

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Kayla Domingo	Removed
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Present
Brandii Grace	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Excused

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 10 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 2 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Minutes**: – Motion by **Donnan** to approve the April 22, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes as presented, **Deklotz** seconded. Motion passes 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Rutherford and Thrower) 0 No and 2 abstention(s) (Grace and Moser).
3. **Election of New Board Member** – Steven Rutherford was elected at a previous meeting to fill the vacant board seat.
4. **Budget & Finance Report**: Treasurer – Steven Rutherford – All financial items to be postponed to next Stakeholder meeting. The annual Budget and Finance meeting is on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:30pm at Tantalice Thai restaurant, 23770 S. Western Ave., Harbor City. The following items will be discussed:
 - a. Harbor City Park Funding
 - b. Harbor Library Funding
 - c. Rad Run Funding
5. **Budget Advocates**: Hayes Thrower reported:
 - a. The City department that does street repairs had the highest amount of overtime. He suggested that perhaps this issue could be addressed by the budget advocates.
 - b. The general consensus of the board is that they do not want to have any excess funds go to the budget advocates. This will be addressed specifically in financial issues at the stakeholder meeting.
6. **Reports from Meeting Representatives**:
 - a. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils): Greg Donnan reported:
 - i. When calling the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment you should always get a reference number for your inquiry. They are supposed to return your call within 2 business days.
 - b. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed reported:
 - i. Circulation is way up, in part due to the San Pedro Branch having been closed for renovation.
 - ii. They are hiring two new staff members.
 - c. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle – No report.

7. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. **Education/Youth Committee** – Hayes Thrower reported:
 - i. The Narbonne High School Safe and Healthy School Collaborative meeting was held on May 22, 2015:
 1. The Deans Report – there were no major incidents on campus or interactions with other schools. There is still a little bit of trouble with Narbonne students running into Torrance students on Sepulveda. But there has not been any more incidents related to this on campus.
 2. The Healthy Start Report – The school psychologist spoke about the need to identify and classify students that are in a special needs program so that they don't get placed in regular classrooms in order to get the attention they need.
 3. The School Police Report – There were no new incidents and it was a relatively quiet month.
 4. The Cafeteria Manager reported that the LAUSD Food Manager is trying to make more adjustments to the food for breakfast in the classroom as less than 25% is actually being consumed by students.
 5. The Deans now have iPads with which they can actively verify where a student should be if they encounter them around campus and also if the person is indeed a Narbonne student.
 6. There are no more meetings for this school year.
 7. The board discussed security and school policing issues on LAUSD campuses.
 - b. **Outreach Committee** – Brandii Grace and John Gonzales reported:
 - i. The residents whose property was the focus of the last neighborhood cleanup are still thanking the neighborhood for all the help.
 - c. **Planning/Zoning/Land Use Committee** – Joeann Valle – No report
 - d. **Bylaws Committee** – Changes to the bylaws as follows:
 - i. Section 3 an abstention counts as a NO vote.
 - ii. Section 7 attendance, 3 consecutive unexcused absences, or 4 total unexcused absences in a year from regularly scheduled Governing Board and Stakeholder meetings without a reasonable excuse is grounds for automatic dismissal from the board.
 - iii. Section 1 now includes the following language 'only one board member per family, blood relative, married, and/or dependent, under one roof, sharing living accommodations or business partners may serve on the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board at a time'.
 - iv. Duties and Powers, add the words '*all board members are to be on a committee*'.
- Motion from committee to approve all of the revisions listed above, motion passes 6 Yes (Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Rutherford, and Thrower) 3 No (Deklotz, Grace and Reed) and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
- e. **Ad Hoc** - Signal at 255th and Western – John Gonzales – No new information to report.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Pocket Parks** (action item) - Letter on Officer Sanchez Memorial Park-let
Mayor Garcetti:

One year ago this month on May 5, 2014, Officer Roberto Sanchez of the LAPD was killed in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of Harbor City. There is a small memorial to him at the location of this unfortunate incident. The Harbor City neighborhood Council would like to do more for the memory of Officer Sanchez.

One block down from the current memorial is an empty lot at the corner of Belle Porte and Anaheim that has been unused for over 15 years. It is a health hazard and a magnet for trash and

unsavory behavior. In honor of Officer Sanchez, we would like to turn this lot into the Officer Roberto Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park. It would serve to remind people of Officer Sanchez and serve the neighborhood that he was serving so bravely.

The Harbor City Neighborhood Council would greatly appreciate your assistance in bringing this project to fruition.

Motion by **Donnan** to approve letter requesting support of the Officer Sanchez Memorial pocket park, **Thrower** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rutherford and Thrower) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).

b. **Electric Box Art** – Downtown Harbor City

- i. Joyce hopes that the Boys & Girls Club of Harbor City, Kaiser and perhaps the Harley Davidson dealership would be interested in contributing. She has a source to get information about paint materials that were used in Wilmington as theirs are not fading and in good condition.
 - ii. President Ray Moser commented that businesses in the newly forming Downtown Harbor City would likely be interested in doing the boxes in their area. Also that the area schools would probably like to contribute to the box or boxes adjacent to each school.
 - iii. The committee wants to include a decal of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council logo on each box.
 - iv. Board member John Gonzales commented that business owners on PCH are concerned that they may not like the art selected for the boxes near their businesses and John suggested that they participate in the submission process.
- c. **Banners for Stakeholders Meeting** - Motion by **Reed** to approve purchasing 3 new banners at a cost not to exceed \$1,500, **Gonzales** seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Rutherford and Thrower) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Letter to Vladovic and Gutierrez to clean up campaign literature** – Board member Thrower called both campaign offices to request that they take down their campaign signs as required by law.
- b. **Elect Representative to LAFD South Bureau Public Safety Advisory Committee (action item)** – The deadline for submitting name(s) of representatives is June 8th. They are requesting a great deal of information on representatives. It was decided that President Moser would send a letter expressing the board's appreciation for the invitation and asking for more information, such as when, where and how often the committee would meet.

10. **Future Program Planning/Speakers:** No report.

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

- a. Representatives Mike Herrera, the Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Harbor City, Jeff Moses from Kaiser Permanente and the incoming board president for the Boys and Girls Club of Harbor City were in attendance to present a request for a NPG for the Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program in the amount of \$15,000. This is a program to provide access to subsidized fresh fruits and vegetables to lower income families in Harbor City to encourage them to increase their consumption of healthy produce and educate participants about the health benefits of eating healthy. The NPG application will be sent to the Budget and Finance Committee.

12. **Follow-up planning to Stakeholder Issues/Concerns:** None

13. **President's Report:**

- a. Port Meeting - No report.
- b. The board discussed recruiting a new Youth board member as the current Youth member, Kayla Doming, is dismissed due to excessive unexcused absences per the bylaws. **Motion by Reed to approve recruiting a new Youth board member as the current Youth member, Kayla Domingo, is dismissed due to excessive unexcused absences per the bylaws, McGee seconded. Motion passes 9 Yes (DeKlotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, Rutherford and Thrower) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next Board Meeting June 24, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council