

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday, 11-20-13; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum of 9 Board members was present. See roll call above. There were approximately 13 Stakeholders in attendance.

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

- The LAPD expects increased crime on Black Friday (the day after Thanksgiving).
- Stakeholders were informed that it is a good idea to check your credit card bills closely at this time of year to make sure extra charges aren't on your statement.
- Other suggestions to deter crime included: Keeping holiday presents out of view (not by a Christmas tree that is visible from the window). This invites criminals to break in.
- Refrain from using ATM machines, go into the bank, it's safer.
- The holiday season is a time of many suicides. Keep an eye on your neighbors and call people and say hello to let them know you care.

Report from LA Fire Department: No representatives were available from the LAFD. Olive Reed reported that the Fire Department is asking for feedback and have provided a survey on-line for the community to fill out on "Survey Monkey".

Port Police Presentation: Officer Alex Castillo gave a presentation on the structure and duties of the Port Police. Officer Castillo is a Senior Lead Officer on Terminal Island. Highlights of his report follow:

- The Port Police Department consists of 125 sworn officers and 100 civilian employees. They are autonomous. They train their officers using the LAPD's and LAFD academies.
- The Port Police not only patrol on land, but also on the water. They have one or two patrol boats on the water at all times. Their main mission is making sure the economic engine of the Port is running smoothly.
- They also deal with transient encampments at the Port. They work very closely with LAPD and collaborate on projects.

- Their motor team focuses on commercial traffic. They are trained to recognize “dirty” trucks giving off illegal emissions.
- They deal with high quantities of drugs. They maintain a large canine unit (approximately 13 dogs) which are utilized to detect bombs and drugs.
- They also have a SWAT type team that recovers bodies from the water and also retrieves evidence for other agencies.
- Office Castillo was asked what the Port Police can do for Harbor City. His response was that the Harbor City area may be further from the port than San Pedro but there is a connection through traffic. They can help with commercial traffic enforcement. Officer Castillo's Email is: acastillo@portla.org.

Council District 15 Office: Gabby Medina provided a few highlights from her written report:

- **Single Use Bag Ban Ordinance:** As of October 24th, the Superior Court denied an effort to fight the ordinance and it will be implemented city wide as of January 1, 2014.
- **Harbor City Clean Up Efforts:** An update was provided on Bureau of Street Services and Sanitation. Gabby was acknowledged for personally assisting in the clean up efforts.
- **Community initiatives:** Gabby gave an update on the efforts of a new ad hoc committee created by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to address Homelessness. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Gabby at the CD15 office.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - FREE night at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Visitors are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy that will be given away to a child in need in our District.
 - Holiday Tree Lighting Event: Thursday, December 5th, 3pm-6pm at Peppertree Plaza at the San Pedro Municipal Building, 638 S. Beacon Street, San Pedro.
- Michael Shull has been chosen as interim Parks Director. The community can go to LAParks.org to fill out survey to let the Rec and Parks Department know what their concerns are in their own communities.
- An update was given on the art program where art can be painted onto City-owned traffic signal utility boxes. The art must be submitted and the utility box approved.

Harbor Recreation Center: Michael Signorelli reported:

- An update was provided on the First Annual Health Fair which was a huge success. There were 45 vendors there from local businesses and from local organizations.
- The Park Advisory Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm.
- Second Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony: A large artificial tree will be placed at entrance of the gym. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served. Last year they served 300 at the spaghetti dinner, they hope to reach 400 this year. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th. 6pm
- December 21st is Breakfast with Santa, Saturday at 10am.
- Javier Martinez was honored as a Park Hero for his work with the Rec Center.
- Michael's contact information is: Michael.signorelli@lacity.org

Senator Wright's Office: Bill Orton reported:

- An update was provided on the median fence on Western by Narbonne. The next step is a pre-construction meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Murray reported on problems with Last Year's Audit. The 4th quarter was passed but the 3rd quarter was not. Paul needs invoices from the Library and also from Bennett Landscaping. The First Quarter Audit for this fiscal year has passed. Funding for the Narbonne teams was sent in.

President's Report

- Olive attended the BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) meeting. The major topic discussed was the Brown Act and Transparency. Neighborhood Councils are currently required to list the agenda in five posting places. There has been an effort to change this rule but the BONC has not ruled in favor. The neighborhood councils are encouraging stakeholders to write letters.
- CERT training starts January 6th, 6pm-8:30pm for seven weeks every Monday at Normandale Park on Normandie.
- The Harbor City Neighborhood Council board members will be driving around Harbor City judge the Holiday Lights.
- **Greg Donnan moved that the board write a letter to the Mayor regarding the BONC Commissioners not being responsible and listening to community input. The motion was seconded by Hayes Thrower and passed with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**

Public Comment:

- Greg Donnan gave an update on a recent meeting where Katie Carson of Harbor Gateway South received an award for being with the CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) since its inception. The CPAB meeting for the Harbor Area is the Third Thursday at Harbor Division Station.

Update on Letter of Support to Mayor Garcetti Re: DWP Issues: Hayes Thrower reported that he personally delivered the Board's letter to the Mayor at a recent event. There is hope that there will be a NC Town Hall meeting with the Mayor in the future.

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2013 Stakeholder meeting. **Motion by Greg Donnan, seconded by Janelle Taylor, to approve the October 16, 2013 Stakeholder meeting minutes as presented. The mMotion passed unanimously.**

HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting Report: Olive Reed gave an update on the HANC meeting and also reported that there will be no HCNC Stakeholder meeting in December. The Governing Board Meeting will be held on December 11th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
for the HCNC Board