

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting
 Harbor City Library
 Wednesday, 02-16-11
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Jennifer Corral	Present
Esther Cepeda	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Janet Mercer	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Anto Nakkashian	Excused
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 6:03pm.

Roll Call: See Above. Approximately 35 stakeholders present.

Approval of Minutes: Grant Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 Stakeholder meeting, seconded by Joyce Fredericks. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

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

District 15 Report: Celina Luna provided a written report in lieu of a verbal report. The written report highlighted the following:

- Harbor City Town Hall Meeting. Councilwoman Hahn will be hosting a Harbor City Town Hall Meeting on March 17, 2011, 6pm, at the Harbor City Library. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to discuss pending community issues with Councilwoman Hahn and representatives from city departments (LAPD, Dept. of Transportation, DWP, Port of Los Angeles, Bureau of Street Services, DOT-Parking Enforcement, City of LA Urban Forestry and Street Use Investigation.
- Cal Trans Operation Pothole was very successful. PCH and Western Avenue full under the jurisdiction and maintenance of Cal Trans and, therefore, were not included in the task force. The Council Office has requested that CalTrans arrange for a similar task force to perform street repairs. Any specific locations should be forwarded to Celina's attention.

- Nicole Wells is the new Public Works/Constituent Services Representative in the Council's Harbor Office and she will be taking the lead on all public works issues. She can be reached at Nicole.wells@lacity.org or 310-732-4515.
- The Councilwoman has called on the LA Convention Center in partnership with the LAPD and LA Fire Dept. to ban all raves at the LA Convention Center. Raves in neighboring facilities have raised numerous health and safety concerns and been prone to numerous illegal activities. As a mother and a grandmother, Councilwoman Hahn knows there are much better ways for City facilities to earn revenue rather than hosting parties that encourage the drug culture.

Report from Harbor City Librarian: There was an announcement of the election that will take place in about 3 weeks. On the ballot will be Measure L which is not a tax but would provide more money to the library for books, DVDs, computer programs, etc. A flyer was provided explaining Measure L.

LAUSD: Jacob Haik introduced Dr. Vladovic and David Cooper of the LAUSD. Mr. Cooper is a former teacher from South Shores who is now working with Dr. Vladovic. Also in attendance was Superintendent, Mike Romero. Following are highlights from Dr. Vladovic's presentation:

- A map was available showing the area that is represented which includes over 170 schools and covers 4 local districts. The school district is divided differently than the City.
- Dr. Vladovic has been in education 42 years. He was in the military reserve for 20 years. His educational career includes positions as a Teacher, a Principal of 4 secondary high schools (the last one being Locke High School), Superintendent of West Covina School District.
- District 7 in LA grew the highest of any schools in the 7 board districts.
- Dr. Vladovic has lived in San Pedro and the South Bay all of his life.
- Started Harbor Teacher Prep Academy. This is a program that students begin as 9th Graders and upon graduation they have usually earned an AA Degree.
- LAUSD is building a new school in Wilmington and also Carson (opens in September)
- Boundary changes in Harbor City to alleviate overcrowding.
- The LAUSD Board had to adopt the budget yesterday. In order to meet the goals, all school districts are going to lay off teachers. California law demands that the school board let the employees know by March 15 if they are going to be hired next year. 7,900 employees received notices.
- 15% of the school's budget is materials, 85% is people.
- The lottery money goes towards salaries.
- The school district lost 180 million dollars in stimulus money.
- Dr. Vladovic supports those ideas and programs that help kids. He is not going to accept the status quo. He has studied education all his life.
- There are three variables that impact students success in America today: 1) An engaged parent and giving children choices. 2) A quality teacher and principal who communicate well with kids and have a success attitude. 3) The peers that

your child associates with. Their peers will have the same values. Parents should control this.

- **Michael Romero** District 8 Superintendent was introduced and talked about his visit to Narbonne. He is from this community and lives behind Narbonne High. He talked about his goals as the new Superintendent.
- Responded to a question about occupational type classes and why so many are being cut from schools. He stated that technology has changed so much that the schools can't afford to keep up. They have occupational centers to handle those students. Vocational classes are still being offered.

Public Comment:

- **Ken Melendez:** Provided a handout. Also talked about trucks idling at the school.
- **Lydia Gutierrez:** Candidate running for Community College Board of Trustee #5.
- **Gloria:** Made a comment that the Board needs to enforce the code of civility at the Neighborhood Council meetings.
- **Victor Medina, GAP Representative:** Asked the question "How can GAP help with issues in the community?" GAP takes care of graffiti and offers gang prevention programs. He provided a handout giving information on GAP and providing the number 310-519-7233 for bulky item pickup and graffiti abatement. He collaborates with the monthly Safety Meetings at the school and reminded everyone about the Safety Meeting at Narbonne tomorrow morning.

Committee Reports:

BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners): Esther Cepeda-Hatch announced that there would be a meeting in a couple of weeks and that the Policy Committee meets on the 25th.

Budget and Finance Committee: Steven Rutherford provided a budget printout. He announced that the Boys and Girls Club Funding Request documents have all been submitted. The invoice for the Library security guard for the January meeting should be paid in a couple of weeks.

DONE: Amber, a representative from the DONE office talked about the reason the funding for the Boys and Girls Club has been delayed. There were conflicting purposes for the funding that needs clarification. At the request of the DONE Representative, the Board clarified that the \$9,895.28 being requested is for computer equipment only.

City Services: Ray Moser read a comment from a recent document sent to his home from the Department of Sanitation.

Friends of the Library: Leonard Duncan provided a handout with information on upcoming events/programs of the library.

HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils): Announcement about the upcoming Voter Forum they are sponsoring on Saturday at Rolling Hills Prep School from 10:30am-12noon.

Harbor Regional Park: There was no quorum at the last meeting but there was a discussion on issues. Grant and Greg did a walk around the park. Water levels are up and there has also been a sighting of a coyote in the park.

Program Planning: Olive Reed commented on upcoming program ideas:

- Narbonne High School Science Department is offering to do a presentation to stakeholders. The students go overseas for science projects and have interesting presentations.
- Loyola Marymount would like to give info to stakeholders on their plans for the area by Rolling Hills Prep. (Program for March)

PCAC: Grant Reed reported on the PCAC meeting last night and this month there was a quorum. Information presented at the meeting included:

- An update on City Dock One and the moving of the Marine Research Institute. They also plan to construct a wave tank.
- The Bridge to Breakwater plan is continuing with red cars being brought into that area.
- Presentation on the new OGV and Clean Air Action Plan.

Education: Raymond Moser commented on the importance of supporting education.

Additional Public Comments:

Ken Melendez: Commented that a million dollars of Quimby funds has been approved for the camp ground at Ken Malloy Park. He also announced an upcoming Job Fair scheduled for February 24th from 11-2 at the Normandale Rec Center.

Olive Reed: Talked about problems at Narbonne High School with the parents parking across the street and having their children cross traffic to get to the cars which puts the kids in danger. She is working with Jacob Haik on possible solutions.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC