

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting  
 Kaiser Conference Center  
 Wednesday, 09-15-10  
 6:30pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Jennifer Corral	Present
Esther Cepeda	Excused
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Janet Mercer	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Anto Nakkashian	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Excused
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: The minutes of the August 18, 2010 stakeholder minutes were approved at the Governing Board Meeting on August 25, 2010, therefore there were no minutes in need of approval at this meeting.

#### USS IOWA Presentation by Robert Kent

Mr. Kent gave background on the Pacific Battleship Center and their efforts to bring the USS IOWA to the Port of Los Angeles. A short video about the battleships was presented showing the power and history of the IOWA class ships. The USS IOWA is currently worth \$1 billion. The Battleship Center can get it for free if they meet all the requirements. July 4, 2011 is the target date for the grand opening. They need a spot from the Port to dock the ship which will be a tourist attraction and has the potential for over 100 jobs in the Harbor area. Local businesses will also benefit from the many tourists who would be visiting the area. The largest obstacle as this time has been the Port and their approval of the project. On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> there will an important presentation to the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Pacific Battleship Center is hoping for a huge turnout of supporters so that the Harbor Commissioners will see that the community is very supportive of the project. The meeting will be held at the Port Office in San Pedro. Mr. Kent answered questions from the audience. Many people asked how they could assist in getting the project approved and were asked to write letters to the Mayor and the BOHC. More information can be found at the website: [www.pacificbattleship.com](http://www.pacificbattleship.com).

**LAPD Report:** Officer Wilkins arrived during the USS IOWA presentation and was not able to stay and give a verbal report but provided a copy of the crime statistics for Harbor City. Tom Houston gave highlights from that report. Joyce Fredericks gave an update on a recent Green Meadows Homeowners Meeting where Officer Wilkins has given information on recent burglaries. Most of the burglars gained access through unlocked windows and stakeholders were urged to keep their homes secure at all times.

**Public Comments:**

**Winifred (Stakeholder):** Made a comment regarding the beautiful parkway on North Gaffey Street in San Pedro across from the Target store. She asked where the funding came from to upgrade the area. It was explained that this was a project completed by the Port with assistance from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. She felt that it was a waste of money considering how few people use this new parkway.

**David Green:** Mr. Green was representing Dr. Vladovic of the LAUSD. He announced an upcoming “Fact Finding Forum” scheduled for October 16, 2010 from 9am-12noon at the 186<sup>th</sup> Street School. People in the community can bring up issues that can go to the LAUSD School Board. Mr. Green commented that 186<sup>th</sup> Street School has done some wonderful things at the school. The event will include food and an international choir.

**Stakeholder:** A stakeholder had recently noticed people cleaning up Sepulveda and asked who was responsible for the work. It was reported that Brea Oil had a Clean Up Crew and were handling the clean up and weeding of that area.

**Olive Reed** commented that she has concerns about how much we are paying for what she considers a poor job cleaning the median on Western. Tom Houston responded that he had driven by after it was cleaned and it looked good. He also commented that it doesn’t take very long for the pine needles to accumulate after it has been freshly cleaned. Chris Sapien felt it would be a good idea for us to get a schedule from the company handling the monthly cleaning so that the board and community can be aware of when it is supposed to be cleaned.

**Stakeholder:** Asked a question about whether the street sweeper is still coming through the Pines area on a regular basis because she feels that the streets in the Pines are deplorable. It was suggested that she call 310-678-5666 and report the problem. Olive talked about “street coding.” Monday-Thursday the city cleans streets and Friday is an open day for street sweepers to go where they are needed.

**Winifred:** Cautioned other stakeholders that coyotes have been seen roaming the Pines area. They have also been spotted around 265<sup>th</sup> and Ozone, PV Drive North and Western, and PV Drive North and Hawthorne.

**Ricardo Corral:** Ricardo brought up safety issues at PCH and President, and specifically that crossing the streets around 10:00 at night is dangerous. The light for crossing is too short. He also commented on pot holes and other damage to the streets in that area, especially around President School etc. The sidewalks are also in really poor condition.

**Olive Reed** responded that she has been in Harbor City since 1964 and used to live in that area. Flooding is the reason they put in those dips.

**Joyce Fredericks** says we should address all these issues with Celina. Olive gave an update on Celina's recent accident. Joyce also commented that across from Panda Express there are additional problems.

**Tom Houston:** LAUSD has a safe passage to school program and allocates money for issues of safety.

**Greg Donnan:** Commented that the Highway One block party was a huge success with no incidents.

**Report from Councilwoman Hahn's Office:** Celina Luna not available to give report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget Finance:** A revised budget was distributed. The new treasurer, Steven Rutherford now has the new debit card. There was also an announcement about past treasurer Anto Nakkashian and his wife expecting a baby.

**City Services:** Raymond Moser reported that he has been stonewalled by the Bureau of Sanitation on why his house is being treated differently with respect to trash pickup. He has put in a request for more information. He also reported that clean up is still a problem south of PCH and he will try to get something done on that. On President Avenue, there is someone feeding the pigeons and the sidewalk is covered in droppings. This could become a health issue.

**Education:** Stakeholders were reminded that school is now open and to be more cautious with all the children coming to and from school. Raymond Moser also reported that the schools in the Harbor Area scored very well with regard to the API. He also commented that Friday is International Talk like a Pirate Day at school. They will be using that at school to have fun with the kids.

**Public Safety:** Chris reported increase in tagging (curbing and sidewalks are being tagged). Narbonne High School's multi purpose room was hit. It is believed to be the work of a Torrance gang. They hit Narbonne and a house that leads to the northeast field. Chris also commented that if you live near LAUSD schools and have traffic issues, you can go to website and ask for traffic enforcement by the schools. School police will do the enforcement.

**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. On the back there is a map of the library to show the different sections. Leonard thanked the Harbor City Neighborhood Council for their grants.

**Harbor City Recreational Park:** No report.

**Harbor Regional Park:** Greg Donnan reported that September 24 is the “Heal the Bay” event. There will be lots of cleanup, lots of work, and lots of food. Our Neighborhood Council has provided \$1500 towards the event. He also commented that several weeks ago there was a problem in the park concerning a car club which showed up and they were drinking and riding dirt bikes in grass. The police did not response. Residents were very upset with the loud music etc. This issue was discussed at the recent PAB meeting. Officer Andre knows about the problem and they are going to try to do something about it. Greg closed with a comment that Prop O is well under way.

**Outreach:** Joyce Fredericks talked about the Heal the Bay flyers. She also commented that there have been unconfirmed rumors that there is a python in the lake. She also commented that stakeholders saw our recent Pennysaver ad and thought it was a beautiful ad.

**Planning Zoning Land Use:** No report.

**Program Planning:** Olive is trying to get Dr. Vladovic from LAUSD to speak at the October Meeting.

**PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee):** Grant Reed reported that there was no meeting in August. At the next scheduled meeting they will have an action item on the USS Iowa. Grant also gave a short update on Gambol Marine (additional information can be found in the PCAC Report written by PCAC member Carrie Scoville. Follow the link on the HCNC website to view the most recent reports).

**Pines:** The Pines wants to secede from Harbor City. They want to change their name to Harbor Pines. That issue will be becoming up before this board in the next month or two.

**Welcome to Harbor City Signs:** Olive Reed showed pictures of a sign post from Wilmington and she would like to look into having signs like this in Harbor City. Olive is working with the Council office. They are looking at where the appropriate places would be to put the signs. Torrance also has them on lampposts. She would like input from the community. There was a comment from a stakeholder that we have different sign posts. Tom Houston commented that the City has a program where you can have all your street lights changed to an antique style but stakeholders are charged a portion of the cost.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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