



PUBLIC MEETING

Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Governing Board Meeting
Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library
14000 240th Street, Harbor City.
Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 6:00pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Excused
Brandii Grace	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Absent
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Present arrived 6:20 pm
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). One stakeholder present.
2. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of August 26, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve August, 26, 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 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
3. **Budget & Finance Report:** C. Steven Rutherford, Treasurer
 - a. The Boys and Girls Club need to come to a meeting and give a follow up report as to how they used the NPG funds.
 - b. Review and discuss purchase of an electric leaf blower for use at community cleanups - **Motion by Steven Rutherford to approve purchase of an electric blower for use at community cleanups in an amount not to exceed \$200, seconded by Wayne McGee passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
 - c. Update on letter to DONE related to the handling of finance requests. No letter has yet been written.
 - d. Discuss advertising with Red Plum vs. City Services. Board member Joeann Valle has still not received information from the Red Plum for their services. Board member Joyce Fredericks contacted City Services, General Services department, and was given an approximate cost of \$500 for one sided black & white and \$700 for 2 sided (color one side and black and white one side) for print of the flyers only, postage is an additional cost. The board feels that City Services is too expensive. The board asked that the issue be sent to the Outreach Committee for further consideration.
 - e. There is no new information on the Community Clean-up Metal Signs and Banners.

- f. Steven Rutherford's calls to Bennet Landscaping are not being returned. So there is no new information on having Bennett clean Western Avenue.
- g. Treasurer, Steven Rutherford says that he is unable to access the Union Bank account. He cannot process any checks, or ETF payments. The debit card still seems to work. No one from DONE is returning his calls or emails. Board member Joyce Fredericks' reimbursement check was returned plus a \$12 NSF fee. Joyce has spoken to Janet Hernandez at DONE to try to get the situation resolved.

4. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**

- a. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
 - i. Octaviano Rios is no longer with the Mayor's office, he is now working at DONE.
- b. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed, not present. No report.
- c. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle had nothing new to report.
- d. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower, Wayne McGee
 - i. They are getting ready for the Harbor Area Budget Day at the Port of Los Angeles High School, on Saturday, October 17th, from 9am – 12pm.

5. **Reports from Committee Chairs:**

- a. **Education/Youth** – Hayes Thrower
 - i. No one was able to attend the monthly Narbonne safety meeting.
 - ii. Board member Rohan Sourjah commented that there is a new career guidance program at Narbonne focused on international trade.
- b. **Outreach** – Brandii Grace
 - i. The committee passed a letter requesting an additional BLS (basic life services) ambulance for LAFD Station 85 as follows:

The Harbor City Neighborhood Council is calling on the city of Los Angeles to allocate one additional Basic Life Services (BLS) ambulance to the harbor area fire stations.

Firefighters are receiving fewer and fewer calls for fire-related issues, yet call volume is increasing each year. Most of these calls are for emergency medical and ambulance services.

*Too often, our fire fighters are forced to send an Advanced Life Services (ALS) ambulance to care for non-critical issues. When an ALS ambulance is sent out on a non-critical call, it wastes valuable resources including money, personnel, and – the most important resource in any emergency – time. If an ALS ambulance is busy with non-critical calls, it is not available to handle life-threatening problems. **No one wants to die from a heart-attack or serious accident simply because the ambulance was too busy to get there in time.***

We strongly urge and request you take this matter under consideration and allocate our district fire stations with one additional BLS ambulance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the letter requesting an additional BLS ambulance for LAFD Station 85, seconded by Joeann Valle and passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).

- ii. **Discuss having a table at schools on Back to School Night.** The committee needs to get more information on dates for Back to School Night at local schools.

- iii. **Discuss possibly having an additional stakeholder meeting at a school or other location in the community.** One possible date is October 10th, from 11:30am - 1:30pm, with a budget in an amount not to exceed \$400.00. With Board member John Gonzales recovering from surgery, that date will not be possible. Accordingly, the item was tabled.
- iv. Some other suggestions from the outreach committee are that they have new slogans, perhaps suggested by stakeholders, create a brochure/pamphlet, or create a newsletter.
- c. **Planning/Zoning/Land Use** – Joeann Valle
 - i. There is a new medical marijuana dispensary on Belle Porte & PCH.
- d. **By Laws** – Joeann Valle – There was no meeting this month.
- e. **Ad Hoc - Signal at 255th and Western** - John Gonzales, not present. No report.
- f. **Ad Hoc – Homelessness** -- Brandii Grace
 - i. In the last few months Committee Chair Brandii Grace has attended several forums on homelessness.
 - ii. The Los Angeles City Council is planning to declare a State of Emergency for the homeless problem. This will mean that nonprofit and religious organizations will be eligible to open shelters without having to consider the neighborhoods.
 - iii. Brandi met a homeless woman and her children in the park. She related the monumental hurdles homeless people are required to navigate to get services.
 - iv. One of the things the Neighborhood Council can do is to educate stakeholders on the issues homeless people face.
 - v. Providence Little Company of Mary has expanded and reopened their psychiatric ward.
 - vi. As of August there is a homelessness court to help get legal issues of homeless people cleared up.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Pocket Parks: Update on the Officer Sanchez Memorial Parkette:** Council District 15 Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina, is working on it with property owners to try and get them to sell the property to the City.
- b. **Utility Box Art update:** President Moser contacted teachers in the Harbor College art department about this. Board member Joyce Fredericks has started creating an application form.
- c. **Voter Registration Drives,** Joeann Valle
 - i. They signed up three people at the Harley Davidson Anniversary event and continue to provide the information.
 - ii. Perhaps they could set up a booth at the Narbonne food truck event.
- d. **ROC Awards update:** The outreach committee approved a draft nomination form. **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the ROC nomination form, seconded by Joeann Valle and passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Sourjah, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- e. **Letter of Support for SLO Terrazas update,** the letter was presented to Officer Terrazas at the National Night Out Event.
- f. **Retreat:** A proposed date for the Board Retreat is Saturday, November 7th. They still have not secured a location.
- g. **Western Ave Median Clean-up update:** Bennett is not returning Board member Steven Rutherford's calls.

7. **New Business:**

- a. **Discuss electing a representative to South Bureau Public Safety Advisory Committee:** President Ray Moser has still not been able to get any information about this.

- b. **Crossing Guards at 240th & Western, and President Ave School update:** President Ray Moser looked up the requirements on the LAUSD website. There are many criteria, primarily the Principal of the school needs to initiate a request.
 - c. **Vacant seat update.** The board requested the opening be posted on the website.
8. **Future Program Planning/Speakers:**
- a. In the future President Ray Moser will list a time limit for each speaker on the agenda.
 - b. In October the speakers will be Christopher Downing, LAUDS SEC South and Mr. Kabota, Principal from Narbonne high school.
 - c. In November perhaps they could get a speaker related to homelessness.
9. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**
10. **Follow-up planning to Stakeholder Issues/Concerns:**
11. **President's Report:**
- a. AltaSea is starting to have programs and events. He wants to be sure that local schools are made aware of them.
 - b. The Board needs to tighten up meeting times related to speakers as discussed in future program planning/speakers.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Governing Board meeting is October 28, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council