

Official Minutes

| Board Members | Roll Call |
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| 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 | Present |
| Hayes E. Thrower | Present |
| Joeann Valle | Present |
| Vacant Board Seat | |

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by President Olive Reed. Quorum of 11 board members present (see list above). Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders (LAPD Report, SLO Art Ashcraft; LAFD; etc.)**

LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight from the San Pedro Coastal area and Officer Ria Garcinella, Senior Lead Officer in the Harbor Gateway area provided crime updates and other information (Officer Art Ashcraft on vacation):

- Watch speed in school zones now that school is open.
- Property crimes have been plaguing Harbor City. Leaving car doors unlocked is an invitation to criminals.
- Due to arrests, stolen vehicle crime is finally down.
- Violent crime is also down.
- Two reported cases of catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles. They are easy to steal.
- There have been numerous reported of teenagers congregating behind the library. Five kids were arrested and taken back to school. This helps to deter the problem.
- Joyce Fredericks reported that she received calls about the youth and also about graffiti by the train tracks. They issues have been resolved thanks to the city responding to her requests.
- Olive Reed relayed information to the officers about the letter that was written to the LAPD Chief about officers being moved from Harbor Division to other areas. A copy of the letter was available for stakeholders to view along with a list of the addresses where any such letters can be sent. The officers thanked the HCNC for writing to the LAPD department heads. Olive commented on the importance of being proactive.
- Hayes Thrower brought up the issue of oversized parking and motorhomes taking up multiple parking spaces. Officer Garcinella gave an update on what CD15 plans to do to install more signs.

3. **Reports from Government Officials:** (Subject to availability: Senate District Office; State Assembly office, Congressman's Office; Mayor's Office; Council District 15; LAUSD, etc.)
 - **Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi's office:** Erika Braxton-White, Field Deputy from Assembly Member Al Maratsuchi's office was in attendance and made a few brief comments. They handle citizen problems with State entities such as the Employment Development Department and the DMV. The Assembly session ends this month and the Assembly Member will be available in his office locally to address citizen issues.

4. **Presentation: Public Works Department Bureau of Sanitation -- Update on T.I.R.E. Injection project:** A representative from the Bureau of Sanitation gave an update on the Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project which involves injecting biosolids 5,000 feet below the surface. Over time the biosolids create gas which they capture to create renewable energy. They hope to produce enough Methane gas to power 3,000 homes by putting energy back into the grid. This creates less truck traffic and saves 3 million a year. The representative handed out recyclable bags made from recycled material that is collected by the City of LA.

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:**
 - A representative from the Torrance corporate office of ADT Alarm Company gave a brief overview of their company.

6. **Presentation from Storm Properties on proposed project at 25416 McCoy, Harbor City (at 255th off Vermont).**
 - Storm Properties is family owned and has built properties all over the South Bay.
 - The proposed project on McCoy (North of PCH and East of Vermont) is for 21 units on 1.15 acres zoned multi-family.
 - The project will include street improvements to McCoy and 255th such as sidewalks, curbs and gutters.
 - The zoning allows for 33 units but the developer is proposing only 21 units in the form of fee simple, two story, front entry, 2 car garage single family homes.
 - A zoning variance is being requested to make private yards instead of a common area.
 - They are also asking for a slight height variance.
 - In response to concerns about parking problems, the representative explained that each home will have a 2 car garage and there will also be guest parking and street parking available.
 - Olive asked about traffic concerns at Sepulveda and Normandie.

7. **Candidate Forum:** Each candidate running for the HCNC Board gave a three minute candidate statement:
 - Hayes Thrower – running for re-election
 - Wayne McGee – running for re-election
 - Eric Deklotz – running for re-election
 - Greg Donnan – running for re-election
 - Brandii Grace – new candidate
 - Kayla Domingo- new candidate
 - Rohan Sourjah- new candidate
 - Jennifer Corral – running for re-election
 - Raymond Moser – running for re-eleciton

- Joeann Valle – running for re-election
- Joyce Fredericks – running for re-election
- Grant Reed – running for re-election
- Olive Reed – running for re-election

- 8. Harbor College Report:** Susan McMurray gave an update on Harbor College:

 - The college now has a new president, Dr. Otto Lee. He will be invited to come and speak to the HCNC stakeholders. Other changes have occurred in administration as well.
 - Susan thanked the HCNC and its stakeholders for their support of the college. They have hired 9 new faculty members and new state funding will be used for additional improvements.
 - The state has mandated that they combine the outreach and adult services that are provided to the adults by the community college with the LA Unified School District. Future updates will be provided on this topic.
 - The new library is now open.
- 9. Discussion options for participating in “Heal the Bay”.** Joeann reported that at the last PAB meeting this was talked about at length. It is the same day as the Congress of Neighborhood Councils so they are not considering putting resources into Heal the Bay considering that the park is closed off.
- 10. National Night Out:** Greg Donnan reported on the Harbor City Neighborhood Council’s National Night Out Event held August 5th. The event was attended by several police officers, as well as Commander Scott, Sargeant Plouse and SLO Ashcraft. Stakeholder participation was not as high as expected but overall it was a very nice event.
- 11. Treasurer’s Report:**

 - New checking account is now active.
 - The July bank statement will be approved at the Governing Board Meeting.
 - Presentation of 2014-2015 Budget and Strategic Plan: This item was postponed until the Governing Board Meeting)
- 12. Presidents Report:** Olive provided an update on hearings and meetings she attended on behalf of the HCNC and the stakeholders.
- 13. Approval of Minutes** of June 2014 Stakeholder Meeting **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2014 Stakeholder Meeting, seconded by Gary Mckee. Motion approved with 9 yes votes (Corral, Deklotz, Fredericks, McGee, Moser, G. Reed, Donnan, Thrower, Valle); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (O. Reed and J. Taylor).**
- 14. Budget Advocates:** Board members Hayes Thrower and Wayne McGee, the appointed Budget Advocates, attended the Budget Advocates Meeting. The meeting was also attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor who spoke a great deal about the upcoming budget. Highlights included:

 - Update on how much will be allocated for repair of sidewalks (it was reported that it will take 30 years to replace all sidewalks that are needed).
 - Police overtime that has accumulated comes out of the budget for those police retiring.
 - All city services are back to where they were in 2008.
 - The conference ended with small groups who were asked to prioritize items.

- There was a suggestion to have a joint neighborhood council meeting and invite the Mayor.

15. Additional Public Comment: Eric Deklotz talked about his concerns with the flyers on the cement poles that are targeting teens.

16. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Meeting: Olive reported that at the last meeting the topic was preparing neighborhoods for a disaster.

17. NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee) Meeting : At the last meeting the group passed a motion that all the participating neighborhood councils ask for board approval to pay for a person to take minutes at the monthly meetings. The group is still in the forming stages.

18. Announcements: None.

19. Adjournment – Next Stakeholder meeting September 17, 2014. This meeting will be the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Elections.

20. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith
for the HCNC Board