

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Library
 Wednesday, 01-18-12
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Jennifer Corral	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Dr. Irene James	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Paul Murray	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Cesar Magdaleno (new board member)	Present

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call: All current board members were in attendance. See above. Approximately 30-35 stakeholders present.

Performance by Narbonne High School Jazz Ensemble: The Narbonne High School Jazz Ensemble made up of students were introduced by Principal Kobata. The new music teacher at the school, Ethan Ajlpern, was also introduced. The Ensemble played two musical selections.

Approval of Minutes: Grant Reed moved to approve the November 16, 2011 Stakeholder meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Raymond Moser with one small spelling correction and then passed unanimously by the Board.

Appointment of Youth Board Member: Grant Reed moved to officially appoint Cesar Magdaleno to fill the vacant Board Seat. The motion was seconded by Greg Donnan and approved unanimously by the Board.

Introduction of New Board Members: The two new board members appointed at the November Governing Board Meeting were introduced to the stakeholders. They are Paul Murray and Dr. Irene James. President Olive Reed then swore in the three newest members.

Update from Principal Kobata on Narbonne High School: Principal Kobata talked about the Thursday night food truck events being held at the School as a fundraising tool. He explained how the event was a great way to bond the community with the students and staff at Narbonne High. However, LA Unified is now trying to assess an exorbitant fee to the food truck owners. Principal Kobata is working with Richard Vladovic to get the fees reduced to something reasonable. Olive, Grant and Darrell, who work on the school's Safety Collaborative Committee are trying to set up a "summit" for issues at the school and in the community. They hope to have the Harbor City Neighborhood Council co-sponsor the event.

Report from LAFD: Officer Valle reported:

- Fire Chief has promoted three chiefs
- Recently, 166 firefighters fought a fire at an older administration building of Conoco Phillips. The cause of the fire is under investigation but believed to be caused by electrical malfunction.
- Missile Silos in San Pedro were inspected by the LAFD.
- Congratulated Joe Buscaino on his election to Council District 15.

Report from Council Office: Celina Luna reported:

- Welcomed the new HCNC Board Members.
- Congratulated Councilmember Elect Joe Buscaino and thanked all community members who voted.
- City Clerk's office will complete election certification by Tuesday, February 7th and then Joe Buscaino will be sworn in as the new Councilman for District 15.
- **Restrictive Parking on Frampton Avenue:** The DOT has installed both the "No Oversized Vehicles" signs and the 2 hour restrictive parking signs on Frampton Avenue. Over the next few weeks, the DOT will be monitoring the effectiveness of this recent sign installation. The signs are going to be corrected to Sat/Sun exempt.
- **Restrictive Signs on Belle Porte.** The DOT has received the Harbor City NC's request for No Oversize Parking sign installation. They are currently studying the feasibility of the installation and are requesting a letter of support from the Councilman elect.
- **DONE Funding of HCNC Items:** There is one more check waiting for approval (Narbonne band uniforms, \$7,600). It is currently in the hands of the Chief Legislative Analyst and is expected to be paid by the end of February.
- **Median Fencing on Western (near Narbonne High School):** Cal Trans did a pedestrian safety study and has approved the construction of a median fence on Western Avenue in that area. The fence will be installed during the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2013. Assemblyman Warren Furutani was thanked for assisting with the approval of the fence.
- **Medical Marijuana dispensaries:** City Councilmember Huizar introduced a motion to ban all dispensaries in the city. Authorized patients would still be allowed to grow their own marijuana or have a certified caregiver do so for them. There are believed to be between 700-900 dispensaries in operation city wide.
- **City Hall's Lawn Refurbishment:** The Dept. of Rec and Parks has submitted three options for refurbishing the grass in front of city hall that was damaged

during the Occupy LA movement. Renderings can be found on the website at: <http://www.laparks.org/restoration>.

- Council office is in transition. This is Celina's last meeting unless she is appointed to the new administration.

Report from Congresswoman Hahn's Office: Mike Aguilera reported:

- Mike introduced himself and will be attending all future stakeholder meetings.
- The Congresswoman's Open House at the San Pedro Office was a great success (located at 140 W. 6th Street, San Pedro).
- The Congresswoman has put together the bipartisan Port Caucus with over 40 members to discuss the importance of security of our ports and their role as economic engines.
- "Congress on Your Corner" is being implemented. These are events held to give the community an opportunity to bring their issues directly to the Congresswoman. They will be having these events in communities throughout the district. Dates will be announced as they are scheduled.
- The Congresswoman sent a letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs to plan a job fair for veterans.
- Michael can be reached at Michael.aguilera@mail.house.gov; phone number 310-831-1799

Senator Ted Lieu's Office: Irving Pacheco reported:

- The Senator was named as "Legislator of the Year."
- He has been working on legislation to prevent foreclosures as well as consumer protection.
- Currently introducing Senate Bill 956 (car loan bill) to provide more lending opportunities to low income families.
- He is also working on a bill restricting CSU presidents from giving themselves raises while tuition is being raised.
- The local office phone number for the Senator is 310-318-6733. Irving commented that the office is there to assist in cutting the red tape. .

LAPD Report: Officer Wilkins had to leave due to an emergency and left a Crime Statistics handout for the stakeholders to view.

Presentation by President Marvin Martinez of Harbor College:

- Harbor College is 60+ years old but is now being upgraded with new buildings and state of the art classrooms and facilities.
- Voters from Harbor City supported a bond program. Three bonds have been voted on by the voters. Prop A, AA and Measure J which has provided a total of \$464 million being used to transform the campus.
- Mid April to early May they will be opening up their new library with almost 50,000 sq ft. They will invite the community to the grand opening.
- The new science complex will be an 80,000 sq ft building and it will house life and physical sciences. It will open later this year 2012.
- The economy has not been improving fast enough and cuts are still being made. They offer a Fall and Spring sessions and enrollment has not gone down. Last

year they served nearly 11,000 student. The average class size has increased. They are serving the same amount of students with less money. Mr. Martinez thanked his faculty for their dedication.

- The college is working closely with local high schools. They have been awarded a major federal grant of \$4.3 million to prepare students for science, technology, engineering and math careers.

Holiday Lights Contest: Greg Donnan recognized the winners of the contest.:

Victor Medina GAP: Victor Medina reported:

- GAP has completed the cleanup of the graffiti on the liquor store windows.
- He offered assistance with clean up events.
- The Department of Transportation can pick up bulky items as well as 311.

Public Comment:

Claudia for Harbor Community Job Center: Thanked the HCNC for their support. They are working with students from Banning High School in their ESL classes. They are not just assisting day laborers. The Job Center is also the victim of budget cuts and they are hoping to get a letter of support from the Harbor City NC. The Job Center is now being recognized as a community area and they are working on a community garden project.

Alberto (stakeholder): Asked for assistance with an issue in his housing complex where 225 families are allegedly being evicted from Harbor Village Section 8 homes. (Dr. Irene James offered to assist with this issue by providing bi-lingual assistance).

Mayor's Budget Survey: The Mayor's Survey can be found on the website and is also being sent to stakeholders through the email blast system. All stakeholders and board members are urged to fill out the survey.

Update from Governing Board Meeting. Stakeholders were informed about the change in venue from the Narbonne High School Library to the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce offices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Approval of Monthly Expenses: Greg Donnan moved to approve the monthly expenses are presented by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Joyce Fredericks and passed unanimously by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Rutherford provided an update on the HCNC budget.

Education: Raymond Moser reported that the LAUSD has lost 3 school days and there is talk that they could still lose another week due to budget cuts. They are talking about reducing the school year. Twenty three Adult schools and centers are also in danger of being cut which would result in 4,000 instructors being out of work.

Friends of the Library: Leonard Duncan thanked everyone who has donated and purchased books. He provided a flyer with programs and items the librarian is looking to fund.

Harbor Regional Park Update: Greg Donnan reported that vandalism is an ongoing problem. City agencies have been contacted to address the problems. The PAB is formulating a five year plan for the park.

Planning, Zoning and Land Use. Jennifer Corral has received information regarding Walgreens at 24930 Western (Western & Lomita). They are requesting a CUP for beer and wine. Jennifer also reported that the Marymount College information will be reviewed and presented in the future.

PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee): Grant Reed reported that the Committee met last night and celebrated their 10th year anniversary. During that time they have passed 110 resolutions. Last night they talked about Fast Lane Enterprises, a business at the edge of Wilmington which the Port Authority wants to relocate in order to make room for the SCIG (Southern California International Gateway) project. The PCAC passed a resolution requesting that the Port Authority provided a new location for Fast Lane which is a local company employing about 150 people, mostly from Wilmington. They are a company which has been good to the community and should be given a location in order to keep their business going.

Youth: Cesar Magdaleno reported on a recent Narbonne Community Night held on December 8th which was very successful. They collected boxes of shoes for the Soles for Life organization.

HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils): Tom Houston commented that Feb. 1st Joe Buscaino will be at the HANC meeting and the HANC members will be asking him how he is going to help the area. The HANC meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at Kaiser at 6:30pm.

Outreach: Reminder to stakeholders that we have a suggestion box.

Emergency Preparedness: Greg Donnan reported that the Emergency Preparedness group is ready to work with the new councilman. Many other public officials will be involved, including LAPD's Captain Hayes. Meeting dates will be announced in the future. Greg also mentioned that Harbor Gateway South will be starting another CERT program.

Train Noise: Olive Reed commented that a phone number for people to call if they have trouble with Train Noise is the BSNF complaint Line: 1-800-832-5452.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC