

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting
 Harbor City Gateway Library
 Wednesday, 3-17-10
 6:30pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Sherri Bliss	Excused
Esther Cepeda	Excused
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Chris Huie	Present
Eric Magee	Excused
Anto Nakkashian	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Excused
Rick Schuler	Present

Call to Order:

Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Roll Call: See Above. Approximately 70 stakeholders present.

Approval of Minutes: There was a request for a correction in the minutes changing Census 2000 to Census 2010. **Grant Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Olive Reed and unanimously approved by the Board.**

Elections: President Tom announced that the HCNC Elections are scheduled for June 8th. This is also the date of the state elections and, therefore, stakeholders will have to visit two locations to vote in both the state and NC elections. Tom explained to the stakeholders the process to become a candidate. Stakeholders were referred to the website for applications and further information.

Presentation by the US Coast Guard: Greg Donnan introduced Capt. Roger Laferriere from the U.S. Coast Guard and talked about the various positions that the Captain has held including work with disaster relief on oil spills, tsunamis, earthquakes and floods. Capt. Laferriere talked about: Building Community Resilience which was the topic on a recent paper he has authored. This relates to getting the community involved and knowing how they can help. He is in charge of security for Los Angeles and Long Beach. We spend \$35 million a year on building up security. Every vessel has to announce their arrival 96 hours in advance. No ships enter the LA/Long Beach Harbors

without them knowing. They do background checks on the crew. He also commented that 13 million containers come through the LA Harbor every year. Security at the Harbor includes daily air patrols with 4 Coast Guard helicopters, 25 ft rigid inflatables with mounted automatic weapons and 87 ft patrol boats. The Captain introduced Lenny Douthett who is Vice Captain and commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He heads a program called S.E T.S. which stands for Surveillance, Elicitation, Test of Security, Suspicious Behavior. This is an Awareness Training Program for Maritime Stakeholders. He began his presentation with a slide show and talked extensively about the program, urging stakeholders to consider taking the training in order to be more aware of suspicious behavior in their communities.

LAPD Report: Due to the length of the presentation, it was necessary for Officer Wilkins to leave before providing his report.

Council Office Report: Celina Luna also had to leave and will provide her report at the next stakeholder meeting.

Census 2010: Stakeholders were encouraged to fill out their census documents and send them in.

Public Comment:

- Announcement about the Imperial Chapter of City of Hope's Fundraiser, April 21st, flyers were provided.
- Friends of Library: Commented on the need for the landscaping around the library which should be completed in the next few weeks. Announced an upcoming Book Sale with a Bag of books being offered for \$1.
- Comment from a stakeholder requesting that a microphone be utilized at all the stakeholder meetings so that everyone can hear.
- Stakeholder complained about dogs/junk in a neighbor's yard and asked what steps can be taken to address the issue.

Day of Service: Announcement about the Mayor's Day of Service event being held March 20, 2010, 8:00am, at Harbor City Elementary School (President and 254th). This a clean up day and members of the community were urged to get involved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
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