

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday, 6-19-13; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Jennifer Corral	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Excused
Wayne A. McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Paul Murray	Absent
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Janelle Taylor	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Arrived 6:16pm
Joeann Valle	Absent
Vacant Board Seat	

Call to Order and Roll Call:

President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum of 8 Board members was present. See Above. There were approximately 30 Stakeholders in attendance.

Reports from Public Officials:

LAPD: Officer Cook reported in the absence of Senior Lead Officer Andrey Wilkins:

- A crime map was distributed and highlights discussed.
- There was one reported rape within the Harbor City NC area this year which involved two people who met on the internet. The crime is currently being investigated.
- Illegal RV parking was also discussed.

LAFD: Officer Campos and Officer Maisel reported on the following:

- **Fourth of July Anti Fireworks campaign:** This campaign was originally initiated in 1982 with an emphasis on discouraging the private use of illegal fire works in the city of Los Angeles. Before the inception of the program, in 1981, there were over 500 incidents of injury or property damage due to illegal fireworks. The campaign has been successful with only 42 incidents reported in 2011.
- Safer alternatives were discussed such as attending professional fireworks shows put on by various cities. Channel 7 and Channel 4 websites have lists of such events.
- Large quantities of fireworks that are reported are handled by the bomb squad as stored fireworks can be very unstable.
- Fireworks continue to be a safety threat to our community.
- Reminder to get disaster preparedness kits ready for your household.

Council District 15 Office: Gabriela Medina reported:

- **Proposed Single Use Bag Ordinance:** Last year the City Council passed a motion to ban single-use bags. The EIR was heard in council on 6/18/13. The policy would align closely with LA County and help build consistency for stores and customers throughout the region. Ryan Ferguson at the Council Office can answer stakeholder questions.

- **Oversized vehicles.** This Council motion has faced a set back due to unforeseen legal ramifications in expanding the current motion to go District wide. Signs have proven to be effective. Residents need to send letters or emails to the Council Office explaining the RV problems on their street so that this information can be presented to the City Attorney for review.
- **Homeless Issue.** There are reportedly over 50,000 homeless in the County of Los Angeles. The Council Office is doing their best to discourage homeless encampments throughout the city.
- Martin Byhower questioned the progress of the Prop O project at Harbor Regional Park and was disappointed that this information is not being reported in the Councilman's newsletters.

LAUSD, Dr. Vladovic's Office: Policy Director, Fred Quintana, reported on issues brought to his attention at the April Stakeholder meeting:

- **Breakfast in the Classroom.** This program received unanimous support by the LAUSD Board and was passed in May. The program will help to keep cafeteria workers employed and will allow for continued federal reimbursements. It was also mentioned that incidents of children complaints of stomach aches have gone down in those schools with the program. Concerns with the program are being addressed.
- **Science Center** funding has been procured for another year. They hope to find a suitable partnership to help with funding the Center beyond the year.
- **Narbonne Trash Issue:** Dr. Vladovic's office is working on the issue brought to their attention by stakeholders residing near the school. An updated will be provided next month.
- **Norm Tables:** Fred explained the District's policy to allocate certificated personnel to schools based on the "norm tables" that take into account student enrollment and other school characteristics. Dr. Vladovic's Office is working to restore positions on campuses.
- Fred Quintana responded to a question from a stakeholder regarding the contents of the food packages served at the schools. He was concerned about the amount of "healthy" food that is being discarded by students.
- A contact number was provided for questions related to the schools. Dr. Robert Bravo, Instructional Area Superintendent can be reached at 310-354-3400 or email: robert.bravo@lausd.net.
- Board Member Hayes Thrower asked for a future update on the \$30 million dollar I-pad proposal with Apple.
- A stakeholder who resides near the Narbonne campus had concerns about activities at Narbonne High school. Her concerns included traffic congestion during school events and activities; and also trash left after the events that was not cleaned up.

Update from Mike Shull, Department of Red and Parks, on Prop O project at Harbor Regional Park:

- The City received bids on the project for the lake renovation. It is a very large project with \$65-70 million for renovations.
- Sediment in the lake makes the water too shallow to support life. It is a storm shed fed lake. The renovations will make the water healthier. The bid process is being restarted because the bids submitted were so far over budget.
- Mike Shull feels it will be 12 months before the project starts moving forward.
- **West Nile issue.** Vector Control has posted signs around the entire park warning the community of the danger of mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus. The City has received an order to do abatement to remove vegetation so that Vector Control can continue with their spraying and fogging treatments.
- June 28th is the start date for the abatement/vegetation removal.

- Joyce Fredericks talked about the importance of the Park for the Harbor City Community. She thanked Martin Byhower and Mike Shull for their involvement and assistance.
- Recent vandalism cut the power at the park and repairs to restore the system and install an alarm system cost \$250,000. It is hoped that the camera system will assist in future prosecution of vandals.
- Martin Byhower commented on the difficulty in keeping the wildlife safe at this time during the abatement process. He also talked about DWP being held accountable to do mitigation for cutting in areas that were not on their property.
- More budget cuts have been made to the Rec and Parks Department than any other department in the city. They went from 2100 to 1300 full time employees. It will take a long time to get back to the levels that are needed to properly maintain the parks.
- **Motion by Grant Reed to write letter of support for Rec and Parks in their on going West Nile Virus abatement issues, seconded by Raymond Moser and passed unanimously by the Board.**

Presentation on the Harbor City Community Job Center: Natalia Agranowitz, Site Manager at the job center provided an update on the facility.

- The center is a space for employer's to access general labor help.
- The center provides ESL classes, medical services (dental exams, physical exams, diabetes exams and other free services).
- They also get involved with community cleanups and provide workshops. Natalia mentioned that there is a bicycle safety workshop coming up in the future.
- The center is located at PCH & Figueroa, next to the Harbor Golf Course and functions with no electrical power other than what is provided by a gasoline powered generator.
- Short term goals of the Center are to get funding for a solar generator to replace the gas generator currently being operated. Their long term goal is to relocate to a better location.

Treasurer's Report:

Approval of HCNC Monthly Expenses. Grant Reed moved to approve the budget and expenses as presented by the Treasurer, seconded by Raymond Moser. The motion passed with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.

Update on 2013-2014 HCNC Budget: Board members were asked to review the new budget which will be discussed further at the Governing Board meeting. A strategic plan needs to be formulated for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Update on Harbor City Strong Community Celebration: Update from Hayes Thrower on the upcoming event planned for June 29, 2013 at Narbonne High School from 10am-2pm. The event will include food trucks, cow patty bingo (11am-1pm), music and games.

Public Comment: All public comments were addressed during the CD15 representatives report.

Committee Reports: None

Approval of Minutes of May 22, Governing Board Meeting: Motion by Grant Reed, seconded by Hayes Thrower to approve the minutes as presented. Approved unanimously by the Board.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Admin Asst to HCNC