

Official Minutes

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 12 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 26 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders** (LAPD Report, SLO Terrazas; LAFD; etc.)
 - a. **LAPD - Officer Juan Terrezas, current acting Sr. Lead, reported:**
 - i. Officer Terrezas was actually on vacation, however, he came to the meeting to give an update.
 - ii. Part one crimes, thefts from motor vehicles are still the highest reported crime for last month.
 - iii. LAPD will have its mobile command post set up at the upcoming Harley Davidson 40th Anniversary Party.
 - iv. A stakeholder asked if Office Terrazas was aware of a newly opened medical marijuana dispensary on 253rd between Normandie and Frampton.
 - v. A stakeholder complained about excessive noise and crime at a Sober Living residence in his neighborhood.
 - vi. Officer Terrazas announced that he is still the acting Harbor City SLO for now, he has applied for a position downtown, and if he gets that position then he would leave. Until then, or until LAPD assigns a new officer he will continue to be the acting SLO for Harbor City.
 - vii. Some of the other issues Board members and Stakeholders raised were as follows:
 1. Oversized vehicle parking.
 2. The fence on Western Avenue was damaged by a serious car accident.
 3. Continued use of illegal fireworks.
 4. Complaints about kids hanging out in the parking lot at 237th & Western shopping center between 3-7pm.
 5. People running stops signs around schools.
3. **Reports from Government Officials:** No government officials present.
4. **Presentation:** Yvette Smith, Lieutenant, City of Los Angeles, Department of Animal Services; Harbor District Supervisor; Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team Member
 - a. Lt. Smith gave a brief introduction and answered questions from Board members and Stakeholders which included the following responses:
 - i. Lt. Smith is in charge of the Harbor Animal Shelter and its officers.
 - ii. SNP/LA offers free spay and neuter services for local area zip codes (see WWW.SNPLA.org for more information), as well as low cost veterinarian services.
 - b. When trapping feral cats, a free permit is required. Notices must be posted five days in advance and the trap must be checked by animal services to verify that it is a humane trap. Traps are

available at the shelter for a \$50 deposit and \$5 per day rental.

- i. The animal services officers that had been reassigned to South Los Angeles have been assigned back to the Harbor Shelter.
 - ii. They are looking to hire and train 30 new animal services officers.
 - iii. To report a barking dog problem you need to write a letter to animal services stating the address, the time of day the barking is a problem, and a description of the dog(s). Animal services then sends the owner a letter. If the problem continues animal services can have a meeting with the owner and the complainant.
- c. The "Clear the Shelter" event last week resulted in the Harbor Shelter adopting out 25 animals.
 - d. There was a comment about a lady coming into the neighborhood feeding feral cats.
 - e. There was another comment from a stakeholder about a neighbor who allows her pets to defecate in the yard and doesn't clean it up and it attracts flies and the smell is awful. Another of her neighbors has unleashed unfenced pit bulls. A leash is required, it can be no longer than 6 feet long and held by a competent person.
 - f. The Harbor Shelter does not euthanize animals due to length of time in the shelter or for space restrictions, whenever possible.

5. Budget/Finance Committee Report: Steve Rutherford, Treasurer

- a. Review and discuss the status of Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPG's) with DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment):
 - i. Day Laborer's Center NPG was approved by DONE in the amount of \$1,597.96, and a check issued today.
 - ii. Boys & Girls Club NPG request in the amount of \$5,000 was returned to the Council by DONE for insufficient information/paperwork. Treasurer Steven Rutherford returned the application to the Boys & Girls Club and is waiting on them to provide the additional information.
- b. Friends of the Library NGP in the amount of \$2,250 was approved by DONE last fiscal year. However, DONE changed the procedure for funding NPG's and did not let the Treasurer know that he needed to issue a check. Accordingly, the \$2,250 was swept at the end of the last fiscal year and now no longer available to the Council. Mario Hernandez at DONE said he would try to get the City Council to reinstate the funds.
- c. Community Clean-up Project:
 - i. Tools, gloves and trash bags have been purchased in the amount of \$303.67 out of \$500 budgeted.
 - ii. Two new community clean-up banners are being designed pending Board approval.
- d. Re-evaluate the following action items:
 - i. Western Avenue Median monthly cleanup of weeds and pine needles. The Board decided to reconsider this item at the Governing Board meeting.
 - ii. A date for the HCNC Board Retreat is still being worked out.
 - iii. KMHR Park Community Fair has been rescheduled to April 2016, with a budget of \$2,500.
 - iv. The final cost for National Night Out 2015 was \$308.76 out of \$1,600 budgeted. Board member Greg Donnan will provide receipts for food he purchased for the event and submit them to DONE for possible reimbursement with Board approval.
 - v. Review and approve the July 2015 MER and Bank Statements for both the old and new checking accounts. **Motion by Joann Valle to approve the MER and Bank Statements for both the old and new checking accounts, seconded by Joyce Fredericks. Motion passed with 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser), 1 ineligible (Grace).**
 - vi. Review and approve current budget revisions. **Motion by Joann Valle to approve current budget revisions, seconded by Greg Donnan. Motion passed with 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser), 1 ineligible (Grace).**
- e. Storage Unit: When removing or adding any items to the storage unit, everything must be listed on the Inventory sheet and initialed.

6. Reports from Meeting Representatives:

- a. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed – No report.
- b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Joeann Valle
 - i. The Chamber is hosting The Bark pet adoption event in October with a costume contest and an ugliest dog contest at the Holiday Inn on Vermont on the Saturday before Halloween.
 - ii. The Chamber is co-sponsoring the Harley Davidson's 40th Anniversary Party on August 29th & 30th. This event will be the kickoff of the new Downtown Harbor City, which is on Pacific Coast Highway from Western Avenue to KMHR Park.
 - iii. This month's free small business round table is on August 29th at 4:30pm at the Chamber, the topic is 'How do small businesses keep the IRS away'.
 - iv. The Chamber is having a Microsoft workshop at the Chamber on September 17th, at 5:30 pm, one of the topics will be 'How to keep your computer safe from hackers'.
 - v. Another workshop will be on entrepreneurship, no date has yet been set.
 - vi. On September 25th they are having a tribute to American heroes saluting vets. This year they will be saluting various veterans' organizations that serve vets and they are honoring two vets, one deceased and one wounded warrior who lost his legs four years ago.
 - vii. On Friday, November 13th, the Chamber is hosting Conversation with Your Government, a panel luncheon at which participants have an opportunity to ask elected officials questions.
- c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. Board member Greg Donnan brought several flyers and magazines, including information on avoiding identity theft.

7. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower
 - i. President Raymond Moser commented that school has started so please be careful around schools, particularly before and after school when students are coming and going.
- b. Outreach – Brandii Grace
 - i. President Raymond Moser announced a neighborhood clean-up on September 12th, from 9-12pm at 259th and Belle Porte.
 - ii. Board member Brandii Grace is now an admin for the HCNC FaceBook page. She is working on becoming the admin for the HCNC Twitter account.
 - iii. The Committee recommends that the HCNC have a booth at back to school night/parents night out.
 - iv. The Committee recommends that the HCNC do a trial of having a special Saturday Stakeholder meeting once a month at a different venue in an effort to attract attendees that otherwise do not come to the week night meeting.
 - v. The Committee recommends that the Board write a letter of support to get an additional Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance for the Harbor City Fire Department.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Joeann Valle
 - i. A representative from the developer and a representative from the architect gave a brief presentation on a proposed Starbucks on PCH. The location is partially in the City of Los Angeles and partially in the City of Lomita. It will be drive through and walk up only with limited patio seating. There will be no indoor seating.
- d. Ad Hoc Committee for a Signal at 255th and Western – John Gonzales
 - i. The Principal at Fleming Elementary School asked for an extension.
 - ii. On Tuesday, the first day of school, there was an LAPD Motorcycle Unit monitoring traffic at the stop sign.
- e. Ad Hoc Committee for National Night Out – Greg Donnan
 - i. President Raymond Moser thanked Board member Greg Donnan for all his work bringing the event to fruition.
- f. By Laws Committee – Joeann Valle
 - i. Still working on a setting a date for a meeting.

8. Old Business:

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City – no new information.
- b. Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park
 - i. President Raymond Moser received a call from someone who is working with the Sanchez family who stated that they want to be involved. He has been contacted by Chief Beck and Mayor Garcetti's office in support of the Park.
- c. Voter registration drives
 - i. At every single event they are going to try to have a set up for voter registration. They will have materials at Harley Davidson 40th Anniversary party.

9. New Business:

- a. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards: President Raymond Moser is still working on creating a form and looking for reformations for recipients.
- b. There was a recommendation that the Council create a committee to address the Homeless problem in Harbor City.
 - i. Board member Brandii Grace commented on statistics from this year's LAHSA count.

10. President's Report Raymond Moser

- a. The school year has started so please be careful around schools, particularly in before and after school when students are coming and going.

11. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Greg Donnan to approve the July 2015 Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by **Eric Deklotz**. Motion passed with 10 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:

- a. Stakeholder Emilio Otero asked for the Council's assistance and support in getting a skate park at Harbor City Park.
- b. Board member Wayne McGee commented that kids are skating in the street, on the sidewalk, and in other public areas that are not meant to be used for skateboarding and that it is not safe for the general public or the skateboarders. They need a set up at the park dedicated to skateboarding.
- c. Stakeholder Leroy Martinez commented that it is also not safe for the kids from Harbor City to go to skate parks in other cities as the kids at those parks are territorial.
- d. Stakeholder Dorothy Jenkins commented about street sweeping/cleaning on 242nd Place, she wonders if when they sweep 242nd Place once a month perhaps they could go over to President Avenue Elementary at the same time.

13. Announcements:

- a. President Raymond Moser stated that resident Keith Rios was able to get the DWP to clean up the transfer station at Frampton and 259th Street.
- b. Broad member Greg Donnan commented that there is confusion about the allowable days for watering as dictated by the LADWP. He stated that you can water three days a week and they are ticketing for watering abuses, and there is no watering on Saturdays. You can call 311 to report someone for watering abuses.
- c. Broad member Brandii Grace announced that August 26th is National Women's Equality Day. She hopes that by forming a committee they can find ways to help deal with homelessness in an effective and efficient way.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is September 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council