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PUBLIC MEETING

Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Stakeholder's Meeting

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library
24000 Western Avenue, Harbor City.
Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:00pm



Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Present
Brandii Grace	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Excused
Steven Rutherford	Excused
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
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 9 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 34 stakeholders present.
2. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - a. **LAPD - Officer Juan Terrezas, current acting Senior Lead, reported:**
 - i. Officer Terrezas passed around a map and crime stats print out for the period from September 2011 to current for the Harbor Area.
 - ii. Based on accident stats the traffic division task force conducted an operation in Wilmington, they wrote 26 people citations for pedestrian violations.
3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. Councilman Joe Buscaino's Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina, provided a written report, highlights follow:
 - i. LADOT: Tow away, no overnight parking of oversized vehicles signs have been posted as follows: Lomita Blvd., West Anaheim Street, West Belle Porte Ave., and McCoy Avenue.
 - ii. Harbor City Greenway update. The Councilman's office has contracted with GAP to open and close, pick up trash, and remove graffiti. Locks and lights that were broken will be replaced. LAPD will be issued a key. There were approximately 8 stakeholders at the meeting with concerns about all of the issues at the Greenway.
 - b. John Larson – Vladovic –
 - i. In the search for a new Superintendent, LAUSD will be holding community meetings over the next few weeks. Additional information can be found at <http://achieve.lausd.net/superintendentsearch>.
 - ii. There will be community meetings for public input related to the start of the

school year. Dr. Vladovic supports a start date after Labor Day. Meeting dates, times and locations to be announced.

4. Presentation: LAUSD District Superintendent Christopher Downing

- a. Gave a brief overview of himself and his background.
- b. He has four primary goals:
 - i. Early literacy, all students reading at grade level by age nine.
 - ii. Extended learning opportunities for Senior High students.
 - iii. Instruction taking place in classroom to support students at different levels.
 - iv. Parent and community engagement and training for parents on common core.

5. Presentation: Gerald Kobata, the Principal of Nathaniel Narbonne High School

- a. Gave a brief overview of himself and his background.
- b. Some of the positive things at Narbonne include: there is an academic decathlon team, Navy JROTC program, marching band, public service academy focused on social justice, and a Red Cross Club. They have a safe and healthy school collaborative meeting on the third Thursday of each month, at 8:30 am in the school library.
- c. They have parent walks which allow parents to see all their classes. The next one is in November.
- d. The Speech and Debate program coach and two students gave an overview of the program and one gave a presentation on bacteria to demonstrate some of the skills they learn in the program.

6. Budget/Finance Committee Report: Steve Rutherford, Treasurer not present

- a. Boys & Girls Club \$5000 NPG – update – none
- b. Friends of the Library \$2250 NPG – update – none

7. Reports from Meeting Representatives:

- a. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed – not present
- b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
 - i. Harbor City food trucks every Thursday at Narbonne High School at 5:30 pm. Narbonne receives a percentage of sales. The Chamber now has a Food Truck committee.
 - ii. Every month the Chamber has a free small business round table and a free Microsoft workshop.
 - iii. On November 13th the Chamber is holding a conversation with government.
 - iv. They are still working on Downtown Harbor City.
 - v. The new Chamber President is focusing on international trade and small manufacturers.
- c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. He provided flyers on various public safety issues.
- d. HANC – Greg Donnan reported highlights from the last HANC meeting:
 - i. Kevin James, President of the Board of Public Works, spoke at length.
 - ii. The Department of Public Works has 1.4 billion dollars allocated over the next thirty years for sidewalk repairs. The sidewalk is an easement which the property owner also owns all the way to the curb. Once public works makes repairs the sidewalk is returned to the property owner.
- e. BONC Congress overview, President Ray Moser asked each Board member that attended the Congress to give examples of things they took away from the day.
 - i. Hayes Throver heard techniques that other Neighborhood Councils are using to increase public participation.
 - ii. Wayne McGee thought street use investigators could really help clean up Harbor City. He spoke about the survey to rate city services.
 - iii. Eric Deklotz attended a seminar about how to work better with government, and a seminar that talked about density being unavoidable.

- iv. Greg Donnan commented that he learned that if procedures are not followed to the letter it can be enough to cause a meeting to be cancelled, and the City Attorney does not enforce the Brown Act. He spoke about several other procedural items that he learned. Greg met that morning with Grayce Liu from DONE and Mike Fuerer, the City Attorney, and learned that Neighborhood Council Board members are not elected city officials, they are elected public officials.
- v. Joyce Fredericks commented that speaker Kevin James, President of the Board of Public Works, was very interesting. She also attended a workshop about outreach that she found very helpful.

8. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower – no new information.
- b. Outreach – Brandii Grace
 - i. Discuss changing the date of the retreat to November 14th, and holding it at the mobile home park on PV Drive North: **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve changing the date of the retreat to November 14, 2015, seconded by Wayne McGee passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
 - ii. The committee proposes that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council's annual Harbor Lights event be held in collaboration with the Chamber and Harbor Gateway South's Santa is Coming to Town event: **Motion by Hayes Thrower to approve the Council's annual Harbor Lights event be held in collaboration with the Chamber and Harbor Gateway South's Santa is Coming to Town event, seconded by Wayne McGee passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
 - iii. Create an Ad Hoc committee for December Events: **Motion by Hayes Thrower to approve creating an Ad Hoc committee for December Events, seconded by Wayne McGee passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
 - iv. Discuss moving the November Governing Board meeting to December 2nd: **Motion by Joeann Valle to moving the November Governing Board Meeting to December 2nd, seconded by Brandii Grace passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
 - v. The Harvest Festival at Harbor Elementary is October 30th, from 12pm – 4pm.
 - vi. They want the speaker at next month's meeting to be related to homelessness.
- c. Ad Hoc committee for a Signal at 255th and Western – John Gonzales
 - i. Principal Hastings has gotten an influx of school police to monitor the street.
- d. Bylaws – recommendation of bylaws changes Joeann Valle
 - i. **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the recommendations from the bylaws committee of bylaws changes as attached, seconded by Joeann Valle passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 1 (Grace) no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- e. Homeless – Brandii Grace
 - i. The next Homeless committee meeting is October 27th, at 2pm.
 - ii. Brandii passed around a copy of a documentation checklist from Harbor Interfaith Services. It listed all of the paperwork/documentation that is required for a person to receive assistance.

9. Budget Advocates Report – Hayes Thrower

- a. The Budget Advocates are hoping to get 100,000 responses to the Rate City Services survey.

- b. The Mayor conducted his own survey of City Services and received very few responses from the Harbor/South Bay area.

10. Old Business:

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City: President Ray Moser is putting together the application and a letter of introduction.
- b. Update on Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park: Councilman Buscaino's Harbor Area field representative is working with the property owners. Ray received a call from Elliot King, Office of the LAPD chief of Police, however he has not yet spoken to Mr. King. Ray proposes that a letter writing campaign be started to Councilman Buscaino.
- c. Voter registration drives: Since the DMV now has voter registration the drives are on hold. They are still encouraging people to get registered. They also want to find ways to get people to actually vote.
- d. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup. They are still waiting to hear back from Hadley's office.
- e. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards. The nomination form is available on the website.

11. New Business:

- a. Update on tree removal at 26314 Belle Porte: The tree has been removed.
- b. Update on crossing guard at President Avenue School: Board member Hayes Thrower provided the Principal of President Elementary with information to move forward with LAUSD to get a crossing guard.
- c. Update on vacant board seat: The application is available on the website.

12. President's Report: Raymond Moser

- a. Pot hole fixes in the area are complete for this round. They will come back again in April. Ray has a form to fill out, so that the area will be ready when they return.
- b. Assemblyman Mike Gibson's office posted a ticket amnesty program. For more information visit <http://www.courts.ca.gov/trafficamnesty.htm>.
- c. There has been 52.7 million dollars over the next ten years approved for improvements at the Wilmington Promenade.
- d. The Los Angeles City Attorney has a Dispute Resolution program to assist people in resolving disputes, for example between neighbors. <http://www.lacity.org/311-directory-online-services/servicedetail/2154>.

13. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve September 16, 2015 Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by **Joann Valle** passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Grace and Moser).

14. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item: None

15. Announcements:

- a. The Ken Malloy Park Advisory Board (PAB) has been on hiatus. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:30pm, at the Chamber office.

16. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is November 18, 2015.

***Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council***

Section 1: Composition - The Board shall consist of thirteen (13) Stakeholders elected, selected or appointed by the Board and/or Community Stakeholders. The composition of the Board shall be as follows: **Board members** cannot serve on more than one neighborhood council at a time.

Board members cannot have a family member nor blood relative, spouse, dependant nor share households nor be business partners on the Board at the same time.

At-Large Stakeholder Board Members (13) – Open to Stakeholders at least sixteen (16) years of age.

Section 2: Quorum - The quorum shall be seven (7) members of the Board. No floating quorums are allowed.

Section 3: Official Actions - A simple majority vote by the Board members present, not including abstentions, at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws.

Section 4: Terms and Term Limits - Board members shall serve a two (2) year term commencing after being seated. There are no term limits.

Section 5: Duties and Powers - The primary duties of the Board shall be to govern the Council and to carry out its objectives. No individual member of the Board shall speak for the Board or otherwise publicly represent a Board position unless authorized to do so by official action of the Board. The Board may, by official action, delegate to any individual the authority to present before any public body a standing Council position previously adopted by the Board or a statement that the Council has had insufficient time to develop a position or recommendation on a matter before that body. Such authority may be revoked at any time by the Board.

Section 6: Vacancies – Vacancies on the Board shall be filled using the following procedure:

A. Any Stakeholder interested in filling a vacancy on the Board shall submit a written application to the Board.

B. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.

C. The Board shall vote on the application at the meeting. If multiple applications for one seat have been submitted, the candidate with the most votes wins.

D. The candidate who wins shall fill the remaining term of the Board seat unless an election or selection occurs sooner.

E. In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where a general election is scheduled to occur within sixty (60) days of the date that a written application is presented to the Board.

The appointed applicant's term shall be limited to the term for the vacated seat.

Section 7: Absences - Any Board member who misses three(3) regularly scheduled consecutive Council Stakeholders/Governing Board meetings or, optionally, four (4) total