

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting  
 Narbonne High School Library  
 Wednesday 6-22-11  
 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Esther Cepeda	Present
Jennifer Corral	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Janet Mercer	Present 6:17-6:25
Raymond R. Moser	Excused
Anto Nakkashian	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Craig S. Rutherford	Excused
Christopher Sapien	Present

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

President Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

**Roll Call:** See Above.

**Approval of Minutes** Greg Donnan made a motion to approve the May 25, 2011 Governing Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Grant Reed and approved by the Board with 8 yes votes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was a short discussion on expenditures for the last few weeks. Anto is waiting for information from DONE regarding the current balance.

**Election 2011/2012 Executive Board:** The floor was opened to nominations for the following positions:

**President:** Tom Houston nominated Olive Reed for the position of President. With no further nominations, the board elected Olive Reed as President with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**Vice President:** Greg Donnan nominated Tom Houston who declined. Grant Reed nominated Wu Ping Own who also declined. Esther Cepeda nominated Christopher Sapien who accepted the nomination. With no further nominations, the board elected Christopher Sapien as Vice President with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**Secretary:** Esther Cepeda nominated Joyce Fredericks as Secretary. With no further nominations, Joyce Fredericks was elected as Secretary with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**Treasurer:** There were no nominations for Treasurer and a short discussion was held. Anto Nakkashian agreed to be Interim Treasurer until a permanent Treasurer was appointed. Jennifer Corral was appointed as a potential Treasurer and agreed to attend the Treasurer training. The Board approved Anto Nakkashian as Interim Treasurer with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**Parliamentarian:** Greg Donnan nominated Grant Reed as Parliamentarian. There were no other nominations. By 9 yes votes and 0 no votes, Grant Reed was elected Parliamentarian.

After being appointed President, Olive Reed took over the meeting and read a letter from Janet Mercer who was requesting a two month leave of absence.

**Proposed Agenda:** There will be no speaker in July and the meeting will be a town hall style meeting with Chris Sapien as Chair in the absence of Olive Reed. Olive will be on vacation during the month of July. Joyce mentioned that in August architects from the Department of Recreation and Parks, as well as engineers will be discussing the remodeling of the campground at Ken Malloy Regional Park. A speaker from the Animal Foundation is a future possibility. Olive would also like to see Captain Hayes speak at a future meeting.

**Followup from Stakeholder Meeting:**

There was a short discussion on the drug dealer problem on Senator Avenue, as well as a discussion on the issue of the possibly closing of the Boys and Girls Club.

**Committees for 2011/12:**

- **City Services:** A motion was made by Tom Houston and seconded by Esther Cepeda-Hatch that City Services be deleted as a Committee. After a short discussion, the motion was passed with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- **Program Planning:** There was a motion by Olive Reed, seconded by Anto Nakkashian to have Chris Sapien chair the Program Planning Committee. The motion was passed with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes.
- **Education:** No change.
- **Friends of Library:** No change.
- **Harbor City Recreation Park Advisory Board:** The Board agreed to delete this Committee.
- **Outreach/Communications:** No change.
- **Youth:** No change.
- **Budget/Finance:** No change
- **Public Safety:** No change.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** No change.
- **HANC:** Tom Houston agreed to continue to attend the HANC meetings.
- **Harbor Regional Park:** No change
- **Planning/Zoning/Land Use:** No change
- **PCAC:** No change.

- A motion was made by Greg Donnan to approve the above changes to the Committees for 2011-2012. The motion was seconded by Anto Nakkashian and approved by the Board with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**Letter Regarding Boys & Girls Club Beyond the Bell Program:** A draft letter was presented by Administrative Assistant, Kristina Smith for review by the Board. This letter is to be sent to the following Board of Education officials: Harry Talbot handling the Beyond the Bell program for LAUSD, LAUSD Superintendents John Deasy, and Michael Romero, with copies to Dr. Vladovic and Councilwoman Hahn. Chris Sapien suggested a few minor changes. A motion was then made by Tom Houston that we accept the letter with the minor revisions. The motion was seconded by Anto Nakkashian and passed with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes. The approved wording for the letter follows:

*RE: Beyond the Bell Program at Harbor City Elementary Dear Members of the LAUSD:*

*At the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council we heard some disturbing news that the Boys and Girls Club is in danger of losing the “Beyond the Bell” afterschool program at Harbor City Elementary.*

*Our Board and Stakeholders understand that the city, the state and the school system are all facing difficult budgetary decisions and have to make extreme cutbacks. However, we also have to consider the negative effects that losing the Beyond the Bell program will have on our community. This is a program that is vital for our youth for many reasons:*

- *Since Beyond the Bell has been at Harbor City Elementary school grades of the participants have improved up 30%.*
- *Test scores have improved.*
- *The program promotes literacy and gives the children an opportunity to interact with teachers, local police and firefighters, etc.*
- *The program promotes physical fitness and has an outstanding girl’s drill team that has placed in many competitions.*
- *Children participate in organized arts and crafts which promotes creativity.*

*The Harbor City Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles Unified School District to continue its commitment to provide all students with access to high quality, safe and supervised educational, enrichment and recreational programs that engage and inspire learning and achievement beyond the regular school day. This investment in our Harbor City Elementary students will assist in promoting a productive future for each child to steer them clear of harmful activities such as gangs and criminal behavior. Ultimately, the entire community will benefit.*

**Participation in the Taste in San Pedro Event:** There was a short discussion on having the Harbor City Neighborhood Council participate in the Taste in San Pedro Event and responding to a request for sharing booth expenses with other San Pedro Neighborhood Councils, as well as possible materials to be purchased as hand outs. A Motion was made by Tom Houston to allocate up to \$2,000 for expenses related to the Taste in San Pedro. The motion was seconded

by Grant Reed. During discussion on the motion there was a suggestion to look into the possibility of purchasing a silk screening machine. Chris Sapien commented that he hoped we could utilize the items we have in stock and expressed his concern that \$2,000 is too much. Chris Sapien then made an amendment to change the amount to \$1500, however, the amendment failed with 4 yes votes and 5 no votes. The original motion was then passed with 6 yes votes and 3 no votes. Joyce Fredericks agreed to come up with a list of potential items to distribute. Anto Nakkashian commented that he likes stickers, Esther likes pencils, several people like the idea of mini flags.

**Ethics Training:** Tom Houston reviewed the list of Board Members who need to renew their Ethics Training.

**Committee Reports:**

Esther Cepeda-Hatch commented that BONC has approved some new neighborhood Councils and there are now a total of 95. Otherwise, no committee reports were presented.

There was a short discussion on the Gold Coast Topless Emporium and the possibility of having this be a topic for a future stakeholder meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
Admin Asst to HCNC