

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Library  
 Wednesday, 7-18-12  
 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	Present
Wu-Ping Own	Absent
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Excused
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 30 stakeholders present.

#### President's Report:

- Olive announced the resignation of Board member, Ping Own, who is traveling extensively and cannot attend regular meetings.
- Olive presented a Commendation awarded to Board member Cesar Magdalena by the Mayor's office.
- Olive reported that the mayor's office has asked for assistance from the HCNC regarding a request from an elderly stakeholder for assistance with yard work

**Report from LAPD:** Officer Andrey Wilkins reported on the following:

- He reviewed crime statistics emphasizing that the Green Meadows area was hit hard. Stakeholders in that area have been provided with a flyer to alert them about the situation. Two suspects have been arrested.
- The Central Harbor City area continues to have problems.
- An anti-theft device known as "The Club" is available at the Harbor Division Station at cost.

**LAFD:** Officer Campos reported:

- One of the trucks at the Harbor City Fire Station has been upgraded to Paramedic level.

- Brush Fire Season is here. Stakeholders were asked to report violations of overgrown brush at residences.
- There was a short discussion on overgrown weeds and pine needles on Western.

**Congresswoman's Office** : No representative available. A handout was provided with an update on legislative action.

**Council Office:** Gabby Medina, area representative for Harbor City and Wilmington, reported on the following:

- She has received a lot of emails and calls that are actually LAPD issues and asks stakeholder to include Officer Wilkins in the emails.
- There is currently a 1-2 Week delay for pickup of bulky items due to budget cuts causing a lack in staffing. The bulky item pickup number is 1-800-996-2489.
- Gabby has received calls regarding "Slum Lords". She reports them to the Housing Department. Inspectors are sent out when violations are reported.
- A Neighbor Dispute Program is available for problems with neighbor's property. Contact information can be found on the city attorney's website at [atty.lacity.org/COMMUNITY\\_SERVICES/Dispute\\_Resolution](http://atty.lacity.org/COMMUNITY_SERVICES/Dispute_Resolution)
- Skateboarding issue: The Councilman's motion has been put on hold while they conduct investigations.
- The bump in the road on Belle Porte is being addressed.
- There will be a "Meet the Councilman" event on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Harbor City. The location has not yet been announced (possibly at Harbor City Recreation Center). The community will have an opportunity to have a one on one conversation with the Councilman.
- Machado Lake update: RFP for contracts comes out the last quarter of the year and construction will take place at the beginning of next year.
- Stakeholder asked Gabby to look into getting more 25mph traffic signs to deter speeding.

**Presentation by Department of Consumer Affairs:** Judith Ramirez gave a presentation on what the Department of Consumer Affairs can do for community members.

Highlights from the presentation follow:

- They investigate any type of financial fraud. Examples (overcharge or bad work by auto mechanic, overcharged on telephone bill, landlord/tenant money issues etc), as well as identity theft.
- They also assist with real estate fraud such as reverse mortgages, loan modifications, contractor issues.
- Their office provides mediation services to resolve issues free of charge.
- A brochure was provided with phone numbers and contact information.
- Their website address is: [dca.lacounty.gov](http://dca.lacounty.gov)
- There are four prevalent frauds that consumers should be aware of: Phone calls and mail that you won something; overpayment; charity scams (sound like the real thing but they are not); and "miracle cure" scam.
- Do Not Call Number can be obtained from the Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

**Public Comment:**

- Donald Galaz gave an update on Project Street Legal and thanked the HCNC for their support.
- John Kuran from the Green Meadows area talked about the Code related to items (including vehicles) being stored/parked in residential driveways. The Code was written in the 1960's and is outdated. He would like the NC to work on getting a variance to allow stakeholder to park their cars in their driveways. (Olive responded that this issue will be on the agenda for the upcoming board meeting).
- Victor Medina from GAP gave an update and provided the following statistics: 285,400 lbs of bulky items were picked up by GAP and 1,699,895 sq ft of graffiti was cleaned up. He also talked about the teen programs in place at GAP (Gang Alternative Program).
- Susan McMurry from Harbor College reported that they have had a lot of personnel changes at the campus. The good news is that they can hire 8 new faculty members. The Astronomy building is up and running. The Library will be open later in the fall or in January 2013. They are asking for support of Prop 38. They have some funding through the STEM program. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

**Treasurer's Report:**

Steven Rutherford went over the yearly expenses and provided the new budget based on annual funding of \$37,000 per neighborhood council. **Ray Moser moved to approved the monthly expenses as presented, seconded by Joyce Fredericks and approved with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.**

**Selection/Election:** Olive Reed informed the stakeholders about the Selection process being implemented this fall. Voting will be held on September 19, 2012 at the regular stakeholder meeting.

**Governing Board Meeting Highlights:** Olive provided the stakeholders with highlights from the presentation that Del Lago Properties gave at the Governing Board Meeting.

**Committee Reports:** Nothing new to report.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
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