

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Library
 Wednesday, 08-17-11
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order:

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Roll Call: See Above. Jennifer Corral arrived at 6:20pm and a quorum of the Board was reached. Approximately 45 stakeholders present.

Report from LAPD: Andre Wilkins reported on the following:

- The Harbor Division of the LAPD is now on Facebook and Twitter to help keep the citizens aware and informed of important issues.
- The Lock it or Lose it campaign: This is an important program since 80% of crime is due to unlocked vehicles and open windows on people's property.
- I-Watch program: Citizens are urged to report any unusual activity in their neighborhoods.
- Green Meadows West and Narbonne area have been experiencing "distractive" burglaries. The criminals wear a green vest and say they are from the DWP. It is important to ask them for their DWP identification and also to check if they are using a DWP truck. The imposters do not arrive in the DWP trucks.
- There have been recent crimes in the Kaiser hospital area where gold chains are being snatched right off victims' necks.
- Crime statistics were reviewed.

District 15 Report: Celina Luna reported on the following:

- **Proposition "O" Update/ Community Meeting:** The Council Office has received a lot of calls requesting updated info on Prop O. A community meeting will be held on Wed, Sept. 14, 6pm at Kaiser Conference Center to provide information specifically on Proposition O.

- **Homeless Task Force in Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park:** Council District 15 coordinated a meeting with representatives from the LAPD, General Services Police Department, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Recreation and Parks and Ken Malloy PAB members. They established a task force that will be held once a week at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park. Council District 15 will be coordinating follow up meetings with the task force.
- **Fire Station 85 Donation:** Fire Station 85 asked the Council office to thank the Harbor City Neighborhood Council for their generous donations. They are really enjoying the new equipment that was purchased.
- **Western Avenue “Adopt a Highway” Designation:** Assemblyman Warren Furutani’s office is taking the lead on this request. The City of Los Angeles is renegotiating their maintenance contract with CalTrans and will include a provision for Harbor City Neighborhood Council’s official adoption of Western Avenue. When the negotiation is completed, the Adopt a Highway Program will process the application for Harbor City Neighborhood Council.
- **Western Avenue Median Fence near Narbonne High School:** CalTrans is the lead on the project with Assemblyman Furutani’s office. CalTrans is conducting a study on the feasibility/timeline for installation and has requested a letter of support from Harbor City Neighborhood Council and Narbonne High School.
- **ATSAC Wilmington (Harbor City):** The Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control Wilmington (Harbor City) project will be beginning very soon in Harbor City. ATSAC is a computer-based traffic signal control system that monitors real time traffic conditions and selects appropriate signal timing (control) strategies. Sensors in the street detect the passage of vehicles, vehicle speed, and the level of congestion and the ATSAC operations center determines if better traffic flow can be achieved by changing the signal timing. Evaluation studies have shown that travel times, traffic signal delay, vehicular stops, air emissions and fuel use are significantly reduced through ATSAC.
- **Quimby Funds at Harbor City Recreational Center:** The improvements at Harbor City Recreational Center have been approved through the Recreation and Parks Commission. The project has gone through the design and bid process. The field improvements will proceed as planned. The restroom enhancements are pending approval by Rec and Parks Senior Management.
- **DONE/ Harbor City Neighborhood Council Funding Items:** The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is processing the following requests: 1) Boys and Girls Club Neighborhood Grant (\$10,000) 2) Narbonne HS Band Uniforms (\$7,600). Both of these items are Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) and are scheduled for agreement sign and review next week.

Presentations:

Presentation by Harbor College President Marvin Martinez, “What’s New on the Campus.”

- Susan McMurray Academic Senate President spoke briefly in the absence of Mr. Martinez who had to attend a mandatory audit meeting.
- Susan reported that they are on schedule with the building projects at Harbor College.
- The college has suffered a 15% budget cut and another one coming. They are over cap in enrollment, can’t afford to go over cap without getting back in the hole but thanks to President Martinez they have a balanced budget for the first time in 10 years.
- Opening Day is Thursday.

Presentation by Los Angeles County Sanitation District: A representative from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County explained that they are an independent agency with the mission of collecting, managing and treating the waste water throughout Los Angeles County. There is a major planning effort underway called the Clear Water Program created to look at the infrastructure and facilities within their service area and decide what to upgrade to keep it reliable for the next 40 years. The presentation focused on 4 potential alignments of a new outfall tunnel that is being proposed. An EIR will be presented at the end of this year. Construction of the project would be around the year 2015.

Presentation on Ken Malloy Regional Park Campground: Landscape architects Rains and Gibson gave an overview of the proposed improvements at the campground. Highlights from the presentation included:

- This is a special campground in a highly urban area.
- The purpose of the project is to upgrade the campground facilities.
- There is \$850,000 in Quimby funds available for the proposed improvements .
- Their goal is to get the area usable for groups. Improve the current trails etc.
- Fencing will also be addressed around the entry and by the Unocal property which will possibly be a separate source of funding.
- The foot bridge across the marsh is also part of the project.
- The original vision of Ken Malloy was to have the campground area available to enjoy.
- There was a suggestion that Conoco Phillips be contacted to work together on possible tree planting as a buffer.

Senator Furutani's Office: Joy Janes, field representative, reported on the following:

- They are back in session for the next four weeks. Pension reform bills are doing well and hopefully the governor will sign them.
- There will be a backpack giveaway later this month. A total of 240 backpacks filled with school supplies will be distributed to needy families. This is scheduled for Saturday Aug. 27th.

Treasurer's Training: Board members Jennifer Corral and Greg Donnan have completed the Treasurer Training. **A motion was made by Grant Reed to accept Jennifer Corral as the new Treasurer, replacing interim Treasurer Anto Nakkashian, and appointing Greg Donnan as second signator. The motion was seconded by Joyce Fredericks and approved by unanimous vote.**

Approval of Minutes: **Grant Reed made a motion to accept the July 20, 2011 Meeting notes and add them to the HCNC website and also to approve the August 3, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes which included approval of the budget. The motion was seconded by Greg Donnan and passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**

Public Comment:

- Leonard Duncan: Concerned that Harbor City does not have a Senior Citizen Center and he would like some direction from the Board about rectifying the situation. He has not been able to contact the Department of Aging.

- Ken Melendez, President of Shadowbrook Homeowners Association, reported that he will not be running for council office and he is endorsing Jayme Wilson. He also talked about recent cleanup of parkways on Western.
- A stakeholder commented on the need for a reliable handyman that will do work for Senior in Harbor City.
- Joyce Fredericks commented that we could appoint an ad hoc committee to address the senior issues.
- Banning Museum is having their grand opening Saturday 12-4 on PCH. Funded by China Mitigation Funds.
- Greg Donnan: Prop O got pushed back because of an endangered species bird found. The project has been put on hold. Sept. 17th is Heal the Bay.

Committee Reports:

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC