

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Recreation Center
 Wednesday, 7-24-13; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

1. **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.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Raymond Moser, seconded by Steven Rutherford to approve the July 17, 2013 Stakeholder Meeting as presented. Motion carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Steven Rutherford presented the final report for fiscal year 2012-13.
 - b. **Bennett Landscaping Monthly services on Western:** Steven reported that May and June have been paid per DONE. Gabriela had commented that Beacon House might be able to do the clean up. Olive researched and found out that Beacon House will not do Western Avenue the same way that Bennett does. It was suggested that bids be taken to compare rates. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Update:** A date will be re-scheduled for the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.
5. **HCNC Storage Unit/Rental of Container Update:** Paul Murray was not in attendance to provide an update. Steven reported that a container that is donated must be donated to CD15. Individual neighborhood councils cannot accept donations. There was a suggestion to explore the possibility of having the container donated to Brea Oil since it will be kept on their property. Further discussion was tabled until next month.
6. **Harbor City Work Center:**
 - a. Irene James offered to follow up and research the needs of the center.

- b. There was a suggestion from Grant Reed that we assist in getting them funding for the solar generator.
- c. Steven Rutherford commented that the HCNC should donate water, coffee etc., but didn't feel that the neighborhood council should be purchasing tangible items such as a generator.
- d. There was a suggestion to write a letter to the Wilmington Neighborhood Council asking if they would consider a joint project for the Center.
- e. Janelle suggested bringing in a more knowledgeable person from the center to provide a more comprehensive overview of what is needed.
- f. **Motion by Irene James that the HCNC be provided three bids for the solar panels by Harbor Work Center by the next meeting, seconded by Grant Reed. The motion passed with 6 yes votes, 1 no vote and 2 abstentions.**
- g. **Motion by Raymond Moser to spend up to \$300 for supplies for the Center (water/coffee etc), seconded by Greg Donnan. The motion passed with 6 yes votes, 1 no vote and 2 abstentions.**

7. Sponsorship of Harbor Community Clinic's Family Food Fest - Aug. 17:

- a. **Motion by Raymond Moser, seconded by Grant Reed, to approve \$500 for the Family Food Fest on August 17th at the Harbor Community Clinic. The motion passed with 4 yes votes, 3 no votes and 2 abstentions.**
- b. Treasurer, Steven Rutherford, asked the board to determine which budget line items would be used to fund the \$500 for the Family Food Fest. **Motion by Raymond Moser, seconded by Greg Donnan to utilize the line item "misc outreach; novelties" to fund the \$500 for the Family Food fest. Motion passed with 5 yes votes, 2 no votes and 2 abstentions.**
- c. Motion by Hayes Thrower to take \$300 for the Harbor City Work Center from the Friends of the Library budgeted funds. The motion was seconded by Greg Donnan but failed to pass with only 1 yes vote, 5 no votes and 3 abstentions.
- d. **Motion by Ray Moser to take \$300 from the Emergency Preparedness budgeted funds, seconded by Grant Reed. Motion passed with 5 yes votes, 1 no, 3 abstentions.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 8. **Bus Bench Advertising for HCNC Outreach:** Olive Reed spoke briefly about the possibility of the Harbor City NC advertising on the two side by side bus benches near the Fire Station at Normandie and 257th. The suggestion was to place one advertisement in English and one in Spanish. Irene James volunteered to translate into Spanish. There is a program where the neighborhood councils can utilize those bus benches at no cost if they are not currently under an advertising contract. The board agreed to continue with additional research on this item. Irene James commented that we need to rethink having 14% of the HCNC budget going to the Pennysaver for advertising that might not be the most effective. There was a discussion on possibilities.
- 9. **Submission of NPG Re: Collaboration with COPE (Emergency Preparedness):** A draft proposal was provided to board members for review. Further discussion on this item was tabled.

10. List of issues to address in Harbor City forwarded to CD15 from Dr. Irene James:

The following items were referred to Gabriela Medina at the CD15 office for further action:

- a. Pit bull breeders who may not have permits at two locations (within Harbor Village & at Senator/259th)
- b. Area behind New Life Church (across from Harbor Village) camper top used as shelter lots of trash (on public street).
- c. Inside Harbor Village numerous feral cats/ skunks/mosquitoes and ducks.
- d. RVs at Senator and 259th/260th used as living areas.
- e. 235th and Western wooden pole no light near library (light out)
- f. Petroleum and 254th Street no lights on wooden poles
- g. No sidewalk on Vermont for children to run between Lomita and 254th Street. Right side of the road as you drive south.
- h. Harbor Village is removing numerous trees. Are they mandated to replant trees?

11. Ponte Vista Update: Olive Reed reported that there is a Public Meeting on the Ponte Vista Final EIR on Tuesday, July 30th at 10am at the Port Administration Building. Paul Murray has volunteered to attend and read into the record HCNC's letter of support.

12. Future Program Planning/Speakers:

- a. Olive Reed read an email from Luke Dowling of the Raise LA Campaign asking to speak for 10 minutes. The board was not interested in having a presentation on this item.
- b. Suggestions: Invite someone to talk about Obamacare and possibly make it into a town hall type meeting.

13. Follow-up planning to Stakeholder Issues/Concerns (if any)

- a. Olive Reed read an email received from a stakeholder related to problems of overuse of sprinklers by a neighbor. The issue will be referred to Gabby at the CD15 office.

14. Update on proposed fence on Western Avenue median by Narbonne School. Olive Reed reported that the 500 foot long fence is currently in the design phase and construction is anticipated to begin by August 2013.

15. Additional Reports:

- a. **Outreach Committee:** Joyce Fredericks reported on the "art on traffic light cabinets" project. There was a short discussion on getting the community or Narbonne School involved.
- b. **Olive read the list of City Council Committees to which Councilman Joe Buscaino has been appointed:** Chairman of the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee; Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee; Vice Chair of the Trade, Commerce & Tourism Committee; Member of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee; and Member of the Housing Committee.

16. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: DONE representative, Amber Meshack, was in attendance and reported on the following:

- a. Provided an overview of her background with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

- b. Explained the current requirements for all neighborhood council board members such as Ethics Training (must be completed by September 1st) and Funding Training.
- c. Informed the Board that an Election Committee needs to be appointed.
- d. Provided her contact information: 213-978-1479, amber.meshack@lacity.org.
- e. Amber offered to assist with a Board Retreats and training. A tentative date of Saturday, October 26, was chosen for a HCNC Board Retreat.

17. **Other Comments:**

- a. There was a brief discussion on moving forward with “Welcome to Harbor City Signs”.
- b. Suggestion by Greg Donnan to look into a potential project with security cameras.

18. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Assistant to HCNC