

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting
 Harbor City Gateway Library
 Wednesday, 5-26-10
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order:

Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Approximately 20 stakeholders also present.

Roll Call: See Above.

Approval of Minutes: Greg Donnan made a motion to approve the April 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Wu Ping Own. The motion was passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.

LA Council/Arizona Boycott Letter: Kristina read the motion from the stakeholder meeting. Councilwoman's reason: Carillo spoke on behalf of the councilwoman. We all agree that there is a problem with illegal immigration in this country. The city council members feel that what Arizona did is not the answer. The law was amended. It was originally set up where anyone could be stopped to check their immigration status. Carillo talked about his father coming to this country as a legal alien. However, if his father went to Arizona today and was pulled over when tail light out, he would be questioned. The councilwoman agrees there is a problem and something needs to be done. She feels that legalizing racial profiling is not the answer. She did it because it was the right thing to do. That is her position. LAPD rep Andre Wilkins. There are no changes in LAPD they still do special order 40. Andre had a handout showing the captain's position. News program said this would increase crime because people would be less likely to come forward.

Wu Ping, gave his story about coming to the US in 1976. He has received so much opportunity. He feels immigrants need to learn English. If I'm a politician I don't want you to learn English because then you don't engage and . Here in the US, everyone has an oppty to monitor what the government is doing, not like in other countries. So understand what is nice about this country we can educate ourselves and learn the language and monitor the govt. This is his personal opinion. So many problems in the City of LA, we are bankrupt. The job of the city council is to fix the city of los agenles, not get into the federal level issue. The congress should deal with the issue not the city. We don't have time to wowrry about what other states our doing we have to fix our own problems in the city of la. Janice hahn and her staff have been working hard to try to help us.

Day labor program manager talked that she would be affected by certain laws like this. She supports what Janice hahn and does not feel we can allow what AZ did to happen here.

Ken Melendez lives in diverse community (mostly Asian population). Does not let language get in the way. He read the HCNC mission statement. He feels that you should speak out if something is not right.

Harbor city community job center thanked everyone for raising their voices. He commented about the people at the job center looking for work, who work to feed their family, they are simple and humble. Not everyone that comes here is a delinquent. Defending those who don't have laws to defend them or having someone to represent them.

Esther: We have a great mission statement. Neighborhood councils were created to give a voice to all stakeholders. She is not in favor of writing a letter. She doesn't feel that any NC needs to put that out there. If you have an opinion channel it to the proper person. It is irresponsible for us not to agendize this. She believes there is strong racial profiling that will happen if a law like this were enacted in Calif. Sheh would like to see progress In the worwld and she thinks this weill set us back. The stakeholders were very clear of what they wanted us to do.

Schuller supports az. Janice was elected to represent all of us.

Esther: we should allow stakeholders to weigh in and do this the right way.

Chris Sapien: Outside of the realm of the responsibility of the City Council. It was not a responsibility of their job description to speak out. Be careful of the bed you make because you have to lie in it.

Olive Reed: 1961 immigrant, nursing background in England her license not accepted here so she had to go back to school to work as nuses. What bothers her mostly is when she thinkgs about what she had to go through to work here, everyone should have to do the same thing if they want to live here. The reason she is against the boycott is going to make the people suffer, which will mostly be the illegal aliens. She agrees that the city council's decision to boycott will take jobs away from people here.

Comment from stakeholder from the job center:

Comment from worman from Sanpedro and Wilmington, worked with parents of families in housing before they knocked it down. They rpvodied traning and English classes. 47 sites from N Hollywood to San Clemente to Sunland, the valley, the harbor area etc.

Az has brought the issue up that the Federal Govt made this law and they are just

Ping the issue today is not the immigration issue but the issue of why the City Council got involved. K

Chris huie asked if the City Council office has taken a position with the federal govet. Write a letter to congress and the president. The city has taken many positions outside the scope of

their normal functions. Boycotts work. Was it appropriate for the city of la appropriate, they argue yes because they are the 2nd largest city in America. The issue is what do we believe the law did. We believe it created racial profiling and feel we have a responsibility to answer. At least the issue is now in front of the whole nation and maybe we will solve the problem. Tom Houston: It was not agendized so it was not an acceptable motion and tonight's is also not. We will table it and bring it up at our stakeholder's meeting. Joyce made a motion that we table this issue, seconded by Esther Cepeda. Unanimous vote in favor of tabling the issue.

Newsletter Proporal – James Allen:

Talked about getting the word to the community. The newspaper is the most portable and convenient for the vast majority of the people. You can have a bigger impact on the community you serve is by creating a mechanism. 4,000 more people you would reach in harbor city. It also goes on-line. Proposal to sponsor a page to help with the outreach.

BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD:

Follow Up Planning to Stakeholders from May Stakeholders Meeting:

None

Proposed Agenda for June Meeting:

Proposed agenda for June Stakeholder Meeting: Letter to the LA City Council
Greg donnan made a motion seconded by Ping that the following item be place don the agenda.
ACTION ITEM: Discussion on possible letter to the LA City Council of Arizona SB1070. 6 yes 0 no 1 abstention.

Ping said that the LAPD air support division will do a presentation in July on how they function. (20 min). Pat McNamara.

Banner/Signs Update: Joyce gave an update on the proposed banner. She provided samples for the board member to review. 3 votes for top, 4 votes for bottom. Ping will pick up the banners.

Business Coalition Request: Ping talked about big businesses are ready to shut their doors. Idea to promote Harbor City. Due regular events and publicize to other cities. Event could be quarterly. The business coalition is hoping that the HCNC will help to promote.

Kaiser Meeting Location discussion: Discussion on (we will continue meeting here until another issue arises.

Suggestions from Leonard about a brochure.

Committee Reports: no time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC