



PUBLIC MEETING

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting

MEETING LOCATION: 1400 240th Street, Harbor City
6:00 PM Wednesday, February 24, 2016



Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Absent
Brandii Grace	Present
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Excused
Jabriel Rogong	Seated
Steven Rutherford	Excused
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
Hayes E. Thrower	Present left at 7:00 pm
Joeann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 8 board members present (see list above).
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve the January 27, 2016 Governing Board meeting minutes, seconded by **Hayes Thrower** and passed with 5 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, McGee, and Thrower), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Grace and Moser), 1 out of room (Valle).
3. **Vacant Board Seat:** Review candidates for vacant board seat and appoint new board member.
 - a. Motion by **Joeann Valle** to maintain the vacant seat as a YOUTH SEAT, seconded by **Greg Donnan**, and passed with 6 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Grace and Moser).
Motion by **Greg Donnan** to appoint candidate Jabriel Rogong to the YOUTH SEAT, seconded by **Wayne McGee**, and passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
4. **Budget & Finance Report:** Steve Rutherford, Treasurer
 - a. Review and consider approval of San Pedro Art Association request for NPG in the amount of \$1,500. Motion by **Joeann Valle** to approve the San Pedro Art Association NPG in the amount of \$1,500, seconded by **Brandii Grace**, and passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Thrower and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
5. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
 - a. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
 - i. If anyone submits a request for a public record, the request must be submitted to the president or the secretary of the neighborhood council.
 - ii. The Code of Conduct must be displayed at meetings or be printed on the agenda.
 - iii. President Moser commented that Councilman Buscaino is having a retreat with HANC. Mr. Donnan stated that they are in the planning stages, and the retreat will be on April 23, 2016.
 - b. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed – not present.

- c. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
 - i. They are working on the Downtown Harbor City along the PCH corridor.
 - ii. They are working with Noribachi to make Harbor City a green/low energy city.
 - iii. At last month's monthly small business round table, the speaker spoke about building relationships between bosses and employees.
 - iv. They are starting a new program for business owners to come in once a week to do brain storming. It will be a 22 week program for a minimal fee.
 - v. A delegation from Belarus was here for two days. They visited USC and will have an exchange program. They are also sending an engineer to Noribachi to work on custom LED lighting.
 - vi. The Chamber is now working on having an Egyptian delegation visit.
- d. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower
 - i. The budget advocates are meeting with the Councilman from the 2nd district to present the draft whitepaper to him.
 - ii. Council President Herb Wesson wants to create a new working group to improve the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - iii. The Mayor is considering additional bonds or taxes to fund homeless needs.

6. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower – No report.
- b. Outreach – Brandii Grace
 - i. The committee discussed using the City mailing service. They feel they should combine the outreach for the selection and regular meetings in one mailing.
 - ii. They discussed future events such as the selection, a health fair, a resource (homeless) fair, National Night Out, and quarterly cleanups.
 - iii. They considered priorities for the outreach committee
 - I. Inform the public about the neighborhood council, i.e. who we are, what we do and how to get involved.
 - II. Future events
 - III. To work on beautification, i.e. parks, utility boxes, etc.
 - iv. They discussed the neighborhood council partnering with the Chamber on the beautification projects. Board member Joeann Valle commented on a year old survey about Harbor City.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Eric Deklotz
 - i. A major topic of discussion was the pending Neighborhood Integrity ballot initiative. The initiative is a grassroots effort; it would put in place a two-year moratorium on all new development the goes against current zoning. It is, in part, an effort to force the City to update the existing general plan and zoning regulations, which were last updated in 1984.
- d. By Laws – Joeann Valle – No report.
- e. Ad Hoc - Signal at 255th and Western - John Gonzales – not present.
- f. Ad Hoc – Homelessness - Brandii Grace
 - i. The ad hoc committee is working on a resource fair.
 - ii. They are working with Councilman Buscaino's office and the City Attorney to have a homeless court clinic.
 - iii. They are trying to get the City, the County and CalTrans to meet together to discuss sweeps that just keep moving homeless people from one place to another.
 - iv. There have been reports of litter that homeless people get accused of causing, when often it is non homeless people illegally dumping. The committee is looking into ways to remedy this issue.
 - v. Board member Joeann Valle commented that LAUSD has put aside funds for students identified as homeless. There are 15 identified students in Harbor City. The Chamber, working with local business, is going to try to access the funds to help those 15 students.
 - vi. They discussed the difference between 'affordable' and 'low income' housing.
 - vii. Board member Greg Donnan commented that homeless people can have tents, and sleep, on the sidewalk from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am. From 6:00 am to 9:00 pm a tent just has to be collapsed, it can remain on the sidewalk as long as there is no one inside it. However, there are issues for disabled individuals not being able to use the sidewalk if a collapsed tent is on

it, then they have to go into the street, and if someone were to slip on a tent and injure themselves they could sue the city.

viii. Greg Spiegel is resigning as the Mayor's Homeless Policy Director.

g. Ad Hoc – Selection Committee – Joeann Valle

i. At their last meeting they created a timeline as follows:

I. 2/27 candidate filing opens

II. 4/15 candidate filing closes

III. 4/22 deadline for submittal all candidate documentation

IV. 4/26 last day for candidacy withdrawal

V. 4/27 the date the valid candidate list must be released

VI. 5/18 Harbor City candidate forum

VII. 6/4 selection on at Narbonne from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

VIII. 6/10 deadline for filing a challenge to selection results

ii. They need volunteers for the selection committee and to help run the selection event.

iii. The committee meets every Tuesday at 4:00pm.

7. **Old Business:**

a. Pocket Parks Update - Officer Sanchez Memorial Parkette update

i. President Moser continues to work on creating a Face Book page.

b. Utility Box Art update

i. President Moser wants the board to consider how they want to approach this project. Do they want to do one street at a time? He feels that they would lose focus if they tried to tackle all the boxes in the area at once.

ii. He will write in the application for the first year that they are doing the boxes on PCH in the downtown area.

c. Recognition of Outstanding Citizen (ROC) Award update

i. No new nominees.

d. Board Retreat update

i. **Motion by Greg Donnan to postpone planning a retreat until after the selection and the new board is seated, seconded by Wayne McGee, and passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Grace, McGee, Rogong, and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser), 1 left meeting early (Thrower).**

e. Western Ave Median Clean-up update

i. Assemblyman Hadley's office is working on this. Board member Greg Donnan will follow up.

8. **New Business:**

a. President Moser would like to get business cards with just meeting information and the website. Board member Joyce Fredericks is working on creating a design.

9. **Future Program Planning/Speakers** (Joann & Joyce)

a. The May Board and Stakeholder meeting will be a candidate forum.

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

a. Board member Greg Donnan responded to a question about a possible skate park at Harbor Recreation Center, stating that he spoke to Recreation and Parks and they had no record of any request to have a skate park at Harbor Recreation Center. Recreation and Parks did say that there is a plan to have a skate park at Normandale Park.

b. A Stakeholder suggested that they have someone from a homeless emergency response team come speak at a meeting.

c. A Stakeholder commented that a property owner on their street has leased their property to someone who is running an unlicensed, unpermitted used car business at the property. Board member Joeann Valle commented that the Chamber is working on the issue with Building and Safety, and SLO Gonzalez, and the property owner.

d. Board member Brandii Grace is trying to find a solution to the sandbox area at Harbor Recreation Center being covered with large long sharp pine needles that are not safe for children.

e. Senior Lead Officer Gonzalez -

i. A medical clinic on Lomita was repeatedly burglarized over the last year and recently a Harbor UCLA medical center was burglarized. The later facility had very clear surveillance

footage. Accordingly, Officer Gonzalez was able to identify a suspect as someone he had contact with the prior day. The female suspect was arrested and there have been zero burglaries in the area and a major reduction in property crimes since her arrest.

- ii. An AK-47, an AR-15 and a hand gun were stolen in a recent home burglary, they were not properly secured. Officer Gonzalez reminded people that weapons need to be properly secured. He is willing to hold a firearms safety and security class. It is approximately a 45 minute curriculum. He will also run a scenario to demonstrate the benefit of having weapons properly secured

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

12. **President's Report**

- a. President Moser will try to get draft agendas out to the board a week prior to board meetings for their review.
- b. Board member Greg Donnan announced that on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Warner Grand Theatre, in San Pedro, there will be a presentation of the draft waterfront redevelopment plan for Ports O' Call .
- c. At the monthly President's Port meeting Gene Saroka presented a video of the port projects.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next Governing Board meeting is March 23, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council