

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 1400 240th Street, Harbor City
 Wednesday, 3-26-14; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Jennifer Corral	Absent
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Absent
Wayne McGee	Excused
Raymond Moser	Present
Paul Murray	Absent
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Greg Donnan	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 6:18 pm. A quorum of 9 Board members was present. See roll call above. There were 3 stakeholders in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Greg Donnan moved to approve the February 26, 2014 Governing Board Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Janelle Taylor and passed with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

General Comments:

- The board had a brief discussion on stakeholders providing very lengthy public comments. It was suggested that the Board consider enforcing comment time restrictions. The stakeholders would be addressed prior to the meeting requesting that speakers not be interrupted.
- No Dumping and No Parking for Large Vehicles signage was also briefly discussed.

Selections for 2014: Olive commented on the Selections scheduled for September and specifically on the need for outreach to get a successful turnout of stakeholders for voting and to acquire candidates for all the board seats.

Board Retreat: The board discussed potential facilitators for an upcoming retreat. Joeann will contact Reginald Zachary and see if he is available and if not, then perhaps Carrie Scoville from the Central SPNC would be willing to facilitate. Potential locations were also discussed such as Harbor College and the HCHG Chamber Offices. The date of Saturday, April 12th from 12 noon to 4pm was tentatively scheduled, with the event being held at the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce office and possibly catered by Phillipo's.

President's Report:

- **Happy Birthday:** Olive announced that March 25th marks the anniversary of the HCNC.
- **Review of City Charter's Purpose for Neighborhood Councils:** Information was provided on the "Purpose of Neighborhood Councils" as outlined in the City Charter. Olive talked about the funding given to neighborhood councils which is primarily for Outreach to let the stakeholder be aware that the NC exists. There was a short

- discussion on stakeholder participation and the role of the neighborhood council in assisting stakeholders with problems related to city services.
- Olive commented that there are issues with the Left Turn Light at the high school now that the fence is going in. This is an issue which may have to be addressed further.
 - **Update on Government Officials attendance at meetings:** Olive commented on having more consistent attendance from government representatives at the HCNC Stakeholder meetings at least on a quarterly basis. These would include the Senator's office, Assembly member's office, Board of Education, etc. They have not been attending recent meetings.

Replacement Committee for PCAC being called NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Advisory Committee):

Review Central & Costal NC Motions and vote to approve HCNC Motion. Olive provided some history on the PCAC and its dissolution. The Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils are forming a new committee. Motions passed by other neighborhood councils were read. Joeann Valle also gave some background on the PCAC based on her experience as a member of the committee and explained why she is not in favor having only neighborhood council representatives sitting on a committee replacing PCAC.

After discussion, the following motion was made by Ray Moser, seconded by Greg Donnan and passed with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention:

The Harbor City Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a joint committee of the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils tasked with reviewing and commenting on Port of Los Angeles (POLA) projects affecting the waterfront community, and invites the other Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils to join in this effort. Membership on this committee shall be by appointment of the various Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils, and final committee actions are to be ratified by the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils.

It is our intention that this committee will regularly liaison with the Port of Los Angeles Environmental Management Division throughout all stages of proposed projects, from a pre-CEQA publication stage to project finalization and mitigation condition oversight. It is expected that the official spokesperson of this committee shall have regular standing on Board of Harbor Commission agendas, and that POLA will support this committee's efforts with the free exchange of information necessary to investigate and optimize community impacts.

Treasurer's Report: Olive explained the recent issues with organizing the financial records and trying to work with DONE on NPG's and demand warrants. Olive suggested that in the future no funding should be accepted unless all the necessary paper work is presented at the time of the request.

- **Board approval of past bank statements:** Tabled until next Governing Board meeting.
- **Board approval of funding/expenditures for the April 26th Health Fair – supplies and outreach - at Narbonne High School:** Motion by Ray Moser, seconded by Greg Donnan to approve funding of an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for supplies and outreach expenses related to the April 26th Health Fair. Motion passed with 6 yes votes (O. Reed, G. Reed, Fredericks, Moser, Deklotz & Donnan), 0 no votes and 3 abstentions (Thrower, Valle & Taylor)
- **Board approval of funding for the May 17th Community Fair – supplies and outreach - at Ken Malloy Regional Park.** Motion by Ray Moser, seconded by Greg Donnan to approve funding of an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for supplies and outreach expenses related to the May 17th Community Fair at Ken Malloy Regional Park. Motion passed with 6 yes votes (O. Reed, G. Reed, Fredericks, Moser, Deklotz & Donnan), 0 no votes and 3 abstentions (Thrower, Valle & Taylor)
- **Update on Requirements for submitting funding requests and consider procedure to follow-up on completion of funded projects:** There was some concern on how the funding had been spent at Normont Elementary. It had been approved for a Marquee but may not have been spent on what was proposed. Hayes Thrower will pay a visit to the school and discuss the issue with them.

- The board had a short discussion on the need for holding Budget and Finance Committee meetings to review funding requests and consider how often to accept funding requests from the stakeholders.

Update on providing CERT training within Harbor City (Joeann Valle): There was a suggestion that any future CERT training should include the College so that the training can be held at Harbor College.

Old Business:

Review and approve board correspondence (LAUSD Letter Re: Library Funding): *The Draft letter was approved unanimously by the board as presented.* (See wording below.)

Dear Los Angeles Unified School District School Board,

We are gratified that the librarian at Narbonne High School in Harbor City is now permanent status. Previously we had wanted to make a substantial contribution to expand the library's collection, but were reluctant to do so because of the Los Angeles School Board's ambivalence toward libraries and librarians. The recent news has led us to move toward that donation and help the high school students in our neighborhood.

We are very disappointed that the commitment to libraries has not reached down to the middle school level. Every secondary education institution needs a teacher-librarian and a fully functioning library to properly fulfill its role. We are in an information age and the lack of libraries is unfairly handicapping the students in LAUSD. With no library, the students do not have the resources provided to them to reach their academic potential. It is imperative that this change and all middle-schools in LAUSD should have a teacher-librarian and a library available to all of the students.

We implore you to commit to the education of the middle-school students of LAUSD by using the money from Prop 30 to provide all middle schools with fully functioning libraries. Each of these libraries also needs a fully qualified teacher-librarian to make them the information learning institutions that the students need. We ask that this be done as expeditiously as possible.

Update on placing of signs in alley by CD15: Gabby is requesting the signs and will provide an update in her next report.

Future Program Planning/Speakers:

The following were discussed as potential speakers for upcoming meeting: Elder Care presented in April, New Port Director, LAUSD or new LAPD Captain possibly in June, Animal Control in July.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Joyce presented Keep Harbor City Clean sample signs and presented pricing and took suggestions on text and format. Joyce also commented that the Ken Malloy Park Community Fair Committee will be meeting on a weekly basis until the May 17th event.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
for the HCNC Board