

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday, 10-16-13; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Vacant Board Seat	
Jennifer Corral	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Excused
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 10 Board members was present. See Above. There were approximately 26 Stakeholders in attendance.

LAPD Report. Andrey Wilkins reported:

- A suspect has been arrested in connection with burglaries in Harbor City.
- Officer Wilkins gave an overview of crime statistics.
- Joeann Valle reported that the owner of the marijuana dispensary is using a patrol from Wednesday through Sunday to deter illegal behavior.

Reports from Government Officials:

- **Council District 15 Office:** Gabby Medina reported on the following:
 - ✓ An RV and Abandoned Vehicle Task Force is being formed to address problem areas.
 - ✓ The Bureau of Sanitation is working with the Council Office on community clean ups.
 - ✓ The Department of Building and Safety has been provided addresses that need inspecting for zoning violations (problems areas are on Senator, 259th and 260th Street).
 - ✓ Trees throughout Harbor City will be trimmed next year.

Harbor Recreation Center: Michael Signorelli reported on activities at the Center including:

- Eric Griffin, a new member of the Harbor Rec Team, was introduced.
- A Rec Center Clean Up Event is scheduled for November 2nd, 8am-12pm.
- There is also a First Annual Community Block Party planned for November 9th. There will be 50 vendors including food trucks, games, entertainment (DJ, Narbonne Drill Team and teens performing hip hop) and activities. The event includes a Health fair and blood drive. There will also be a food drive for needy families for Thanksgiving.
- Michael thanked board members Paul Murray and Joyce Fredericks for their assistance at the center.

- Additional events planned are: December 4th, Tree Lighting Ceremony with a Spaghetti Dinner; and December 21st, Breakfast with Santa.

Presentation by Metro Express Lanes Director Kathy McCune. Presenter was unable to attend due to illness.

Request for funding by Narbonne High School Drill Team. Five team members performed a drill routine for the Board and stakeholders. The team is hoping to get assistance from the HCNC to be able to enter into competitions. Another representative from the Cheer Team also spoke about the need for funding of their competition expenses.

Treasurer's Report

- Paul Murray gave an overview of the Council's funding.
- October 26 is Budget Day and the two budget representatives from the HCNC will be attending.

Presidents Report

- Olive Reed provided an update on the City Attorney's Town Hall Meeting which was held at Harbor College. There was a great turnout of community members. The City Attorney is working diligently to get the marijuana dispensaries closed down. At the town hall meeting there was also a discussion on the Harbor Division Jail in San Pedro. Stakeholders were encouraged to write letters to the Councilman and the Mayor requesting funding be found to utilize the jail.
- Olive also gave an overview of the LAPD Town Hall Meeting sponsored by Central San Pedro NC.

Holiday Lights Contest Update: December 16th through the 20th the HCNC Board Members will be driving throughout the neighborhoods in Harbor City to judge the homes that are decorated.

Report on Heal the Bay event: Joyce Fredericks gave a report on the Heal the Bay event which was a huge success. Businesses around Harbor City donated water and refreshments for the event. It was held on September 21, 2013.

Public Comment:

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce:

- Joeann Valle reported on recent successes with a program that helps businesses prosper. The city and county has many resources that many people are unaware of. Recent changes have helped businesses receive tax credits for employees which increases job creation.
- Joeann also reported that the Chamber has a Health Care Committee. The website has links to helpful websites.

Harbor College:

- Some changes will take place at the college due to state Legislation in regard to priority enrollment. The current headcount is at 10,400 so enrollment is up.
- They will not have a balanced budget this year because the allocation from the district office was reduced. However, the interim President has made a commitment not to cut classes

but to add classes. They will be picking up some of the population that wasn't able to get into Cal State Dominguez because of their budget cuts. However, Harbor College is one of two schools in the district which is currently at their projected enrollment and funding.

- They expect to be allowed to hire 10 more faculty members next year.
- Jennifer Corral commented on the upcoming fundraiser being held at the college on November 15th.
- Stakeholders were encouraged to visit the campus and see all the new additions.

Phyllis Cohen: Announced an upcoming fundraiser with the City of Hope called "Walk for Hope".

Grant Reed: Reported on a reenactment event he attended in Rancho Dominguez.

HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting Report: No report.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety Committee - Greg Donnan reported:

- An emergency preparedness meeting is scheduled at the library on Wednesday, October 23, 11am-12noon. An RSVP is necessary.
- The HCNC is eligible for a Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. All neighborhood councils in the City of LA are competing. See Greg for details.
- Greg gave an update on recent fires in Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park and the difficulty in dealing with fires when there are no fire hydrants at the park.

Approval of Minutes of September 2013 Stakeholder Meeting: Greg Donnan moved to approved the September 18, 2013 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Grant Reed and approved unanimously.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. Next Stakeholder meeting November 20, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
for the HCNC Board