

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Harbor City Harbor Gateway Public Library  
 Wednesday, February 18, 2015; 6:00pm

### Official Minutes

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 11 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 26 stakeholders in attendance.
  
2. **LAPD Report:** Office Art Ashcraft reported on the following:
  - a. From January 17<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup> there has been a significant increase in violent crime throughout the Harbor Division area. In that time frame they had 13 aggravated assaults, 1 drive by shooting, 3 robberies, 13 burglaries from motor vehicles (7 left unlocked), 13 Grand Theft Autos, and 6 thefts.
  - b. The homeless issues continue. Harbor Division has a Quality of Life car that offers homeless services as an alternative to trying to arrest ourselves out of the problem.
  - c. Announced that the new Captains for Harbor Division are Sargent Meek and Captain Whiton.
  - d. Open house at Harbor Division March 21, 2015, time to be announced.
  - e. Stakeholders asked questions and expressed concerns about burglaries, kids hanging out behind the sign at the Ice Rink, graffiti, medical marijuana dispensaries, and a stakeholder stated that the marijuana dispensary on 253<sup>rd</sup> that had been closed is open again and that now they have vehicles driving into a garage with a roll up door so that transactions take place behind the closed garage door.
  
3. **Reports from Government Officials:.)**
  - a. **Council District 15** - Gabriela Medina, Field Deputy, for Councilman Joe Buscaino reported:
    - i. For issues related to train track/railroad clean-up and graffiti contact Shaunt Abanesian, Metro Facilities Maintenance Supervisor 213) 922-5931.
    - ii. Councilman Buscaino is planning to come to the Stakeholder meeting in April.
    - iii. Gabriela Medina provided a written report some of the highlights were:
      - Issues related to the Harbor Area jail
      - Update on Ponte Vista

- LAHSA Emergency Response Team
  - LAPD Harbor Division Quality of Life Task Force Car
  - Homeless encampment updates - There will be a meet and greet for all homeless related service providers at the Wilmington Municipal Building, 544 N Avalon, on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
- b. **Harbor City Welcome sign update** - The City is working with several local businesses to create a Welcome sign to possibly be placed on Sepulveda.
  - c. **Brandon Villalpando, Field Representative for Assemblyman David Hadley** introduced himself and provided the telephone number for the District Office in Torrance, 310-316-2164.
  - d. **Chris Wilson, from Assembly member Mike Gipson's office**
    - i. This year's deadline to submit new bills is February 27, 2015.
    - ii. The increases in Community College tuition that were due to take affect this summer have been postponed until fall.
  - e. **Ron Fisher, Assistant Deputy for Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas**
    - i. Discussed the benefits of the West Carson Transit Corridor. He cited other successful transit development projects as examples of the benefits of this kind of project.
4. **Presentation:** West Carson Transportation Corridor; Seoyeon Choi and Maya Saraf from LA County Dept. of Regional Planning presented a slide show with printed materials related to the planned transit center. The County is updating the General Plan. One of the concepts they are using is Transit Oriented Development, which is a strategy to promote more development and create compact communities around Transit Centers.
  5. **Budget/Finance Committee Report:** Olive Reed, Treasurer reported that she still has not received the purchase card and is waiting for it to be delivered to the DONE office.
  6. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
    - a. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)**, Greg Donnan reported on the HANC meeting he attended where the following were discussed:
      - i. There was a Motion from Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council to form a new committee called the Harbor Area Rec & Parks committee.
      - ii. A representative from the Youth Source Center at Harbor College reported that the Center is for residents of Wilmington, San Pedro and Harbor City, ages 17 to 21 years old. There is an income eligibility criteria for services.
      - iii. A representative from Metro provided information on the plans for the Green Line.
      - iv. The Harbor Area Budget Advocates are not being recognized at the LA city meeting. HANC is considering creating a Budget Committee for the Harbor Area.
    - b. **Friends of the Library:** Grant Reed reported that the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Library was written up in the Daily Breeze. He also commented that the Friends of the Library have prepared the necessary paperwork and will present their NPG funding request by the next meeting.
    - c. **Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Joeann Valle**
      - i. Surveys on the minimum wage issue are going out to local businesses and being collected. The three Chambers (Wilmington, Harbor City and San Pedro) will be meeting with the Councilman on the issue.
      - ii. They are working on the upcoming free Health Fair on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Narbonne High School.

- iii. Joeann thanked John Gonzales for his volunteer work with the Chamber and presented him with a Chamber Ambassador pin.
- iv. Over the last few months the Chamber has made great strides with the Port of LA. The Chamber met with Gene Seroka, the new Executive Director of the Port. The meeting was very positive and productive and Director Seroka agreed to recognize Harbor City as part of the Port.

**7. Reports from Committee Chairs:**

**a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower**

- i. There was a Heroes in Education Dinner three weeks ago sponsored by Dr. Vladovic and hosted by the Councilman.
- ii. Harbor Teacher Prep defeated Narbonne High School in the Academic Decathlon. Harbor Teacher Prep will now be attending the State competition in Sacramento on March 20, 2015.
- iii. Youth in Government had a five day Conference in Sacramento.
- iv. The refurbishment of the Harbor College Marquee is almost complete.
- v. The Lyons Club will be presenting flags to second graders at 5 elementary schools in the Harbor City and Lomita area.
- vi. The Lyons Club sponsored a speech contest.
- vii. There is a School Board election on March 3, 2015.

**b. Outreach – Brandii Grace reported on Committee activities:**

- i. Electrical/utility box art project– they are working to identify actual locations of boxes.
- ii. Law enforcement presentation next month – the committee is reaching out to neighborhood watches to come to the next Stakeholder meeting.
- iii. The committee is working to set up clean up events in Harbor City neighborhoods.
- iv. John Gonzales will co-chair the Committee in Brandii's absence.

**c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan – no report**

**d. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Joeann Valle**

- i. The hearing for Seabreeze related to zoning change was postponed until February 24, 2015.
- ii. Fences have gone up around the property at Lomita and Frampton in preparation for demolition of the existing structures. The Chamber is working with the City to increase the right hand turn lane across the street from the Lomita and Frampton property. This will assist large vehicles to make a right hand turn without obstructing traffic.
- iii. Still working on Coffee Bean location.
- iv. Olive Reed commented that she tried to attend the hearing that was postponed for Seabreeze.

**e. By Laws – Olive Reed – no report**

**8. Old Business:**

- a. Minimum Wage Meetings – no new meetings scheduled.
- b. Discuss proposed program of murals on Electric Boxes in Harbor City – see outreach report above.

**9. New Business:**

- a. **Possible Traffic Signal at 255<sup>th</sup> and Western Ave (possible action item):** John

Gonzales is advocating getting a traffic signal at the intersection of 255<sup>th</sup> and Western Ave. Mr. Kobata at Narbonne, Mr. Hastings at Fleming Middle School, and Mrs. Reems at Harbor Elementary School have all joined the fight to save our kids. He is requesting a letter from the board supporting the request to the City for the traffic signal. John will draft a letter and bring it to the board for approval.

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

- a. Lunar New Year Celebration February 21, 2015 at the LA Waterfront, Harbor Blvd. and Sixth Street in San Pedro from 3:00 - 7:00 pm.
- b. Seabreeze Hearing February 24, 2015 LA City Hall - NOT
- c. The ILWU, Southern California District Council, is try to get a fracking committee going on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at 350 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, ILWU 63.

**11. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by **Donnan** to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Stakeholder Meeting as amended, **G. Reed** seconded. **Motion passes** 10 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Fredericks, G. Reed, O. Reed, Sourhah, Thrower, Valle); 0 No and 1 abstention (Moser).

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

- a. Dorothy Jenkins – Who is in charge of maintaining and repairing fire hydrants?

**13. Announcements**

- a. Greg announced several events including the Annual Fort MacArthur Museum reenactment of the Air Raid of 1942, Toberman Fundraising event and Gaffey Street Pool ground breaking.
- b. Olive announced the Safety meeting at Narbonne High School on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**14. Adjournment:** Next Stakeholder meeting March 18, 2015. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom  
for the HCNC Board