

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholders Meeting  
 Harbor City Library  
 Wednesday, 06-15-11  
 6:00pm

### 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	Excused
Wu-Ping Own	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Present (6:30pm)
Steven Rutherford	Absent
Anthony Garibay (honorary member)	Present
Cesar Magdaleno (honorary member)	Present

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

Tom Houston called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Grant Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 Stakeholder Meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Donnan and passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote.

**Report from LAFD:** Officer Secci thanked the HCNC for the items purchased for Fire Station 85. He also commented on the new deployment plan stressing that there is no change in Harbor City which has been only minimally impacted. Greg Donnan was thanked for his participation in purchasing the items.

**GAP:** Victor Medina talked about GAP's Annual Meeting held earlier this month and provided a handout. He presented a display board with information on DWP and how to save water, as well as programs for saving energy. They are also teaching students how to save energy. A promotional GAP video was shown and included the following highlights:

- Ways that GAP saves kids from becoming gang members.
- Website for the organizations is [www.Gangfree.org](http://www.Gangfree.org)
- Half a million children have gone through the program since its inception.

- The GAP staff has a passion for helping the children.
- They provide a lot of resources for the kids after school including a mobile van which goes to schools and provides internet access.
- Graffiti removal is an important part of GAP. They document and track the graffiti. The faster it is removed the lesser the violence in the community.
- It is critical that the City of LA support the paint out program.
- They have grown to four locations and 70 employees.
- Stakeholders asked question about what is being done to stop the graffiti. Celina Luna gave information.

**District 15 Report:** Celina Luna reported on the following:

- The last 30 days have been her busiest ever. She is working on addressing all issues but needs everyone to be patient because of the high volume of issues and calls.
- **Neighborhood Council Funding:** Los Angeles City Council approved \$40,500 annually for each Neighborhood Council. The Council Office has been working with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on the pending demand warrants and purchase card exemptions. They will be meeting with DONE next week to discuss any funds that were outstanding from CD 15 Neighborhood Councils.
- **Street Lights in Harbor City:** The Council Office requested a Street light task force in Harbor City. It resulted in 39 single light outages being repaired on major streets. The Council Offices would like to be informed if there are additional locations that need street lights replaced.
- **Harbor City Neighborhood Council Banners:** The motion for the banner installation will be introduced this Friday, and the banners will be installed in the next 30 days.
- **Community Clean Up:** Celina has been getting requests from community members who want to have a clean up in the area near Normont Elementary School. She will coordinate a community clean up in the area and wants to invite the Harbor City Neighborhood Council to participate. The date and time of the cleanup will be announced at a future date.
- **Illegal Dumping near McCoy Avenue/ Lomita Blvd:** The Council Office has been working with Lot Cleaning/ LAPD, LAFD and Street Services on a coordinated task force for that area. They will also be working on a task force for the homeless population in that area during the next 60 days.
- **Fourth of July Block Parties:** All block parties (street closures) for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday must be approved by the Los Angeles Police Department prior to receiving approval from City of Los Angeles Street Services.
- **Brea Oil:** Ray Javier commented on complaints about graffiti on the south side of the railroad tracks between Western and Normandie. The north side has pipelines so Brea has a crew and they abate the graffiti. The other side is not part of their property. He is hoping to partner with GAP to help out with graffiti removal on the south side. Greg Donnan publicly thanked Raymond for his work in keeping the community clean.

**New Youth Reps:** There was an announcement that two new youth representatives, Anthony Garibay and Ceasar Magdaleno have been appointed as Honorary Board Members.

**Public Comment:**

- Joy Janes, Community Consultant for Assembly member Warren Furutani, introduced herself. She commented that the Budget Bill has been sent to the Governor. The State Assembly passed an internet sales tax bill, as well as reform bills. There was a question for Ms. Janes about signs on Western Avenue that promote clean up by the Harbor City Neighborhood Council and whether the Assembly Members Office is getting new ones for us. She will report back.
- Stakeholder complaint about drug dealers in their neighborhood on Senator. The dealers reside in a Section 8 apartment. Janet Mercer gave suggestions on the possibility of filing a small claims suit against the property owner. Safe Street program was another suggestion.
- Mike Herrera from the Boys and Girls Club announced that Harbor City is in danger of losing one of its Boys and Girls Club locations by July 1st. He wants to rally the troops and get support from the community to keep the outstanding after school program. Joanne Valle suggested we write letters to the principal of the local school.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Ray Moser talked about school based budgeting and the loss of school librarians. Olive Reed commented that she met with Mr. Kabata the principal at Narbonne and they will keep the librarian at Narbonne.

**Public Safety:** No report.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Greg Donnan talked about the recent Map Your Neighborhood workshop sponsored by the Northwest San Pedro NC which was a huge success.

**Friends of the Library:** Leonard Duncan thanked everyone donating and buying books. The money will be used by library for various programs. He also provided a flyer with activities.

**Harbor Regional Park:** Last week there was a PAB meeting at Harbor Park. It had been mentioned in the Daily Breeze and was well attended. The City has assigned architects for the camp ground at Ken Malloy Park. The Prop O project starts this summer and will really help out the park. Joyce Fredericks talked about people getting involved to give their ideas and opinions about what they want at the park. Joanne Valle talked about Park Advisory Boards.

**Program Planning:** Next month there will be a roundtable discussion with stakeholders. We hope to have the Harbor College President as a speaker in the future, as well as LAPD's Deputy Chief Pat Gannon.

**PCAC:** No report as the meeting was cancelled.

**Community Safety:** Chris Sapien reported that a new Neighborhood watch group had its first meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The group is centered in the Narbonne area off of Senator Avenue.

**Youth:** Tickets are being issued on Western for kids j-walking to the cars when the parents are picking them up.

**Planning and Land Use:**

- Ralphs in Harbor City is closing August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Marie Callenders filed for bankruptcy.
- Radio Shack on Western and Sepulveda is now a medical marijuana office with a tattoo parlor next door. There was a comment that the community should protest this by sending emails to the Council Office.

**Flags:** There was applause from stakeholders in response to the announcement that the American flags sponsored by the Harbor City Neighborhood Council have been installed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
Admin Asst to HCNC