

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Present arrived 6:35 pm
Brandii Grace	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present left at 8:45 pm
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order:** 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. **Minutes** – Approve minutes of July 22, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes – **Motion by Hayes Thrower** to approve July, 22, 2015 Governing Board meeting minutes, seconded by **Wayne McGee** and passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Reed).
3. **Budget & Finance Report:** (C. Steven Rutherford, Treasurer)
 - a. **NPG Updates:**
 - i. Friends of the Library will turn in a new NPG application as the funds from last year did not get disbursed due to lack of communication on DONE’s part.
 - ii. Boys and Girls Club NPG in the amount of \$5,000. The NPG application was submitted to DONE.
 - b. **Re-evaluate Western Avenue median cleanup; CalTrans vs Bennett:** Discussed and considered having Bennett clean the meridian on Western and posting sponsorship signage.
 - i. **Motion by Joyce Fredericks** to approve having Bennett clean two times in a four month time period, the first time at a cost of \$490, the second time at a cost of \$350, seconded by **Joann Valle**, and passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - ii. **Motion by Grant Reed** to approve the purchase and posting of metal sponsorship signs stating ‘Western Avenue cleanup sponsored by the Harbor City Neighborhood Council’, to be posted prior to Bennett cleanup, for an amount not to exceed \$500, seconded by **Greg Donnan**, and passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, McGee, Reed, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 3 abstention(s) (Grace, Moser and Rutherford).
 - c. **Project Status:**
 - i. Design and purchase of 2 generic Community Clean Up Banners at a cost of \$500. **Motion by Brandii Grace** to approve having the design, configuration and usage of the community clean up banners be the sole responsibility of the Outreach Committee, seconded by **Hayes Thorwer**, and failed with 1 yes (Grace), 8 no (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - ii. Update on Board Retreat Status for an amount not to exceed \$450. Harbor College is unavailable for Saturday, September 5th. Board member Joann Valle is now looking into

alternative locations for the possible date of the first Saturday in October. No board action taken at this time.

- iii. Advertising: Red Plum vs LA Times Marketplace. The Board discussed having Joyce call Los Angeles City Services for their information on services similar to the PennySaver.
- iv. The Board discussed T-Shirts. The vendor Hayes Thrower contacted gave him a cost estimate of approximately \$5 to \$6 per shirt; for the initial set up, the t-shirt and two printed colors. No board action taken at this time.

- d. **Request & Vote on Reimbursement to Greg Donnan for food purchased for the National Night Out 2015 in the amount of \$220.00 from Philipo's Pizza & Pasta.** Motion by **Joeann Valle** to approve reimbursing Board member Greg Donnan for food purchased for the National Night Out event in the amount of \$220 from Philipo's Pizza and Pasta, seconded by **Grant Reed**, and passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Donnan and Moser).

4. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**

- a. **HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
 - i. There have been no HANC meetings as no one has expressed interest in having one.
 - ii. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 6:30 pm, at Kaiser Permanente, 25964 S. Normandie Ave. at Permanente Way.
- b. **Friends of the Library** – Grant Reed
 - i. With school back in session the library is very busy and circulation is way up.
 - ii. The library staff asked Board member Greg Donnan to seek the Board's assistance with the traffic/pedestrian issues that make it very difficult to get into the library from Western Avenue, particularly in the afternoon when school gets out around 3:00 pm.
- c. **Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce** – Joeann Valle
 - i. The Chamber has started a new program called Dine 11. It is a monthly lunch networking meeting that meets at local restaurants. The first meeting is Monday, August 31st, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, at The Green Olive. The speaker will be Councilman Joe Buscaino. There is a \$15 per person fee.
 - ii. This month's small business round table is Wednesday, September 2nd, at 4:15 pm, at the Chamber office.
 - iii. Tomorrow night the Chamber is partnering with Westwood College for an event at the college's new dental lab to highlight their new dental assistants program.
 - iv. The Stuff the Bus program has not been as successful as hoped. The Chamber has donated over \$200 in supplies, all of which will go to local area schools.
 - v. The Harley Davidson 40th Anniversary party is this weekend, it is the kickoff for the new Downtown Harbor City program.
 - vi. In the future the Chamber will be having free Microsoft workshops at the Chamber office.
 - vii. The Chamber has created a new 501c3 called Gateway Standards related to international trade and exporting of American manufactured products.
- d. **Budget Advocates** – Hayes Thrower & Wayne McGee
 - i. The Budget Advocates are having a budget day on October 17th at Port of Los Angeles High School, from 9 am to 12 noon. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend.
 - ii. At the last Budget Advocates meeting there were four major issues discussed
 1. The City spends ½ million dollars a year on the Records Dept., this does not include lease payments.
 2. The Olympics: The Budget Advocates have created a press release related to the circumstances by which they would be in favor of the City of Los Angeles hosting the 2016 Summer Olympics.
 3. The Department of Recreation & Parks is taking over operation of the Greek Theater venue.

4. The proposed four year contract for city workers has not been released to the public as yet. Accordingly, the Budget Advocates are opposed to any new offering until the contract is made public and they as a body have a chance to review it.

5. **Reports from Committee Chairs:**

a. **Education/Youth** – Hayes Thrower & John Gonzales

- i. Fleming Middle School has the highest enrollment they have had in the last 5 years.
- ii. Narbonne High School is doing something new this year, they choose selected students from the different schools to attend all AP classes at Narbonne.
- iii. Board member Brandii Grace wondered if the Education Committee could do outreach to help stakeholders be aware of education related legislation.

b. **Outreach** – Brandii Grace

- i. The Outreach Committee is requesting that the Board write a letter of support for Harbor City, Fire Station 85 to get a BLS Ambulance. **Motion by Grant Reed to approve the Outreach Committee drafting a letter of support for Harbor City Fire Station 85 to get a BLS Ambulance, seconded by Joeann Valle, and passed with 10 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- ii. Review and discuss setting up a table at area schools on Back to School Nights, starting with Harbor City Elementary, Thursday, August 27th, from 5 - 6:30 pm. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve setting up a table at area schools on Back to School Night, starting with Harbor City Elementary, Thursday, August 27th, from 5 - 6:30 pm, seconded by Brandii Grace, and passed with 10 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- iii. Discuss Outreach Committee recommendation to have additional special stakeholder meetings at area schools, or other locations, on Saturday's to reach more stakeholders and to make them aware of the Neighborhood Council. The logistics of holding such a meeting still needs to be worked out.
- iv. There will be a Neighborhood Clean Up on September 12, 2015 from 9am-12pm, at 259th & Belle Porte.
- v. Board member Brandii Grace commented on statistics from Constant Contact.
- vi. The Outreach Committee created a form for ROC awards for board approval at the next Stakeholder meeting. The selection process still needs to be defined.
- vii. The Outreach Committee recommends that it oversee the ad hoc National Night Out Committee and event. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve the Outreach Committee overseeing the ad hoc National Night Out Committee and event, seconded by Brandii Grace, and passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Donnan and Moser).**

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

- i. No new information.

d. **By Laws** – Joeann Valle

- i. The Board discussed having the next meeting at 1:00 pm, date to be determined.

e. **Ad Hoc - Signal at 255th and Western** - John Gonzales

- i. No new information.

f. **Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness** -

- i. Board member Brandii Grace cited statistics from San Francisco's Housing First.
- ii. **Motion by Brandii Grace to approve creating an ad hoc committee on homelessness, seconded by Eric Deklotz, and passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 3 abstention(s) (Donnan, Gonzales and**

Moser).

Motion by **Joeann Valle** to approve Brandii Grace as chair of the ad hoc committee on homelessness, seconded by **Eric Deklotz**, and passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 3 abstention(s) (Donnan, Grace and Moser).

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Update on Officer Sanchez Memorial Parkette.** President Raymond Moser has been contacted by both Mayor Garcetti and the LAPD Chief of Police who are both interested in the project.
- b. **Update on Utility Box Art**
 - i. No new information.
- c. **Voter Registration Drives** – Joeann Valle
 - i. No new information.

7. **New Business:**

- a. The Board discussed assignment of City Hall Parking passes. Motion by **Joeann Valle** to approve Treasurer C. Steven Rutherford and Board member John Gonzales to apply and have the City Hall parking passes, seconded by **Brandii Grace**, and passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Rutherford).
- b. Update on letter to Narbonne High School: Board member John Gonzales stated that the letter had been sent.
- c. Elect Representative to South Bureau Public Safety Advisory Committee: The requested information has not been received.
- d. Update on falling tree at 26314 Belle Porte: Board member Brandii Grace will draft a letter.
- e. Update on street sweeping and tree trimming services: Board member Greg Donnan has not been contacted by any stakeholders regarding trees needing trimming.
- f. Update on fence repair on Western Avenue: No new information.
- g. Spanish Interpreters for Meetings: Due to time constraints this item was tabled.
- h. Update on letter of support for acting SLO Terrazas: Board member Greg Donnan submitted a letter at National Night Out.
- i. The Board discussed a possible skate park at Harbor City Park. A photo of potential equipment was passed around. It was suggested that it possibly be located along Lomita out of the way.

8. **Future Program Planning/Speakers**

- a. For the September meeting Assembly member Hadley and Carlo Fuentes, from the DWP are scheduled.

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

- a. Board member Brandii Grace brought forth a stakeholder concern related to blight enforcement. A stakeholder had an encounter with an inspector informing the stakeholder that she was required to repaint her house. Brandii wondered, on behalf of the stakeholder, if this was legitimate.
- b. Board member Brandii Grace stated that she is now an admin for the HCNC Facebook page. She is working on becoming the admin for the HCNC twitter account.

10. **President's Report** - None

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next Governing Board meeting is September 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council