

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday 5-21-14; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Jennifer Corral	Excused
Eric Deklotz	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Dr. Irene James	Present (6:20pm)
Wayne McGee	Absent
Raymond Moser	Excused
Paul Murray	Absent
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Janelle Taylor	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Olive Reed called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum of 9 Board members was present. See roll call above. There were approximately 45 Stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders:** No first responders were in attendance. However, Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft had been in contact with the CD15 representative and asked her to report that the major issues in Harbor City are burglaries from motor vehicles and GTA's (Grand Theft Auto). Two suspects have been apprehended
3. **Council District 15:** Gabriela Medina reported:
 - a. The City Council is reviewing the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, proposed by Mayor Eric Garcetti.
 - b. Youth are encouraged to apply for 10,000 summer jobs through the "HireLAYouth.org" program.
 - c. 100 Fruit trees were given away on Saturday, May 17th at the Ken Malloy Regional Park Community Event. These were free to the residents of the City of Los Angeles. More trees are available and can be obtained through the CD15 Office.
 - d. Tree Planting Project on Sepulveda has started. 104 curb appropriate trees will be planted on the North side of Sepulveda to beautify the area.
 - e. Oversized Parking: Signs were accidentally placed in Green Meadows but will be removed.
 - f. 24500 Normandie Avenue is in the unincorporated West Carson area. The property is being inspected for problems with truck idling etc. They are in violation of the current land use.
 - g. Homeless Encampments on Vermont are being addressed by the city and by LAPD.
 - h. Machado Lake Encampments: Senior Park Ranger Albert Torres is the point person for Rec and Parks on encampments on park property citywide. LASAN, BSS, and Rec and Parks are working closely together to handle the encampments. Once they have authorization, the location will be cleaned.
 - i. National Night Out: Several groups want to work together to do something special on this day. The Ken Malloy Regional Park Inaugural Fair was very successful with approximately 1000 attendees. All those who assisted were thanked for their support.
4. **Recognition:** On May 19th, there was an activity at Harbor Teacher Prep and a representative from Dr. Richard Vladovic's office (LAUSD) was sent down to award certificates to several

Narbonne High School students. Four of those students were in attendance to speak about their experiences with Harbor Teacher Prep, the Academic Decathlon and the National Honor Society. Principal Kobata also introduced the coaches of the Decathlon program. This was a competition consisting of 10 events. Narbonne ranked 1st in their area.

5. **Presentation:** Kaiser Permanente – Serena Josel, the Kaiser Public Affairs representative gave a presentation on the construction of the new hospital. This included a short video. Highlights included:
 - a. Kaiser covers the entire South Bay and also Long Beach.
 - b. They are known for their integrated approach to health care. Their goal is to improve the health of their members and the communities they serve.
 - c. In South Bay and Long Beach they have donated over \$21 million in community benefits and charity care.
 - d. They have hosted a community surgery and colonoscopy day, as well as a Hippocrates Circle Program that provided 7th and 8th Grade students with physician mentors.
 - e. The facility provides a Farmer’s Market on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm.
 - f. The South Bay Medical Center has 202,831 members, 460 physicians, 3,384 employees, 235 licensed beds, 57,004 ED visits in 2012, 360,000+ primary care visits annually, and has planned \$500 million in capital improvements from 2000-2015.
 - g. The Grand Opening of the new hospital will be sometime around February 2015.
 - h. Contact information: Serena Josel, Assistant Director, Public Affairs, serena.n.josel@kp.org, 424-251-7677; Twitter: @KPSouthBay. To view the video, go to Kp.org/southbay.

6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:**
 - a. Green Meadows residents at 237th & President have concerns with the medical marijuana dispensary. There has been increased criminal activity since the opening of the facility and paraphernalia has been littering the neighborhood. They would like an increased police presence.
 - b. Joanne gave an update on what progress has been made with the marijuana dispensary issue. She stressed that the community and the neighborhood council needs to put pressure on the City Attorney. Those residents affected were told to document everything that they see. There was also a suggestion that residents install cameras to document the illegal activities.
 - c. There was a suggestion to have a town hall meeting on the subject of medical marijuana dispensaries.

7. **National Night Out:** Greg Donnan addressed Principal Kobata at the meeting and asked if the school could be used for an event in August. Kobata responded that he was happy to allow an event at the school. Greg will form an ad hoc committee to plan the event.

8. **Board Selections update.** Stakeholders were reminded that they will be voting in a new board of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council in September. Candidates are being sought to fill the board positions. More information will be provided on the website.

9. **Report on Ken Malloy Regional Park event.** Joeann Valle reported on the event held May 17th. She thanked all who put in so much effort to make this so successful.

10. **Health Fair:** Joeann Valle reported:
 - a. The Chamber now has a health care committee.
 - b. At the April 26th Health Fair 126 people were seen, 97 of those who had health issues were given appointments with doctors.
 - c. Willow the cow is now a Lions Club member.

- d. Joeann also commented that the PAB (Park Advisory Board) is always looking for more members.

11. Treasurer's Report :

- a. **Update on new Assistant to the Treasurer.** Olive Reed introduced the new bookkeeper who will be assisting the Treasurer. Sheryl Akerblom was hired through Lloyd Staffing which is a DONE approved agency.
- b. Sheryl gave an update on the demand warrant for the library and stated that she will give a full report at the Governing Board Meeting.
- c. **Motion to approve funding of bookkeeper:** Motion by Hayes Thrower to approve funding of up to five hours per month for the bookkeeper. The motion was seconded by Grant Reed and approved unanimously: (Roll call vote: Janelle Taylor/yes, Joyce Fredericks/yes, Joeann Valle/yes, Olive Reed/yes, Grant Reed/yes, Greg Donnan/yes, Eric Deklotz/yes, Hayes Thrower/yes. 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.) *(It was noted that Janette Taylor has turned 18 and is now eligible to vote on funding issues).*
- d. **Approval of Monthly Expenses:** The monthly expenses will be presented at the Governing Board Meeting for approval.
- e. Olive Reed talked about the visit to the DONE office in downtown LA. She visited along with Joyce Fredericks and Grant Reed to explain the problems the HCNC has been having with the Treasurer position.

12. Presidents Report:

- a. Olive Reed spoke about the LAPD meeting she attended with Officer Lindsay and Deputy Chief Sherman regarding the Harbor Division Jail. The City does not have the funding to fully staff the jail at this time. Crime is down in our area so they are pulling officers to other divisions and the officers have no say in the matter. We would have to start a letter campaign to get the officers to stay in our division.
- b. The marijuana dispensary issue was brought up again with the stakeholders and discussed extensively. Joeann Valle talked about the "Safe Streets Now" program as a possible solution. The town hall suggestion was brought up again. A stakeholder stressed the importance of getting the word out so that there will be a large turnout of community members.
- c. It was suggested to make arrangements to have a black and white police car parked in the problem area.
- d. The Selection of Board Members is scheduled for September. All 13 board positions are up for selection. A candidate forum will be held in August during the regular monthly meeting.
- e. Olive Reed announced that the speaker at the June 4th HANC meeting will be Lucy Jones from Cal Tech. She will give a presentation related to earthquakes. The meeting will be held at the Kaiser Conference Center at 6:30pm.
- f. Olive also commented on the Congress of Neighborhoods event scheduled for September 20, 2014.

13. **Approval of Minutes of April 2014 Stakeholder Meeting:** The April 2014 Stakeholder Meeting minutes were not available for review. They will be presented for approval next week at the May 28, 2014 Governing Board Meeting.

14. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting Report:** Greg Donnan reported on items discussed at the May 7th HANC meeting.

- a. Elections: Harbor Gateway North, Northwest San Pedro and Wilmington had elections. Only 61 people showed up to vote for Northwest.
- b. NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee). Several neighborhood councils in the Harbor Area are working to form a new committee that will meet to discuss Port affairs.

- c. A representative from the Small Business Work Source Center on North Gaffey was at the HANC meeting to give an overview of their services.
- d. The BONC representative reported on the new posting rules for meetings of all the neighborhood councils.
- e. Code of conduct and ethics. BONC will execute punitive damages or suspensions on board members violating the code.
- f. 15 Neighborhood Councils currently have checking accounts as a trial process. The program will eventually be rolled out to all the neighborhood councils.

15. Committee Reports:

- a. Retreat: A date in July has been chosen for the retreat. More information will be available at the Governing Board Meeting.

16. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm. Next Stakeholder meeting June 18, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
for the HCNC Board