

**Official Minutes**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present arrived 6:10
John T. Gonzales	Present
Brandii Grace	Present arrived 6:10
Wayne McGee	Excused
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Absent
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:00m by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 10 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 3 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes**: Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approval of June 24, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes, **Hayes Thrower** seconded. Motion passes 6 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Gonzales, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Sourjah).
3. **Budget/Finance Committee Report**: Steve Rutherford, Treasurer
  - a. Friends of the Library Funding Update; the NPG was approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).
  - b. Boys and Girls Club \$5,000 NPG; DONE denied the NPG for missing paperwork. Steven has returned the application to Mike Herrera so he can provide the missing information.
  - c. The Day Laborer Center NPG request for funding of approximately \$1,500 has been revised to an amount not to exceed \$1,800. The items to be purchased include a blower, a trap and a hedge trimmer. President Ray Moser asked about the relationship between the Day Labor Center and the City of Los Angeles. Luis from the Center responded that the Center was originally created to give Day Laborers a safe place for laborers to be available for work instead of workers lining up along the streets. The Harbor City Day Laborer Center was the first of its kind in the nation. The City of Los Angeles provides some funding via block grants. Motion by **Joeann Valle** to approve the NPG for the Day Laborer Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,800, **Brandii Grace** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
  - d. Reassess and vote on Community Cleanup - \$950 Tools; the original amount of \$950 was approved from last fiscal year's budget. However, it was not possible to purchase the items in time for the funds to come from last year. Accordingly, the amount has been revised to \$500 to purchase shovels, rakes, brooms and hoes as well as gloves and trash bags. Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve an amount not to exceed \$500 to purchase small tools, etc. for community cleanups, **Eric Deklotz** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
  - e. Reassess and vote on Western Ave. median cleanup: Greg stated that there was some cleaning done, but not all of it was done. The board decided to wait and see if City services will continue to keep the area clean.

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- f. Reassess and vote on Copier paper to the schools at a cost of \$100/mo per school. The board decided to wait until the initial school supplies start to run low in the beginning of 2016.
- g. Discussion and vote on Supplies for Stakeholder Meetings. This item was placed on the agenda by mistake and therefore tabled.
- h. Status on Projects:
  - i. There were 3 new banners purchased for stakeholder meetings from California Banner and Sign. There are no banners yet for community cleanups. The outreach committee is still working on the design of the cleanup banners.
  - ii. Retreat planning is on hold until the president of Harbor College returns.
  - iii. For advertising Joyce is still working with the Red Plum Company on the details.
  - iv. Currently the Facebook administrators are Kristina Smith and some old board members. Brandii Grace suggested that the administrators be Kristina, herself and Ray Moser.
  - v. KMHR Park Community Fair \$2,500 – Joe on vacation, waiting for more info from him.
  - vi. Joyce and the Outreach Committee are still working on T-Shirt designs.

### **4. Reports from Meeting Representatives:**

- a. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed was not in attendance, no report.
- b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Joeann Valle reported:
  - i. The 76 year anniversary installation luncheon event was very well attended. They installed the new Chamber president, and Board member John Gonzales was honored as Community Volunteer of the year.
  - ii. The next meeting for the new “Downtown Harbor City” is scheduled for Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm, and will focus on the Harley Davidson 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. The Council wants to honor Harley Davidson’s 40 years of business in Harbor City with a certificate from the Council. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve a certificate to honor Harley Davidson’s 40 years of business in Harbor City, Brandii Grace seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
  - iv. Noribachi Lighting is having a grand opening, Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am, at 1515 240th Street (President and 240<sup>th</sup>).
  - v. On Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the small business round table will focus on HR issues and sick pay.
- c. Budget Advocates, Hayes Thrower reported:
  - i. They are setting up a system to access council files for each budget advocate.
  - ii. They emphasized that Neighborhood Councils need to do citizen surveys on outreach in order to bring the results back to City department heads to show them what the stakeholders are happy with and what they think needs improvement.
  - iii. The next meeting will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> and will be a regional meeting.
  - iv. Next annual Budget Day will be June 25, 2016.
  - v. Hayes provided a handout with a list of committees the Budget Advocates can participate in. Each Advocate is requested to participate in at least three committees. He also provided the results of a Budget Advocate representative survey of the five top issues of the representatives.
- d. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
  - i. Provided handouts
- e. HANC – No report.

### **5. Reports from Committee Chairs:**

- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower and John Gonzales:
  - i. John Gonzales commented that Christopher Downing is one of the candidates interviewed for the position of ESC South District Supervisor. He is a Los Angeles local. He has expressed interest in coming to speak at a stakeholder meeting. The board discussed talking to Mr. Downing about the lack of staffing that has led to the trash

problem surrounding Narbonne High School.

- b. Outreach – Brandii Grace
  - i. The committee has not yet set a meeting date.
  - ii. **Motion by Brandii Grace to approve all social media be administrated by the President, the Vice President, the Outreach Committee Chair, Kristina Smith and anyone else those administrators deem appropriate, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Joeann Valle
  - i. There was an article in the LA Times about the Sea Breeze development to which Joeann Valle contributed.
- d. Ad Hoc Committee for the Signal at 255th and Western – John Gonzales
  - i. No new information at this time.
- e. Ad Hoc Committee for the National Night Out – Greg Donnan
  - i. National Night Out is August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
  - ii. The outreach committee will set up a table with outreach and voter registration materials.
  - iii. The banners for Night Out need to be picked up from California Banner and put up.
  - iv. Board members are distributing and posting flyers for the event.
- f. By Laws – Joeann Valle
  - i. The committee has not yet set a meeting date.

## **6. Old Business:**

- a. Officer Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park: The address of the lot is 1415 Anaheim Street and the site is actually two lots. The assessed value of the lots is approximately \$750,000, the property owner is asking approximately \$1.5 million.
- b. Utility Box Art; there is no new information.
- c. Voter Registration Drive; the Outreach committee will have materials at Night Out and at stakeholder meetings.

## **7. New Business**

- a. Vladovic and Gutierrez campaign literature: Hayes thought that it had all been taken down. However other board member are still seeing signs.
- b. Electing representatives to the Public Safety Advisory committee: The board is still waiting to receive more information.
- c. The City Hall Parking Passes: Former Council President Olive Reed stated that each pass is registered to a specific individual and accordingly she contacted Thomas Soong at DONE and she will be returning the pass she has to DONE as she applied for the only pass issued to HCNC. In response to the letter she received, she stated that she has no banners and no paperwork of any kind. She returned all HCNC property and items to the Council at the end of her service.
- d. The board discussed the lack of cleanliness at LAUSD schools and Narbonne High School in particular. The board will write a letter to Narbonne High School Principal, Mr. Kobata, about the lack of cleanliness with the understanding that it is due in part to a lack of custodial staff. **Motion by Raymond Moser to approve writing a letter to Narbonne High School Principal, Mr. Kobata, about the lack of cleanliness with the understanding that it is due in part to a lack of custodian staff, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- e. The board discussed the tree about to fall on Belle Porte. **Motion by Brandii Grace to approve writing a letter to Councilman Joe Buscaino about the public safety issue of the tree about to fall on Belle Porte, Joeann Valle seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- f. The board discussed the lack of street sweeping and tree trimming services.
- g. Repair of the fence on Western: Board member Eric Deklotz contacted Gabriela Medina at Councilman Buscaino's office and she reported that she had sent a letter to Senator Isadore Hall's office and she is waiting to hear back.

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- h. The board discussed having Spanish Interpreter services for Stakeholder meetings, particularly when there are notable speakers with broad community interest. They also want to do more outreach for these kinds of events by passing out flyers.
- i. The board discussed writing a letter of support for SLO Terrazas. They have a petition to keep SLO Terrazas in Harbor City and they need signatures. Board member Greg Donnan wants to present the petition to Capt. Meek at National Night Out. **Motion by Brandii Grace to approve writing a letter of support for SLO Terrazas, John Gonzales seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

**8. Future Program Planning/Speakers:**

- a. For the August meeting they are hoping to have a representative from Animal Services.
- b. For the September meeting Assembly Member David Hadley is scheduled.

**9. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. Board member Eric Deklotz passed out a flyer for the Neighborhood Council Congress on September 26, 2015, at 7:45 am – 4:00 pm, at City Hall.
- b. Eric also passed out a copy of an article from the LA Times about increased crime after a 12 year decline.
- c. Board member Rohan Sourjah commented that the last Neighborhood Justice session was attended by City Attorney Mike Fuerer. Mr. Fuerer was very impressed with the process and wants to support it.
- d. Board member Joeann Valle commented that board members need to remember that when they speak at board meetings that they are representing the Harbor City Neighborhood Council and should not interject their personal views.
- e. Board President reminded board members of the Code of Civility. That there should be no personal things discussed, no asides, no sidebars, no tangents and members need to pay attention and listen at meetings. Board member Joyce Fredericks commented that when making public comment board members should state 'not speaking for the board'.
- f. Board member Brandii Grace requests that when elected representatives are going to speak on particular legislation that they bring copies of said legislation and contact information.
- g. Board member Joyce Fredericks, for the record, gave President Ray Moser 2 new keys to the storage unit. Board member Greg Donnan stated that he still has a key.

**10. Follow-up planning to Stakeholder issues/Concerns: None addressed.**

**11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is September 23, 2015.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom  
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council