

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting  
 Harbor City Library  
 Wednesday, 04-20-11  
 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Jennifer Corral	Excused
Esther Cepeda-Hatch	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 6:08pm.

**Roll Call:** See Above. Approximately 30 stakeholders present.

**Thank You from the LAFD Station 85:** Captain Edward Campos thanked the Board for the donation of a washer and dryer to Station 85 by the Harbor City Neighborhood Council. He introduced several crew members who were also in attendance at the meeting. President Tom Houston presented the Captain with a certificate from the HCNC acknowledging the station's dedicated service to the community.

**District 15 Report:** Celina Luna, Community Advocate, reported on the following:

- **Evacuation and Emergency Preparedness Working Group:** On Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Councilwoman convened an Evacuation and Emergency Preparedness Working Group. The group consists of Police, Fire, Port Police, Coast Guard and leadership from our Harbor Area NC's. Our first meeting was held to gain a better understanding of the emergency and evacuation plans in place, to identify additional information that may be necessary and determine an outreach program to disseminate information to the community.
- **Happy and Healthy Neighborhoods Program:** The Councilwoman has launched the Happy and Healthy Neighborhoods Program to partner and better communicate with our Neighborhood Councils and constituents on quality of life issues. 1) Community Ride - Along: The Council Office staff will be doing regularly scheduled

community drive with NC leadership to proactively identify community issues and to report them to departments. At this time, we have started our drives and have done over 25 community drives with many of our neighborhood councils. 2) Monthly Neighborhood Service Cabinet Meetings: The Council Office is establishing a monthly Neighborhood Service Cabinet meeting with key departments and NC Presidents to discuss and prioritize important neighborhood issues. These meetings will bring to stakeholders the departments that are most critical to solving key issues: LAPD, Street Services, Urban Forestry, and Sanitation. 3) Contact Management: The Council Office has instituted a new communication and tracking program for constituent issues. They will be issuing monthly reports on the calls and requests coming into the Council Office, who the cases were referred to and how they were closed out. For issues that cannot be handled within 30 days, we will let the constituent know how the item will be addressed.

- **Illegal Dumping:** Celina introduced Victor Medina from GAP and announced the new partnership between GAP and the Council Office. GAP will be helping to tackle the illegal dumping issue in Harbor City. They will increase visibility and perform clean ups at the following locations: 1) 259th Street, between Frampton and Belleporte Avenue; 2) McCoy Avenue/ 253rd Street 3) Pedestrian Bridge on Frampton Avenue; 4) Alleys in “Old Town” Harbor City; and 5) Doble Avenue between 253<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lomita Blvd
- **Abandoned vehicle task force:** At the request of the Council Office, Parking Enforcement marked 191 vehicles, 176 of those were moved and the remaining 15 vehicles received citations. Five of those vehicles were eventually towed from Frampton Avenue.
- **Parking Restrictions on Frampton Ave:** In response to concerns regarding abandoned vehicles, DOT Southern District has agreed to post no parking restrictions (8am to 6pm, except Saturday and Sunday) on Frampton Avenue, from Anaheim Street to Pacific Coast Highway if a community petition, with a majority of residents in agreement. Several residents and Homeowners groups will coordinate the petition signing.
- **Quality of Life Task Force – RV’s Harbor City:** The council office has asked the LAPD to conduct a task force in Harbor City for RV’s being used as residences. The locations being patrolled are Frampton Ave (between Anaheim and PCH), Western (between Lomita and Sepulveda) and 249<sup>th</sup> (between President and Western).
- **Trucks near Normont Elementary School:** At the request of the Council Office, DOT installed parking restrictions on the perimeter of the school stating “No Parking from 7am-5pm School Days.” This has greatly alleviated the truck problem in this area.
- **Sepulveda Blvd Sinkhole near Radio Shack:** Street Services recently performed repairs and is now preparing a cost estimate to fully repair the sinkhole.
- **Pedestrian Bridge:** A letter has been sent to Supervisor Don Knabe requesting maintenance on the pedestrian bridge on a more regular basis. They have also been asked to examine the feasibility of installing concrete barriers.
- **Jaywalking on Western:** The LAPD and LAUSD school police are increasing enforcement. Hahn and Vladovic have convened a jaywalking task force to educate the students and issue citations. The Team Pandas Club at Narbonne and the school

administration will also assist with educating the students on the dangers of jaywalking. Joann Valle was thanked for her work with Team Pandas. Celina also thanked Daryll and his wife for their continued commitment to the safety of the students.

- **Trash on Western near Narbonne High:** In response to a complaint about trash on Western from 238<sup>th</sup> to 247<sup>th</sup> in front of the school, the Council Office has asked Street Services to clean the location. Team Pandas has agreed to adopt the front of the school as part of their ongoing community service projects.
- **Day Laborers:** Flor Rodriguez from IDEPSCA has agreed to increase outreach at the five chronic locations for day laborers in Harbor City. The Council Office has also asked LAPD to issue warnings to the contractors, who pick up the day laborers.
- **Yard Sales in Harbor City of Los Angeles:** We have asked the Department of Building and Safety to investigate chronic yard sales in the following locations in Harbor City 1) Lomita Blvd, between Normandie and Western; 2) Normandie Avenue, between Lomita and PCH; 3) Belleporte Avenue, between Lomita and PCH
- **RV Ordinance Signage in Harbor City:** The Council Office has asked the Department of Transportation to examine the feasibility of installing the No Oversize Vehicle Signs (No Parking from 2am-6am) in the newly approved Harbor City area. The boundaries are: 1) Palos Verdes Drive North- Harbor Pines, to the North; 2) 253<sup>rd</sup> Street, to the South; 3) Western Avenue, to the West; 4) Figueroa Place, to the East.
- Question about moving and storage containers in the driveways of residents. The response was that it is not legal.
- Request from stakeholder for more “Do Not Trash Harbor City Signs”.
- Chris Sapien asked for an update on the traffic problems on Lomita in the afternoon, specifically Eastbound Lomita Blvd. from President Ave to Normandie Ave. Celina responded that it was sent to the DOT for a traffic study. By the next meeting she should have an update.
- Question about stored vehicles in driveways. Celina responded that the Dept. of Building and Safety handles that issue. They can be reached at 310-732-4515.

**Report from Office of State Assembly Member, Warren Fertadi:** They are having a budget town hall meeting in the Bixby Knolls area on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be an interactive budget town hall where the audience will receive clickers that will register their answers to questions on the screen. They are also looking for people to support the USS IOWA. A handout was available for signing.

**LAPD Report:** Officer Andre Wilkins reported on the following:

- Recent crime statistics.
- The LAPD is citing students for jaywalking. Letters and phone calls went out to parents prior to them issuing citations. They cited about 30 kids.
- Officer Wilkins asked the community to use the 1-877-ASK-LAPD number to get an officer out and to use 911 if it is an emergency or crime in progress.
- Officer Wilkins number 310-869-2106; School Police headquarters (213) 625-6631; Narbonne school police is 310-257-7199
- Safety meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Narbonne School Library.8:30am.

**Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce:** Orasee Russell, the current Chamber President, reported on the following:

- Upcoming Chamber Event: Luau, Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of food, grass skirt contest, silent auction, raffles. 1400 W. 240<sup>th</sup> Street (chamber office). 3pm.
- Website has been updated: [www.hchgchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.hchgchamberofcommerce.com)
- Breakfast Connection is an ongoing event where you can promote your business.
- Russell is doing what he can to unify the community and keep it safe.
- They work with all agencies.
- They will be hosting an Honorary Mayor's event for Harbor City. Sat July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the kickoff.
- Talked about the Business Assistance Program and also a Business Round Table meeting with the Assembly Member.
- The Chamber has been in the area for 72 years and moved their office to 240<sup>th</sup> Street this year.

**GAP - Gang Alternative Program:** Victor Medina applauded all the stakeholders for attending and reported on the following:

- GAP is a nonprofit agency with gang prevention programs, after school programs, parenting classes, etc.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> was their 25 year anniversary.
- Victor attempted to show a video on the history of the organization but was not able to get the equipment working. He will show the video at a future meeting.
- 310-519-7233 to call and get graffiti removed.
- May 14<sup>th</sup>: the chamber needs volunteers to help with the cleanup day.
- Victor will be bringing statistics to future meetings on what they have cleaned up in the area.
- New Program called Taggers. GAP is now required to take pictures of the tagging being painted over so they can track the graffiti.
- Victor's company cell phone: 310-488-3692

**Public Comment:**

**Ken Melendez:** Represents the Shadowbrook Homeowners Association. He is currently retired and worked in Wilmington for the past 25 years. He is very involved in the community and everything he does is as a volunteer. He talked about Harbor Regional Park. He also stated that he made a list of issues in Harbor City and has been working with the council office to have those issues addressed. Ken had a poster board showing pictures and his list for the community to review.

**Library:** Denise from the Library gave an update on the passing of Measure L. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, services will gradually be restored. Mondays will be restored first. The next year they will restore the evenings and mornings that were lost. The following year they should be allocated more money for materials.

**Approval of Minutes:** Greg Donnan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 Stakeholder Meeting. The motion was seconded by Olive Reed and approved with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes.

**Committee Reports:**

**BONC:** Esther Cepeda-Hatch reported that Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> was demand warrants day and DONE was flooded with a huge amount of demand warrants. She gave a brief update on the Mayor's Budget stating that the budget is contingent on the unions. Esther also announced that the next BONC meeting will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Peck Park Auditorium in San Pedro.

**Education:** Raymond Moser purchased the paper that the Board agreed to donate to the schools. The school was extremely happy to receive the donation as they were running out of paper. LAUSD wants 12 furlough days and wants the union to give money from the prudent reserve. Public education is in a lot of trouble.

**Community Safety:** LAUSD website is where you go to get traffic enforcement through the school police. They can cite vehicles.

**Ken Malloy Regional Park:** Greg Donnan commented that on Saturday May 7, 2011 at 9am the community can participate in another walk through of "the back 40". This is a very beautiful area of the park. They will have supervisors and people from Rec and Parks there to show them where the problems are. Those wishing to attend should meet at the Boat House.

**Janet Mercer** asked that Emergency Preparedness be put on the agenda.

**HANC:** Comment that DONE is looking at a 20% cut in funding to the neighborhood councils but this has not yet been decided.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
Admin Asst to HCNC