekly basis along 117th Street and also Estrella north of 135th Street. They are also scheduled for problem alleys, when pointed out to the office. Three RVs were removed from Vermont Avenue at 162nd Street in front of an AT&T building. Signs saying "no parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. will be posted in front of 17200 S. Vermont Avenue, another AT&T building. Figueroa from El Segundo to 120th Street has been repaired. Report issues via 311 and then follow up with Rudy if no result or a slow result. There was a suggestion for more education on using 311 to report illegal dumping and for residents to know that there is no limit to using 311 to dispose of unwanted items during weekly pick ups. District 8 stakeholders mentioned the difficulty of getting trees removed that have lifted sidewalks and created unsafe passages for those walking with canes or in wheelchairs.

c) Mayor Karen Bass: Jocelyn Dominguez, Mayor Bass's office, commented that for sidewalks needing repairs so that seniors or the disabled can use them, report to the Office of Disability, though the repair can still take 4 to 6 years for repairs. She reminded those present that Shine LA on July 26 will include a location in Harbor Gateway North at 256 W. 117th Street, between Broadway and Main Street.

5) Discussion: HGNNC Annual Assessment for 2024-2025 and preliminary discussion of plans for community engagement events/community improvement goals for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: Copies of the HGNNC Annual Assessment were available for those attending the meeting. Due to time constraints, a beginning discussion of plans for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was postponed to the Sat. July 18 Board Retreat. However, stakeholders were encouraged to review the Assessment and call or email in suggestions for the new fiscal year.

6) Administrative motions

a) Approval of up to \$300 for a retractable banner for outreach events: It was moved by Marvin Bell, seconded by Alonzo Williams, and passed 8(Bell, Jackson, Jacobs, Mays, Powell, Preston, Robinson, Trejo)-0-0, with McClain and Williams ineligible, to approve the expenditure.

b) Support for Know Your Rights training (presented via Zoom on Thurs. July 31 at 6 pm) by the Reseda Neighborhood Council in partnership with Public Counsel, with inclusion of HGNNC logo on the flyer and advertising to our stakeholders: It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Jackie Jackson, and passed 8(Bell, Jackson, Jacobs, Mays, Powell, Preston, Robinson, Trejo)-0-0, with McClain and Williams ineligible, to approve support for the training.

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

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary