

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Recreation Center  
 Wednesday, 6-26-13; 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Vacant Board Seat	
Jennifer Corral	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Present
Wayne McGee	Excused
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 6:05 pm. A quorum of 11 Board members was present. See Above. There were 5 stakeholders in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Board requested two revisions be made to the minutes of the June 19, 2013 Stakeholder Meeting and they will be resubmitted for approval at the July Stakeholder meeting.

**Appointment of new Board Member:** Olive announced that there are currently three candidates interested in filling the vacant board seat. The Board agreed that they would like to meet all three candidates and have them introduce themselves at the next stakeholder meeting prior to voting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steven Rutherford reported:

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is asking all neighborhood councils to submit a Strategic Plan for 2013-2014. The board members made the following comments on what they would like included in such a plan for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council:

- That the council work together in a cooperative manner to improve the quality of life of Harbor City and also to improve the image of Harbor City.
- That the HCNC work towards becoming more visible to the community. (Olive commented that she had received feedback from stakeholders that they find the banners very helpful to know about the meetings.)
- Take a percentage of the budget and earmark it for outreach to keep the community informed of what we are doing and what can be done. Money should go into publicity.
- Work towards placing "Welcome to Harbor City Signs" prominently in the median.
- Take a more serious look at Emergency Preparedness (Palo Del Amo Woods just got a container for all their emergency equipment. We should look at doing this.)
- Focus our efforts on two major community events each year. (Examples: Christmas party etc. at Harbor Rec. Lights Contest, Heal the Bay).
- Joyce: Harbor Park Board. Focus on Seniors and their needs.

**2013-2014 Budget:** Steven presented a proposed budget for the \$37,000 being funded to the HCNC for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Board members had the following comments related to the budget:

- Pennysaver ads: Paul Murray suggested that perhaps other organizations could share the full page ad to cut the overall cost for HCNC. There was a suggestion from a stakeholder to utilize the back of the Pennysaver flyer.
- There was a request to add an additional \$3,000 to Events and Refreshments.
- There was a suggestion that the HCNC participate in Narbonne's huge event in the fall which includes health screenings.
- There was also a suggestion from a stakeholder for Spanish banners and brochures in Spanish explaining the city's "Bulky Item Pickup" Program.
- Save on storage fees by purchasing a 10-foot container that can be stored for free.
- Joyce would like to see a beautification project yearly to beautify Harbor City.
- Friends of Library: Hayes recommended that we reduce the amount owed of \$4200 to \$2100.
- **Raymond Moser moved to approve the budget for 2013-2014 as presented, seconded by Grant Reed. The motion was approved with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**

**Bylaws Committee Update:** The committee has set the date for their first Committee Meeting.

**Starbucks Presentation:** A representative from the Starbuck's Project gave an overview. Rally's has closed on corner of Western and Lomita and they are proposing a "Drive-thru" Starbucks. They are applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to modify the hours of operation to 5am-midnight, 7 days a week. Their peak time will probably be 7am-9am. The Rally's that operated there was a double drive thru. This will be changed to one walk up window in addition to a drive thru lane (not double like it is now). This will be a company owned store that will be managed well and provide local employment opportunities. Part time employees get full time benefits. There will be outdoor seating. The company is requesting a letter of support from the Harbor City NC endorsing the CUP and hours of operation. **Grant Reed moved that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council provide a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Corral and passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.**

**Harbor City Work Center:** Natalia, a representative from the Harbor City Work Center, talked about the public services provided. They want to increase their services by getting more electricity through a solar generator. Their gas generator is extremely expensive to run. The proposed solar generator would require 4-5 solar panels at a total cost of approximately \$5,000. They are willing to partner with the HCNC and provide workers in exchange for funding assistance. Dr. James stated she has hired workers from that facility and it was an excellent experience. The board will review the request further before making a decision on possible funding.

**Website Update:** Kristina Smith announced that through the website hosting company, there are email addresses available at no additional cost if board members would like an email address which would read [name@harborcitync.com](mailto:name@harborcitync.com). Those interested were asked to contact Kristina.

**Renaming of Harbor Frwy:** Olive gave an overview of Councilman Tom Labonge suggestion to rename the Harbor Frwy and call it the "San Pedro Freeway". The board was opposed to any renaming of the Harbor Freeway stating that there is more to the Harbor than just San Pedro. All board members felt that it would be prudent to send a letter to Councilman Joe Buscaino letting him know of their opposition. **Ray Moser moved that a letter of opposition be sent to Councilman Buscaino, as well as Councilman Tom Labonge. The motion was seconded by Steven Rutherford and passed unanimously by the board (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).**

**National Night Out:** The possibility of participating in National Night Out was discussed and then referred to Outreach Committee to consider involvement next year.

**Agenda Committee:** Olive Reed asked the board members if they would have any interest in forming an Agenda Committee that would meet to officially set the Agenda for each monthly stakeholder meeting. The board suggested that further discussion be referred to the Bylaws Committee as forming such a committee would need a change in the bylaws which currently states that the President sets the agenda for each meeting. It was suggested that the draft agenda be sent out to the board two days prior to posting to see if the board has any suggested additions.

**Future Program Planning/Speakers for Stakeholder Meetings through end of calendar year.** Due to time constraints, this item was passed over.

**Follow-up planning to Stakeholder Issues/Concerns:** None.

**Public Comment:** One stakeholder in attendance commented that the police are not paying attention to their neighborhood. There is a tarp on an abandoned car that has been left for a long time at 1653 259<sup>th</sup> Place but the police have not taken the time to report it. They feel that the quality of life in their community has deteriorated. The board suggested that the stakeholder take the steps to create a neighborhood watch.

**Committee Reports:** No reports.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
Admin Asst to HCNC