

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 1400 240th Street, Harbor City
 Wednesday, April 22, 2015; 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Kayla Domingo	Absent
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present arrived 6:10
Brandi Grace	Excused
John T. Gonzales	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present arrived 6:10
Olive Reed	Resigned
Rohan Sourjah	Present arrived 6:15
Steven Rutherford – Newly Elected	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 11 board members was present (see list above).
2. **Approve minutes of March 25, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes (Action Item):** Motion by **Donnan** to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2015 Governing Board Meeting, **Gonzales** seconded. Motion passes 6 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Gonzales, McGee, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
3. **Election to appoint new Board Member to fill vacant seat:** Motion by **Valle** to approve Steven Rutherford to fill the vacant Board seat, **Deklotz** seconded. Motion passes 6 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Gonzales, McGee, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
4. **Election to appoint new Treasurer:** Motion by **Valle** to approve Steven Rutherford as Treasurer, **Thrower** seconded. Motion passes 6 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Gonzales, McGee, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
5. **Budget & Finance Report:**
 - a. Board Approval of Monthly Cash Request - Motion by **Deklotz** to approve May Cash Request, **Gonzales** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - b. Board Approval of January, February and March Monthly Expenditure Reports - Motion by **Valle** to approve January, February, and March Union Bank statements, **Reed** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - c. Board Approval of Monthly Bank Statement(s) - Motion by **Valle** to approve January, February, and March Union Bank statements, **Donnan** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - d. Update on NPG request from the Harbor City Recreation Park Advisory Board for Skate Park & Weight Room equipment for \$2,228.94. (Skate Park funds approved at the March Governing Board Meeting in the amount of \$1,769.94). – It was clarified that the Neighborhood Council is submitting the NPG for the Skate Park portion of the request only (\$1,769.94).

- e. Discussion and possible vote to approve funding of the NPG request from the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Friends of the Library in the amount of \$2,500.00 (paperwork needs to be submitted – budgeted at \$2,000.00) – The Council voted to approve funding The Friends of the Library \$2,500.00, however no NPG has been submitted to the Board.
 - f. Discussion and possible vote to approve San Pedro Art Association request for NPG funding of Harbor Area Student Art Competition and Exhibition at the Croatian Cultural Center in the amount of \$1500 – no action or vote was taken on this request.
 - g. Update on funding for Day Labor Site supplies (approved at previous Governing Broad Meeting) –
 - i. Supplies for the Day Labor Work Center for approximately \$293.00 were purchased and given to the Center.
 - ii. Joeann Valle brought a request from the Harbor City Work Center for a letter of support for future funding by the City of Los Angeles from the Harbor City Neighborhood Council.
Motion by Gonzales to approve a letter of support for the Harbor City Work Center from Harbor City Neighborhood Council, Thrower seconded. Motion passes 10 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Rutherford).
 - h. Discussion on NPG request from Narbonne High School for their Rad Run event in the amount of \$1,000. (Submitted paperwork is incomplete) – Nothing has changed on this issue. The NPG paperwork from the requesting entity continues to be incomplete.
6. **Budget Advocates Report:** (Hayes Thrower) - There was no meeting in April. The next meeting is in May.
7. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
- a. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
 - i. Joe Buscaino may attend the next HANC meeting.
 - b. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed – No report
 - c. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle – No report
8. **Reports from Committee Chairs:**
- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower
 - i. Friday, April 24, 2015 is the Chamber Tribute to Youth at Harbor College.
 - ii. An agreement between LAUSD and UTLA has been reached that will avert a strike.
 - b. Outreach – Brandii Grace (John Gonzales)
 - i. Last Saturday was the Health Fair at Narbonne High School. Everyone had a great time and received many services. It was a very successful event.
 - ii. They are still working on having one or more school come to a Stakeholder meeting to be presented with support in the form of copy paper.
 - iii. The Board discussed when and where Stakeholder meeting banners should be posted in the area. They also discussed possibly purchasing another banner including one in both English and Spanish.
 - iv. National Night Out is August 12, 2015. Greg Donnan will chair an Ad Hoc Committee for the event.
 - c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Joeann Valle – No report.
 - d. Bylaws – **Motion by Donnan to appoint Joeann Valle as chair of the Bylaws Committee, Gonzales seconded. Motion passes 10 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
 - e. Ad Hoc - Signal at 255th and Western – No new information.

9. **Old Business:**

- a. Pocket Parks – Moser suggested possibly doing a memorial pocket park at a vacant property near (Anaheim and Belle Porte) where Roberto Sanchez passed away. Officer Terrazas stated that if he and LAPD could be of any assistance in the process to please let him know.
- b. Spearhead Clean-ups – Fredericks stated that Green Meadows wants to do a cleanup in July. She spoke to Gabriela Medina, Field Deputy, for Councilman Joe Buscaino CD 15, who informed her that there have been changes in the level of support the Councilman's Office is able to provide for neighborhood cleanups.
- c. Electric Box Art – The Board discussed possible options for recruiting area artists.
- d. Banners for Stakeholders Meeting – See Outreach Committee report.

10. **New Business:**

- a. Letters to the Port of LA from SPNC's – Item not addressed.

11. **Future Program Planning/Speakers** (Joeann & Joyce)

- a. School Speakers - See Outreach Committee report.
- b. Deklotz suggested that they try and get someone from DWP.

12. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. Officer Terrazas reported the following:
 - i. LAPD did an active shooter scenario at Kaiser Harbor City.
 - ii. He spoke about the Kaiser Harbor City parking lot auto break-ins. He stated that Kaiser is redoing their security, trying to implement new things and working on adding new cameras.
 - iii. Kaiser is interested in partnering with Ken Malloy Park in hosting events.
 - iv. There was a shooting last Sunday at the Anaheim Gardens. The victim was shot in the hand. Officer Terrazas is working with Management at Anaheim Gardens to get the area cleaned up.
 - v. He is working to get the homeless on the street and in RV's to move elsewhere.
 - vi. Officer Terrazas answered questions and took information from Board members.
- b. Donnan spoke about the issues with the gate at Harbor Village.
- c. Stakeholder Olive Reed stated that LAPD can now use the FasTrak lanes when transporting arrestees to 77th Street Station.
- d. Stakeholder and former Harbor City Neighborhood Council President and Treasurer, Olive Reed, read the following statement:

As a resident of Harbor City for 51 years I chose to join this council with the intent of working for the betterment of my community with absolutely no personal interest sought unlike other board members.

Why at this time after many years of faithful service and working well with other boards NO ONE from this board was able to give me the courtesy of informing me what issues they have with me and why they did not want to work with me.

There have been many underhanded comments and lack of support for my position as treasurer. May I add no one else on this board was willing to take on this position.

In my letter of resignation I stated I was willing to stay on until a new treasurer was found up to the time of this board meeting as I did not want the back account and P card to be shut down AGAIN. I know the hours spent on paperwork and trips to the DONE office it took to get the account open.

At the board meeting when I gave my letter of resignation NO ONE made any comment regarding my staying or leaving. There was silence, and silence is a very telling statement.

In your e-mail to me Mr. President dated April 16th you state “No request was made for me to stay on”. BUT there has been no communication from you or any board member telling me NOT to stay on.

I have been made aware that the slate for officers on this board was decided after the Selection and prior to the board vote. Certain board members were told how to vote. Again no one was willing to come to me and state the issues they had.

And for all the work that I have tried to do with this board over the years I think I have been treated very shabbily.

In the essence of TRANSPARENCY my statement will be written into the minutes of this meeting.

- e. Steven Rutherford asked that the Board start thinking about the upcoming 2015/216 budget.
- f. Greg Donnan expressed concern regarding Kayla Domingo, the Student Representative Board member’s attendance.
- g. Donnan stated that on October 24, 2015 there is an event at Ken Malloy on the sports field side of the park. The Port of Los Angeles is having an event the same day from 11am – 2pm. Donnan has put in a request to the LAPD and the Cadets to have personnel at the event. He has received a tentative confirmation.
- h. At the next Harbor Regional Park Advisory Board meeting there will be a presentation outlining what is going on at the Park, including an update on the Prop O project. The meeting is held at the Chamber office on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

13. Follow-up planning to Stakeholder Issues/Concerns:

- a. Update on the new Harbor City Neighborhood Council website. All the Minutes and Agendas from prior meetings are now posted and financial documents are being added. All business cards will be up shortly.

14. President’s Report

- a. Port Meeting - At 6:00pm on Monday April 27, 2015 the Port is having a meeting and each area Neighborhood Council and each area Chamber of Commerce President and one guest are invited.
- b. The Mayor’s Budget Advocates meeting is on June 27, 2015.
- c. Moser mentioned that the Gibson on-ramp to the 110 is being closed for approximately 90 days.
- d. There is a community garden in Wilmington and Moser wondered if there could be one in Harbor City. Joeann suggested that perhaps something could be done again at Narbonne High School.
- e. The food trucks from at the Narbonne campus are back. They are now under the direction of the Harbor City Chamber.
- f. There is a Neighborhood Congress planning meeting on April 25, 2015, at 10am. The Congress will be held on September 26, 2015.
- g. The Seafood Feast Scholarship fundraiser is on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at the Long Beach Propeller Club.
- h. The Port received 1.3 million to replace a diesel crane with an electric drive crane.
- i. Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino is pushing to eliminate the Gross Receipts Tax.
- j. The Council received a letter from Summer Rose Valencia, a Narbonne High School Junior, about animal cruelty; particularly dog and chicken fighting. She requested that the Council donate to the Best Friends Animal Society.

15. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next Governing Board meeting May 27, 2015

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for the HCNC Board