

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room
 Wednesday, 9-26-12
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Byron Collins (new board member)	Present
Jennifer Corral (re-elected board member)	Present
Joyce Fredericks (re-elected board member)	Present
Tom Houston (outgoing board member)	Present
Dr. Irene James (re-elected board member)	Present
Raymond Moser (re-elected board member)	Present
Paul Murray (re-elected board member)	Present
Grant Reed (re-elected board member)	Present
Olive Reed (re-elected board member)	Present
Steven Rutherford (re-elected board member)	Present
Christopher Sapien (outgoing board member)	Absent
Janelle Taylor (new board member)	Present
Hayes E. Thrower (new board member)	Present
Joeann Valle (new board member)	Present
Sienne S. Van Enk (new board member)	Present

Call to Order:

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Roll Call: See Above. A quorum was reached. One stakeholder in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Grant Reed moved that the minutes of the August 22, 2012 Governing Board be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Raymond Moser and approved by the Board with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Welcoming of New Board Members: Current President, Olive Reed, welcomed the new board members and explained that the official swearing in of the new board would take place when Gabriela Medina of the Council Office arrived. (Gabriela Medina arrived at 7:20 and the new board members repeated the "Oath of Office" and were duly sworn in).

Election of officers – The New HCNC Board elected the following Officers:

President: Raymond Moser nominated Olive as President, seconded by Jennifer Corral. Motion to approve Olive Reed as President was passed by unanimous board vote.

Vice President: Joyce Fredericks was nominated but declined. Ray Moser was nominated and accepted the nomination. Motion to approve Raymond Moser as President was passed by unanimous board vote.

Secretary: Joyce Fredericks nominated and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer: Steven Rutherford was nominated as Treasurer and approved by unanimous vote.

Parliamentarian: Paul Murray was nominated as Parliamentarian and approved by unanimous vote.

Appointing of HCNC Committee Members and Chairs. Each committee was discussed and the following appointments were made:

Education Committee: Chair: Hayes Thrower. Members: Ray Moser; Dr. Irene James.

Budget/Finance Committee: Chair, Steven Rutherford. Members: Joyce Fredericks, Jennifer Corral.

Outreach Committee/Program Planning (The Board had no objection to combining these two committees into one): Co-Chairs Joyce Fredericks and Paul Murray. Members: Steven Rutherford, Sienne Van Enk and Joeann Valle.

Youth Committee: Chair: Janelle Taylor.

Friends of the Library (ad hoc committee): Chair, Leonard Duncan.

Safety/Emergency Preparedness: Chair, Byron Collins.

Harbor Regional Park: Chair, Grant Reed.

Planning/Zoning/Land Use: Chair, Paul Murray. Members: Joeann Valle, Jennifer Corral, Sienne Van Enk.

Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC): Grant Reed appointed representative; Dr. Irene James appointed as the alternate.

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC): Grant Reed appointed as the representative with Jennifer as the Alternate.

Treasurer's Report (Approval of monthly expenses & possible budget revisions if necessary – Potential Action Item): A report was provided by Steven Rutherford. The expenses were approved at the Stakeholder Meeting. Steve provided an explanation to new board members about the report.

Discuss and vote on date and format for HCNC Board Retreat: There was a suggestion to have a half day retreat. Another suggestion was to possibly invite Stephen Box to assist with the retreat. Various possible locations for the retreat were discussed. Sienne Van Enk offered to host the retreat at her office in Harbor City and board members were in agreement. She offered to acquire food quotes from Lisa's Bon Appetit and a nearby Thai restaurant. **Motion by Grant Reed that the HCNC hold a Board Retreat on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Sienne Van Enk's office from 1pm – 5pm, with the expenses for the retreat not to exceed \$500. The motion was seconded by Paul Murray and passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote.**

Discussion on donations to Narbonne Library for Books and Harbor City Recreation Park for Supplies (possible Action Item). This item was tabled for discussion at the retreat.

Board Approval of Letter to PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) in support of allowing a non-profit operator to have the Colonial Board Yard (Action Item). Put motion that Olive read here: Grant Reed spoke about the recommendation that the PCAC will be voting on at their next meeting.

Recommendation:

Whereas the Los Angeles Harbor has been home to ship builders and the vessel repair trades since the Port's earliest beginnings; and

Whereas, commercial interests have exercised great influence on the selection of the uses of Port property; and

Whereas, recent Port history records the closure of Colonial boat yard, and the rumored decline of Wilmington Marine Service (aka Dinko's); and

Whereas, said closing will leave the many thousands of boat owners in LA Harbor without any small or medium sized marine repair facility to haul out and do regular maintenance, forcing them to travel to have their required maintenance performed in other ports in Southern California.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Port of LA issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to fill an operator position (in-kind) for the boat yard properties at the old Colonial location at 700 Anchorage Road, Wilmington, and (potentially) at the Wilmington Marine Services, 800 S. Fries Avenue, Wilmington, in an expeditious manner; and

Be it Further Resolved, that an Interim operator be provided until such time that an operator has been selected and contracted. The PCAC encourages the Port to consider non-profit operators for these sites.

Motion by Paul Murray that the HCNC send a letter to the Board of Harbor Commissioners in support of a nonprofit operator to have the Colonial Boat Yard as outlined in the recommendation above. Motion seconded Dr. Irene James and passed with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 3 abstentions.

Motion by Raymond Moser to officially appoint Grant Reed as the PCAC Representative with Dr. Irene James as the alternate, seconded by Joyce Fredericks. 11 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

Grant Reed explained the current procedure that our PCAC Representative follows in order to vote on PCAC motions. There sometimes isn't enough time between the PCAC meetings and our Harbor City Council meetings to get authorization. If our PCAC Rep doesn't have time to get Board approval, then our input into these motions is affected. Motion by Raymond Moser to allow Grant Reed and the alternate Dr. Irene James, to have the authority to vote on all PCAC motions without bringing the motion back to the HCNC Board. Motion seconded by Paul Murray. Passed with 11 yes, 0 no.

Discuss participation in Election Forum at Harbor College on 10/21/12. Jennifer Corral gave an overview of the event being planned. Neighborhood Councils are being asked to promote the event and assist on the day of the event. Motion by Raymond Moser to inform the stakeholders of HCNC about the forum, seconded by Grant Reed. Unanimous vote in favor.

Discuss location of future Governing Board Meetings: Various potential locations for the Governing Board Meeting were discussed by the Board members. The primary reason for relocating the meeting was that the present room cannot accommodate enough stakeholders should an important issue arise and stakeholders desire to attend a Governing Board Meeting. Motion by Grant Reed to move the Governing Board Meetings from the Chamber of Commerce Meeting room to the Harbor City Rec Center, seconded by Byron Collins. After discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

Ethics Training: All board members were advised that they are required to complete Ethics Training which can be accomplished on-line. Kristina will send a link to the training to each board member.

Future Program Planning/Speakers for Stakeholder Meetings through end of calendar year: Program Planning was combined with the Outreach Committee and Joeann Valle agreed to assist in acquiring speakers for future Stakeholder meetings.

Follow-up planning to Stakeholder Issues/Concerns (if any): None

Public Comments

- Announcement of an upcoming event on Saturday, September 29 called Cow Patty Bingo. This event is sponsored by the Lions Club, the Chamber and the Boys and Girls Club and will be held at JC Fields on Figueroa and Lomita. 10am
- There was also an announcement that board members can sign up on the early notification system to receive information from the city on meetings etc. The website is lacity.org (click on ENS on left side of page for Early Notification System info).

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC