

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday, 1-16-13; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Vice President Raymond Moser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum of 10 Board members was present. See Above. There were approximately 30-35 Stakeholders in attendance.

Reports from Public Officials:

L. A. F. D.: Captain Hernandez introduced himself and provided a brief background on his 22-year career with the LAFD. Highlights of his report included:

- The new chief is very proactive with Neighborhood Councils.
- The department has a special urban search and rescue task force in the Harbor Area.
- The LAFD has joined forces with the LAPD for a program called the Battle of the Badges. The program is a spirited competition among more than 200 Southern California fire departments, law enforcement and first responder agencies, each vying to recruit healthy blood donors. More information is available on the lafdblogspot.com.
- The on-line application process to become an entry-level firefighter ends at midnight January 17th.
- Flu Season is here. Captain Hernandez reported that there are no deaths so far in LA County associated with the flu. He also provided tips on prevention.
- Invitation to stakeholders to come by Fire Station 85 and say hello.

L. A. P. D.: Senior Lead Officer Andrey Wilkins reported:

- Crime in the area was mild this holiday season. Officer Wilkins provided a review of crime in each Harbor City area.
- This is Officer Wilkins 20th Anniversary on the force and he is celebrating by participating in the 17th Annual Memorial Ride for fallen officers, May 8-13th. The community can participate by making donations. A flyer was available with information.

Council District 15 Office: Gabriela Medina provided a verbal report on the following:

- A public hearing for the proposed development on PCH primarily concerned additional traffic. There are a couple of developments in progress that will affect traffic. The council office would like to hear comments from the community. They are working with Caltrans and the City to come to a compromise.
- L. A. County has been contacted about concerns of congestion at Lomita and Normandie. They are considering two left turn lanes. Stakeholders should contact the council office with their ideas and concerns.
- Resurfacing on Belle Porte is in progress.
- Harbor City is being surveyed by Street Services who is determining which streets will be eligible for resurfacing and which will just get a new slurry coat. A total of 20 to 30 streets will be chosen.
- The Councilman will be in Harbor City at the Boys and Girls club tomorrow for a Youth of the Year event. He will also be participating February 16 in the Boys and Girls Marathon.
- The proposed \$3 billion dollar bond related to Street Services has been put on hold to allow for community outreach.
- Gabriela was asked by Stakeholders to investigate several locations in Harbor City where damaged and overgrown Ficus trees need to be addressed.

Update - LANC Report - Three Billion Dollar Street Repair Bond Measures Issue:

No action was taken. This issue will be reviewed at the Governing Board meeting on January 23, 2013.

Presentation by Canine Retreat:

Owner Jeff Yablonovitz gave a presentation on his new business, Canine Retreat. This dog daycare facility is located at 25930 Belle Porte Avenue, Harbor City and opened five months ago. The facility features cage-free dog care. They screen and test each dog to make sure they are not aggressive. Jeff's staff is knowledgeable, consisting of people hired from the local community. Their website address is www.canineretreat.com. The facility is applying for a permit for overnight boarding, retail sales and grooming. They have over 100 signatures of support for the permit from neighbors. They are asking for a letter of support from the HCNC. (Referred to the Governing Board meeting for Board review and possible action).

Update on Ponte Vista:

Ponte Vista staff members were not in attendance to provide an update.

Update on LA Harbor YouthSource Center:

Eric of Los Angeles Harbor College gave an overview of the services provided by the YouthSource Center which helps youth ages 17 to 21 years. The Center is location on the campus and offers the following services: academic counseling, G.E.D. preparation, tutoring, financial literacy, college preparation, personal mentoring, resource referrals, truancy diversion and job readiness workshops. These services are available for LA City residents who meet the income eligibility requirements. (A flyer was distributed at the meeting.)

Treasurer's Report: Steven Rutherford reported:

- **Board approval of funding programs for Friends of the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Library:** Leonard Duncan provided an overview of the funding request for the library programs which total \$2,175.00. Paul Murray moved that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board approve funding the Friends of the Library programs as presented in the amount of \$2,175.00. Joeann Valle seconded the motion which was passed with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 3 abstentions.
- **Review and approval of HCNC Monthly Expenses:** Paul Murray moved to approve the monthly expenses as presented. Joeann Valle seconded the motion which was passed with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.

President's Report:

- **Update on Holiday Lights Event Winners:** Joyce Fredericks provided an update on the event. As outreaching to the community, the winners received yard signs, which display meeting information about the HCNC.

Public Comment:

- **Michael Signorelli**, Facility Director for the Harbor City Recreation Center and Park (H.C.R.C.), reported that this holiday season was very successful. With the support of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council who had an outreach banner and information handouts table at the entrance to the gym, the H.C.R.C. held a tree-lighting ceremony which included a spaghetti dinner for the hundreds of people attending and gave out over 400 gift bags to the youth. The event included performances by the Narbonne High School Drill team and the Tri City Cheer Squad. This season the center also held an event called "Breakfast with Santa" which was geared towards the children of the community. They served over 400 people breakfast and gifts. They also gave out 85 fifty-dollar gift cards to teens in the community. The Harbor City Neighborhood Council, Lions Club, H.C.H.G. Chamber of Commerce, Brea Canon Oil, Toberman House, Fresh and Easy Market, Kaiser Permanente and other local organizations were thanked for their contributions and assistance.

Upcoming events: There will be a Comedy Night fundraiser, Saturday, February 9th at the H.C.R.C. It will feature four professional comedians and dinner will be offered. They are hoping to secure a temporary ABC license. Pre-sale tickets are \$35 per couple with dinner or \$25 without dinner. At the door the price will be \$30 per person.

- **Joe Rios** voice concerns about sidewalk trip hazards in front of Narbonne High School. He would like to see some action taken on it. There have been two separate incidents of scooter accidents at that location where people were hurt. (Paul Murray will contact Gabby to work on this issue).
- **Gina Harden** announced that she is a certified write-in candidate for Council District 15 in the upcoming election.

Approval of Minutes of the November 28, 2012 Stakeholder Meeting:

Grant Reed moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting as presented. Joyce Fredericks seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.

Youth Committee:

Janelle Taylor, at the request of Principal Kobata, announced that on March 17th through the 20th, Narbonne High School will be visited by the Western Association of Schools and College (WASC). This is an important visit because it determines the accreditation of the school. Also, CST (California Standards Testing) will begin the week of April 16th.

Outreach Committee:

Joyce Fredericks reported that they held the first Outreach Committee meeting of the year. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Chamber office at 4 pm. Items on the agenda will include defining outreach, setting goals for the year, consideration of speakers, as well as an overall discussion on projects and events with strategies on how to accomplish them. Joyce invited Stakeholders to participate in the Committee. Joann Valle commented that they will have a goal of holding the Committee meeting every first Monday of the month.

Education Committee:

Hayes Thrower reported that the Education Committee will meet with Dr. Robert Bravo, Instruction Area Superintendent for LAUSD, on Wednesday, January 30th. He has been asked to come and speak to the Stakeholders in February on the topic of safety in the schools.

Announcements:

Leonard Duncan thanked everyone for their support and announced that Grant Reed is the new President of the Friends of the Library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC