

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Library
 Wednesday, 5-16-12
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order:

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

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

Presentation by Councilman Joe Buscaino: Joe Buscaino addressed the board and stakeholders and reported the following:

- Honesty is a priority in their office.
- Announced the upcoming “Fill a Pot Hole Day”. Details can be found on the Council Office website at “LA15th.com.”
- Bulky Item Pickup issues in Harbor City were discussed, especially in the alleys.
- Announced the “Meet the Councilman” events that will be held once a month within CD15. There will also be an opportunity to meet the Councilman on-line via web cam.
- Next week the budget comes before the City Council. Their budget has no layoffs.
- Councilman Joe is chairing the Public Works Committee. The city is currently switching out LED lights which saves the city money.
- Councilman Joe is also on the Public Safety Committee and will be taking up the issue of Medical Marijuana facilities.
- He is also on the Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee. He hopes to address the committee and stress the importance of waterfront development, as well as Ports O’ Call redevelopment.
- His office wants to promote small businesses.

- He acknowledged the successes in this community and encourages the use of Community Impact Statements by all the neighborhood councils.

Report from LAPD: Officer Wilkins reported on:

- Their office has a new Captain named Nancy Lauer. She hopes to visit the neighborhood councils in the future.
- Harbor City is getting the same amount of officers for the area. They have created task forces utilizing the Sr. Lead Officers to address the problems in Wilmington.
- The suspect mentioned last month who has been burglarizing homes in Harbor City has been apprehended.
- Reminder to lock up property and keep it out of view in automobiles.

Congressman's Office: Mike Aguilera reported:

- GAPS Act passed unanimously by the Homeland Security Committee. This is the Gauging American Port Security Act. Next it goes to the floor for Congress to vote on the Act.
- Announced the Small Business Boot Camp, a free event being held on Tuesday, May 22, 8:30-12noon. The event will provide resources for small businesses.
- Lavote.net is where you can go to find out who your representatives are and to find the maps of the districts.

Senator Ted Liu's office: A representative from the Senator's office provided a legislative update which includes consumer protection bills such as labeling of seafood and meat containing "meat glue." The Senator is asking the FDA to research these issues. Also commented on the California State Budget and the fact that there is no easy way out.

Harbor College: Susan reported:

- The College has received 15 commendations. A final report comes out in June.
- Congratulations to Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board Member Jennifer Corral who is graduating and up for a number of scholarships.
- Announced a "Small Business Program" scheduled for May 22 at Harbor College.
- The college will continue construction thanks to the bond money.
- They have stayed within their proposed allocations.

Council Office: Gabriela Medina reported on the following:

- Gave an update on the status of the "No oversized vehicles" signs.
- Update on the issue of a business on PCH in need of clean up. They have been contacted by the Council Office and have begun to clean up the property.
- 310-732-4515 is the number for the council office.
- Gabby was thanked for her attention and fast response to a stakeholder's issue.

Speech by Youth Contest Winner: Cesar Magdeleno presented a speech that he wrote to enter a Youth Contest. He was the first place winner.

Treasurer's Report:

Steven Rutherford provided an overview of the HCNC expenses. An advance payment for use of the library facility was submitted. We are waiting for the NPG for the football helmets and also waiting for the money for the band uniforms. **Ray Moser moved that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Expenses as presented by the Treasurer, seconded by Jennifer Corral and passed with 7 yes, 0 no 2 abstentions.**

Public Comment:

Mike Herrera of the Boys and Girls Club talked about the issues that the Club is seriously addressing, primarily they hope to improve the 51% drop out rate before high school. They are now a charter school and are enrolling students. They are located on Normandie and 256th Street.

Update from April 25, 2012 Governing Board Meeting: Written highlights were provided to the stakeholders. Olive gave an overview of the presentation by Storm Properties and Fresh & Easy.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Ray Moser to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Stakeholder Meeting, seconded by Cesar Magdaleno and approved with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC