

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 1400 240th Street, Harbor City
 Wednesday, 1-22-14; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. A quorum of 9 Board members was present at the start of the meeting, 10 members present after 6:30pm. See roll call above.

Approval of Minutes: Greg Donnan moved to approve the December 11, 2013 Governing Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Grant Reed and passed with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

Public Comments: None.

Selections for 2014: Joeann Valle gave an update on the upcoming Selections. September 17, 2014 was chosen as the Selection date from 4pm-9pm (polls close at 8pm). A Selection Committee meeting will be held to answer questions and a candidate forum will be held the month prior to the Selection date.

Board Retreat: The board discussed potential facilitators for an upcoming retreat. Joeann will contact Reginald Zachary and see if he is available. Potential locations were also discussed such as Harbor College. A date in March is being considered.

President's Report:

- **Banners:** Olive is looking for volunteers to assist with putting up the banners that announce the stakeholders meetings. The board considered having individual board members each be responsible for a banner in their area.
- **Mayor's Budget 101 Workshop:** Announcement about Mayor's Budget 101 being held Thursday. Hayes volunteered to attend to represent Harbor City.
- The three board members who have not yet completed the Financial Training will be sent a link to the on-line training.
- **Launch of Los Angeles DOT's People Streets Project:** Olive read information about the program.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion by Grant Reed to revise the Helping Badge Christmas Funding from \$500 to \$700, seconded Greg Donnan. Motion passed with 6 yes, 0 no, (3 ineligible to vote).

Harbor City Holiday Lights Contest List of Winners:

Joyce Fredericks will email Kristina the list of winners to put on the website.

Future Program Planning/Speakers: Paul Tanaka, candidate for LA County Sheriff has asked to come and speak at our March meeting. There was a discussion by the Board that Tanaka should speak during public comment otherwise the other candidates must be invited. For February there was a suggestion to have “meet your new SLO Art Ashcraft” as the featured speaker. The DWP representative is a possible speaker for March. April will be the Million Tree people.

Old Business:

Letter Re: Hiring Jailers for Harbor Division. The board provided Kristina with the basic information they would like in a letter to be sent to the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the Councilman, Captain Lauer and the City Controller. Kristina will send the letter and provide a copy of the completed letter to the Board members.

Letter Re: BONC. Kristina was also requested to send a letter to the Mayor, the Councilman, the BONC board members, the City Attorney and Grayce Liu of Employer LA. The HCNC wants to inform them that the Commissioners are not listening to the neighborhood council board members or the stakeholders and ignored the research that DONE put together. This relates to the recent issue of posting notices per the Brown Act. The letter should comment that the neighborhood council board members would like a timely response to their questions. It was witnessed that the BONC did not even listen to the input of the DONE General Manager Grayce Liu who provided research on the issue. The BONC need to listen and be responsive.

Increase in Marijuana Clinics in Harbor City. The board needs information on how to contact the Federal government department that oversees the Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (MMD's). Joeann will send the info to Kristina and she will do an email blast.

New Business

- a. **Discussion Re: LAUSD spending Taxpayer money on iPads instead of programs for Harbor City.** A bond measure was specifically passed for technology upgrades and included no policies for loss or for software issues. We need to provide the electronics to the students, but the way it was carried out was suspicious. Ray Moser will send Kristina the wording for a letter to be sent to LAUSD on behalf of the Board.
- b. **Blocked intersection Sepulveda and Halldale due to change in traffic lights at Normandie and Sepulveda:** Olive provided a description of the issue. There was a suggestion to petition the city to put in a “keep clear” section. Olive will bring this to Gabby’s attention.
- c. **Trash can issue.** Olive will also discuss this with Gabby. Send a letter to those violators asking them to place their trash cans out of site after the trash has been picked up.
- d. **Chili Cook off:** Joeann Valle provided an update on the event scheduled for May 17th. The PAB Board will be the entity to head the event. A committee will be formed. There was a suggestion to have a competition between all the military and a competition between LAPD and the Fire Department. Another suggestion was to have the HCNC contact the International Chili Society who sanctions a competition and help to promote it. **Motion by Grant Reed to fund the Chili Cookoff expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, seconded by Greg Donnan. 7 yes, 0 no, 3 ineligible to vote. Motion passed.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith
for the HCNC Board