

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting
 Kaiser Conference Center
 Wednesday, 10-27-10
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Esther Cepeda	Excused
Jennifer Corral	Excused
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Janet Mercer	Excused
Raymond R. Moser	Present
Anto Nakkashian	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Excused
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Craig S. Rutherford	Present
Christopher Sapien	Present

Call to Order:

President Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:20pm. There was a quorum and also three stakeholders in attendance. Celina Luna from the Councilwoman's office was also present.

Roll Call: See Above.

Approval of Minutes: Greg Donnan made a motion to approve the September 22, 2010 Governing Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Anto Nakkashian. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

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

Followup from Stakeholder meeting:

No follow up necessary.

Harbor Animal Shelter: Chris Carroll from the Harbor Animal Shelter was in attendance to present a new program called the Reserve Officer Program. This is a group of volunteers that are trained to be Animal Control officers. They go through a training program and then receive 832 training (this standard peace officer training). The cost of the program and equipment is the reason they are looking for donations. The volunteers are asked to work 16 hours minimum per month. Mr. Carroll gave details about the training and answered questions from the board

members. Donated funds go specifically for the Reserve Officer program. The Board members agreed to put the item on the agenda for the next Governing Board Meeting.

Cleanup at 259th & Frampton: Leonard Duncan provided the Board with a letter he had written and gave an update on his efforts talking with the Bureau of Sanitation and discussions with Bennett Landscaping. The areas he previously spoke about have been cleaned up. Leonard wanted to make a recommendation to set up a committee to address clean up issues in other parts of Harbor City.

Proposed Agenda for November Stakeholder Meeting: At the November Stakeholder Meeting, there will be a presentation by the Harbor Pines group regarding their request with the city for a name change. Tom commented on the name change issue explaining that the group has to identify their funding source which could be from \$300 to \$3,000. In addition to this presentation the meeting will be an open forum town hall style meeting. Olive Reed commented about the gang problem in Harbor City. Chris Sapien talked about the value of homes in the area. Greg Donnan commented that other people in Harbor City would like the entire city to be called Harbor Pines. Tom Houston went over a document explaining the process for getting a name change for a city. It has to come before the neighborhood council and the Board can then vote for it, against it or ignore it.

Western Cleanup: Tom went over the cost of cleanup and the increase in cost for cleanup of the median twice a month. It was suggested that we check into other companies and get additional bids. Olive questioned who is supervising the company currently doing the cleanup. Anto will send out an email to Board members informing them when the company has done their cleanup so that board members can drive by and check on the work. Tom feels that once a month isn't enough.

November Governing Board Meeting Change: The HANC meeting is scheduled for December 1st so we need to change the date of the Governing Board Meeting again. The Board agreed to change the date to (Thursday) at the Harbor City Library.

Harbor City Stakeholder Meeting Location/Date: There was a short discussion on changing the time of the monthly meetings to 6:00pm. Stakeholders had said they were OK with it. **Greg Donnan made a motion that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder meeting be changed from the Kaiser Conference location back to the Harbor City library and that the hours be changed from 6-8pm. The meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month, with the change to begin January 2011. The motion was seconded by Grant Reed and passed with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.**

After the above motion was passed, there was additional discussion which led to a second motion by Greg Donnan that Board meetings be changed from the Kaiser back to the HC library, that we change the hours from 6-8pm and hold the meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm. There was no second to the motion and the motion died.

Grant Reed then made a motion that the Board reconsider the previous motion that was passed and have additional discussion. The motion was seconded by Anto Nakkashian and passed by 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Grant Reed made a motion that we keep the stakeholder meetings on Wednesday and find a new location. The motion was seconded by Anto Nakkashian and passed with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes. Board members agreed to look for new locations and report back.

Harbor City Recreation Park: Greg reported that there was a meeting where upgrades to the park were discussed. The Quimby funds will be utilized to fix the bathrooms, the fields, and an electronic scoreboard. Other needs are painting and that will be investigated. The ceiling at the center has been painted which is a nice improvement. There was a comment that the neighborhood council could provide paint for additional painting work that is needed. The walking track outside is not an item of consideration due to the high cost. Lighting upgrades also need to be considered. Greg commented that the bathrooms will no longer be accessible from outside of building. The project is now going to the Depart of Rec and Parks for review. Greg concluded that there is no official PAB board at this time at Harbor City Recreation Park.

Harbor City Lights Contest: The following board members agreed to be on the judging committee: Greg Donnan, Ping Own, Anto Nakkashian, Grant Reed, Olive Reed, Chris Sapien, Joyce Fredericks, Tom Houston and Steve Rutherford. A decision needs to be made on the prize: One sign for each neighborhood. Celina Luna offered to check into getting the short bus. Joyce will work on the Honorable Mention certificates. **Greg made a motion that we purchase signs for the Holiday lights contest at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, seconded Anto Nakkashian and passed unanimously by the Board.**

Public Comment from Greg Donnan: He heard that there may be additional cutbacks at some of the parks. Celina heard otherwise.

Public Comment from Olive: At a recent School Collaborative Meeting, the Principal brought up that there is a problem with drugs and alcohol at Narbonne. Olive was also appalled at the way parents park their cars and put their own children in danger. She feels there needs to be a fence along the center of Western. The school's Principal is going to find out how much a fence would cost. We need to keep an open mind that the school will come to us for support. LAPD Officer Andre will be having officers give tickets to assist with the problem. Joyce commented on a traffic light restrictions being a possibility to help.

Announcement from Celina Luna: Neighborhood council presidents will be meeting with Janice Hahn tomorrow. She encouraged board members to bring ideas to her or Tom so that we can have goals for Harbor City at that meeting.

Public Comment from Chris Sapien: Brought up the issue of traffic backing up on Lomita from Normandie past President Avenue in the afternoon, east bound.

Committee Reports:

City Services: Celina Luna commented on the letter that the Board agreed to send to the Sanitation Department with regard to the issue brought up by Raymond Moser. Celina does not think that a letter is necessary, but Ray did not agree. Celina explained that the designation on trash pickup is being changed because there is no uniformity. They are going to be switching everyone over with a roll out in Harbor City first. The units were on private trash services. This change will affect hundreds of people. Raymond Moser expressed his frustrations with the way the situation was handled and wanted his complaints to be part of the public record.

Thank you. Tom Houston read a letter received from the Census Bureau thanking the Neighborhood Council for their assistance.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC