

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Library  
 Wednesday, 4-18-12  
 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

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

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

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and apologized to the stakeholders who were hoping to hear from Councilman Joe Buscaino. There was a mix up in dates and the Councilman was actually scheduled to attend the May stakeholder meeting.

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

**Report from LAPD:** Officer Andre Wilkins reported the following:

- There were 14 burglaries from motor vehicles in the last month within the HCNC boundaries. The LAPD have leads on a possible suspect.
- The recent homicide at the Strip Club was gang related.
- Officer Wilkins was proud of the way that the neighborhood watch group responded to a recent rape attempt in the Pines area. Thanks to the efforts of neighbors, the crime was stopped.
- Board members and stakeholders had a short discussion on the problems related to the strip club.
- There was also some discussion in response to questions about identity theft, email scams, and theft from the recycling trash cans.

**Report from LAFD:** Alex Arriola, Captain II from the Los Angeles Fire Department reported that as of April 22, Station 85 will be fully staffed including paramedics. He also responded to questions about shoes hanging on power lines, brush abatement, and illegal dumping in alleys. Stakeholders also praised Station 85 for their outstanding service to the community.

**Congresswoman's Office:** Mike Aguilera reported:

- Commented on the US Marine Corporal from Narbonne High (class of 2006) who passed away in Afghanistan and thanked the family for his service to the country. Ping Own talked about the Patriot Guard Riders group who honor fallen soldiers.

- Congresswoman Hahn offered a powerful privacy amendment to H.R. 3674, the “Promoting and Enhancing Cyber security and Information Sharing Effectiveness Act of 2011” that was being considered in the Homeland Security Committee.
- Hahn was also responsible for passing an amendment through the Small Business Committee to make the Small Business Compliance Guide available in Spanish.
- The Congresswoman met with Small Business and Veterans Advisory Councils this month. The Advisory Councils are made up of volunteers from the community. The next council being formed is the Seniors and Woman’s Advisory Councils.
- Announced two events: 1) Get To Know Your Government event Friday May 4, 11:30am-1:30pm at Holiday Inn in Torrance. Government representatives will be available to answer questions. 2) Business Boot Camp and Resource Fair. This is a tri-Chamber event sponsored by the San Pedro, Harbor City-Harbor Gateway and Wilmington Chambers of Commerce. It will be held at Harbor College on Tuesdays, May 22, 2012.

**Assemblyman Warren Furutani’s office:** Joy Janes provided brochures on Public Service information to tell constituents which issues they can get assistance from the Assembly Office. Their office can provide information on state legislature and also welcomes ideas from constituents on changing current laws or making new legislation.

**County Supervisor Don Knabe’s Office:** Rebecca Kim, Field Deputy for Harbor Area and PV, introduced herself and offered assistance with County issues. Contact information is available on line. They can provide intervention on problems such as in home support services, mental health etc.

**Council Office:** Jacob Haik reported on the following:

- Apologized that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council was not invited to the Harbor Recreation Park event involving the Dodgers that was attended by the Councilman. They have been working with Rec and Parks to make improvements to the Park.
- Responded to earlier questions regarding the strip club on Pacific Coast Highway. City officials have attempted to get it shut down in the past but they were not successful. The permits were grandfathered in and the owners of the club have adhered to all rules and codes. Unless they are breaking the laws, there is nothing that can be done at this time to shut them down. The council office will work with LAPD and Officer Wilkins to check on them for possible violations.
- Responded to questions about skateboarding problems and also a raccoon problem.

**Presentation/Speech by Ceasar Magdaleno:** Board member Ceasar Magdaleno was ill and therefore his speech was re-scheduled to the next stakeholder meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Grant Reed made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2012 Stakeholder Meeting, seconded by Tom Houston and approved unanimously by the board with one minor correction (mark Dr. Irene James as present).

**Public Comment:**

Nicholas Schmidt: Commented that he would like to be considered for the open seat.

Ken Melendez: Provided a written report and showed pictures of areas that he has cleaned up as a private citizen. Also talked about other issues he has been working on.

**Update from March 28, 2012 Governing Board Meeting:** Highlights from board meeting were provided with agenda packet for stakeholders.

**Committee Reports:**

**Safety Committee:** Ping commented on credit card fraud.

**HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils): Grand Reed report that the group met last week and mostly discussed Neighborhood Council elections. Two councils from the Harbor Area are having elections in May and in June.

**Outreach Committee:** Joyce Fredericks commented on the stickers going on the Narbonne High School Football helmets that were funded by the HCNC.

**Education Committee:** Raymond Moser commented that he would like to see a letter sent to the LAUSD protesting the closing of the school libraries.

**Harbor Regional Park Committee:** Grant Reed commented on how nice it was to see people using the park on Easter weekend. There was nothing new to report.

**Planning and Land Use Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Friends of the Library:** A written update was provided by Leonard Duncan.

**PCAC** (Port Community Advisory Committee): Ken Melendez, Chair of the PCAC, explained the purpose of the committee and talked about the projects funded by China Mitigation funds.

**Announcements:**

- Jennifer Corral announced a fundraiser for scholarships. The event is a Comedy Show at Harbor College scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door and pizza/soda is included.
- Olive Reed announced that DONE is holding Leadership Academy Class. These are workshops and empowerment sessions designed for individual leaders and Neighborhood Councils. Stakeholders are welcome to attend. The information is available on the HCNC website.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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