

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Absent
Brandii Grace	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Absent
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present 6:08

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 9 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 35 stakeholders in attendance.

2. **Reports from First Responders:**

a. **LAPD** – Report from Officer Juan Terrezas, current acting Sr. Lead:

- i. For the last month crime and service calls have gone down a bit. For the week of May 24th to the 30th there was only one theft from a motor vehicle, one the following week, and one the third week. For the same period there was one GTA (grand theft auto) the 1st week, three the 2nd week, and two the 3rd week.
- ii. He is working on the oversize vehicle parking, the homeless situation in the park, and the dumping at 259th and Belle Porte. He used the “myla311” app on his phone to report the dumping. Through the app they will email you with the date and time they have scheduled the pickup.
- iii. Stakeholder comment about a call he made to LAPD about loud music: Officer Terrezas explained about how LAPD prioritizes calls.
- iv. Stakeholder question about fireworks enforcement: Officer Terrezas explained that an officer must actually witness it happening in order to cite the individual.
- v. Stakeholder comment about people not stopping at stop signs and red lights: Officer Terrezas stated that he can’t be everywhere and that he does a lot of traffic control at 240th and President for people running the stop sign.

b. **LAFD** – Report from David Frelinger, Battalion 6 Chief and Captain Brian Jones of South Bureau:

- i. The website lafd.org has been upgraded. One of the things that can be viewed on the website is statistics for your local firestation 85 and on the website there is Fire Stat for specific statistics for each call they respond to.
- ii. There is an app, PulsePoint, that will notify you of calls in your bureau.
- iii. Capt. Brian Jones addressed fireworks. LAFD has an annual fireworks campaign that has four goals:
 1. Reduce firework-related injuries and fires.
 2. Inform the public of the dangers of private fireworks.
 3. Inform public of safe alternatives, i.e. public displays.
 4. Increase LAFD visibility.

3. **Reports from Government Officials:**

a. **CD15:** Gabriela Medina, Harbor City Field Deputy from the Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino, provided a written report. Highlights follow:

- i. She handed out a copy of a letter from Councilman Buscaino to the Animal Services Commission that primarily expresses his disappointment with the lack of

communication regarding the reassignment of Animal Control Officers from the Harbor Animal Care Center to South Los Angeles.

- ii. They just completed their quarterly meeting with the affiliated members involved with the Prop O Ken Malloy project. The project is approximately 44% complete and on schedule for completion. The PAB is touring the site on Friday, June 26, 2015.
 - iii. Kaiser has submitted a request to LADOT to conduct an assessment to see if a lighted crosswalk can be installed between PCH and Normandie.
 - iv. Medina distributed a list of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries that have been closed as of June 11th. So far 27 of 40 dispensaries have been closed in the Harbor Area.
 - v. She passed out a copy of the newly passed Minimum Wage Ordinance.
 - vi. The grand opening of the Harbor City Greenway is Saturday, June 20th, at 12:30 pm.
- b. **Mayor's Office:** Manny Lopez, temporary Harbor Area representative, reported:
- i. There was a celebration of the Minimum Wage Ordinance at Martin Luther King Park.
 - ii. On Friday, June 19th, they are hosting a DACA workshop informational meeting in Wilmington.
 - iii. On Saturday, June 27th, they are hosting a citizenship workshop with fee waiver assistance in the Harbor City Library.
 - iv. He gave brief bio of himself.
 - v. He responded to a stakeholder question about the difference between minimum wage and living wage.
- c. **Congressman Ted Lieu's Office:** Melissa Ramoso reported:
- i. On June 4th the West LA VA Medical Center had their grand opening ceremony for their welcome center and long term supportive housing.
 - ii. On June 5th, Mayor Garcetti, the VA Secretary, and Congressman Lieu launched the Homes for Heroes Program in downtown LA.
 - iii. Congressman Lieu has been very active regarding security encryption, particularly in opposition to requiring business to include a backdoor for law enforcement.
 - iv. On Thursday, June 4th, Congressman Lieu proposed an amendment that passed to slash and redirect marijuana eradication funds to HR 2578 the violence against women act and victims of child abuse.
- d. **Assemblyman David Hadley's Office:** Erick Matos reported:
- i. Assemblyman Hadley has been working on Assembly Bills AB803 the option for areas to create their own school districts, and AB306 which would allow resident military base families to choose their children's school which passed.
 - ii. Assemblyman Hadley will be at the Starbucks on 190th & Anza on Saturday, June 20th, from 10:30am -12:00pm for a community coffee.
 - iii. They have a new district office at 23211 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance. They are having an office warming party in the beginning of July.
 - iv. His contact information is erick.matos@asm.ca.gov office phone number (310) 375 - 0691.
 - v. He is working on a date for the Assemblyman to come to a stakeholder meeting.
- e. **Assemblyman Gipson:** Chris Wilson reported:
- i. Wilson distributed a press release about the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) requesting that the State Auditor examine the California Dept. of Transportation's (CalTrans) maintenance program to examine what criteria CalTrans uses to decide where resources are sent for road repair.
 - ii. He distributed a written report detailing information on the Assembly Bills that the Assemblyman is working on.
 - iii. The Governor is calling for a special session to discuss transportation and healthcare.
- f. **Senator Isadore Hall's Office:** Avelino Valencia, Harbor Area representative, reported:
- i. They have a new office in San Pedro, 222 W. 6th Street, Suite 320, 310-514-8573. His cell number is (714-916-2729).
 - ii. They are having a Career and Resource Fair at the USS Iowa on July 21st, it is primarily for Veterans but all are welcome.

4. Presentations:

a. LA Department of Water and Power, Anthony Maxey

Mr. Maxey discussed water, rates and the drought. Some of the highlights were as follows:

- i. He distributed some literature and other handouts.
- ii. He reminded people that we live in a desert and we are in a drought. We have to cut back on water consumption.
- iii. We still have some of the lowest rates for electricity and water in the state.
- iv. He discussed solar. He agreed that if your electric bill is under \$100 per month you will not see savings from installing solar.
- v. He talked about the Turf Replacement program of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District. The program has been very successful, so much so that they are ending due to funding being depleted.
- vi. The Sewer is a separate agency. You can ask for an audit of your sewer usage to see if you can get a lower rate.
- vii. Board member Greg Donnan commented on the change in the outdoor watering schedule that took effect June 1st. The schedule is now only 2 days a week, down from three. Mr. Maxey stated that DWP has not officially enacted the new schedule.
- viii. Electrical usage has gone up 25% to 30% over the last few years.
- ix. If you have a complaint about someone wasting water you can call drought busters 1-800-DIAL-DWP (342-5397).
- x. Board member Greg Donnan asked if DWP is responsible for trimming trees around street lights that are obscuring the street lights. Mr. Maxey stated that DWP is responsible for some of that, not all. You can go to the DWP web site to 'contact us' and provide a specific address and they will assess the issue.
- xi. Stakeholder comment about the street lights not providing sufficient coverage.
- xii. Board member Brandii Grace commented that she had a billing issue with 'estimated usage'. Mr. Maxey stated that you should call DWP and that they will work with you on it. The DWP bases those kinds of estimates on one year's usage and then divides by 12. The new billing system is still being broken in.
- xiii. They have started switching out old electrical meters to the new ones that are electronic and Wi-Fi readable. There are 1.5 million electric meters and the manufacturer cannot keep up.
- xiv. Board member Greg Donnan invited DWP to have a booth/table at the National Night Out event.
- xv. Contact information for Mr. Maxey is 213-367-0662, please call him with issues and he will help or direct to the proper person.

b. Boys and Girls Club of South Bay, Jeff Moses, Board President and Mike Herrera

They presented an NPG request in the amount of \$5,000 for the Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program.

- i. The program would be run by the Boys & Girls Club with support by Kaiser Permanente.
- ii. The program would offer subsidized fresh fruits and vegetables at farm stands twice a month. Produce would be sold at 25% to 50% below retail. One at the Harbor City Club House on Normandie and 256th, and one at Harbor City Elementary School.
- iii. The Boys and Girls would be running the farm stands to learn business skills.
- iv. They would also be offering healthy food education sessions to the families.

5. Budget/Finance Committee Report: Steve Rutherford, Treasurer. Action items follow:

- a. Review and discuss April MER and Bank Statement - **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the April MER and bank statement, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- b. Review and discuss May MER and Bank Statement - **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the May MER and bank statement, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

- c. Review and discuss July 2015 Cash Request – No vote needed.
- d. Review and discuss funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for copying/printing flyers at Staples for February 18, 2015 stakeholders meeting when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$46.70 - **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for copying/printing flyers at Staples for February 18, 2015 stakeholders meeting when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$46.70, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Fredericks and Moser).**
- e. Review and discuss funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for copying/printing flyers at Staples for Harvest Festival when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$46.15 - **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for copying/printing flyers at Staples for Harvest Festival when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$46.15, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Fredericks and Moser).**
- f. Review and discuss funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for copying/printing flyers & certificates at Staples for Holiday Lights when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$29.47 - **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for copying/printing flyers & certificates at Staples for Holiday Lights when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$29.47, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Fredericks and Moser).**
- g. Review and discuss funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for printer ink at Staples when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$46.64 - **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the funding request to reimburse board member Joyce Fredericks for printer ink at Staples when funds were not available on the P-card in the amount of \$46.64, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Fredericks and Moser).**
- h. Presentation by Jeff Moses Board President of South Bay Boys & Girls Club and Mike Herrera of Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$5,000. See item 4.b. above. **Motion by Joyce Fredericks to approve the Neighborhood Purpose application for the Boys & Girls Club of South Bay in the amount of \$5,000 for the Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program, Wayne McGee seconded, Valle recused herself. Motion passes 6 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, McGee, Rutherford, and Thrower) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- i. Review and discuss Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Friends of the Library in the amount of \$2,250. **Motion by Joann Valle to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Friends of the Library in the amount of \$2,250, Greg Donnan seconded. Motion passes 6 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, McGee, Rutherford, and Valle) 1 No (Thrower) & 1 abstention (Moser).**
- j. Review and discuss Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Harbor City Community Job Center - \$1,500. **Item table until more information and paper work is provided by requestor.**
- k. Review and discuss current 2014-15 Budget reflecting any and all changes. - **Motion by Brandii Grace to approve the 2014-15 Budget reflecting any and all changes, Joann Valle seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- l. Review and discuss proposed cleaning of the median strip on Western Ave. - Board member Wayne McGee contacted Gabriela Medina at Councilman Buscaino's office and was told that the Western Avenue median was on the list of future sites to be cleaned by the City. So the council decided to wait and see if the City takes care of it and then reconsider. **Item tabled.**
- m. Review and discuss HCNC moving its PO Box to a Harbor City address at the HC Post Office (Rental of current box paid through January 2016) - **Motion by Joann Valle to approve moving the PO Box at the Harbor City Post Office, Wayne McGee seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

- n. Review and discuss 2015-2016 proposed budget and all items that make up this Budget - Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve the proposed 2015-2016 budget, **Joeann Valle** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - o. Review and discuss Transfer of Funds to Budget Advocates or Congress of Neighborhoods. Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve having swept funds go back to the City general fund, **Erik Deklotz** seconded. Motion fails 1 Yes (Donnan) 5 No (Deklotz, Fredericks, Grace, McGee and Thrower) and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Rutherford).
Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve transfer of the swept funds as follows: \$500 to the City general fund, half of remaining to Budget Advocates, and the other half of remaining to the Congress of Neighborhoods, **Joeann Valle** seconded. Motion passes 6 Yes (Deklotz, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, and Valle) 1 No (Donnan) and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Thrower).
6. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:** Due to time constraints, no reports were presented.
 7. **Reports from Committee Chairs:** Due to time constraints, no reports were presented.
 8. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Discuss proposed program of murals on Electric Boxes in Harbor City:** Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed.
 - b. **Discuss Grant Application Procedures and the necessity of having all applications first go through the Finance Committee.** Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed.
 - c.
 9. **New Business:** (possible action items)
 - a. Possible Voter registration drives: Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed.
 - b. Rein Kuhr with Kuhr Properties LLC, requested an update to the board's previous letter of support for his project The View Apts. Primarily he needs the number of units revised from 102 to 103. The City is requiring that he must now build 103 units.
 10. **President's Report:** No report due to time constraints.
 11. **Approval of Minutes of May 2015 Stakeholder Meeting:** Correction item 2.a.xiv ...parking problems at Oakheath Place and Normandie Ave. (not Oak View Place). Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve the May 2015 Stakeholder meeting minutes as corrected, **Hayes Thrower** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 12. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items:**
 - a. Kendra Crawford, founder of Quantum Kids youth organization, commented on the organization which offers workshops on anti-bullying and child safety at the Boys and Girls Club. The web site is Quantumkids.net.
 13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is July 15, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Akerblom

for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council