

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Library
 Wednesday, 11-16-11
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Jennifer Corral	Present
Esther Cepeda	Resigned
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Tom Houston	Excused
Raymond Moser	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Excused
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Excused
Steven Rutherford	Present
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Call to Order:

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

Roll Call: See Above. A quorum was reached. Approximately 35 stakeholders present.

Report from LAPD: Officer Wilkins reported:

- Halloween was relatively quiet with no major crimes.
- Last Saturday in reports of gun shots in the Pines Area was actually fireworks
- Green Meadows had 3 Grand Theft Auto (GTA) incidents
- High degree of burglaries from motor vehicles in the Harbor City area. In every single case the items stolen were in plain view.
- Presents around Christmas trees should not be visible from outside.
- There have been incidents of “snatch and run” crimes at ATM’s from people who have just withdrawn money.
- Chain snatching (victims were wearing gold chains in plain sight) is still a problem.

Report from LAFD: Captain Porter reported on the following:

- Vacant Ralphs is a high fire hazard since it is vacant so the Fire Department walks the roof and checks on potential hazards. They use it as a training area while it is vacant.
- Disaster Preparedness. There was the big shake out on Oct. 22nd which is a practice run to prepare for response to a real emergency. The Fire Department

- has information available to get citizens prepared. (Pamphlets were available at the meeting).
- Traffic accidents on the freeways are primarily rear end collisions. Texting on phones is contributing to these types of accidents.
 - New Chief of Harbor Area was introduced, Ronnie Villanueva. He provided his contact information. Ronnie.Villanueva@lacity.org. Villanueva has been in the Fire Department for 29 years. He is currently in charge of Homeland Security for the Port. The phone at the Port is 310-732-2602. Questions and concerns related to the Port can be sent to him by email or by phone.
 - Question from Stakeholder: How have budget cutbacks affected the safety of the Port? Response. They haven't. The Port has enough resources to address all safety issues.

Irving Pacheco, Senator Ted Liu's Office:

- The Senator is asking for input from stakeholders.
- Senator Liu was named Legislator of the Year by the Veterans Administration.
- His office helps constituents cut through the red tape on state related issues.

Joy Jane from Assembly member Warren Furutani's office (55th District):

- They recently held a special seminar called "Senior Scam Stopper." The same event was planned for November 30, 2011 at the Wilmington Senior Center from 10:30-12:00.
- The community is being made aware of a scam where people calling seniors saying "Hello Grandma" and acting as if they are a grandchild in need of help.
- At the seminars, representatives are available from the Board of Automotive Repair; Financial Fraud, Dept of Corporations; Home Improvement and Repairs. They give you tools to help you check up on people and their licenses etc.
- Assembly member Furutani chaired a hearing on State Public Pension Reform.

Celina Luna, Council District 15: Provided updates on the following:

- **Restrictive Parking on Frampton Avenue:** The Department of Transportation will be installing the restrictive parking signs on Frampton Avenue during December 2011 or January 2012. This is the first installation of a two part project, with the second installation of "No Oversize Parking" signs coming in February 2012.
- **Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park Update:** There have been three mosquito abatement sprays in the last month at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, including the adjacent Harbor Sports Fields.
- **DONE/ Harbor City Neighborhood Council Funding Items:** The Narbonne HS Band Uniforms (\$7,600) request is has been approved by the City Controller's office, and was submitted on 11/7/11 to the Chief Legislative Analyst's office (CAO). The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment estimates that this check will be paid in January 2012.
- **Median Fencing on Western Avenue:** Celina thanked the Harbor City Neighborhood Council for its letter of support for the median fence at Narbonne

- High School. Assemblyman Warren Furutani's office is taking the lead on this project that will be coordinated with CalTrans.
- **Harbor City Recreation Center Upgrades:** The Department of Recreation and Parks, Planning and Development has completed the plans for the restroom modifications at the "Senior Room" of the Harbor City Recreation Center. They have submitted the plans to Recreation and Parks management for approval.
 - **L.A. Road Works Plan:** Mayor Villaraigosa recently released a \$1.5-billion plan initiative to advance Measure "R" funds to fix crumbling streets and cover a backlog of other maintenance projects, like trimming tens of thousands of trees, and removal of tree stumps.
 - **Council District 15 Special Election Campaign Signs:** All lingering campaign signs on poles/ street lights, etc. have been reported to the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Unit for pick up and citation.
 - **Council District 15 Special Election:** The Council District 15 Election will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2011.
 - **Narbonne High School Fundraiser:** Narbonne High School has been hosting local food trucks on campus every Thursday night from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please stop by to support your local high school. During November, they will have a canned food drive, and in December a toy drive. They will also be "dark" for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
 - **Question from Stakeholder:** 247th & 242nd Place have not yet been painted since being slurried. Celina responded that she will check into it.

Public Comment:

Joanne Valle from the HCHG Chamber talked about the food trucks and announced upcoming events in December. She also acknowledged Darrell and Dorothy for their volunteer work, (After school they patrol the school area to make sure the children are safe). Joanne invited the HCNC board members to be part of the "image for Harbor City" Marketing Committee.

Joe Buscaino, Candidate for Council District 15: Talked about his platform and the issues that are important to him. He feels we need a new generation of leadership and that it is time to hold the City accountable for City Services and Quality of Life issues. He will be a champion for the people and will work to bring businesses into Harbor City. Public safety will remain a top priority in this district.

Cesar Magdaleno: Announced Community Night, an upcoming event at Narbonne on the same night that they have the Food Trucks fundraiser. Cesar also talked about the Clubs at the school getting together to work on the agricultural department. There is a teacher in charge of organizing the project. There was a suggestion to have a Harbor City Community Garden.

Approval of Minutes: Greg Donnan moved that the Board approve the minutes of the October 19, 2011 Stakeholder meeting, seconded by Grant Reed. The motion was passed with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Candidates for Vacant HCNC Board seats: Brief statements were heard from three candidates:

- **Pedro Baez**, co-host on KPFK on Saturday afternoons. Commented on Harbor City being a great community with its location in the heart of the Harbor Area. Would like to help promote the HCNC using his radio show access.
- **Dr. Irene James:** She has lived in Harbor City since March 2000 in the Harbor Village. She is interested in becoming a board member. Works for LAUSD at this time and previously worked for Tom Bradley. She is bi-lingual and would like to be a bridge to the Latino community. Taught at Narbonne adult school and now works in South Central.
- **Paul Murray** has lived in Green Meadows for 12 years. He has worked in manufacturing for over 20 years and recently decided to continue his education and is doing a technology management master's program.

Treasurer's Report: Steven Rutherford reported on the HCNC's monthly expenses:

- **Raymond Moser moved to approve the HCNC's expenses through November 16, 2011 as presented, seconded by Joyce Fredericks and passed unanimously (6 yes, 0 no).**
- **Mayor's Budget Day Update:** Budget Day is October 29, 2011. Every year 2 board members from each council are invited. From those each region has representatives with a total of 14 who meet directly with the mayor. Grant Reed and Olive Reed were appointed as the representatives from HCNC.

Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee: Joyce Fredericks talked about the Holiday Lights Contest. She also mentioned that the library needs a Christmas Tree this year.

Friends of the Library: Leonard Duncan provided a flyer with the programs for Nov and part of December. He also announced that suggestions for the library can be placed in the donation box and will be passed on to the librarian.

HANC: No report.

Program Planning: Jazz Ensemble from Narbonne will be part of the program for January.

Harbor Regional Park: Joyce commented that everything is quiet while the park prepares for the Prop O upgrades.

Planning and Zoning: No report.

PCAC: No report.

Announcements: December 17th is the Orifice Hall Santa Event. They will give out toys to children and have other festivities. The Boys and Girls Club is also taking donations of toys.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Admin Asst to HCNC