

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Library
 Wednesday, 8-15-12
 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Jennifer Corral	Excused
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Tom Houston	Present
Dr. Irene James	Absent
Raymond Moser	Present
Paul Murray	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Christopher Sapien	Absent
Steven Rutherford	Excused
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Call to Order:

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

Roll Call: See Above. A quorum was not reached. Approximately 20 stakeholders present.

President's Report:

- Ceasar Magdaleno, Youth Board Member, is no longer on the board due to attending college out of the area.

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

- Crime statistics for the area were reviewed.
- Update on Councilman Joe Buscaino's Skateboarding Ordinance. Once the ordinance is provided to the LAPD they can begin issuing citations.
- Questions and concerns from stakeholders were addressed.

State Assemblymember Furutani's Office. Joy Jane reported:

- The end of the legislative session is August 31, 2012. The Pension Reform Bills are ready to go. The Speaker pledged that they are going to move them forward.
- The Assembly office can assist stakeholders with issues concerning state agencies such as DMV, etc. The contact phone number is 562-989-2919.

Councilman's Office: Gabby Medina reported:

- Mayor signed the skateboard ordinance.

- The marijuana dispensaries issue passed in City Council. They will eventually shut them all down. If they do not cease operations, they will be cited.
- Stakeholders were invited to the “Meet the Councilman” event in Harbor City scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the Harbor City Recreation Center, 9am-2noon.
- Gabby also announced a “Meet the Captain” event in Wilmington, Thursday, August 16, 2012 at Hojas Tea House, Corner of Avalon and L Street, 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Congresswoman’s Office: No representative was in attendance.

Chamber of Commerce. Joeann Valle reported:

- There will be an extension of the grant for the chamber’s program which will allow them to continue interviewing all local business to see what services they need.
- Upcoming event: Tribute to the Military, September 7, 2012.
- Cow Patty Bingo: This is a joint venture sponsored by the Harbor City Lomita Lions Club, The Boys and Girls Club and the Chamber. It will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012 and proceeds will benefit the gardens that the youth of Harbor City are creating.

Harbor City Rec Center and Park Presentation: Joyce Fredericks introduced Michael Signorelli, the Facility Director. Highlights from his presentation follow:

- He addressed the problems previously being experienced at the park which included kids and adults drinking & smoking marijuana, run down facilities, an unprofessional staff, lack of community programs and gang activity in the evenings.
- Michael’s goal is to change all that. He believes that each rec center should be a second home for the seniors, youth, and families.
- He urged stakeholders to come by, ask questions, get involved, provide ideas.
- Summer camp this summer had 40-45 kids per day. They served 55 lunches each day for the entire summer.
- They need the stakeholders to spread the word.
- They will be offering free guitar lessons. Wednesdays & Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.
- They will also be offering free art clinics, basketball and baseball clinics.
- The “Kids and Sports” organization will be subsidizing sports programs in order to give every child the opportunity to play sports.
- They have a computer lab with 9 computers providing free internet access.
- They have been collaborating with Toberman and recent gave over 100 back packs with school supplies for the kids in addition to back-to-school haircuts.
- Their biggest need is equipment.

Harbor College Update: Susan McMurray reported:

- They have been busy with workshops to assist students with various issues.

- They have been experiencing some delays in their building projects. The Library probably won't be open until January. The Science, Math and Tech building is progressing and should be ready by Fall 2013.
- A subsidy from the District has allowed them to hire 8 new faculty members.
- President Martinez has been working closely with local reps and has done a terrific job.
- The Middle College High School Building is being funded by LAUSD.
- They will be asking the community for support of Prop 30. If passed this will avoid further cuts.
- Opening day is next week.

USS IOWA Update: Grant Reed is now a tour guide on the USS IOWA and gave a short update.

- First three weeks had 48,000 visitors.
- \$18 for a single day with discounts for military and students.
- Good time to visit right now during Navy Days.

Update on September 19, 2012 Selection/Election for new Board Members:

- Flyers were available for stakeholders interested in becoming a candidate for a board seat.

Friends of the Library Update: Leonard Duncan provided a handout with information on programs at the Library.

Ken Malloy Park Update. Joyce Fredericks reported:

- Heal the Bay is September 15th. 8:30-noon.
- Meeting last night at Harbor Park regarding Prop O which will begin soon. The Wilmington drain project will be coming first.
- They need people to assist on the PAB Board which meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Steven Rutherford was not available to provide an update.

Governing Board Meeting Highlights: Olive provided the stakeholders with highlights from the Governing Board Meeting held July 25, 2012.

Committee Reports: No committee reports were presented.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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