

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting  
 Harbor City Gateway Library  
 Wednesday, 2-24-10  
 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Sherri Bliss	Excused
Esther Cepeda	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Chris Huie	Excused
Eric Magee	Excused
Anto Nakkashian	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Excused
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Present
Rick Schuler	Present

#### Call to Order:

Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Roll Call: See Above.

Approval of Minutes: Grant Reed made a motion to approve the January 27, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Greg Donnan. There were six yes and zero no votes. Chris Sapien abstained. The Minutes were approved.

#### Update on NC's and Elections:

- Esther reported that the Deputy Mayor addressed BONC and they have spent ½ million so far on elections. Two million was set aside. They were considering an Emergency Ordinance to pull all funding to stop the city clerk elections but that it not going to happen at this point. Elections will proceed as planned and by 2012 the elections should be placed back in the hands of the neighborhood councils.
- Encumbered funds will be left in place. DONE was consolidated with the Community Development Department. One of the Non Profits could handle the NC funding and this might get things paid more promptly. Everything is currently in the review process.
- Esther asked that a BONC committee be added to the HCNC Committee List and she will be the chair of the committee.

- We have until March 10 to report appropriated funds.

### **Public Comment:**

**Leonard Duncan:** Leonard talked about his concern with the need of neighborhood cleanup in the area of 259<sup>th</sup> between Frampton and Belle Porte which is being used as an illegal dumping area. He used to call 311 to complain and they would come out and pick up stuff. He also commented on 1645-1647 259<sup>th</sup> Street where there is a vacant lot and it is really bad. He proposed an idea that the landscaping business in that area adopt the spot/street to clean it up. Leonard is wondering if the HCNC can work with the high school students to clean up the area. Tom suggested checking the website of the Dept of Building and Safety to see if any Code Enforcement violations can be reported. Otherwise, if the property is privately owned, there is little that can be done.

**Tessa McCoy:** Teacher at Harbor City Elementary School: 20<sup>th</sup> of March the school has been chosen for a project with the Mayor's Office. It includes health screening for the Community and Beautification of the School. Cal. State Dominguez students (about 75) are going to create the murals. They are in need of donations of exterior paint. (Tessa 310-626-5618 cell). They will also be repainting doors.

### **BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD:**

**Follow Up Planning from February Stakeholder Meeting:** There are no issues that need follow up from the last stakeholder meeting.

**Proposed Agenda for March Stakeholder Meeting.** The theme of the meeting will be Elections. We will talk to the stakeholders about the Election process and a Candidates Forum. Greg mentioned that the Commander of the Coast Guard can attend a future meeting as a speaker and perhaps this would be a good speaker for March. Joyce talked about the printing of 2000 flyers and getting them distributed with the help of some of the board members.

**2010 Elections:** Review of what we need to send out: Olive talked about the various dates and deadlines. March 16 is a regional stakeholder/candidate forum at Peck Park. Candidate filing begins Wednesday March 10 until Friday April 19th. Tom asked if the board wanted to send out Election information on a postcard to every home in Harbor City. Doug Epperhart from Coastal will be asked about the details.

**Discussion on Expenditures for Balance of 2009/2010:** We need to spend our allocated money. Tom asked the Board if they were comfortable with what the Board has already allocated and was there anything else they wanted to consider.

**Discussion on Harbor City Elementary School's Request for Paint/Supplies for the Mayor's Service Day:** Grant Reed made a motion that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council donate \$300 for the Mayor's Day of Service Supplies for Harbor City Elementary School. It was seconded by Olive Reed. There was discussion about having the HCNC name displayed as a sponsor. There were seven yes votes and zero no votes. The vote was

unanimous in favor of the motion.

Discussion was had about creating a banner for the HCNC that could be displayed at these types of events. Grant Reed made a motion that the Board allocates \$500 for promotional banners for Harbor City Neighborhood Council, one announcing the meetings and one for sponsorship. It was seconded by Greg Donnan. By seven yes votes and zero no votes, the Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Reports were heard from the following committees:**

**City Services:** Chris Sapien talked about some trees that have been trimmed.

**Community Safety:** Chris also commented that he cannot get anyone to get the lights back on at the pedestrian bridge over Normandie Ave.

**Emergency Preparedness:** No report from Ping. Greg commented that there needs to be another Emergency Preparedness meeting.

**Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC):** Tom reported that this Saturday at Rolling Hills Prep School Councilman Park is going to be presenting the LA City Budget to the Harbor Alliance of NC's at 9:30 am. Next Wed. is the regular meeting and Tom will talk to Doug then about the postcard issue to promote the elections.

**Harbor Regional Park:** The new KMHRP Park Director is Cheryl Gray. Greg talked about getting some groups together who have an interest in the park, regarding the Tongva Indian Village project, to come to a meeting. He wants two members of the HCNC Board to be there. The meeting will be in Janice Hahn's office. The date is not yet announced.

### **Misc. Info from President Thom Houston:**

**Letter from Joanne Valle:** Announcement about a luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
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