

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Recreation Center
 Wednesday, 4-24-13; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Vacant Board Seat	
Jennifer Corral	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Paul Murray	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Janelle Taylor	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum of 12 Board members was present. See Above. There were two stakeholders in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Grant Reed, seconded by Dr. Irene James, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 Governing Board Meeting and the April 17, 2013 Stakeholder Meeting. Approved with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: Steven Rutherford reported on the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting. Some ideas for cutting expenses discussed at the meeting included:

- 1) Using a one sided flyer in the Pennysaver;
- 2) South Bay Storage currently \$1820 per year. Consider renting a smaller sized unit. Also suggestion to give LAPD and LAFD their go karts back and maybe they have a place for storage of some of the other go karts. (Joyce suggested approaching the LAFD and LAPD to store the go karts and allow them to use them for events. Joyce will contact them). Greg Donnan will check with the Fire Department to see if they have space.
- 3) Put a container on the little league field for storage to cut down on storage fees.
- 4) Library expenses of \$2376 for security. Ideas considered were a) meet every other month (which was determined not a possibility because of the City Charter); b) Have a shorter meeting so security is not required; c) Every quarter have one of the meetings on a Saturday at a different location such as the Harbor City Rec Park, where security guard would not need to be paid.

Other issues discussed during the Treasurer's Report:

- 1) American Flags: Keep the flag program going.
- 2) Have stakeholder come to the microphone and use a timer during public comment and question period.
- 3) Better time management of those providing official reports.
- 4) Motion by Grant Reed to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Jennifer Corral. Motion approved with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.

Narbonne Request for funding of food for Safety Seminar on April 27: The Board discussed funding for the event. Motion by Raymond Moser to approve up to \$750 to supply food for the event, seconded by Grant Reed. Motion passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions.

Update on Board Member Business Cards and Name Tags: Kristina Smith will work on creating business cards for all board members and will look into the cost of name tags.

Vacant Board Position: The Board agreed that the time should be extended to fill the vacant board position in order to allow more stakeholders the opportunity to apply. Motion by Ray Moser, seconded by Hayes Thrower to extend the deadline until the next general stakeholders meeting. Motion passed with 7

yes, 0 no, 5 abstentions.

Medical Marijuana issue: Joeann Valle reported on the issues with local medical marijuana dispensaries and the lack of regulations. There is nothing that the neighborhood council can do until after the election. One of the city initiatives on the ballot would allow the first 135 dispensaries in Los Angeles to stay open and the others would be closed.

Brown Act Update: Reminder from Olive Reed that board members review the Brown Act to avoid violations such as emails back and forth between board members discussing an issue which is considered a serial meeting and a violation of the Brown Act.

Discussion and vote on sending letters:

- 1) Letter Re: Ponte Vista: **Motion by Paul Murray, seconded by Hayes Thrower to write a letter of support for the Ponte Vista Proposed project as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**
- 2) Letter Re: Skateboarding problem at 254th & Petroleum Avenue: **Motion by Joeann to write a letter to LAPD in informing them of the continuous skateboarding problems on 254th and Petroleum, seconded by Joyce Fredericks. (copies of the letter to go to the Councilman, the Mayor and the City Attorney). Motion approved with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**
- 3) Letter Re: Cutback on LA Fire Department trucks in support of Station 85's request. **Motion by Joeann Valle, seconded by Raymond Moser to write a letter in support of Station 85's request for no further cutbacks and sent the letter to Councilman Joe Buscaino, the LAFD Chief, and the Mayor. Motion passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**

Discussion on issue of cell phone texting during meetings: President Olive reminded board members to try to refrain from using texting features on cell phones during meeting. (Exception would be for Janelle if she is tweeting information about the meeting through Harbor City's twitter account).

Bylaws: There was a suggestion to form a committee to review the current HCNC Bylaws and bring any recommended changes to the Board for review. The following individuals volunteered to be on such a committee: Joeann Valle, Janelle Taylor, Raymond Moser, and the Administrative Assistant, Kristina Smith.

Future program planning.

- 1) The month of May is scheduled to have a presentation by COPE Preparedness.
- 2) Before we set up another CERT program, we will see how many people at the meeting are interested.
- 3) There was a suggestion to invite the Animal Control people to do a presentation. Steven Rutherford will look for the contact person who was involved in the Officer Training program which previously provided a presentation.
- 4) There was a suggestion to have Mike Scholl from Rec and Parks in July. Also, a suggestion to send a written request to Joe Buscaino to come to the August meeting and possibly Dr. Vladovic of LAUSD for September.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: It was reported that the HCNC logo is peeling off the banners. Joyce Fredericks will bring it in to Peter at the Banner store and he will fix it. Joeann Valle commented on another outreach event being considered in June which will bring all the organizations together. Each organization can send a couple of reps to the planning committees. The location being considered is Narbonne High School.

PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee): Grant Reed announced that the Board of Harbor Commissioners will be voting on the issue of disbanding the PCAC. He gave an overview to the new board members on the PCAC which was created 12 years ago from China Shipping mitigation money.

Public Comment: Javier, a representative from the Harbor City Recreation Center, talked about the softball tournament and the possibility of getting some funding for the event from the HCNC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Admin Asst to HCNC