

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting
 Kaiser Conference Center
 Wednesday, 10-20-10
 6:30pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call: See Above. Approximately 25 stakeholders present.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Greg Donnan to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2010 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Grant Reed and unanimously approved by the Board.

LAPD Report: Officer Wilkins was not available to provide a report.

District 15 Report: Celina Luna from Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office reported on the following:

- **Quimby Funds at Harbor City Recreational Center:** A follow up meeting was held with residents who prioritized their repair requests. Priorities included: 1) Bathroom repairs and ADA Compliance (\$100K); 2) Sports Field Refurbishment/Irrigation Improvements (\$120K). The council office will prepare these two improvement projects for approval by the Recreation and Parks Commission.
- **Harbor City Pines Community Renaming:** The community group has completed their signed petition and it has been certified as a "Council File." They will be presenting their proposal next month at the Harbor City Neighborhood

Council. It will then be forwarded to the Los Angeles City Council Education and Neighborhoods Committee for consideration.

- **Prop O Improvement Project:** The project EIR was approved by the Los Angeles City Council last month. Celina will provide an updated timeline on the project scope next month.
- **Street Sweeping Routes/Pot Hole Requests:** Celina met with Street Sweeping and Pothole Repair to discuss missed routes and pothole repair response time in Harbor City. Due to their reduced staffing levels, they said that they unfortunately miss some of their posted routes. They have agreed to notify the Council office of any missed routes, and to improve their notification to Parking Enforcement. Pothole repairs are taking longer to process (now 5-7 days).
- **Left Hand Turn Signal at Lomita Blvd & Western:** The Department of Transportation and Cal Trans sent a crew out to observe the left hand turn signal at Lomita and Western. The light is functioning properly which means that it activates when at least 4 cars are present in the left hand turn signal. It was requested that Celina look into having a sign posted to remind people that they can turn left without the arrow as long as they yield to oncoming traffic.
- **Sewage Issue:** There was a short discussion on sewage problems that were aggravated by the recent rains.

Public Comment on Recent Butane Tank Study: Jody James and Janet Gunter gave a short presentation on the dangers of the Rancho Holdings Butane Tanks located in San Pedro across from Home Depot. The two tanks in question hold 25 million gallons of LPT/Butane. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council funded an independent study which assessed the potential dangers if the tanks were compromised by terrorist attack or earthquake. The study suggested that a catastrophic failure at this facility could affect not only San Pedro, but also adjacent cities within a 7 mile radius. The actual study can be found on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council website at www.nwsanpedro.org

Presentation by Southern California Gas Co. Mr. Dennis C. Lord has been with the Southern California Gas Company for 44 years and within the scope of his employment has managed the gas line infrastructure within the South Bay area. He spoke briefly about the recent gas explosion incident in San Bruno and commented that there are no San Bruno type lines in the Harbor City area. The cause of the failure of the gas line has not yet been determined and is still being investigated. Other highlights of Mr. Lord's presentation included:

- The importance of calling 811 before digging on any property.
- The importance of calling the gas company when you smell gas. The gas company has 29 minutes to respond.

- Pipeline Safety Act of 2002 requiring all inspections of high pressure gas lines to a higher level. It put a whole new set of criteria on the gas company for maintaining the large gas lines.
- An explanation of a Pipeline Inspection Gauge (PIG) which is used to check the safety of large gas lines.
- External Corrosion Damage Assessment (ECDA)
- Every inch of their pipeline is surveyed every year.
- Short discussion on earthquake gas shutoff valves.
- Earthquake tip to only shut off the gas after an earthquake if you smell gas.

Public Comment:

Ken Melendez: Commented on Quimby Funds at Harbor City Park and how the funds came from people working to investigate what was available. The Council office assisted them in securing the funds. By next spring work should begin on the bathrooms and on the fields. He stressed that this did not just happen, it came about because of the work of good people in the community who got involved. He also talked about illegal posters on telephone poles and the fines related to the offense.

Winifred: Made comments to warn stakeholders about credit card fraud that is being attempted through telephone calls in the area.

Stakeholder: Commented that she is a member of the San Rafael Homeowners Association and that the group has been responsible for improvements in Harbor City such as the turn signal on Lomita and Narbonne, trucks off Lomita.

Stakeholder from Green Meadows: Commented that Green Meadows has a problem with a renter whose son is a gang person and is responsible for some of the recent graffiti and other illegal activities in the area. The police has come out and spoken with the neighbors asking them to report any suspicious activity.

Committee Reports:

Budget Finance: Nothing to report.

City Services: Ray Moser wrote a draft letter to the Bureau of Sanitation on behalf of the Neighborhood Council regarding discrepancies in the treatment of free standing condominiums related to trash pickup services. Ray also thanked Leonard Duncan for getting 259th Street cleaned up.

Education: Narbonne is losing three staff people and will only have one janitor for the entire campus. They might increase their class sizes next year. They also want the staff to take a 10% pay cut plus furloughs. He feels that someone has to stand up for public education. Adult education teacher spoke up that she has not been paid in 6 weeks but is expected to show up for work.

Public Safety: If you live near LAUSD schools, 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: Leonard provided a flyer with information on the library. Book sale on October 30th.

Tom Houston brought up the issue of our meeting location and that the board is thinking of going back to the library for our meetings. This might mean a change of day of the week that the meetings are held. This issue will be discussed further at the Governing Board meeting.

Harbor City Recreational Park: No report.

Harbor Regional Park: The Heal the Bay event was very successful. There was plenty of food and a lot of young people volunteered. There was a giveaway of free trees. The clean up efforts collected 700 lbs of trash.

Outreach:

- Joyce recognized Joanne Valle from the Chamber of Commerce who announced the Chamber's new location at 1400 240th Street, Harbor City, CA. At this location they are calling it the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce Business Center. They are now helping people develop small home based businesses. Those people can use the chamber offices.
- Joanne encouraged everyone to attend the school collaboration tomorrow at 8:30 at Narbonne High School. She also announced other events for the Lions Club and Kiwanis, as well as a free Health Screening on Nov. 13 at Narbonne High School.

Planning Zoning Land Use: No report.

Program Planning: No report.

PCAC: (Port Community Advisory Committee): Ken Melendez gave a brief history on the PCAC which was set up in 2001 as an advisory committee. Ken Melendez has recently been appointed as the new chair. The 33 member committee is made up people from San Pedro, Harbor City, business people, union people, etc. There are a lot of projects that have been completed out of the China Mitigation Funds which includes a 30 acre park currently being built that is the largest civic improvement in the history of Wilmington. The North Gaffey Beautification project (park across from Target) was funding in the same way. The group also discusses Port issues such as the USS Iowa, waterfront development and air quality.

Holiday Lights Contest: The Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board is getting ready to do the Holiday Lights Contest again this year. A winner is picked from each neighborhood.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC