

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Outreach/Communications Committee Meeting
Held Via Zoom Webinar
October 17, 2024**

Present: Frankie Mays, Rosalie Preston, and Janeshia Robinson

1) Welcome /call to order/roll call: In the absence of Chair Will Yates, the meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Vice Chair Frankie Mays. A quorum of four members was not present.

2) General Public Comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: There was none.

3) Approval of the minutes

a) August 15, 2024, Committee minutes: Tabled due to lack of a quorum.

b) September 19, 2024, Committee minutes: Tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

4) 2025 Board election

a) Report on the September 30 Neighborhood Council elections engagement virtual Town Hall: Rosalie attended this meeting and said that Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to suggest media outlets where the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment can advertise the upcoming Board elections.

b) Report on the October 12 City Clerk Election Information Session: Rosalie attended this meeting. Candidates for Board seats have a 45 day period to apply online. For the HGNNC the filing period begins on November 22 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on January 6. An alternative filing portal will be created so that those who do not have an Angelino account or wish to create one can use the alternative portal. All candidates must provide documentation to prove their stakeholder status, even if their Neighborhood Council is a "self affirmation" Council for voter registration. Once the City Clerk verifies a candidate, then the documentation is removed and not retained. However, candidates who are homeless can self attest to being a stakeholder and file to be a candidate without documentation. There will be a period of time for candidates to be challenged on their qualification to be certified. During the vote-by-mail period, ballots can be returned via U.S. mail, drop boxes (location to be announced, but usually only one close to each Neighborhood Council due to cost), or in-person at the Department of Neighborhood Council office at City Hall.

(Janeshia Robinson entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

For stakeholders registering for their vote-by-mail ballot, they will have to submit a photo id showing their date of birth and verifying their stakeholder status; this is usually their driver's license or photo id. For those who are homeless, they can register stating they are self-affirming, even if the Neighborhood Council's Bylaws require documentation for all other types of stakeholders. They can receive their ballots at the office of an organization providing services to the unhoused. The City Clerk will be setting up such locations and provide a list to Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders. There will be no in-person voting sites this year due to the City's budget issues.

c) Final review of candidate recruitment postcard: The postcard design used in 2023 has been updated in Canva with 2025 dates for candidate filing. The QR code that links to the City Clerk candidate filing website needs to be tested to make sure it is still correct. Rosalie will

contact Minuteman Press regarding when they need to start working on the printing so that the postcards are taken to the four post offices serving HGNNC residents on November 18.

d) Further discussion of Board election voter registration event on February 1: Rosalie talked to EECI staff about timing of their Saturday events in 2025 and they may have a workshop scheduled on February 1. It might still be possible to have the two events on the same Saturday. Otherwise, the HGNNC voter registration event will be moved to February 8.

5) Upcoming outreach events

a) Trunk or Treat at Rosecrans Recreation Center-October 26 from 2-6 p.m.: City Clerk Funding has approved the event (HGNNC support for refreshments). At least three Board members will be present to assist with candy give away from the trunks of the classic cars. So far only two classic cars have definitely been committed to attend.

b) District 7 clean up day on November 2: Approval of this event is still pending. District 7 Representative Barbara Tyson-Frazier is focusing on 116th Place west of San Pedro Street to clear up debris from a recent homeless encampment.

c) Cultural event—possibly Juneteenth, coordinated by the Youth Representative: Youth Representative Finesse Simmons would like to consult with the Outreach/Communications Committee for more guidance on this event. Frankie and Rosalie will be in touch with her.

d) Possible van tour of the HGNNC to engage stakeholders: Rosalie will check with the City Clerk about any liability issues in using the vans of two stakeholders for this event. The goal is to visit different sections of the HGNNC and engage with the stakeholders and issues at those locations.

e) Other events, including for Board election: Rosalie has emailed CD 15 Field Deputy Nicholas Chavez about whether Winter Wonderland will again be scheduled on Gardena Blvd. but has not heard back yet.

The HGNNC organized a community meeting at Rosecrans Recreation Center on Tues. October 15 to hear from stakeholders about their issues with the operations of California Waste Services (mostly dust and noise) and to review the permit review process which will start in January 2025. Another meeting on this issue will be organized in January.

There are three active Neighborhood Watch groups within the HGNNC: 116th Place in District 8, Athens on the Hill in District 5, and the Merit Tract in District 1. Information about the Neighborhood Council election will be taken to each group to encourage candidate filing.

Frankie said that she has talked with Senior Lead Officer Robert Martinez about holding a Coffee with a Cop from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. within the HGNNC area south of 120th Street.

6) HGNNC communications (website, social media, Constant Contact emails): The HGNNC website is being updated, but no major redesign has started yet.

7) Announcements: The next HGNNC General Membership meeting will be held on Tues. October 22 at 7 p.m. at the 135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street. Metro will discuss the proposed dedicated bus lanes on Vermont Avenue north of 120th Street during peak hours and LAHSA will discuss how to report homeless encampments and RVs, describe the types of services provided for those in housing, and explain how stakeholders can support those efforts.

SoLA Impact's apartment complex on Main Street just north of the 105 Freeway is finally ready for leasing. The rental for one-bedroom units starts at \$2,335, with renters also having to pay for their electricity use.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m. / Next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary

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