

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Library
 Wednesday, 3-21-12, 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order:

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Roll Call: See Above. A quorum was reached. Approximately 30 stakeholders present.

Report from LAPD: Officer Andre Wilkins reported:

- An explanation was given on the crime map.
- There is a gang injunction in effect and the LAPD will be enforcing it in Wilmington this weekend.

Assemblymember Warren Furutani's office. Joy Janes reported:

- Provided Veterans Resource booklets to stakeholders.
- Provided information on the Assembly Fellowship Program where students can get a fellowship and work in Sacramento.
- Two bills in the assembly have been co-authored by Furutani: 1) To lower the tuition cost by two thirds for middle income college students at UC's and CSU's. 2) Corporate tax for out of state corporations to level the playing field. This could bring in funding to the state.
- Website for stakeholders to determine what assembly district they are in:
www.lavote.net/onlinedistrictmapapp or <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov>.

Public Comment:

Drill Team from Narbonne: Representatives talked about the Nationals Competition coming up and they will be representing Harbor City. They are asking if the Harbor City Neighborhood Council can sponsor them, it costs \$40 per drill team member. The Board agreed to place this item on the agenda for discussion at the Governing Board meeting on March 28, 2012.

Mike Aquilera from Congresswoman Hahn's Office:

- Legislative Update: Two amendments passed out of the Small Business Subcommittee. The first amendment will give priority to small business specialists within the SBA who serve areas of high unemployment in the city. The second relates to a congressionally mandated goal of

providing 25% of all government contracts to small businesses and make them available to the public on line.

- Congresswoman had the Inaugural Event of the Port's Caucus.
- Bridges to Jobs Act: Of the 99 most deficient bridges, 91 of them are in LA County. Website for more info: T4America.org.
- Citizens needing assistance from the Congresswoman's Office with issues related to Federal Agencies need to submit a consent form which can be downloaded at Hahn.House.gov. The consent forms are also available at the Congresswoman's Office at 140 W. 6th Street, San Pedr. The form must be signed in order for the Congresswoman's representative to advocate on behalf of a citizen.
- Mike's contact information is: Michael.aguilera@mail.house.gov and phone 310-831-1799

GAP:

- The GAP representative reported that the organization is busy with graffiti abatement requests from citizens, the LAPD and other agencies.

Report from Council Office: Jacob Haik, District Director for Councilman Buscaino and Gabriela Medina, Field Deputy for Harbor City, were introduced. Gabriela report on the following:

- She will be following up on any cases previously started by Celina Luna.
- Chris Sapien commented that "quality of life issues" are the priority issues.
- Stakeholder Ken Melendez provided a list of items that need attention.

President's Report: Olive Reed gave updates on:

- **Mayor's Budget Survey.** The HCNC received a certificate from the Mayor for having 100% participation from Board Members in filling out the Mayor's Budget Survey
- **NC Budgets:** Neighborhood Councils could be getting their budgets cut from \$45,500 to \$25,000 for the next fiscal year. Councilmember Krikorian has suggested that all board members and stakeholders write letters to the Mayor as he has the final decision on the NC budgets.
- Elections: Olive gave a brief explanation on the "Selection" process.
- DONE Representative, Tom Soong, introduced himself and gave a short explanation of the three options being considered for NC Elections. They are: 1) Normal Elections; 2) A Selection process; and 3) NC's can "Opt Out" of elections. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is writing policies. Between August and November they want all councils to have their elections. They suggest that each neighborhood council plan as if the elections are going to happen and encumber monies for elections from this year and they won't be swept.
- Reminder that the deadline is May 15th for submitting demand warrants and May 16th for the P-Card.

Los Angeles Fire Department Report:

- They got notification that they are finally going to have a Paramedic on every truck.
- They have changed some strategies with the loss of truck 38.
- There have been a lot of calls recently from the community concerning bee hives.
- They are gearing up for brush season with the dry weather.

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce Presentation: Joeann Valle spoke.

- Introduced, Director of Business Development, Carter Calhoun and also commented that the Chamber has a part time administrative assistant who sends out emails every week to all businesses.

- The Chamber is in the process of changing the image for Harbor City. Ideas to improve include: Food trucks to bring the community together and a monthly “Breakfast Connection” for networking. In April the speaker will be the guru of direct marketing, Craig Huey.
- Month of March is Fresh Food Month. A Fruit Giveaway will be held on March 31, 11am-12pm.
- Upcoming Community Safety Summit with special guest Chief Pat Gannon. The event will include workshops on “Bullying” and “Effective Parenting.”
- Layoff Aversion Program: The Chamber is contacting companies that are struggling to help them with resources.
- The Chamber is working with the Pandas (volunteer students from Narbonne High School).

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Grant Reed to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2012 Stakeholder meeting, seconded by Paul Murray and approved unanimously by the Board.

Update from February 22, 2012 Governing Board Meeting: Highlights from the meeting were available in the Agenda Packet to inform stakeholders of board actions and discussions. The next Governing Board Meeting is next Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

Public Comment:

Mike Shimizu: Commented on cars permanently parking on the street and no city street clean up.

Mr. McGee, stakeholder on 254th Street (between Marigold and Petroleum), talked about problems with youth on his street. Primarily skateboard ramps etc.

Dr. Irene James commented on the issue need to take action to urge the LAUSD not to cut the Adult Education Programs in the city.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer’s Report:

- Approval of February and March 2012 expenses. Motion by Raymond Moser to approve the February and March expenses, seconded by Joyce Fredericks. 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions.
- Review of budget. \$12,000 still remains in the budget for this year.
- The Board previously approved \$2500 for helmets for the Narbonne High School Football Team. Steven Rutherford commented that we need to rescind the demand warrant and make it a NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) in order to get the funding approved. This will be on the agenda for the Governing Board meeting. The Coach has been given the NPG to fill out.

Program Planning: Chris Sapien reported that he is considering a Townhall style meeting with Joe Buscaino for April. He is also suggesting that there be a future presentation on the Million Tree Initiative People. It is hoped that Sargeant Mayoral can be rescheduled for his presentation on Cyber Bullying.

Youth:

- Girls Basket ball team won the city championship on March 3rd.
- Safety Summit at Narbonne is this Saturday. Those attending must RSVP at 310-257-7141.

Education: Raymond Moser commented on the LAUSD budget and the effects it is having at the schools including no more school librarians and no more adult education programs. Dr. Irene James stressed the importance of keeping the adult education program which serves 350,000 adult students in LAUSD.

Harbor Regional Park: Grant Reed commented that they are still waiting for the official word that Prop O work is ready to start.

Friends of the Library: Update from Leonard about the change in librarians.

PCAC: Grant Reed explained that the PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) is made up of 35 organizations which includes businesses, neighborhood councils and neighborhood groups from Harbor City, Wilmington, San Pedro etc. Grant reported that at the last meeting they had a wonderful presentation on Terminal Island. There was also a presentation on the projects that have been funded by port mitigation money.

Announcements:

Chris Sapien commented that if the public is interested in visiting lighthouses, there is a nice tour available at the Point Fermin lighthouse in San Pedro.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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