



**Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Stakeholder’s Meeting
Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library
24000 Western Avenue, Harbor City.
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6:00pm
Official Minutes**



1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 9 board members was present (see list below). Approximately 24 stakeholders in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Present left 8:30
Brandii Grace	Excused
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present
C. Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
Hayes E. Thrower	Excused
Joeann Valle	Present

Reports from First Responders:

2. **LAPD - Officer Juan Terrezas, current acting Senior Lead, reported:**
 - a. Officer Terrezas announced that he is back from vacation, though it is his day off.
 - b. Crime is still up, however, Harbor City is doing better compared to surrounding communities. There were four vehicles broken into at Harbor College recently.
 - c. Homeless people have been camping in the pedestrian tunnels under the 110 freeway at Harbor College.
 - d. LAPD has started foot beats in San Pedro. He has done three this month, from 11am – 2pm, each Senior Lead does one foot patrol a week. They plan to implement foot patrols in Wilmington, and Harbor City soon.
 - e. They are receiving complaints about kids ditching school and hanging out in the Harbor City Greenway. He has been unable to get into the area to deal with the problem.
 - f. Officer Terrezas is back on the problem of homeless living in motor homes. He and the quality of life car went out to the area around the post office and pep boys this week and made contact with homeless in that area.
 - g. A stakeholder asked a question about noise complaints from a business at 253rd and Broadwell.
 - h. Some of the other issues Board members and Stakeholders raised are as follows:
 - i. Other homeless issues
 - ii. Traffic issues; excessive speed and running stop signs – particularly around schools.
 - iii. Parking issues – particularly around 253rd and Broadwell.
 - iv. New marijuana dispensaries on Belle Porte and PCH, and one on 253rd.
 - v. Graffiti

Reports from Government Officials:

3. Councilman Joe Buscaino’s Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina, provided a written report, highlights follow:
 - a. LAPD consumes approximately 70% of the city’s budget.
 - b. The cleanup at Machado Lake was funded by Prop O. There have been studies conducted in and around the lake regarding the mosquitoes. The non-native fauna around the lake was

- removed as part of the Prop O project. This significantly reduced the mosquitoes.
- c. The Greenway is not a park. The site is run by the Department of Sanitation. Gabby asked people to be patient with the Department of Sanitation as their staff is new to this kind of location and its procedures.
- d. Graffiti issues can be handled by the Councilman's office. Please contact them.
- e. The marijuana dispensary locations have been reported to Prosecutor Lauren Halligan.
- f. Gabby gave an overview, and report of proposed future action, from the Homelessness Forum that was held at the Warner Grand in September.
- g. She gave an update on the Machado Lake project.
- h. Community Concerns: President Ray Moser brought the issue of 259th between Belle Porte and PCH to the quarterly Councilman's President's meeting.
- i. A street use inspector went out to Bennett Landscaping and they were given 30 days to remove the rocks and create a pathway.
- j. Upcoming events:
 - i. The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival, September 25 – 27, 2015.
 - ii. The Wilmington Family Fiesta, September 26, 2015.
 - iii. The 5th Annual United Way Fall into Literacy Fair, October 10, 2015.
 - iv. The 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, October 11, 2015.
- k. The report included an update from LAUSD Board member Dr. Vladovic.
- l. Some of the concerns of Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
 - i. The proposed stadium in Carson
 - ii. Homeless people in front of Pep Boys.

Presentations:

4. The Honorable David Hadley, Assembly Member, District 66:

- a. The Assembly Member gave a brief bio of himself and an overview of his district in the South Bay.
- b. He commented on legislative issues that included the following:
 - i. Many proposed new taxes did not pass.
 - ii. The legislature passed an assisted suicide bill and it is on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.
 - iii. He introduced a bill to streamline the process to give cities the option to create their own school districts.
 - iv. The legislature passed a bill to allow military families to choose the public school their children attend regardless of where they reside.
 - v. The legislature passed a bill banning drones from fire zones.
- c. Some of his goals are to improve the business climate in California, and to improve public schools; he has six school districts in his District.
- d. Stakeholder and Board concerns were:
 - i. Western Avenue; median clean up and repair.
 - ii. Statewide raise in the minimum wage.

5. Carlo Fuentes, LADWP Water Conservation Response Unit

- a. Carlo Fuentes gave a brief introduction and answered questions from Board members and Stakeholders. Some of the issues were as follows:
 - i. Mr. Fuentes stated that he is one of six people who patrol 450 square miles for water conservation efforts.
 - ii. The watering schedule for sprinkler systems is as follows: except during the hours from 9am – 4pm, odd addresses may water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; even addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, there is no watering on Saturday. Residents may hose water daily, except between 9am – 4pm, as long as they use a hand held nozzle with an automatic shut off.
 - iii. The Department of Water & Power has a program called the Home Energy Improvement program. It is a free program that can provide free energy efficient items and repairs for your home. The DWP will evaluate your home and provide you with a report. They will

make repairs for free (up to approximately \$3,500.00) to make your home more energy efficient for electricity, water and gas.

6. **Budget/Finance Committee Report:** Steve Rutherford, Treasurer
 - a. Board Approval of August bank statement and MER. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve the August bank statement and MER, seconded by John Gonzales, and passed with 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Rutherford, Thrower and Valle) 0 No and 1 abstention(s) (Moser)**
 - b. Boys & Girls Club NPG request in the amount of \$5,000. They have received the funds and now they need to come in and give a presentation on how the funds were spent.
 - c. The Day Laborers Community Job Center presented photos of the last community cleanup. The presentation included photos of how they used the CIP funds from the Neighborhood Council. They gave the board a thank you letter for the CIP funds. Joyce thanked Luis from the Day Laborers Community Job Center for translating the Community Cleanup flyers and for their help in passing out the flyers to the community.
 - d. Friends of the Library NGP in the amount of \$2,250 update: There is no new information.
 - e. Treasurer, Steven Rutherford contacted Bennett Landscaping regarding having them clean Western Avenue, however, his calls have not been returned to date.
 - f. New banners for community clean up: These banners are still in process.
 - g. Possible purchase of a blower for community clean ups: This will be revisited at the Governing Board meeting.
7. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
 - a. **Friends of the Library**, Grant Reed, no report.
 - b. **Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce**, Joeann Valle, no report.
 - c. **Public Safety** – Greg Donnan
 - i. The library made a request to Greg Donnan for support from the Neighborhood Council to get a crossing guard on Western Avenue and 240th, particularly when school begins and ends.
 - d. **HANC** – Greg Donnan
 - i. The Department of Water & Power gave a presentation on needed infrastructure and rate increases.
 - ii. The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance is asking for Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils to join the Alliance.
 - iii. Neighborhood Councils must submit revised budgets to The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment that include the additional \$5,000.
 - iv. The Board of Public Works and Animal Services are requesting each Neighborhood Council to appoint liaisons to interact with these departments.
 - v. The Harbor Area Budget Advocates day is on Saturday, October 17th, at Port of Los Angeles High School, from 9am – 12pm.
 - vi. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) has a new commissioner.
8. **Reports from Committee Chairs:**
 - a. **Education/Youth**, Hayes Thrower, not present.
 - b. **Outreach**, Chairperson Brandii Gracew as not present and any motions from the committee were tabled.
 - i. Meetings in the community at new locations.
 - ii. Neighborhood Cleanup – September 12, 9-12 AM, Belle Porte & 259th St. – recap
 - iii. Motion from committee to suggest the HCNC hold a Saturday meeting. , (suggestion is Oct, 10th @ 11:30-1:30). The agenda would be simplified to cover an intro to the neighborhood council, an LAPD report & discussion of neighborhood watches, any elected officials that would like to come speak, and a town hall (plus any legally required items, like public comments). Running the meeting would not exceed \$400.
 - iv. The Outreach committee passed a motion to suggest HCNC hold the retreat on either Wed, Oct 28th (the day of the governing board meeting) or Sat, Nov 7th. (Most of us could not do any Sat in Oct.).

- c. **Planning/Zoning/Land Use**, Joeann Valle, no report.
- d. **Ad Hoc Committee for a Signal at 255th and Western**, John Gonzales, not present, no report.
- e. **By Laws Committee**, Joeann Valle, no report.
- f. **Ad Hoc - Homeless Committee**, Brandii Grace, not present, no report.

9. Old Business:

- a. **Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City:** President Ray Moser is working to contact art teachers at Narbonne High School and Harbor College.
- b. **Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park:** Councilman Buscaino's field representative, Gabby, is speaking with the owners of the property for the proposed park.
- c. Voter registration drives continue.
- d. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup were addressed with Assemblyman Hadley.
- e. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards are being addressed by the Outreach Committee.

10. New Business:

- a. President Ray Moser stated that the tree at 26314 Belle Porte has been removed.
- b. Crossing Guard at President Avenue School: President Ray Moser is looking into how to get crossing guards assigned.
- c. President Ray Moser requested that the notice of the vacant board seat be posted to the website.

11. President's Report: Raymond Moser, no report.

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

13. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item: none

14. Announcements: none

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is October 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council