

**Official Minutes**

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

1. **Call to Order** at 6:03 by Olive Reed. Quorum of 10 board members present (see list above). Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.
  
2. **Reports from First Responders (LAPD Report, SLO Art Ashcraft; LAFD; etc.)**
  - a. **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft reported on the following:
    - i. Year to date Harbor City is about 25 crimes over last year but some arrests were made and the numbers are dropping.
    - ii. SLO Ashcraft issues a warning to stakeholders to keep their windows and doors locked despite the summer heat.
    - iii. There was a stakeholder comment that there was very little police presence in her area of Harbor City on July 4<sup>th</sup> to police the fireworks. Officer Ashcraft explained that there are simply not enough officers to respond to all the firework complaints.
    - iv. There was also a stakeholder comment that the Mayor reports that crime is down overall in the city. Harbor City needs to get more officers to address the increase in crime here if it is down in other areas. Ashcraft would love to have more officers in his division.
    - v. Olive Reed stressed the importance of stakeholders writing letters to the Mayor and the LAPD Deputy Chief Green, Chief Beck, the City Controller, the Police Commissioners and Joe Buscaino telling them not to send officers from our Division to other areas when our crime has increased.
    - vi. Ashcraft agreed that if there is a flood of letters it could make a difference.
  
3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
  - a. **Council District 15 Office:** A written report was available from the Council Office representative, Gabby Medina, in her absence.
  
  - b. **Neighborhood Prosecutor's Office:** Lauren Halligan, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Prosecutor assigned to the Harbor Area, was introduced and talked about the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program. Highlights from her presentation follow:
    - i. Her experience includes being a Deputy City Attorney for 16 years.
    - ii. Her primary focus will be working with stakeholders and the Senior Lead Officers on issues in the Harbor Area.

- iii. Marijuana Dispensaries: The problem is that if one gets shut down, another one opens up. In the Harbor Area there are 35-40 dispensaries. Stakeholders should report suspicious activity. The City Attorney's website has a lot of information on the subject. There are 6 attorneys working specifically on prosecuting these cases.
- iv. Joyce Fredericks commented on the problems with graffiti by the railroad tracks, as well as homeless encampments. Ms. Halligan asked for detailed information so that she can research the issue.
- v. Joeann Valle announced an upcoming hearing on July 30 related to the dispensary at Western and 237<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a push for residents from that area to attend the hearing to have their complaints heard.
- vi. Hayes Thrower commented on the large amount of massage parlors in Harbor City. Ms. Halligan suggested that any suspected illegal activities should be reported and will be referred to the LAPD Vice unit.
- vii. Olive commented that people in the Pines area have been voicing complaints about airplane noise. Ms. Halligan suggested Olive send her an email and she will check into the issue.
- viii. Raymond Moser informed Ms. Halligan about a neglected LADWP transmission station (graffiti, weeds, etc) at 259<sup>th</sup> and Frampton. She asked that she be sent an email.

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:**

- a. Stakeholder A. Rizzi commented on the vacant property at Anaheim and Belle Porte which is severely neglected and looks like a dump (weeds, old mattresses etc). Raymond has sent photos of the property to the neighborhood prosecutor.
- b. K. Ambrocio and R. Poscablo from Narbonne High School Speech and Debate Team asked the board for potential funding of the program.

**5. Request for support of a Condition Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine at Family Ranch Market at 25926 S. Western Avenue, Harbor City which has been in operation for 17 years:** The owner of the market spoke on the needs of her customers who have been asking the market to provide beer and wine along with the international products that she offers. She would like to get support from the Harbor City Neighborhood Council before proceeding with the permit process. The Board will consider support at the Governing Board Meeting on July 27.

**6. Appointment of 2 Budget Advocates to represent the Harbor City Neighborhood Council:** Hayes Thrower and Wayne McGee were appointed with Grant Reed as the alternate.

**7. Harbor Rec Center - Update on recent fire:** No report available.

**8. National Night Out:** Greg Donnan provided an update on Harbor City Neighborhood Council's National Night Out Event in August: Banners and flags will be put on the fences at Narbonne to promote the event. The event will be held on August 5, 2014 in the Narbonne High School Parking Lot. The Lions Club is also sponsoring the event with funding in the amount of \$500.

**9. Treasurer's Report:** There was a brief update from the bookkeeper on the new checking account system. Recurring payments will be set up to make funding easier for many of the monthly expenses.

**10. Report from DONE:** Tom Soong, representative from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was introduced.

- a. He spoke briefly to the stakeholders about the Budget Packet which all neighborhood councils must submit to DONE by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Included in the Budget Packet is the Budget, a Strategic Report and also a report on accomplishments for the previous year.
  - b. Tom Soong also talked about the upcoming Congress of Neighborhood Councils which is an opportunity for board members and stakeholders of the 95 neighborhood councils to meet members of other councils and also receive training.
- 11. Board Selections update.** Olive Reed announced the upcoming Selection of Board Members on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Stakeholders were urged to consider submitting applications. A candidate forum will be held at the August 20<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder meeting. Applications were available for distribution.
- 12. Presidents Report :**
- a. DONE Awards: Olive submitted the project of the Safety Fence on median in front of Narbonne High School for consideration of an award.
  - b. Quarterly Meeting with the Councilman: The meeting was held in Watts. Olive had an opportunity to mention the issue of airplane noise.
- 13. Reports from Committees and other meetings:**
- a. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting:** This committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Kaiser Permanente Conference Center and is made up of representatives from neighborhood councils in the Council District 15 area. The July meeting was not well attended. The Engineering Department of the City of Los Angeles gave a presentation and urged people to visit their website for updates on projects.
  - b. **NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee) Meeting:** Olive gave an update on the new committee being formed to replace PCAC. It is still in the planning stages.
  - c. **BOHC (Board of Harbor Commissioners):** Olive reported that she attended the recent BOHC meeting which was held in the evening. At that meeting there were several truckers who were voicing their complaints to the BOHC.
  - d. **Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park:**
    - i. Joyce Fredericks commented that the Park Advisory Park has not met because the park is under construction. They hope to meet towards the end of summer to get an update on the construction.
    - ii. Joeann Valle reported that the fencing is up and several trees have been removed and non-native vegetation is also being abated. Once the project is complete, Harbor City will have a beautiful gem of a park for its residents and neighboring communities.
    - iii. Heal the Bay is being considered but will depend on access due to construction.
    - iv. Harbor College: Susan McMurray gave a short update on the status of the college President.
- 14. Approval of Minutes** of June 2014 Stakeholder Meeting. **Motion to approve minutes with one spelling correction by Raymond Moser, seconded by Hayes Thrower. Motion passed with 9 yes votes (Corral, Deklotz, Fredericks, McGee, Moser, G. Reed, Donnan, Thrower and Valle), 0 no votes and 1 abstention (chair, Olive Reed).**
- 15. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith  
for the HCNC Board