

**Official Minutes**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Eric Deklotz	Present
Kayla Domingo	Present Departed 7:30
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Present
Brandii Grace	Excused
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Present Arrived 6:15
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 12 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders**:
  - a. Special Speaker: New Harbor Division Captain Kathryn Meek
    - i. Captain Meek introduced herself. She has been at Harbor Division for two months now and is still learning about the communities.
    - ii. She has been with LAPD for almost 29 years and has worked in South Bureau for over 20 years. She has a very diverse background and has worked Vice, Gangs and at the Airport.
    - iii. Officer Terrezas is the acting Senior Lead Officer starting May 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. Crime stats; the area is being hit hard on thefts from motor vehicles. Also Catalytic converters are being targeted. There were 7 stolen in one week, all in Harbor City. On the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> LAPD arrested a known gang member with a gun in the 5 Points area. This individual was stealing car batteries. From April 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup> in Harbor City there were only 2 stolen cars and from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup> there was only one stolen car. The week after that there were 2 cars stolen.
    - v. Officer Terrezas will be meeting with Kaiser about parking area break-ins. They will go over some options including changing security companies and installing additional cameras.
    - vi. A stakeholder asked a question about traffic control.
    - vii. Another stakeholder asked about how many parolees there are in Harbor City. A specific figure could not be provided. There is a parole and compliance unit that works the Harbor Area weekly for parole checks.
    - viii. Board member John Gonzales commented that at the corner of PCH and Normandie there is a dialysis clinic that has several panhandlers that are asking the dialysis patients for money and cigarettes. There is also an unmanned donation station in the same location and there are homeless people going through the donated items and taking things as well as making an unsightly mess. The staff at the clinic asked if Officer Terrezas could come by there and see if he could help with the situation. Officer Terrezas mentioned the LAPD Quality of Life unit could try helping.
    - ix. A stakeholder commented that people are not stopping at the stop signs around the schools. Officer Terrezas has given several citations at these locations recently.

- x. Captain Meek commented that one of the best ways to get more officers assigned to Harbor Division is to call and report incidents. One of the criteria LAPD uses to determine officer assignment is calls for service.
- xi. A stakeholder who lives across the street from Narmont Elementary commented about the traffic problems in the area. Capitan Meek stated that when it's around a school it is a priority and to let Officer Terrezas know and the Traffic Division will work on the area.
- xii. On Lockness and Sepulveda there is graffiti on an abandoned building. Officer Terrezas will let the Senior Lead for that area know about the problem.
- xiii. Board member Wayne Magee commented on there being a lot of drug transactions on 254<sup>th</sup>. He asked if LAPD could stage a patrol car at the location.
- xiv. Board member Greg Donnan commented on the parking problems on Oakheath Place and on Normandie Avenue.
- xv. Board President Ray Moser asked about the LAPD Face Book page which is *LAPD Harbor Community Police Station*.
- xvi. Board member Eric Deklotz commented on the issue of panhandlers at PCH and Normandie. He also commented about the mass exodus of official law enforcement vehicles leaving Kaiser after the Active Shooter training exercise causing traffic problems.
- xvii. Two Stakeholders commented on drug dealer problems on 253rd and Marigold.
- xviii. Board member Joyce Fredericks commented about a problem with oversized vehicles parking on 242<sup>nd</sup> Place or Western Ave. There is a posted sign on 242<sup>nd</sup> that prohibits vehicles over six feet from parking.
- xix. A stakeholder commented about a location with trash. Officer Terrezas suggested that they use the 311 app for cleanup. Just enter the problem address and they will come and cleanup the area. But for him to issue a citation for littering he would have to catch them in the act.
- xx. Officer Terrezas's city phone number is 310 869-2106 or nonemergency 877-ASK-LAPD (877-275-5273).

### **3. Reports from Government Officials:**

#### **a. Susan McMurray from Harbor College:**

- i. Graduation is on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
- ii. They are preparing to hire 7 to 9 new instructors.
- iii. There will be limited summer school this year. It will run from June 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 15, 2015. There will be a 6 week session and an 8 week session.
- iv. There are 2 long time administrators retiring, Vice President Abbie Patterson and Luis Rosas.
- v. The marquee is now operating.
- vi. Harbor Teach Prep is having, Maddie Adams Night, a celebration to honor parents, faculty, staff and volunteers for the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school.

#### **b. Gabriela Medina Field Deputy for Councilman Joe Buscaino** was unable to attend however she forwarded a letter from Councilman Buscaino thanking the Board and Stakeholders for the opportunity to speak at last month's stakeholder meeting and stating that he will attend the Harbor City Neighborhood Council's National Night Out event. She also provided a written report, some of the highlights are as follows:

- i. Animal Services announced cut backs in services, asking inspectors to be consolidated in the South LA region where there is a greater, daily need of services. The Harbor Animal Station will continue to serve as a shelter. The Councilman is frustrated with the lack of communication and is asking for no change right now. He is also asking that Animal Services visit all the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils to discuss the issue.
- ii. San Pedro will be a host town for this summer's Special Olympics.

**4. Budget/Finance Committee Report:**

- a. Approve May Cash Request. **Motion by Donnan to approve the May Cash Request, Valle seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Magee, Rutherford, G. Reed, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- b. The annual Budget & Finance Committee meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at Tantalice Thai Restaurant at 23770 Western Ave., Harbor City.

**5. Reports from Meeting Representatives:**

- a. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)** Greg Donnan reported:
  - i. The Sustainability Alliance formed in February of 2015. The Mayor wants to partner with the Neighborhood Councils to reduce water usage through the SAVE THE DROP initiative. They want one person from every NC to attend monthly meetings and join the Alliance.
  - ii. Currently the Harbor Area has no Animal Control Officers. No prior notice of the Officers reassignment from the Harbor Area to South LA was given. Of the 47 Officers they have actually working, one of those answers phones.
  - iii. Victor Medina from BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) reported the following:
    1. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is greatly understaffed so many calls are not being returned.
    2. There have been many grievances filed.
    3. BONC is considering requiring certain elements on NC websites, including posting of approved minutes.
    4. The deadline for submitting Neighborhood Purpose Grants and any expense over \$2,500 to DONE is June 22, 2015. The deadline for all other expenditures for this fiscal year is June 30, 2015. The deadline to submit the 2015/2016 budget package is July 1, 2015 and the self-assessment survey is due by September 1, 2015.
    5. Budget Day is June 27, 2015, which will be attended by HCNC budget advocate Hayes Thrower.
    6. BONC is pushing for funding from NC's for their Budget Advocate meetings and their Annual Congress.
    7. Radio broadcasts for budget advocates one Sunday a month.
- b. **Friends of the Library – Grant Reed**
  - i. Grant Reed gave a general update on the library; Circulation is up, the San Pedro library is open again and book sales are good. Board member Hayes Thrower asked if eBooks come out of the main library downtown or a local library.
- c. **Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce - Joeann Valle**
  - i. The new minimum wage for the City of Los Angeles is now being considered by the County of Los Angeles and possibly Statewide.
  - ii. The Chamber is working with an organization that is a compilation of all the Chambers in the County of LA. One of the things they are working on is a cutout on the minimum wage for youth and nonprofits.
  - iii. The Chamber is working on creating the Harbor City Downtown. They created a 3 question survey for just the businesses on PCH. They want to be sure this is what the businesses want, and it is. The area is on PCH from Western Ave. to Ken Malloy Regional Park.
- d. **Public Safety – Greg Donnan**
  - i. They are getting ready to have a tour of Ken Malloy Regional Park. If interested contact Greg Donnan for more information.
  - ii. There is a scam going around with people claiming to represent the IRS.

## 6. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. **Education/Youth Committee** – Hayes Thrower provided the agenda from the Narbonne High School Safe & Healthy School Collaborative meeting from April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Some of the highlights were:
  - i. The Deans report: there have been no major incidents and very little need for outside policing on campus. The campus police said it was the same for them.
  - ii. The Healthy Start report: the Cafeteria Manager reported on the food program, how the breakfast in the classroom program was going. It was suggested that the kids do some hands on activities while they were eating. There is concern that not all the food offerings are being eaten, but being returned to the cafeteria and then donated to various organizations. They also talked about identifying children at risk, i.e. foster children, potentially homeless children in need of medication or possibly clothing items.
  - iii. The School Police report: they brought in Mike the dog to do a random locker check.
  - iv. In the LAUSD Board election on May 19<sup>th</sup> two incumbents were defeated by UTLA supported candidates.
  - v. The UTLA teachers voted by 97% for the 10% raise over the next three years.
  - vi. Superintendent Cortinez was extended a one year contract at \$300,000 per year, plus expenses.
  - vii. There are 2 lawsuits initiated by LAUSD; one against Apple for misleading the capability of the iPads and one against the software company that was responsible for the curriculum for the iPads not being able to be updated and in general not being able to meet the requirements and guarantees that they made.
  - viii. The South Service Center is now the largest of the 4 service centers in LAUSD. Board member John Gonzales commented that approximately 2 weeks ago there was a 9 member panel that selected the new ESC South. They selected the next superintendents. He stated that if you have issues with LAUSD to come and see him about it. He was appointed to Ramon Cortinez's committee.
  - ix. The next Narbonne High School Safe & Healthy School Collaborative meeting is Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am in the library.
- b. **Outreach Committee** – John Gonzales reported:
  - i. They planned to have all the student body presidents from all the local schools come and speak at tonight's meeting but they postponed them to August to allow more time for Capitan Meek.
- c. **Planning/Zoning/Land Use Committee** – Joeann Valle
  - i. They have been working with a developer that was trying to develop a piece of property at Ken Malloy Regional Park. They have been working on this for about 5 years. They were trying to do a land swap with Rec and Parks but the City of LA's chart forbids that. It has been approved to build 103 unit condominiums. There will be no retail, residential only. They will be right behind the existing units at 5 points.
  - ii. She noticed that AT&T is replacing some of the utility boxes. The next one will be at 1529 W. 254<sup>th</sup> Street at President Avenue.
- d. **Ad Hoc Committee to get a signal at 255th and Western**
  - i. John Gonzales commented that the Principals from Narbonne, Harbor City Elementary and Fleming are meeting with Joe Buscaino to get his support for the signal. Officer Terrazas has a motorcycle officer coming down 2 or 3 times a week from 7:30-8:00am
- e. **Ad Hoc Committee for National Night Out** – Greg Donnan
  - i. National Night Out is August 4, 2015 at Narbonne High School.
  - ii. Councilman Buscaino will be there.
- f. **Bylaws Committee** -- Joeann Valle
  - i. The Bylaws Committee met and will be ready to present the bylaws to the board next month.

## 7. Old Business:

- a. **Discuss proposed program of murals on Electric Boxes in Harbor City:** They are considering getting businesses in the proposed Harbor City Downtown adopting boxes. They will discuss it at the Harbor City Downtown meeting tomorrow.

- b. **Discuss Grant Application Procedures and the necessity of having all applications first go through the Finance Committee:** If there are organizations in Harbor City that is looking for funding for something for the neighborhood please ask them to come to the Council. The Council is always looking for ways to help. There are a lot of good projects and they would like to see more.

**8. New Business:**

- a. Board President Ray Moser presented a draft of a letter to Mayor Garcetti about a possible Officer Roberto Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park as follows:

Mayor Garcetti:

One year ago this month on May 5, 2014, Officer Roberto Sanchez of the LAPD was killed in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of Harbor City. There is a small memorial to him at the location of this unfortunate incident. The Harbor City neighborhood Council would like to do more for the memory of Officer Sanchez.

One block down from the current memorial is an empty lot at the corner of Belle Porte and Anaheim that has been unused for over 15 years. It is a health hazard and a magnet for trash and unsavory behavior. In honor of Officer Sanchez, we would like to turn this lot into the Officer Roberto Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park. It would serve to remind people of Officer Sanchez and serve the neighborhood that he was serving so bravely.

The Harbor City Neighborhood Council would greatly appreciate your assistance in bringing this project to fruition.

**9. President's Report** (Raymond Moser)

- a. Dodson was the only school in the South District that was named a Gold Ribbon School. This relates to the school's professional development and how they work together to help their students. Dodson is also a Title One Academic Achievement school.
- b. AltaSea in San Pedro is trying to get all the area Neighborhood Councils together.
- c. Budget Day is June 27, 2015.
- d. San Pedro High School is one of 11 schools selected to share one billion dollars for improvements. There is a meeting on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.
- e. The Port of LA has several events happening one is at the Wilmington Waterfront on June 6<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Corazon from 2-10pm and on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Cars & Stripes Forever at the Fanfare Fountain at Gateway Plaza from 5-10pm.
- f. Grant Reed's birthday is June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- g. There are some new laws related to keeping bees.

**10. Approval of Minutes of April 2015 Stakeholder Meeting: Motion by **Donnan** to approve the April 2015 Stakeholder meeting minutes, **Thrower** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, G. Reed, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Rutherford).**

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

- a. Stakeholder Olive Reed asked that the board consider sending a letter to LAUSD board candidates that they take down their campaign signs.
- b. Stakeholder Olive Reed got a call from the LA Fire Department to say that the LAFD is very interested in being involved with the Neighborhood Councils.

**12. Announcements:** None.

**13. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is June 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom  
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council