

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library  
 Wednesday, 9-18-13; 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Vacant Board Seat	
Jennifer Corral	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Excused
Paul Murray	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Janelle Taylor	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum of 12 Board members was present. See Above. There were approximately 45-50 Stakeholders in attendance.

**Report from LAPD: Officer Andrey Wilkins reported on the following:**

- ✓ Stakeholders were provided with a Complaint Form to fill out relating to the Strip Club on PCH and asked to submit any complaints they may have about the business.
- ✓ Medical Marijuana issue: Many stakeholders residing in areas near the Medical Marijuana dispensaries (PCH and Normandie & 237<sup>th</sup> and Western) were in attendance with complaints about youth parking in their neighborhoods and smoking marijuana which has also led to other problems. Andrey reported that the City Attorney is working on having them closed down. In the meantime, Andrey stressed the importance of Harbor City residents contacting the City Attorney's Office to voice their complaints. He urged the stakeholders to attend the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the City Attorney at Harbor College 6:30pm. Marijuana smoking in public is an infraction. Over an ounce is a felony.

**LAUSD Rep:** Joseph Martinez, representative from the office of Dr. Vladovic, LAUSD Board President introduced himself and offered to be a resource to the stakeholders on school issues. He can be reached at 213-241-6385

**Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office:** Representative Octaviano Rios reported:

- ✓ Victor Medina was appointed to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to represent the Harbor Area and Hector Serrano was appointed to the Harbor Area Planning Commission.
- ✓ Rios plans to be accessible at the Harbor Area office (San Pedro City Hall) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays but suggests contacting him first.
- ✓ Email contact: [Octaviano.rios@lacity.org](mailto:Octaviano.rios@lacity.org) 213-473-2388

**Senator Wright's Office:** Bill Orton reported:

- ✓ Bill read a response to the Senator's Letter to Caltrans regarding the fence on the median on Western Avenue between 240<sup>th</sup> & 242<sup>nd</sup> (in front of Narbonne High School). A copy of the letter will be available on the HCNC website.

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

- ✓ The Councilman visited Green Meadows this Saturday and issues were discussed.
- ✓ Green Meadows will have bins placed in four locations for a community cleanup.
- ✓ Gabby provided an update on street repairs and slurry sealing. Speed bumps that were removed will eventually be replaced.
- ✓ Tree trimming: 1,826 trees in Harbor City will be trimmed beginning next year.

**Animal Services Field Enforcement:** Lt. Tranzo reported:

- ✓ Email address: [w.tranzow@lacity.org](mailto:w.tranzow@lacity.org).
- ✓ 888-452-7381 press #143 (this is the extension for the Harbor Shelter)
- ✓ The South Los Angeles Shelter handles Harbor City between 4pm-midnight.
- ✓ Feral cats: City has had a co-existing culture with feral cat advocates for the last decade. As property owners, individuals have a legal right to take custody of any animal on their property without their permission and turn it in to the shelter. You can get a trapping permit for free and then get a trap. Feed stores rent them.
- ✓ Barking dog issues. Information is on the website: [laanimalservices.com](http://laanimalservices.com)
- ✓ 957 N. Gaffey is the address of the Harbor Shelter

**President's Report:**

- ✓ Reminder to stakeholders that the HCNC has a Vacant Board Seat
- ✓ Announcement of LAPD Town Hall Meeting
- ✓ Change in location of Governing Board Meetings. New location: 1400 240<sup>th</sup> Street.

**HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting Report:** Greg Donnan reported on issues discussed at the September HANC meeting:

- Proposed Development Services Department: The City Council approved the creation of a new department to be effective January 1, 2014 that would incorporate all of the current Planning and Building and Safety Departments and the Plan Check Sections of Transportation, Fire, and Engineering. The CAO's Office was charged with the logistics of creating this new Department. They in turn contracted with Matrix Consulting (Gary Goelitz) to get community feedback.
- Notification Motion: Doug Epperhart suggested that the neighborhood councils (NC's) consider supporting a motion similar to the one passed by BONC asking the Mayor and City Council to look at establishing criteria for actions that are significant enough that NC's should be given at least 60 days notice.
- Overview of [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) which is a hyper-local community network designed to be created at a very local level where neighbors can communicate with each other. Neighborhoods define themselves. DONE is working with "Nextdoor" to superimpose the NC boundary lines and the LAPD districts with the Senior Lead Officers.
- NC Supported Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch Initiatives

**Approval of Minutes** of August 21, 2013 Stakeholder meeting. **Motion by Joeann Valle, seconded by Jennifer Corral to approve the August 21, 2013 Stakeholder meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Committee Reports:** No reports were heard due to time constraints.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting October 23, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
for the HCNC Board