

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library  
 Wednesday, 11-28-12; 6:00pm

**Official Minutes**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Byron Collins	Present
Jennifer Corral	Excused
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Paul Murray	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Janelle Taylor	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present
Sienne S. Van Enk	Excused

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. See Above. A quorum was reached. Approximately 30 stakeholders were in attendance.

**Update by Narbonne High School Principal Kobata:** Mr. Kobata gave an update on recent activities at Narbonne High School which included:

- ✓ Incidents on campus reported in the media were exaggerated. (Football coach accused of inappropriate contact, however, investigation by the LAPD found that the behavior was not sexual and considered child annoyance. Another incident about an altercation between two female students was also blown out of proportion.
- ✓ Narbonne's Football team will be playing in the city finals at East LA College.
- ✓ Other wonderful programs at Narbonne include: music program, marching band, choir, an academic decathlon team, award winning speech contests, a debate team and a group called Earth Watch.
- ✓ Grace Hang was introduced by Principal Kobata and spoke about the marching band. They have ordered their marching band uniforms thanks to the funding from the Harbor City Neighborhood Council.
- ✓ Safety program: Principal Kobata thanked stakeholders Darrell and Dorothy for their volunteer work with the children after school.
- ✓ Caroline Levine, Choir Director introduced the Vocal Ensemble who performed for the Board and Stakeholders.
- ✓ Football Coach Manuel Douglas gave an update on the team and their success this year. He thanked the Harbor City NC for the \$5,000 funding towards football helmets.

**Reports from Public Officials:**

**LAPD** –Senior Lead Officer Andrey Wilkins introduced Captain Nancy Lauer. She is the Area Commanding Officer of Harbor Division. She joined the department in 1985 and was previously with the Criminal Gang Homicide Division. Her #1 priority as Commanding Office is to reduce Part 1 crime. Her #2 priority is creating partnerships with the community. She reported that crime statistics overall look good in Harbor City. The biggest issue is burglary theft from vehicles. In 2013 the LAPD will be rolling out an initiative called Cyber Block Captain. Block Captains agree to take at least one side of their block and inform their neighbors of information that is sent to them by the LAPD. Harbor Division is also going to increase their Facebook presence. Dr. Irene James asked for patrols in her residential area of Harbor Village. A stakeholder spoke to the Commander about problems with skateboarder's on his street. Another issue brought to her attention was recent incidents of abandoned couches being set on fire.

There was a request for English/Spanish info about bulky item pickup. Joyce Fredericks suggested that this information be put on the next HCNC monthly flyer.

**Council District 15** - Gabriela Medina provided highlights from her written report which included:

- ✓ Rate changes on San Pedro & Wilmington Downtown Parking Meters
- ✓ Bus Bench requests
- ✓ Sales Tax Increase Vote – Councilman Joe voted to approve the tax and put it on the ballot for stakeholders to decide.
- ✓ Exclusive Franchise System for Waste Hauling: Franchise system up for bid.
- ✓ Clean Team
- ✓ Traffic on Lomita between Western and Normandie. CD15 is working with county to remove divider and creating two lanes and extending light limit.

**LAFD**: No report as the crew was out on a call. Olive Reed commented that the LAFD Captain has informed her that Reardon's plan is no longer being considered.

**President's Report:**

- ✓ Ports O' Call: Olive announced that there will be a Port Commissioners meeting on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to present the 7 vendors proposals for Ports O' Call redevelopment.
- ✓ The Port might be able to provide some funding for Welcome to Harbor City signs.
- ✓ Ponte Vista update: The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has hired consultant to evaluate the plans.
- ✓ Change in date of HCNC Governing Board Meeting
- ✓ Announcement of the Christmas Lights Contest.

**Public Comment:**

- ✓ Angie Cooper talked about employment and training services. Her organization provides Veteran's Employment services in the areas of private security guard training, hospitality, etc. They are forging a relationship with Harbor College and will be located there. She wants community support to bring the services to this area, perhaps a letter of support from the HCNC.

**Treasurer's Report:** No financial report. Steven Rutherford talked about the Mayor's Budget Meeting that he attended. The Mayor spoke for 45 minutes and within his talk commented that he is shooting to bring back the \$50,000 annual funding to the neighborhood councils.

**Security at the library:** Motion by Joyce Fredericks that the monthly stakeholders meeting of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council continue at the library and that the Board continue to pay the fees for security. Motion seconded by Joeann Valle and approved by the Board with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes.

**Education Committee:** A special thank you to the stakeholders for passing Prop 30.

**Announcements:**

- ✓ Update on LAPD's Helping Badge Program and the Holiday Toy Drive. Gift bags can be donated to the LAPD.
- ✓ Update on new business in Harbor City called "Canine Retreat" which is a dog daycare facility at PCH and Belle Porte. (1 block south of PCH). They have 12,000 sq ft. and have hired a dog trainer. They are currently applying for overnight boarding. Leonard Duncan announced that Grant Reed is the new president of the Friends of the Library.
- ✓ Tree lighting ceremony at Harbor Rec Park. December 12<sup>th</sup>. Panda group will be serving dinner.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
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