

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting  
 Kaiser Conference Center  
 Wednesday, 9-22-10  
 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Esther Cepeda	Present (left 7:42)
Jennifer Corral	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Janet Mercer	Present
Raymond R. Moser	Present
Anto Nakkashian	Excused
Wu-Ping Own	Excused
Grant Reed	Excused
Olive Reed	Excused
Craig S. Rutherford	Present
Christopher Sapien	Present (6:44)

#### **Call to Order:**

Joyce Fredericks called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. There was a quorum. Two stakeholders were in attendance. Tom Houston took over the meeting at 6:12pm.

**Roll Call:** See Above.

**Approval of Minutes:** Greg Donnan made a motion to approve the August 25, 2010 Governing Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Raymond Moser. The motion was passed with 7 yes votes, 1 no votes and 1 abstention.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steven Rutherford gave an update on outstanding demand warrants. There was also a discussion on the Boys and Girls Club Outstanding demand warrant for the purchase of computers (\$10,000). Steven will contact Anto and make a decision on how to proceed. Esther Cepeda-Hatch commented that the HCNC is 100% compliant with Ethics Training.

#### **Followup from Stakeholder meeting:**

There was a short discussion on the issue of utilizing microphones at the stakeholder meeting. Several stakeholders have commented that they had difficulty hearing those people who were not utilizing a microphone. There were also a few comments on the business at Lockness and Woodbury which has a sign "CANN" on the building. It has been determined that this is a medical marijuana business and the council woman's office should be notified.

**Proposed Agenda for October:** The following organizations are being considered for a presentation at future stakeholder meetings: GAP (Gang Alternative Program), LAUSD (Los Angeles Unified School District), and the Harbor Animal Center. Janet Mercer commented that

Liz Greenwood suggested the LA Housing Development could do a presentation on Codes. Janet offered to contact Liz to find out when they might be able to speak.

**Pennysaver:** There was a discussion on the cost of continuing to advertise in the Pennysaver. The back and front are not available for October but there is a possibility of doing an flyer insert that could be full color. The price for the insert is \$337.62. In order to secure advertising on the front or back page we would need to consider a contract for several months to guarantee that we get it. Esther will check if the Pennysaver is an approved vendor of the City. **Esther Cepeda-Hatch made a motion that the HCNC spend up to \$350.00 per month (not to exceed \$3500 through the end of the fiscal year) to secure the October flyer and future monthly flyers or back/front page advertising for outreach purposes in the Pennysaver. The motion was seconded by Gregory Donnan. The motion was passed with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes.** Joyce wondered if she can send out information to the board without violating Brown Act Rules which led to a short discussion on Brown Act compliance.

**Monthly Clean-up Information:** Leonard Duncan provided a handout with information on “Gardening services” once a month for three months at the following locations:

1. 259<sup>th</sup> Street between Frampton Avenue and Belle Port Ave.
  - a. Remove leaves, paper, bottles, cans, weeds, etc. from the sidewalks and gutters and sweep the street.
  - b. Request that a dumpster be permanently located on this block.
  - c. Request that Bennett Landscape Company help with this request since it parks company vehicles on the block from time to time.
2. Alley between PCH and 259<sup>th</sup> Street from President Avenue to Western.
  - a. Remove leaves, paper, bottles, cans, weeds, etc. from both sides of the alley.
  - b. Send a letter to the businesses on PCH that border on the alley asking them to help keep the alley clean.

If permission is granted by the Board, Leonard suggested we get an estimate for the above projects from Bennett Landscape Company. Note: All large illegal dumping items can be removed by telephoning the Bureau of Sanitation (1-800-773-2489). They are slow but efficient. Ray Moser said that there is a section where one business cleans up.

Greg Donnan commented that Brea Oil volunteered to clean their area, maybe Bennett would be willing to do the same since they park their trucks in that area. He feels the business people need to be asked if they would do it on their own. Chris Sapien asked if the funding is still in place for the city’s Illegal Dumping program (Don’t dump on LA).

Esther offered to call Bennett Landscaping and ask how much it would cost. Leonard will write a letter and we will put it on NC letterhead and have it signed by the board asking the businesses to assist in keeping that area clean. The board discussed the issue and the following motion was made by Greg Donnan: **Motion to approve Leonard Duncan to formulate a letter for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board to sign asking the businesses on 259<sup>th</sup> between Frampton Avenue and Belle Port Avenue to clean up the property with a copy of the letter to be sent to the Councilwoman’s Office, the Neighborhood Prosecutor and the Captain of LAPD. The motion was seconded by Esther Cepeda-Hatch and passed by the Board with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Leonard will get the list of business names and addresses.

### **Miscellaneous Issues:**

**Harbor Pines:** There was a short discussion on the Harbor Pines area wanting their name changed. There will be more discussion on this at a future meeting.

**Daily Breeze Article Re DONE:** Tom Houston commented on an article in the Daily Breeze entitled “Is DONE Necessary.” In the article it was quite evident that the Daily Breeze is not in favor of DONE.

**Agenda Items:** Tom Houston reminded Board members that if they have a project they would like discussed at a future meeting to contact him so that the item can be put on the agenda for discussion.

**USS IOWA: Greg Donnan made a motion to write a letter in support of the USS Iowa coming to the Port of Los Angeles. The motion was seconded by Raymond Moser and passed with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Western Avenue Cleanup:** Discussion on the upkeep of the median on Western Avenue between Lomita and Sepulveda by contracted company. There were comments that the Pine needles are always there even after the company has cleaned up. Chris Sapien asked for clarification on the frequency of the cleanup and also wants oversight. He questions whether we are getting our money’s worth. We pay \$275/mo. A schedule will be requested and provided to the Board. There was also a suggestion to have a Service Day and get students to help. Chris commented on the horrendous condition of bus stops.

**November Board Meeting Date:** Change due to Thanksgiving. November 24<sup>th</sup> would be our board meeting so we need to move it. The Board agreed that the November Governing Board Meeting will be moved to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Harbor City NC Meeting location and date:** Tom Houston expressed his desire to have the Harbor City Neighborhood Council meetings return to the Library which would mean a change in the day of the week, possibly Tues or Thurs. Chris Sapien commented that Tuesday and Thursdays are bad for him. Leonard will find out the availability of the library. Greg Donnan said he would like to see it back at the Library but start at 6:00 so we don’t incur costs. Chris Sapien feels that the library suits the mission statement of the HCNC better. Harbor City Park’s Senior Center was suggested but it was thought that might be difficult because of parking. The Board agreed to continue the discussion at next month’s meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

**BONC:** No report.

**Budget Finance:** No additional information.

**City Services:** Ray Moser talked about 120 freestanding condos in Harbor City that are now being charged the same trash fees as single family homes. He questions why there are free standing condos in the same area being charged different rates. Ray would like a letter sent requesting information. Ray offered to a write letter and send it to Kristina to be placed on HCNC letterhead. Chris Sapien asked a question about decoy cars.

**Public Safety:** No report.

**Emergency Preparedness:** No report.

**Friends of the Library:** No report.

**Education:** School is having a fundraising at Fresh and Easy. If you shop there give receipts to Ray. Sept. 15th to the end of October.

**HANC:** No report.

**Harbor City Recreational Park:** Janet Mercer commented that she has been asked when the next meeting for the Quimby funds is being held but a date has not yet been determined.

**Harbor Regional Park:** Heal the Bay cleanup is this coming Saturday. Southwest corner of the park. This is happening all over the world.

**Outreach:** Joyce Fredericks presented the signs that the HCNC Board approved announcing that the HCNC maintains the median area on Western Avenue. There was a suggestion to also get signs for Leonard's proposed project area. There as a short discussion on how to get them installed.

**Planning and Land Use:** Jennifer stated that she will be attending the Planning, Zoning and Land Use meetings that are held by the city every second Saturday of the month.

**Program Planning:** No report.

**PCAC:** It was reported that the USS Iowa has been unanimously approved by the PCAC. It was also reported that Ken Melendez has been elected Chair of that committee.

Janet Mercer asked about contacting the Captain of the LAPD and perhaps also the CHP to see what they can do about traffic problems in the area around the schools. She will find out information and report back.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
Admin Asst to HCNC