

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library  
 Wednesday, 4-16-14; 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Vice President Raymond Moser called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum of 9 Board members was present. See roll call above. There were approximately 24 Stakeholders in attendance.
  
2. **LAPD Report:** Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft reported on the following:
  - a. Provided an update on crime statistics. Crime rates increase during summer months. Stakeholders were reminded to keep their windows and doors locked when not at home. Report suspicious people or activities in their neighborhoods.
  - b. Homeless encampments are also a
  - c. Board member Jennifer Corral asked for updates on recent police helicopter activity. Officer Ashcraft stated that he needs specific dates and times to be able to provide detailed information.
  - d. Board member complaint about people dumping waste from their motor homes in the alleys. Ashcraft asked for board members and stakeholders to take down license plates so that he can address these issues.
  - e. There were also complaints about gardeners throwing waste on the streets. Ashcraft stated that gardeners can be cited for these activities.
  - f. Raymond Moser talked about RV's at 1429-1431 260<sup>th</sup> Street, parked in the parking lot with someone living in them. Ashcraft stated that Building and Safety can be contacted to inspect the situation. If it's on the street the officer can address the issue.
  - g. The issue of homelessness and homeless encampments was discussed.
  
3. **Reports from Council District 15 Office** – Gabriela Medina provided highlights from her written report:
  - a. The Mayor hosted the Harbor Area Community Walk on 4/12/14. There were about 250 people in attendance. It is the Mayor's goal to engage the community.
  - b. The Mayor also announced 10,000 summer jobs for youth. More information at [www.hireLAYouth.org](http://www.hireLAYouth.org).
  - c. The Mayor released the proposed 2014-15 City of LA Budget. For questions, contact the Policy Director at [Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org](mailto:Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org) or the Policy Deputy at [John.Larson@lacity.org](mailto:John.Larson@lacity.org).

- d. Fruit Tree Adoption Program: The LA Beautification Team will be at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park on May 17<sup>th</sup> to give away 100 trees.
  - e. Tree Planting on Sepulveda. Concrete cutting should have already begun for the planting of 104 trees. Median beautification
  - f. The community can assist the families of the Orland Bus Crash victims by visiting [sharefestinc.org/buscrashfund](http://sharefestinc.org/buscrashfund).
  - g. CD15 is teaming with Beacon House to form a Clean Harbor City program for beautification projects for public right of ways which will include the cleaning of alleys, walls, weeds, etc.
  - h. A flyer was available showing projects involving street closures in Wilmington.
  - i. Clean up Green up (Wilmington) will be holding their first meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - j. Public arts program – city controller audited funds and found that there is 10 million in funds for all of LA remaining in the coffers for the arts.
  - k. Oversize vehicle no parking signs update: They are currently working in Wilmington before they come to Harbor City. Any locations can be submitted to CD15.
  - l. Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft was thanked for his support in keeping Harbor City safe.
4. **Stakeholder Presentation** –Evelyn Salinas and Britt Vanden Eykel-Huff gave a presentation on H.E.L.P. an elder assistance organization:
- a. H.E.L.P. is dedicated to empowering older adults and their families by providing impartial information, education and counseling on elder care, law, finances and consumer protection so they may lead lives with security and dignity.
  - b. An overview of their services was provided and can be found in detail on their website [www.help4srs.org](http://www.help4srs.org).
  - c. Stakeholders were provided a packet of information.
  - d. A fundraiser is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Harbor Rec Center:** No report.
6. **Public Comment:**
- a. There was an announcement of an upcoming event at Banning Museum called Celebration of Roses scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2014.
  - b. There was also a stakeholder complaint about the alley between President and Anaheim which is full of potholes. The alley across from McDonalds was also mentioned as needing attention. This stakeholder also voiced his frustration with disrespectful drivers and vehicles with illegally tinted windows.
7. **Upcoming Events:**
- a. Health Fair at Narbonne High School, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. There will be many types of free services offered.
  - b. Ken Malloy Regional Park Inaugural Community Fair Update: The event will be free. There will be a chili cook off, booths, and music. There will be a fee for Cow Patty Bingo. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation Department. The event is being held on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> is the Harbor City Rec Center Spring Festival –12pm to 3pm. Free event, PCH & Vermont going to be big.
8. **Update on Status of Harbor Regional Park:** Greg Donnan gave an update on the closure at the park. The gates are still open so people are utilizing the jungle gyms etc. Only a few small permits are being issued. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Prop O project a couple of weeks ago. There is a chain link fence that is temporary and eventually there will be a wrought iron fence built on Anaheim Street.

9. **Treasurer's Report:**

- a. The Treasurer's Report will be presented at the Governing Board Meeting next week.
- b. **Motion to approve the hiring of a City-Approved bookkeeper as recommended by Grayce Liu of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to assist with HCNC Treasurer duties:** Motion by Greg Donnan, seconded by Eric Deklotz to move forward with the process of hiring a bookkeeper using a city-approved staffing agency to help the Treasurer with submitting documents to DONE etc. with the understanding that the costs associated will be brought before the Board for a vote prior to expending any funds. Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Presidents Report:** No report due to Olive's illness.

11. **Approval of Minutes of March 2014 Stakeholder Meeting:** Motion by Greg Donnan, seconded by Jennifer Corral to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 Stakeholder Meeting. Motion passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention.

12. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting Report:** Greg Donnan reported on the HANC meeting providing highlights from the written report:

- a. NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee): An update was given by on the status of forming this committee to basically replace the PCAC.
- b. An update was given on the search for a new Executive Director of the Port.
- c. A motion was passed that the HANC request the Mayor to appoint Michael Shull as the permanent General Manager for the Department of Recreation and Parks.
- d. DONE rep Tom Soong gave an update on finance deadlines.

13. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Education:**

- i. Hayes Thrower gave an update on Harbor Teacher Prep and the accreditation of the school. There is some concern about the facilities and improving parent involvement.
- ii. Hayes attended the Finance Meeting sponsored by Dr. Vladovic for next year's LAUSD budget. 90 people were in attendance. Hayes gave an update on the issues discussed. Narbonne High school received a 6 year accreditation with no review. Harbor Teacher Prep accreditation starts this Sunday.

b. **Other Board Member Comments:**

- i. Hayes called State Senator Rod Wright's office and talked with Bill Orton asking if anyone was available from that office for ceremonial appearances in light of the recent conviction of the Senator. He was told they are only handling constituent issues in the office. Sentencing for the Senator's conviction is in July.
- ii. Raymond Moser commented that Harbor City needs a right exit only lane for PCH off the 110 Freeway South.

14. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith  
for the HCNC Board