

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting
 Kaiser Conference Center
 Wednesday, 08-18-10
 6:30pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Jennifer Corral	Excused
Esther Cepeda	Excused
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Janet Mercer	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Anto Nakkashian	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present

Call to Order:

Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Roll Call: See Above. Approximately 23 stakeholders present.

Approval of Minutes: **Grant Reed made a motion to approve the July 21, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Greg Donnan and the board voted unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.**

LAPD Report: Officer Wilkins reported that the Green Meadows area had almost no crime in the last month. The Narbonne area had some burglaries and a grand theft auto. The other areas had some burglaries and thefts. Officer Wilkins was asked about a murder in the PCH area and responded that it was gang related. He was also asked if crime has gone up in the PCH area and he responded that it has not. There was a complaint from a stakeholder about three male youths drinking and being loud near her home and she tried to call the 311 number but gave up. Officer Wilkins suggested using the other number 1-877-ASK-LAPD.

Councilwoman Hahn's Office: Celina Luna provided a written report which included:

- The HCNC was thanked for inviting Janice Hahn to speak at the last meeting.
- The Quimby Funds meeting was yesterday at the Harbor City Recreational Center. Upgrades are being considered to the bathrooms, ball fields, the senior

- room and the walking path. Cost adjustments are being done and a follow up meeting will take place.
- Celina reported that people are trimming their own trees and reminded everyone that you are not allowed to trim the trees on city property without a permit and using an approved vendor. Fines can be assessed for people who do not follow the permit law. It is possible to receive a “no fee” permit if you contact Celina at the Council Office.
 - Street resurfacing: They are going to resurface streets behind Kaiser, in the Pines area, and a chunk in Old Town area. Vermont to Western and across just north of PCH.
 - Left Turn Signal at Normandie and PCH: The Board of Public Works is scheduled to review contract bids for this project that is scheduled to be funded this fiscal year. Celina will keep us posted on the status of the bid and contract process.
 - Request for clean up of vacant commercial lots on PCH (near Denny’s/Ken Malloy). Celina has reported them and they will have 30 days to comply. If they do not comply, the city will do the clean up and bill the owners or put a levy against their properties if they don’t pay.
 - There was a question about the signal at Lomita and Western (left turn signal). Celina responded that the issue is being handled by CD 15 and Cal Trans.
 - Posting of signs for oversized vehicles. Stakeholders would like to see more areas posted. Celina reported that it is in the works.
 - Ken Melendez thanked the council office for setting up the meeting regarding Quimby Funds. He asked about illegal signs posted to advertise events. Celina asked that stakeholder not pull down the signs but contact her so the people putting them up will be fined. Send issues to Celina through her email and she will see it on her blackberry phone.
 - Concerns about a rolling lunch truck at Ken Malloy Park. Celina will check to see if they have a permit.
 - Concern from stakeholder about large trucks using 248th and 249th and breaking branches. Also trucks parked with kids skateboarding in between them and creating a dangerous situation.
 - Question about Traffic. Harbor City will be next for the ATSAC system.
 - Ray Moser asked Celina if she had an answer to his previous question about why the Bureau of Sanitation is treating free standing condominiums differently than single family homes. Celina did not yet have a response.
 - Steve Rutherford asked Celina if she had come up with neighborhood watch signs that could be posted. Celina responded that she is still looking into it.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING TOPIC:

LAPD Airship Operations – Pat MacNamara:

Board Member Ping Own introduced Pat MacNamara who thanked the board for the invitation to speak today and meet members of the community. Officer MacNamara is in charge of the LAPD Airship Operations including setting up the maintenance and purchasing the air ship. They have 20 aircraft. There is a flight school at their facility

and it is the 2nd oldest air enforcement facility in the nation. Cole Burdett is in charge of training. He was introduced and talked about Airship Operations. The LAPD pilots fly 17,000-18,000 hours a year. There are 35 pilots who handle 48,000-49,000 calls per year. They assist in felony arrests. He talked about the equipment on the helicopter which includes the latest thermal imaging technology to check areas where police have difficulty reaching. He explained that the airship operations (helicopters) enhance community safety, officer safety and reduce crime, 3-3-1/2hours flying time. The officer commented on the recent visit by President Obama and how Air Force One restricts the LAPD's airship operations.

Public Comment:

Tom Houston: Acknowledged Past President Mike Feyder for his attendance and also welcomed Past President Joanne Valle.

Joeann Valle: Comment about upcoming event sponsored by the Harbor City Lomita Lions Club which has been in the community for 55 years. The upcoming events include an Annual Fish Dinner, as well as the Boys and Girls Club 21st Anniversary Keystone Dinner being held October 23. Stakeholders interested in getting more information can call the Chamber office at 310-516-7933 and ask for Joeann.

Question about Harbor City/Lomita boundaries: There was a short discussion on the role of the Sheriff vs the LAPD and their boundaries. There was also a question about enforcement of the traffic lane signs on PCH:

Budget: The budget for 2010 was presented to the Board. After a short discussion, **a motion was made by Grant Reed and seconded by Raymond Moser to approve the budget as presented. The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the budget.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Finance: No report.

City Services: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Emergency Preparedness: No report.

Friends of the Library: Flyer provided. Leonard gave information on the library and how to access information on programs and events.

Education: Comment from Raymond Moser that school starts on September 13th.

Harbor City Recreational Park: Report from Janet Mercer. Short discussion on fundraising and also on the HCNC possibly funding a marquis for the park. This item will be put on the agenda for the Governing Board Meeting next week. Greg Donnan said the Park group is ready to accept assistance from the HCNC committee.

Harbor Regional Park: Greg Donnan reported on the meeting held last night. The upgrades/projects planned for the park will start next summer. There are many improvements coming. Joyce commented that there will be an Annual Heal the Bay event at Ken Malloy Park on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Stakeholders are invited to come out and assist. Registration is at 8:30am. The Department of Rec and Parks will have staff on hand to supervise the children so that they can assist in the cleaning project. Greg Donnan said they are cleaning the area they cleaned last year which is around Anaheim and Figueroa Place. He commented that this is one of the most beautiful places in the park but it has restricted access.

Outreach: Joyce mentioned that the Outreach Committee has been working on ideas for flyers. Peter Cooper and Leonard Duncan are on the committee and helping with outreach.

Program Planning: Next month Robert Kent will speak on the USS IOWA proposal. We hope to have a good turnout for this program.

PCAC: Grant Reed read a document on the role of the PCAC. There is a vote coming up at the next PCAC meeting. Kristina will put the PCAC reports on the website.

Upcoming Event: Ping Own reminded everyone about the Highway One Block Party from 10am-5pm involving several businesses on PCH, primarily around the California Harley Davidson area.

Public Comment: Olive Reed asked about pine needles on Western. She is wondering if the company contracted by the HCNC is doing what we have contracted them to do. She would like to ask them for a schedule. Several board members commented that they had seen the cleanup crews out there. Olive also commented that she likes the HCNC banners we put up and thinks we could have more.

Public Comment: Stakeholders were referred to the website www.LAVote.net to get information on upcoming voting opportunities.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC