



# Harbor City Neighborhood Council Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Meeting PUBLIC MEETING



**Harbor City, Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce  
1400 240<sup>th</sup> Street, Harbor City, CA 90710  
Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 5 PM  
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**Mission Statement: The Bylaws Committee’s mission is to inform the public. We strive to engage the community in local politics and inform them of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council, its actions, initiatives, events and purpose. We also strive to inform and support the community with information about local government actions, policies, initiatives and services that may serve or impact Harbor City.**

## OFFICIAL MINUTS

Board Members	Roll Call
Donnan, Gregory	Present
Fredericks, Joyce	Present
Gonzales, John T.	Present
Rutherford, Steven	Present
Thrower, Hayes	Present
Valle, Joeann	Excused
Grace, Brandii	Present

**1. Welcome and Called to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Joyce Fredericks, Secretary of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council, welcomed Board members who were present as indicated above.

**2. Corrections to previously approved January 26, 2014 Bylaws:**

Committee members reviewed the December 5, 2011 Bylaws meeting’s minutes from the last meeting. Since then, a more current version of H. C. N. C. Bylaws dated January 26, 2014 was found and will be referenced. All Members present are in compliance with the Bylaws and the City Code of Conduct.

A discussion about attendance and absences as outlined on Page 6, Section: A correction was made to change “Any Board member who misses four (4)...” to “**Any Board member who misses three (3)...**” and further in the paragraph change “...Board meetings or, optionally, six (6)...” should be “**...Board meetings or, optionally, four (4)...**”

Also discussed were the following:

Verbiage regarding a youth Board member and if the description qualifying a person for this seat should be changed. Further discussion left this item as presented the Bylaws without change.

Page 5/6, Article five (V) Section 3: Official Actions – “A simple majority vote by the Board members present, not including abstentions, at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws.”

Greg Donnan informed it is required of this Council to identify if the abstention is to be a “yes” vote or a “no” vote. Members present voted to call the abstention vote a “no” vote. Because the Committees do not decide issues, the Governing Board will decide. Section 4: defines two (2) year terms and that there are no term limits.”

### **3. Absences:**

Bylaws Page 6/7 in Section 7: Absences – “Any Board member who misses four (4) regularly scheduled consecutive Council Stakeholders/Governing Board meetings or, optionally, six (6) total Stakeholders/Governing Board meetings during any twelve (12) month period will be automatically subject to removal, the Council Presiding Officer shall notify the Board member of the absences and place on the agenda the removal of the Board member at a regular or special Board meeting whereupon the Board shall determine the validity of the absences before taking action to remove the Board member”... SHOULD BE:

Any Board member who misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive Council Stakeholders/Governing Board meetings **without a reasonable excuse** or, optionally, **four (4)** total Stakeholders/Governing Board meetings during any twelve (12) month period will be automatically subject to removal, the Council Presiding Officer shall notify the Board member of the absences and place on the agenda the removal of the Board member at a regular or special Board meeting whereupon the Board shall determine the validity of the absences before taking action to remove the Board member...

The following two sections are complied with by the H. C. N. C. and were briefly discussed:

Page 9, Section E, refers to the Parliamentarian and to follow the most current version of Robert’s Rules of Order.

Page 8, Section 11, D. “Outreach also should be undertaken at public events and shall be coordinated with other Neighborhood Councils when appropriate.

### **4. Article V (5): Governing Board, Section 1, Composition:**

Discussion was had regarding the amendment below and the motion.

Board members cannot serve on more than one neighborhood council at a time. Board members cannot have more than one member per family nor blood relative, spouse, dependant nor sharing living accommodations nor be business partners on the at the same time.

“A motion was made by Steven Rutherford to make the above amendment, “Board members cannot serve on more than one neighborhood council at a time. Board members cannot have more than one member per family nor blood relative, spouse, dependant nor sharing living accommodations nor be business partners on the at the same time.”

Greg Donnan seconded the motion. Yes votes were (6) Joeann Valle, Steven Rutherford, Greg Donnan, Hayes Thrower and Joyce Fredericks. No votes were (0). Abstention votes were (0).”

### **Adjournment:**

The Bylaws Committee meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Hayes Thrower and  
J. Fredericks took the minutes