

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 1400 240th Street, Harbor City
 Wednesday, 2-25-15; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call at 6:00pm:** President Ray Moser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum of 10 Board members was present. See roll call above. No stakeholders present.
2. **Minutes:** Motion by **Donnan** to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2015 Governing Board Meeting, **Valle** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Fredericks, Deklotz, G. Reed, O. Reed, Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Sourjah & Moser).
3. **Budget & Finance Report:** Olive Reed, Treasurer (possible action items)
 - a. **Approval of April Cash Request.** - Motion by **Valle** to approve April Cash Request, **Gonzales** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Fredericks, Deklotz, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah, Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - b. **Approval of December Monthly Expense Report.** - Motion by **Valle** to approve December Monthly Expense Report, **Gonzales** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Fredericks, Deklotz, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah, Valle) 0 No and 1 abstentions (Moser).
 - c. **Approval of January Bank Statement.** – No copy of the January Bank Statement yet available.
 - d. **Approval Funding Request Form.** - Motion by **Grace** to approve an amount not to exceed 100.00 to purchase white copy paper for Narbonne High School, **Gonzales** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Fredericks, Deklotz, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah, Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
4. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
 - a. **HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils). Greg Donnan reported:
 - i. Rec & Parks – Discussion of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s desire to possibly forming a new committee to oversee the Dept. of Recreation and Parks for all the parks in the Harbor Area. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is requesting that Harbor City

Neighborhood Council join the committee. - Motion by **O. Reed** not to endorse or participate with Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council in forming a committee to oversee the Dept. of Recreation and Parks for all the parks in the Harbor Area, **Valle** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Fredericks, Deklotz, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah, Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Grace & Moser).

- b. **Friends of the Library** – Grant Reed
 - i. Presentation of a request for funding by Dorothy Jenkins of Friends of the Library. She provided completed DONE forms and paperwork. Once the Board has reviewed the request there will be a vote at a future meeting.
- c. **Chamber of Commerce** – Joeann Valle
 - i. Announced a stakeholder’s husband had passed away.
 - ii. The Chamber held its monthly Small Business roundtable today, the topic was “The Many Things That Small Businesses do wrong in Marketing”. At their last Board meeting, Gene Seroka, the new Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles attended.
 - iii. The Chamber is having an International Trade event with Port Tech LA.
 - iv. The Chamber is working with LAUSD regarding the food trucks at Narbonne.
- d. **Update on BONC Outreach** (Olive Reed)
 - i. Olive read an email from Laurie Jacobs from Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council to Committee Chair of BONC outreach basically stating that they (NWSPNC) hope that BONC understands that its roll is an advisory one and not to create more mandates or hard rules for NC outreach.
 - ii. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates are also having issues with DONE and BONC, leading them to consider forming local budget advocate committees.
- e. **Budget Advocates** – none present
 - i. Olive commented that at the last HANC meeting Craig Goldfarb is considering forming a break away budget committee for the South Bay. This is due to DONE not communicating meeting information to the Budget Advocates in the South Bay area.

5. **Reports from Committee Chairs:** - (possible action items)

- a. **Education/Youth** – Hayes Thrower not present. No report.
- b. **Outreach** – Brandii Grace reported:
 - i. The traffic light issue is not an Outreach Committee issue .
 - ii. Changing speaker schedule – The new LAPD Capt. for Harbor Division is not available in May. Accordingly, the Committee will work on rearranging and rescheduling speakers.
 - iii. Utility boxes project – Project to be postponed due to not yet knowing the location of eligible boxes.
- c. **Public Safety** – Greg Donnan reported:
 - i. Greg is resigning as Chair of the Safety Committee.
 - ii. No nominations for new chair.
- d. **Planning/Zoning/Land Use** – Joeann Valle reported:
 - i. There was discussion about the proposed new shopping center on Lomita and Frampton which is going to be a two story, 21,000 sq. ft. building, slated to have 85 parking spaces. There are currently only 10 parking spaces.
 - ii. Eric Deklotz regularly attends LA City Plan Check meetings. Something to be aware of is that there is no law in the City of Los Angeles against building cell towers on R-1 (residential properties) lots. A cell tower was recently installed on a residential single family lot somewhere in the City of LA. Because it was installed on private property the installing company was not required to go through the otherwise normal procedures.

- e. **By Laws** – Olive Reed - No report
- f. **Community Impact** –
 - i. The City Council wants Neighborhood Councils to designate up to 5 Board members to file community impact statements on the City's CIS system. This is done by the designated registered user logging in and using the City Council file number of the item recording a Board sanctioned (motioned and passed) statement. These members are to be appointed by the Board President. Moser designated Grace and G. Reed, and they accepted.

6. **New/Old Business:**

- a. Appointment of board members to have access to write and submit community impact statements.
 - i. Community Impact – see item 5f above.
- b. Downhill Race/Signature Event for HCNC: Update from Ad Hoc Committee. (possible action item)
 - i. The last downhill race cost \$15,000 plus, not including permits. With so few Board members to staff the event, it was an extraordinary amount of work. The Board discussed the possibility of have a signature event, not necessarily a downhill race. Moser suggested that the Outreach Committee look into other kinds of events they could have. For example a similar event to last year's Community Health Fair. Sourjah suggested perhaps a battle of community bands.
- c. Flag Retirement – Status of flag retirement issue. John Gonzales reported that he has sent a letter to an organization in Twenty Nine Palms and is awaiting a response.
- d. Pocket Parks – Moser requests that this be move to the Land Use Committee.
- e. Spearhead Clean-ups – Grace reports that the first clean-up event is March 7th, to be organized by Valle. The committee wants Board input in creating a monthly schedule of one neighborhood a month and the name of a person possibly willing to lead and organize the event in their neighborhood.
- f. FasTrak for Police Cars (action item) - **Motion by O. Reed that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council compose a letter to Chief Beck, the City Controller, Mayor Garcetti, LA City Council, requesting, that in the interest of public safety, when LAPD officers are transporting detainees from Harbor Division to 77th Street Station they be allowed to use the FasTrak lanes, Donnan seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Fredericks, Deklotz, Grace, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah, Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- g. Utility Box Art – see outreach report
- h. Help for Day Labor Site (action item) – Board discussion of ways the Board can assist the Harbor City Day Labor Job Center. **Motion by G. Reed to approve an amount not to exceed \$300.00 to purchase items to be determined as needed for Harbor City Day Labor Job Center, Donnan seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Fredericks, Deklotz, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah, Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention (Moser).**
- i. Banners for Stakeholders Meeting – The Board had a short discussion on banners not being put up prior to stakeholder meetings. Board members will follow up on getting the banners up prior to meetings.
- j. Signal at 255th and Western (action item) – Grace proposed that an ad hoc committee be formed and nominated Gonzales. Gonzales agreed to chair an ad hoc committee. The board discussed the issue further. Grace stated that at the last Stakeholder meeting she received several requests to start a petition on this issue for the next Stakeholder meeting. - **Motion by Grace to create a petition for stakeholders to sign in support of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of 255th and Western Ave., Valle seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Fredericks, Deklotz, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah, Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention (Moser).**

- k. Elect Representative to Monthly Port Meeting – Moser stated that he attends the monthly Port meeting and that two other Board members may also attend. - **Motion by Grace to elect Sourjah and Donnan as additional representatives to attend the monthly Port of LA Executive Directors meeting, Gonzales seconded. Motion passes 5 Yes (Gonzales, Fredericks, Deklotz, Grace, Valle) 0 No and 5 abstention(s) (Donnan, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourjah & Moser).**
7. **Future Program Planning/Speakers:** – see 5b. outreach report above.
8. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
- a. **Quartney Cervantes with Sharefest Community Development.** Sharefest has started a program at Narbonne High School, called the Youth Leadership Council. It is a graduate level class in conjunction with Pepperdine. Toberman Sharefest has received funding for the students to do a community action project. The project will be a garden at the Toberman Community Center. Sharefest offers services such as the State of California High School Exit Exam preparation classes at other Harbor Area schools as well.
 - b. **Javier Martinez from the Park Advisory Board** presented a request for funding from the Board for Skate Park and Weight Room equipment. The Board requested that Mr. Martinez complete the required paperwork from DONE. Once the proper committee receives the paperwork the Board will create an agenda item to formally consider the request.
 - c. **Javier Martinez, a Gang Intervention Counselor at Toberman Community Center,** passed out flyers for Tobermans upcoming fund raising event on April 4, 2015 at Terranea Resort.
 - d. **Greg Donnan** announced an Open House at the LAPD Harbor Division on March 21, 2015 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. There is also a Community Roll Call at the LAPD Harbor Division on March 21, 2015 at 4:30 in the community room. Other announcements made by Greg Donnan were:
 - i. The LAPD booster club Harbor Lights is having a luncheon on April 25, 2015 from 11:30 – 2:30 pm at Port's o' Call.
 - ii. Employee of the Year luncheon at Trump National Golf Course on March 18, 2015.
 - iii. Warner Grand Theater is fund raising event on March 28, 2015 they will be showing the movie *Giant*.
 - e. **Olive Reed** commented on receiving an email from a representative at Alta Sea about having a representative from Harbor City Neighborhood Council to attend regular Alta Sea meetings.
9. **Follow-up planning to Stakeholder Issues/Concerns:** (if any) – no follow up issues or concerns.
10. **President's Report:**
- a. Alta Sea is having a meeting tomorrow that Harbor City Neighborhood Council was invited to attend.
11. **Adjournment**
- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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