

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting  
 Harbor City Library  
 Wednesday, 03-16-11  
 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Jennifer Corral	Excused
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	Excused
Christopher Sapien	Excused
Steven Rutherford	Present

#### **Call to Order:**

Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

**Roll Call:** See Above. Approximately 33 stakeholders present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Grant Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 Stakeholder Meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Donnan and approved unanimously by the Board.

**LAPD Report:** Officer Wilkins provided crime statistics for the past three months and gave highlights from the report. LAPD is going to ask neighborhood councils for help with their Lock it or Lose it program. They will have banners around the area, bumper stickers and yard signs. 95% of property crime is due to unlocked cars and homes. There was also a short discussion on the issue of people removing items from trash cans put out on the curb on regular trash pickup days. Officer Wilkins explained the process of a citizens arrest.

**Message from President:** Tom Houston talked briefly about the issue of conduct by stakeholders and board members during the meetings. He reviewed the procedures and asked that people wishing to speak raise their hands and wait to be recognized by the Chair of the meeting. Those individuals who are disruptive, do not respect others participating in the meeting and do not abide by the rules of conduct will be escorted from the meeting by the security guard on the premises.

**District 15 Report:** Celina Luna announced the Town hall Meeting scheduled for March 17th and briefly answered questions from stakeholders.

**Marymount College:** The staff from Marymount College were scheduled to present plans for their property on Western and PV Drive North. The presentation was postponed while they await the results of the traffic study. Their presentation will be rescheduled for a future date.

**Narbonne High School Earthwatch Institute Presentation:** Mr. Bart Parns, coordinator of the Math/Science Magnet talked about the opportunities provided to students to learn about math and science outside of the classroom. Earth Watch, a nonprofit organization, sponsors summer projects for the students. Last Summer three students from Narbonne participated in programs. Those students gave short Power Point presentations on their experiences:

**Meli Padilla**'s report related to the time she spent in New Jersey where she studied Diamond Back Terrapins (tortoises) which are an endangered species.

**Carly Caston** spent her time in Trinidad and studied Leatherback Sea Turtles.

**Rebecca Munson** spent her time in Puerto Rico where she studied the rain forest.

Board Member Raymond Moser commented on the high success of magnet programs in the school and stated that 90% of all magnet coordinators are being eliminated due to LAUSD budget cuts. Considering that the magnet programs are the most successful programs in the school, he finds it hard to believe that the school district cannot find a way to keep these programs.

**Ken Malloy/Harbor Regional Park/5 Points Land Exchange:** Ryan Kuhr gave a brief presentation on the background of the land swap being proposed. He was granted legal access to his property from Anaheim Street through the park. The park was concerned about this and Mr. Kuhr proposed a land swap. He went to the Council office to get assistance and met with Gordon Teuber, Elise Swanson and Celina Luna. He was asked to also present his proposal to the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board and stakeholders.

Paul Kuhr gave a PowerPoint presentation and showed the specifics of the land swap emphasizing the benefits to the park and to the developer. Concerns and comments from the stakeholders included:

- Traffic congestion at the entrance/exit of the property.
- The increase in the number of units
- The number of parking spaces per unit and guest parking
- Gordon Teuber said the land swap is not an easy proposal and commented that the Dept of Rec and Parks is opposed to the land swap.
- There was a comment that we need to protect the park.
- One stakeholder felt that the change from 44 unit to a possible 102 units is "scary."
- **Esther Cepeda-Hatch made a motion to rescind the Board's motion of support from the meeting dated January 26, 2011 due to being without all the facts and that we need a more in-depth review. There was no second to the motion and therefore the motion failed.**

- There was a comment that all entrances to the park will be locked at dusk. Also, there will be 25% less footprint on the lot compared to old project and the project was originally planned for 44 units at 2400 sq ft each which will be decreased to approx 1800 sq ft per unit to make them more affordable. There has been some interest for nurses and staff from Kaiser to live there.

### **Public Comment:**

There was a comment from a stakeholder regarding layoffs of school staff. She stated that in accordance with state law, any teacher affected has to be notified by the Board of Education by March 15th. LAUSD's money is from the state and the state is cutting another 44 million next year. It is important that we call our legislature and let them know how we feel about the cuts to public education.

Raymond Moser also commented on the Board of Education cutting back on magnet programs, librarians, etc. and made a correction to the previous stakeholder comment that LAUSD is being cut 440 million next year. In response to these comments, Celina Luna stated that perhaps Jacob Haik could attend the next meeting to further answer questions.

Janet Mercer was congratulated for participating in the donations to L.A. Fire Station 85.

### **Committee Reports:**

**BONC:** Esther reported that there will be a joint session next Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall. She also asked that a discussion on supplies to elementary schools be on the agenda for the Governing Board Meeting.

**Budget:** Steve Rutherford went over the application for the Boys and Girls Club and informed the Board that the motion to clarify was rejected.

**Friends of the Library:** Leonard Duncan provided a handout with the library schedule. He thanked the board for approving the request for funding of the summer reading program and stated that the library staff is pleased with how Measure L turned out. David Green was thanked for his help in creating shelves for the library.

No other committee reports were heard.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
Admin Asst to HCNC