

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library
 Wednesday, October 15, 2014; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Kayla Domingo	Absent
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
Brandi Grace	Present
John T. Gonzalez	Present
Wayne McGee	Excused
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Olive Reed	Excused
Rohan Sourjah	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 10 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 26 stakeholders in attendance. The President announced that voting for the selection of the new board began at 4pm and would continue until 8pm at which time the ballots would be counted and the new board announced. There were many stakeholders who arrived to vote but did not stay for the meeting.
2. **Introduction and swearing in of new board members and officers by California State Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi:** After formal swearing in Assemblymember Muratsuchi introduced Erica Brakston White the liaison in his office for Harbor City. He also made general comments on the state of California.
3. **Reports from LAPD:** Senior Lead Office Art Ashcraft gave an update on crime statistics.
 - a. From September 14th to October 14th there were 13 burglaries from motor vehicles, 10 burglaries, 10 grand theft autos, and 8 thefts off of property.
 - b. There were a cluster of burglaries on Western between Sepulveda and 240th a total of 6, most of which were between 6:00 PM and 6:00 am.
 - c. The area is still having a problem with long term parking of RV's.
4. **Council District 15 Office:** Gabby Medina provided highlights from her written report:
 - a. Updates on the Mayor's Office Emergency Drought Response Program, the Raise the Wage LA proposal and the Cash-In-Your-Lawn program.
 - b. Update on identification of city-owned properties for filming use.
 - c. Update and discussion on Art for Utility boxes program. Joyce suggested that perhaps the outreach committee could take up the issue.
 - d. Update discussion on Living Wage/Hotel Employees Ordinance. Joeann Valle announced that the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber is having a meeting to gather information on how the Wage Ordinance is going to affect local businesses. The meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at the South Bay Vocational Center at 4:00 PM.
 - e. Update on community wide events, community projects and constituent complaints.

- f. Greg asked for an update on possibly holding downhill races again. Gabby responded that there needs to be a committee that would be willing to look into it and that the city would be more than willing to support it. They don't organize these types of events, they can only provide support. The council office is willing to assist with costs associated with street closures, signage, tables and chairs.
- g. Greg asked if the council office could assist the board with the retirement of worn out American flags. A stakeholder stated that Boy Scout Troup 388 can do it. Though Grant stated that when the board inquired in the past they were told that the AQMD now prohibits the Boy Scouts from burning the flags, which is part of the ceremony of retirement.
- h. Gabby reminded everyone that the council office can provide tools and bags for neighborhood clean-ups.
- i. A new illegal gaming site at 1528 Anaheim was shut down on September 25th by the LAPD. All equipment and gaming stations were confiscated and multiple arrests/citations resulted.
- j. 1409 W. Anaheim: This lot is located on the corner of Belle Porte and Anaheim. The property owner was previously fined and another complaint has been filed. The Department of Building and Safety will report back on its findings.
- k. Stakeholder question about water waste. Gabby advised if they see water waste or oil being drained illegally they should call the council office and ask for Nicole Wells.
- l. Stakeholder question for update on homeless encampments. Each council district is on a 3 month cycle for emergency services for homeless encampments.

5. Presentation Re: Sea Breeze Apartments Project at 1131 W. Sepulveda: Attorney Neil E. Bower of JMBM LLP, a firm representing the Storm Business Park, was introduced. Highlights from his presentation follow:

- a. He presented a site map that was generated as part of the environmental impact work for the site which outlined the parcel in question as well as adjoining parcels. Storm Business Park is the 8 buildings immediately to the north of the Sea Breeze parcel.
- b. The Sea Breeze project is slated to be 352 residential units in six story buildings on a 5 acre site. Sea Breeze is requesting to amend the City's General Plan.
- c. The site is currently zoned M3 (heavy industrial uses) including allowing uses outside, which are not allowed within 500 feet of a commercially zoned parcel.
- d. Sea Breeze is requesting to change the zoning to COMMERCIAL not residential. They would still need additional variances and adjustments.
- e. If the rezoning were to occur the current Storm Business Park tenants, Los Angeles Times and All Access Staging, would be required to vacate within one year of the zoning change as their uses would then be considered non-conforming. Taking away valuable jobs. Other adjacent properties would also likely be impacted.
- f. An Environmental Impact Report issued for the project concluded that the project was not suitable for the site and that it would conflict with the city's General Plan, current zoning and the city's Industrial Land use plan.
- g. The Sea Breeze site is currently viable for M3 heavy industrial use.
- h. After analysis City staff initially denied recommendation of the project. The City Council has requested staff to write a new recommendation in support of the project for consideration by City Council at the October 21st meeting.
- i. Harbor City Neighborhood Council has in the past made clear their opposition to the rezoning and last month sent a letter to the City Council stating that opposition.

6. **Fresh & Easy:** Update on store located at Western and PV Drive North seeking support for renewal of application. David Zohn is asking for a letter of support for Fresh and Easy's continued use and operation at the corner of Western Dr. and Palos Verdes Drive North. They are seeking one additional hour of daily operation from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM instead of 10:00 PM. Joeann Valle commented that Fresh and Easy has been very supportive of cleanups in Harbor City. The letter of support will be discussed at the Governing Board Meeting next week.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report will be presented at the October 22, 2014 Governing Board Meeting.
8. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils):** Greg Donnan, HCNC's Representative to HANC, provided highlights from his written report which can be viewed on the www.harborcitync.com website. Highlights included:
 - a. Dr. Tom Williams and Juliette Hart of the USC Sea Grant Program are having a public meeting concerning the consequences of climate change on the LA coastal area. For more information contact Greg Donnan who has the details related to the meeting.
 - b. David Roberts is the new Economic Development Planning Director for CD-15. He heard a lot of input at the HANC meeting regarding the Sea Breeze zoning issue.
 - c. HANC and other Neighborhood Council alliances wrote letters requesting 10 minute speaking time at City Council and Council Committee meetings. They also voted unanimously that Neighborhood Councils be allowed to carry over remaining funds from one fiscal year to the next; and voted unanimously that Los Angeles City departments have designated liaisons for Neighborhood Councils that will regularly attend monthly stakeholder meetings.
 - d. There was a video taken at BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) Congress to promote Neighborhood Councils. There was a motion made for Power LA to produce videos for each neighborhood council to use for outreach. However, the concept of the video was turned down.
 - e. BONC has enacted a code of conduct policy for Neighborhood Councils.
 - f. The Mayor's office discussed the minimum wage issue.
 - g. Harbor City Neighborhood Council has 2 representatives on budget advocates committee. There are 6 video cameras available for recording budget committee and month stakeholder meeting. The Harbor area budget committee meeting is coming up in Baldwin Park.
9. **NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Alliance Committee)** Rohan Sourjah and Grant Reed gave highlights from the past NCPAC meeting:
 - a. There was a motion for funding for minute taker of \$450.00 per year from each Neighborhood Council. The motion passed.
 - b. There are approximately 9 port projects in various stages. The committee discussed how best to share tracking and action on these projects with all the Neighborhood Councils. Examples are the RFI for the Boy Scout Camp, and Alta Sea projects.
 - c. The San Pedro Neighborhood Councils passed some resolutions regarding requesting that the Port perform as promised. In particular at the moment in regards to reduced operating hours and extension of the Red Car line. The Port promised to extend the Red Car line to Cabrillo Beach and Wilmington in 2009.
 - d. NCPAC is just getting started as an entity. The committee may or may not keep going.
10. **Harbor Regional Park PAB** – Greg Donnan reported. Highlights from his report follow:

- a. You can start to see inside Ken Malloy Park from outside the park.
- b. There is a YouTube video related to Prop O from Councilmember Buscaino's office that they hope to post on the HCNC website.
- c. There is a fence around the park now and a crew responsible for only doing fence repair as people are constantly damaging the fence. Board member Hayes Thrower asked about the homeless encampments and do the encampment dwellers pose any danger to the fence repair crew? Are they doing sweeps/patrols? Greg responded that there is a park ranger but he is not equipped to deal with these issues. There is a problem as people are scaling the fences to feed animals in the park. Some people are belligerent and very tenacious. It is illegal to feed predatory animals in the park. It is not the contractor's responsibility to handle these issues.
- d. Joeann Valle commented that stakeholders would like another Prop O presentation either at a future stakeholder meeting or at Harbor College.
- e. After completion of the project, the lake will be six feet deep.
- f. Stakeholders interested in the park were invited to attend the Park Advisory Board meetings. They are held the second Tuesday of each month.

11. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed – no report.

Reports from Committee Chairs :

- 12. Education/Youth Committee**– Hayes Thrower gave a brief description of purposes and responsibilities of Education/Youth Committee. They consider outside issues related to harbor area campuses, monitor test scores and track funding grants from the neighborhood council. They communicate with school officials to resolve issues. The committee presented a funding request from Harbor City Elementary School for their Harvest Festival.
- 13. Outreach Committee** – Brandi Grace – They want to reach out on many levels to various community groups and government offices. They want to let people know about volunteer positions on committees of the neighborhood council to let people know they can have an impact by participating. They want to work with the police department about possibly having a Twitter account or a Facebook feed for things like starting a neighborhood watch or safety tips. They hope to have more of a media and internet presence in order to get out the word about all of the things that are discussed at stakeholder meetings.
- 14. Public Safety** – Greg Donnan – Greg passed out a brochure entitled “SNAP” on safety, which he does periodically. If there are questions related to public safety the committee can look into them. The committee tries to bring information related to public safety to stakeholders. He is considering giving safety recommendations for in-home safety. Greg is at present the only member of this committee.
- 15. Planning/Zoning/Land Use** – Joeann Valle – This committee deals with complex issues. They need to have more communication to know what is going on in advance so they can act in advance. A stakeholder asked a question about condo a project on 237th Street.
- 16. By Laws** – Olive Reed – not present

Old Business:

- 17. Board Retreat Update** – Joeann Valle – She received an email from Harbor College that they are requiring several items in order for the board to hold the retreat on campus now that Harbor College is part of LAUSD. Joeann will look into it further and present her findings at the Governors Board meeting next week. The date of the retreat is November 1st.

18. **Four Way Stop Sign at 253rd and Frampton:** Ray Moser gave an update on possibly getting a four way stop sign at the intersection of 253rd and Frampton. Ray received a letter from a transportation engineer at LADOT stating that the intersection does not meet the departments guidelines for the installation of an all way stop. A stakeholder commented on the dangers of that intersection. He is shocked at the response of LADOT.

New Business:

19. **Grant Application:** The board received a grant application from Narbonne High School. The Grant Application Procedure is that all grant applications need to be vetted by the appropriate committee and then brought to the board for consideration.
20. **Presidents Report :** Raymond Moser announced the following:
- a. Veterans Appreciation day at the USS Iowa Battleship on November 8th, 10am–4pm.
 - b. Reminded stakeholders to be conscious of water conservation.
 - c. Announced that Lovelyn Marquez-Prueher, an 8th grade teacher at Dodson Middle School has been named one of the five California Teachers of the year.
21. **Approval of Minutes of September 2014 Stakeholder Meeting:** Motion by Joeann Valle to approve the September 2014 Stakeholder meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Greg Donnan and passed with 6 yes votes (Deklotz, Fredericks, G. Reed, Donnan, Thrower, Valle); 0 no votes and 4 abstentions (Gonzalez, Grace Moser, Sourjah).
22. **Public Comments:** None
23. **Announcements –**
- a. Grant announced that the Safety collaborative is meeting on October 23rd at Narbonne in the multipurpose room.
 - b. Greg announced that on November 10th LAFD Lead Captain will be speaking regarding the recent wharf fires. The luncheon will be at the Monterey Hill Restaurant and the cost is \$35.00. Contact Greg for more information.
 - c. The deadline for voter registration is Monday October 20th.
 - d. On Tuesday October 27th the Harbor City/Lomita Lions Club is holding their annual charity dinner at the San Pedro Fish Market Restaurant. It is \$25.00 for an all you can eat buffet. Contact Joeann for more information.
 - e. Joyce offered stakeholders still in attendance “Keep Harbor Clean” yard signs.
 - f. John Gonzalez announced that the DWP has a program for Harbor City residents to replace standard toilets with energy saving toilets at no charge. It is available to renters, property owners and business alike. Contact John for more information.
 - g. Rohan announced the new Neighborhood Justice Program is starting.
24. **Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:33 PM. Next Stakeholder meeting, November 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the HCNC Board