

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday, 1-15-14; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum of 7 Board members was present. See roll call above. There were approximately 20 Stakeholders in attendance.

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

- He is being re-assigned to the San Pedro area and the new Senior Lead Officer for Harbor City will be Art Ashcraft.
- President Olive thanked Officer Wilkins for his assistance in getting a fence on the Western Avenue Median in front of Narbonne. The ground breaking for the fence project is tomorrow, Thursday 1/16/14 at 10am. Bill Orton from Senator Wright's office was also thanked for his assistance.

Report from LA Fire Department: Due to a red alert, there were no representatives from the Fire Department in attendance.

Reports from Government Officials:

Senator Rod Wright's Office: Bill Orton gave an update on how the fence project came about. The project was originally started by Assembly Member Warren Furutani. Since Western is a State Highway, Senator Wright was able to push the state representatives to get the project pushed through. Orton congratulated the Neighborhood Council for their success with this project.

Harbor Recreation Center: Report from Michael Signorelli on activities at the Center:

- Michael thanked the Neighborhood Council for their assistance with funding for their holiday events.
- He provided an overview of current activities at the Center which include:
 - Basketball for ages 4-16. (Starts Saturday).
 - They are fighting to get their preschool back. \$30 a week.
 - After school club is \$35 a week.
 - There are also three senior citizen clubs.

- Michael can be contacted at the following email: Michael.signorelli@lacity.org

Harbor College Presentation: Interim President, Farley Herzek, showed a power point presentation with the following highlights:

- On the home page of the LAHC.edu website is a video clip of the ceremonies of the new shoe giveaway held at the college for disadvantaged children.
- An overview was provided on the brand new 70,000 sq ft state of the art Science Complex. It is a Platinum Leed Certified building. The building is “cost neutral” during daylight hours. They save \$58,000 a year in electrical costs. There is also a rooftop greenhouse and fourteen new science wet labs.
- Challenges that they are addressing: Getting children to transition from high school to college.
- Beginning Fall 2014 every new student will be required to enroll in four classes for fall and four classes for the spring. Every new student will also be required to complete face to face orientation, assessment and develop an initial education plan.
- A free boot camp in Math and English is being made available.
- The school is going to do their best to connect each new student with another person on campus. The students will be able to participate in an early alert system.

Public Comment:

- **Tom Houston:** Talked about issues with the influx of marijuana dispensaries.
- **Al Sattler of the Sierra Club:** He is the Chair for the local regional group which covers the areas of San Pedro to Manhattan Beach. He addressed three issues of concern: 1) Crude tank cars coming to refineries in Wilmington which is a potential safety hazard; 2) AQMD has a regulation for disclosure of Fracking and LA City Council is considering a moratorium on fracking; and 3) the Southern California Climate Coalition is planning to participate in a Great Climate March to draw attention to the issue of Global Warming. The March will begin in Wilmington and is planned for the month of March.
- Public Comments from stakeholders related to 1) the generator noise at LA Brea canyon and 2) the homeless encampment on the Sepulveda off-ramp by Target.

Holiday Lights Contest – Joyce Fredericks announced the winner of each of the 7 areas. This year there were also two winners in the “Business” Category: Complete Auto Repair on Lomita Blvd. and Montserrat Music Store. Special thanks to Mike Carrera of the Boys and Girl Club for providing his van to transport the board members around Harbor City for judging the lights.

Treasurer’s Report – No report.

Trash Can Code Issues: There was a short discussion on complaints of trash cans being left out or on driveways which is creating an eye sore. The city ordinance states that trash cans should not be placed in the street before 6pm the day before trash pick and cans should be put away by 6pm on day of pickup. Ideas will be brought to the Governing Board meeting on how to handle this.

Chili Cookoff Event Update: Joeann Valle provided an update on this community event. It is scheduled for May 17th at Ken Malloy Park along with the “Cow Patty Bingo.” There will also be a Civil War re-enactment. The goal of the event is to bring the community together.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 Stakeholder Meeting. Motion seconded by Janelle Taylor and approved by 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting Report: Greg Donnan reported on issues discussed at the HANC Meeting which included:

- The issue of “Fracking.”
- PCAC Replacement: HANC is making an effort to put a new Port Advisory body together. Nothing formal has been determined as of yet, it is just something that is in the works.
- DONE: A representative from Empower LA reported that they are hoping for more Community Impact Statements from neighborhood councils.
- NC Elections: Empower LA is expecting neighborhood councils to improve voter turnout at neighborhood council elections by 15% over previous years.
- A new definition of a “stakeholder” is being implemented.
- DONE is asking the City Council to restore funding to \$50,000 for each neighborhood council.
- Other issues discussed were the progress of the new checking account system; the potential change in posting of meeting notices; and the “Next Door” online social media website that connects neighbors similar to a neighborhood watch group.
- The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Safety Summit was announced.

Committee Reports:

Safety Committee: Greg Donnan provided a handout entitled “Medical Needs Management in a Disaster” – Top Ten Tips.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
for the HCNC Board