

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Present
Brandii Grace	Present
Wayne McGee	Excused
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
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 10 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 18 stakeholders in attendance.

2. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - a. **LAPD - Officer Juan Terrezas, current acting Sr. Lead, reported:**
 - i. Crime for Harbor City is not too bad compared to the rest of the division. The top part one crimes are burglaries from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles.
 - ii. Last month there were a couple of shootings. One was a Narbonne student that was shot in the leg near President Elementary School. There other was a homicide on Normandie and 252nd that appeared to be narcotics related.
 - iii. Upcoming event: Coffee with a Cop at Tantalice on July 30th, from 5:30pm – 6:30pm, Lauren Halligan, Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney’s office will also be in attendance.
 - iv. Harbor City is getting a new Sr. Lead Officer. Ms. Alexandra Mora is due to start in three weeks.
 - v. Some of the other concerns voice by Board members and Stakeholders were:
 1. Fourth of July and Fireworks
 2. Oversized vehicles
 3. Homeless encampments and other homeless related issues.
 4. Moped racing on 253rd/254th behind Harbor Hills, Officer Terrezas is working with a contact at Harbor Village trying to get the gate closed.

3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. **Office of State Assemblyman David Hadley - Report by Erick Matos Field Representative:**
 - i. Assemblyman Hadley has been working on the following:
 1. Assembly Bill SB443, asset forfeiture. This bill would make it so a person has to be convicted of a crime before their assets can be seized.
 2. Assembly Bill AB1452 was signed into law which closes the teacher expungement loop hole so that if a teacher is accused of egregious misconduct they would not be able to get the accusation expunged from their personnel file unless a third party arbitrating body determined the accusation was unfounded.

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3. Some of the other issues that Board members and Stakeholders asked about were: An assembly bill related to bail; Street and fence repair on Western Ave. and the Homeless issue.
- ii. Upcoming events:
 1. On August 8th, in front of the assemblyman's office at 23211 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, the assemblyman is sponsoring pet adoption from Animal Shelters serving the South Bay in an effort to reduce overcrowding.
 2. From July 21st to Aug 21st, Stuff the Bus event in collaboration with LAUSD, where local vendors collect school supplies benefitting South Bay area LAUSD schools.
 3. On Aug 22nd at the Hermosa Beach pier, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm there is a Beach Cleanup scheduled partnering with the City of Hermosa Beach and Grades of Green.
4. **Presentation:** Town Hall – Concerns and goals for the upcoming year.
 - a. Some of the common concerns expressed by Stakeholders were:
 - i. Tree trimming
 - ii. Street sweeping
 - iii. Trash on the streets around Narbonne High School
 - b. One stakeholder talked about tree trimming specifically at 26314 Belle Porte. He brought a photo of the tree. He has contacted several agencies and officials. The City is trying to decide if the tree is on private or city property.
 - c. A Stakeholder asked about having translation services at meetings to bring in more people. Another Stakeholder asked about having the HCNC website available in Spanish.
 - d. Some of the issues expressed by Board members were:
 - i. Hayes Thrower: 1) The Budget Advocates came up with a list of 10 priorities to focus on in the Harbor Area education wise, and 2) in education, try to get Dr. Vladovic to attend a meeting, and focus on both the success and the shortcomings in LAUSD.
 - ii. Grant Reed: 1) wants to focus on the homeless and homelessness, and 2) to see Harbor City built up by the positive things that are happening here, like getting the welcome to Harbor City signs up.
 - iii. Eric Deklotz: 1) wants to focus on Planning and Land Use, he wants to start preparing reports about the things he learns, and 2) to empower stakeholders to contact their elected officials and activism.
 - iv. Brandii Grace: 1) focus on more activity and activism/outreach 2) and continue to work on the homeless issue.
 - v. Joeann Valle: 1) try to make Harbor City feel like a community, 2) voter registration and getting people out to vote, and 3) to get more stakeholders involved, particularly on committees.
 - vi. John Gonzales: 1) to get residents, business owners and everyone to come to the meetings to let the board know what they want and what the board can do for them and, 2) as an LAUSD representative, he is a part of Superintendent Ramon Cortines's committee, he is an advocate for your children within LAUSD.
 - vii. Joyce Fredericks: 1) feels it is important that the community work together, the board needs stakeholder input and, 2) now that there is no more PennySaver, she wants to focus on new outreach methods and, 3) she wants the Ken Malloy Regional Park piers to not all be for fishing, and wants everyone to come together around this issue.
 - viii. C. Steven Rutherford: as treasurer to keep everything on the up and up.
 - ix. Raymond Moser: 1) focus on outreach and voter registration and, 2) the Roberto Sanchez memorial pocket park.
5. **Budget/Finance Committee Report:** Steve Rutherford, Treasurer
 - a. Presentation by the Site Manager on Neighborhood Purposes Grant Request from Harbor City Community Job Center in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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- b. Presentation, discussion and approval of expenses for National Night Out 2015 community event. Not to exceed \$1,600.00. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve an amount not exceed \$1,600.00 for the National Night Out event, Brandii Grace seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, Reed, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- c. Update by Steven Rutherford on Boys & Girls Club Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$5,000 (not yet accepted by DONE). **Motion by Grant Reed to approve NPG for the Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$5,000.00, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, Reed, Rutherford, and Thrower) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser) 1 recused (Valle).**
- d. Update on Friends of the Library Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2,250: The grant was accepted by DONE.
- e. Review and discuss expenditure of \$950 for tools needed for Community Clean-ups: This amount was initially to come from last fiscal year's budget. The board will reevaluate this item at next week's Governing Board meeting.
- f. Announcement of new mailing address for HCNC (PO BOX 325 in Harbor City).
- g. Discussion and vote on the JUNE 2015 MER and JUNE 2015 Bank Statement. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve the June MER and bank statement, Brandii Grace seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- h. Discussion and vote on adjusted budget to date. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve the adjusted budget as presented, Greg Donnan seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Grace and Moser).**
- i. Discussion and possible action to send letter of complaint to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regarding NPG process and DONE's lack of respect and concern for the HCNC board. **Motion by Steven Rutherford to send letter of complaint to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regarding NPG process and DONE's lack of respect and concern for the HCNC board, Hayes Thrower seconded. Motion passes 5 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 2 (Grace and Reed) No and 2 abstention(s) (Fredericks and Moser).**

6. Reports from Meeting Representatives:

- a. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed:
 - i. Summer programs are in full swing and going well.
 - ii. Book sales, used books are for sale though they can't have a for sale sign.
 - iii. Circulation is up, they are approximately 20% higher than Wilmington or San Pedro.
 - iv. Greg Donnan commented about a children's library being installed at Harbor Division Police station and wondered if the library could donate some books to it.
- b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Joeann Valle
 - i. This Friday, July 17th, is the 76 year anniversary of the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce. They are celebrating with an Installation and Award luncheon. They will install their new President and Board member John Gonzales will be honored as the community volunteer.
 - ii. On July 23rd at 6:30 pm the downtown Harbor City group will be holding its second meeting at the Harley Davidson on PCH.
 - iii. Harley Davidson on PCH is celebrating 40 years in business. They are having a party on Aug 29th & 30th. Any profits that are made during the event are going to the Harbor City Boys & Girls Club and The Wounded Warriors.
 - iv. Kaiser is on board with Downtown Harbor City and wants to create a BLUE ZONE.
- c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. Greg has some handouts about safety.
- d. HANC - Greg Donnan
 - i. Greg gave an overview of budget issues.

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- ii. There is a movement to have round table discussions related to the anniversary of the Watts riots.
- iii. There was an grand opening for the Harbor City Greenway where there are beautiful new walking paths.
- iv. Ken Malloy Regional Park has had 2 sweeps for homeless in the park. There will be a fence around the entire park and it will be 100% closed until the work is finished sometime in 2017.
- e. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower
 - i. At the Budget meeting Herb Wesson stated that he is going to request to give every Neighborhood Council an additional \$5,000 for this fiscal year's budget.
 - ii. They are having their first official meeting this Saturday, July 18th from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

7. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower
 - i. With it being summer schools are out, though they are preparing for school starting next month.
- b. Outreach – Brandii Grace
 - i. They are working on T-shirts and slogans, they still need more information.
 - ii. They want to increase use of social media. She has submitted HCNC to the site Next Door.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Joeann Valle
 - i. Raymond Moser read a letter from a band of Indians informing the council that they need to be consulted before any new construction is done. Ray stated that he would respond to them that the council has no part in that.
- d. Ad Hoc – Signal at 255th and Western – John Gonzales
 - i. No new information as school is out for summer.
- e. Ad Hoc – National Night Out – Greg Donnan
 - i. Greg announced National Night Out event on Aug 4th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, at Narbonne High school.
- f. By Laws – Joeann Valle
 - i. The committee plans to have a meeting sometime in August.

8. Old Business:

- a. Update on cleaning of the median strip on Western Ave.
 - i. The area was partially cleaned.
- b. Update on proposed program of painting Utility Boxes in Harbor City.
 - i. No new information.
- c. Voter registration drive
 - i. No new information.

9. New Business (possible action items)

- a. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards: “The Council is accepting nominees for the award. If there is someone in your neighborhood you think is doing something really well helping your neighborhood a lot, submit their name and explain why you think they should be recognized.” Ray will be making a form/application that will be available on line.

10. President's Report (Raymond Moser)

- a. The lot for the potential Roberto Sanchez memorial pocket park is currently a mess. The property is valued at approximately \$700,000, the owner is asking \$1.5 million.

11. Approval of Minutes of June 2015 Stakeholder Meeting: Motion by **Greg Donnan to approve the June 2015 Stakeholder meeting minutes, **John Gonzales** seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Reed).**

12. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda item**: None

13. **Announcements**: None

14. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is August 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council