

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday, 3-20-13; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Byron Collins	Absent
Jennifer Corral	Present
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
Vacant Board Seat	

Call to Order and Roll Call:

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum of 11 Board members was present. See Above. There were approximately 40 Stakeholders in attendance.

Reports from Public Officials:

Council District 15 Office: Gabriela Medina gave highlights from her written report:

- Council Motions. Update on the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Ordinance (Proposition D). A handout was provided with detailed information.
- Update on Public Hearings (Past: Canine Retreat, 25930 S. Belle Porte Ave; and project at 1450-1500 W. PCH. Future: Marymount College Campus expansion).
- Update on Harbor City Projects:
 - Harbor Regional Park Sports Complex, \$2.2 million project continues to move forward.
 - Tree Trimming. Submissions from residents are being addressed.

L. A. P. D.:

- Senior Lead Officer Andrey Wilkins provided crime statistics within the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Boundaries.
- No change in homicides or rape incidents over last year. Robberies down 60% year to date. Aggravated assault down 45%. All violent crime is down 50%. Burglaries are still down 5%. GTA's are up 6% (two arrests were made in Harbor City so it is hoped that this number will now go down). Thefts are up 14%.
- Harbor Division is down 19% overall and they hope to keep that trend going this year.
- Officer Wilkins is participating in a bike ride for fallen officers. The community can donate through Socalput.com.

L. A. F. D.: Captain Hector Hernandez introduced himself and gave a brief report:

- The Councilman will be joining the fire station for the day and participate in exercises.
- Talked about a recent trench fatality in Pacific Palisades and the role of the Urban Search and Rescue Team in Harbor Area.
- Announced a meeting at the Normandie Rec Center (on Halldale in Torrance) scheduled for April 1st at 6:00pm. They will teach the community about CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team) Training.

- Joeann Valle announced that in May there will be a Map Your Neighborhood presentation by COPE Preparedness at the HCNC stakeholder meeting.

Office of Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi: Miguel Cordova, field representative for Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, reported:

- Provided pamphlets explaining the types of issues where the Assembly office can offer assistance.
- There was also a pamphlet providing information about the “Mobile District Office”. On Saturday March 30, 2013, 10am-noon at the Torrance Farmers Market, community members can attend and meet Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi.
- Miguel provided his contact information. 310-615-3515, 3460 Torrance Blvd, Suite 306, Torrance 90503. The District Office is making the Assemblymember accessible to the community he serves.

LAUSD: Fred Quintana, representing Dr. Vladovic’s office, introduced himself. He is the liaison to all the neighborhood councils and schools. Contact info: Freddie.quintana@lausd.net.

Presentation by Ponte Vista Developers: Highlights from the presentation were:

- Current plan is 830 units.
- 6 product types: 48% is single family homes. Two story townhouses, 3 story condominium buildings with elevators, and also smaller condominiums with elevator access.
- 20 acres of open space throughout the site.
- Dedicated access road to Mary Star High School.
- 2 Clubhouses, 2 pools
- Working with a hiring and job training program for the construction of the project in order to hire local workers.
- Local priority housing (first right of housing for local employees of School District, Fire Department etc.)
- The developers will also make improvements to Western Avenue to assist with traffic in and out of the development.
- Questions from stakeholders included concerns about where Quimby funds are spent, as well as concerns about increased traffic and available parking.
- 56 intersections in the area were studied for the Traffic Report.
- Mitigation measures were shown.

Presentation by NW San Pedro NC on Ponte Vista: Pat Nave and Ray Regalado, representatives from the NWSPNC Planning and Land Use Committee, provided input on the Ponte Vista project. They wanted to inform the Harbor City stakeholders that I-Star is not a developer. They sell off the parcels to other builders. The property is 46 acres of R-1 zoning at this time. They addressed the issues of density, traffic and public access. They stressed that this is a Harbor Area community issue and the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council wants to bring the community together to share ideas so that the project that is built makes sense for the entire Harbor Area.

Update on Funding Proposals approved by the HCNC Board:

- Olive Reed presented a picture of the Narbonne High School band in their new uniforms which was funded by the Harbor City Neighborhood Council.
- The Governing Board voted to approve \$3,000 towards Normont Elementary School’s electronic marquee
- \$1600 was also approved to assist the Narbonne High Drill team in expenses for the State Contest.
- The Board also approved to continue funding of \$283 per month to Bennett Landscaping for Western Avenue cleanup of pine needles.

Treasurer's Report: Steven Rutherford provided a written report:

- **Review and approval of HCNC Monthly Expenses:** Motion by Joyce Fredericks to approve all expenses up to date as presented, seconded by Joeann Valle. Motion passed with 8 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions.

Open Board Seat: Two candidates submitted applications for the open board seat, Greg Donnan and Wayne McGee. The board voted as follows: 7 votes for McGee, 3 votes for Donnan. Wayne McGee, representing Old Towne, was voted in as the newest board member.

Public Comment:

Joeann Valle reported that Harbor City Lomita Lions has invited other organizations to join them to have a community event in June. They want it to be a joint event for Harbor City. The tentative date is Saturday, June 29.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the February 27, 2013 Governing Board Meeting were approved as presented by unanimous vote of the Board. (Moved by Grant Reed, seconded by Hayes Thrower)

Education Committee: Hayes Thrower reported that he and Olive met with Accreditation team. Committee was very complimentary about the school. It looks good for another 6 year approval of accreditation.

Outreach Committee: The speaker next month is the City Attorney Carmen Trutanich.

Youth Committee: Hayes Thrower reported that he and Joeann Valle will distribute flags on Flag Day to local first graders.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Administrative Assistant to HCNC