

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library  
 Wednesday, 7-17-13; 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Jennifer Corral	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Present
Wayne A. McGee	Excused
Raymond Moser	Present
Paul Murray	Absent
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Janelle Taylor	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Absent
Greg Donnan	Appointed at the beginning of the meeting and seated

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum of 9 Board members was present. See Above. There were approximately 15 Stakeholders in attendance.

**Vacant Board Seat:** Three candidates submitted applications for the vacant board seat but only Greg Donnan was present at the meeting and was called upon to give a candidate statement. After Donnan's statement, there was a comment from a stakeholder requesting that the Board appoint Greg Donnan to the vacant seat. **Steven Rutherford moved to appoint Greg Donnan to fill the vacant board seat for the remainder of the term. The motion was seconded by Paul Murray and passed with a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions.**

### **Reports from Public Officials:**

**LAPD:** Officer Andrey Wilkins reported the following:

- Explained the vacation system that the LAPD follows.
- Provided an update on recent crime in the Harbor City Area. Overall crime is down in Harbor City.

**Mayor Garcetti's Office:** Mr. Octaviano Rios, a representative from the new Mayor's office reported:

- Rios commented that he lives in the Harbor Area. His email address is: [octaviano.rios@lacity.org](mailto:octaviano.rios@lacity.org). Website: [www.LAMayor.org](http://www.LAMayor.org).
- Mayor Garcetti has adopted the theme "Back to Basics." He held workshops across the city. His major goals are: Improving the economy, making the city work for its citizens, and improving the quality of life.
- Rios stated that there is an excellent relationship between the Mayor and Councilman Buscaino.
- Rios spoke briefly about the South LA civil unrest.
- The Mayor's staff will hold office hours at the District Office in San Pedro.
- The website [www.Transition.lacity.org](http://www.Transition.lacity.org) provides information on staff that Garcetti will be hiring.

**Council District 15 Office:** Gabriela Medina reported:

- Councilman Buscaino's Inauguration is scheduled for Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and will begin with an 9am mass in Wilmington followed by a celebration at the Watts Towers area with an Italian theme. Buses to take stakeholders to the Watts Towers area will be leaving from Harbor City.
- RV situation: Gabriela reported that she drives around Harbor City for 2-3 hours every week and the worst blight she sees involves RV's. The community is asked to report any locations where RV's are illegally parked and being used as housing and she will compile a list with pictures and complaints.
- Council District 15 is going to utilize the services of the Beacon House for maintaining and cleaning up alleys and main streets. The community is asked to report any problem areas.
- A speed indicator will be installed on Frampton just North of Lomita to monitor speed of traffic.
- New trash receptacles have been installed. The council office needs assistance from the community to schedule to determine how often the pickup needs to occur.
- Bridge over Frampton will get additional lighting. A special project was approved to add a second utility light at the end of the bridge.
- Staff changes: New Chief of Staff is Jenny Chavez, new Policy Director is Dennis Gleason.
- West Nile Virus Abatement project has been completed.
- Blns for large scale community cleanup projects can be provided by the City through the Council Office.

**Brea Canyon Oil:** Ray Javier reported that they have started their drilling project. In addition, a new project has been presented to the city for four wells in their yard. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the new project will be presented to the City. Javier also reported that the side walk on Woodbury and Oakhorne is finally being repaired.

**Presentation by the HCHG Chamber of Commerce:** Presenter became ill and unable to attend.

**Senator Rod Wright's Office:** Senator Rod Wright was present to give an update on issues involving his office. Highlights from his presentation included the following:

- Senator Wright has been in the senate since 2008.
- Although funding has not been fully restored for school, local government, and state courts, this year the cuts in funding have not been so dramatic.
- The Senator was not happy with the Governor's decision to abolish Redevelopment Agencies and Enterprise Zones. Enterprise Zones were designed to encourage business to go into an area they would not have otherwise gone and to hire people they normally wouldn't hire. The Senator fought to keep them but lost.
- Senator Wright is proud of the work in the Port. There has been an increase in shipping to other states. He emphasized the need for the Port to be ultra efficient to move goods to their destinations. This would require upgrading the 710 freeway.
- The Senator was asked about cuts in adult education. He supports maintaining the community college system, moving to something call the Common Core. He also strongly supports vocational schools.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Steven Rutherford reported that he attended 6 hours of Treasurer's Training to understand the new funding system and was disappointed that after all the training the City is changing back to the old way.

Storage Unit Update: Steven hopes to get 3 quotes for containers that will be utilized for storage and housed free of charge on Brea Oil property. Paul Murray reported that he has had contact with a company that might be willing to donate a container.

**President's Report:**

- Olive Reed gave an update on items discussed at the recent HANC meeting. At that meeting, Dr. Pickle, DWP Ratepayer Advocate, spoke on the subject of solar panels and the controversies associated with the program. Dr. Pickle's email address is: [fred.pickel@lacity.org](mailto:fred.pickel@lacity.org)
- Olive officially appointed Steven Rutherford as the Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair.
- LA City Council Committee Appointments: The Neighborhood Council Presidents and HANC are sending letters of support to Mayor Garcetti asking him to keep Grayce Liu as General Manager of DONE. **Ray Moser moved that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council also send a letter of support to keep Grayce Liu as General Manager of DONE. The motion was seconded by Grant Reed and passed with 8 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions.**
- Bus Benches: Olive gave a brief update on opportunities to advertise on bus benches. This item will be on the Governing Board Meeting agenda.

**Public Comment:**

Jeannie James: Reported on a continuing problem of transients living in commercial buildings in the area of 260<sup>th</sup> – PCH. Two large RV's have not moved in 6 months and are hooking illegally to electricity. The No Overnight Parking signs on 259<sup>th</sup> have made a huge difference and they hope the same can be done on Senator.

Sergio Ramos: Offered to interact with Dr. Pickle with regards to the Solar Energy issues. His email address is: SolMaster01@gmail.com.

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion by Ray Moser to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 Stakeholder Meeting and the June 26, 2013 Governing Board Meeting, seconded by Janelle Taylor and approved with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes.**

**Requests for Funding:**

**Harbor Community Clinic:** Anise Goldfarb gave a presentation on the Harbor Community Clinic. They provide services to lower income families who don't have insurance. They are a full service medical clinic offering general medicine, prenatal care, pediatric care and family services. They recently renovated the facility to create more space to accommodate the patient demand. On August 17, 2013 they will be holding an event that is free to the public called "Family Food Fest" which will be promoting health and nutrition. She hopes the HCNC will be able to sponsor the event. Brea Oil representative, Ray Javier, offered to also sponsor the event in the amount of \$500.

**Update on Board Actions:** Olive read gave an overview of the board actions and other items discussed at the June 26, 2013 Governing Board Meeting. Olive also gave an update on additional issues around Harbor City including removal of bus benches in front of the ice skating rink and the proposed fence on Western by Narbonne.

**Outreach Committee:** Joyce Fredericks talked about an art work project involving traffic signal cabinets around the Harbor area. Joyce hopes to get some of the Harbor City community members involved in the project.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
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