



PUBLIC MEETING

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder’s Meeting

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library
24000 Western Avenue, Harbor City.
Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 6:00 pm

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	Present
C. Steven Rutherford	Excused
Rohan Sourjah	Absent
Hayes E. Thrower	Excused
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 35 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Presentation:** Introduction of New Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzalez
 - a. Officer Gonzalez gave a brief introduction of himself.
 - b. He has a Facebook page [slogonzalez.andy](https://www.facebook.com/slogonzalez.andy). People can text him on his cell, which is the best way to contact him, 323-561-9331. His email address is 35585@lapd.org.
 - c. President Moser asked about an incident last Thursday at about 2:30 pm around Anaheim and 261st/262nd. Officer Gonzalez responded that it was a search for burglary suspects that got away.
 - d. He commented on the homeless issue and his experience in dealing with the variety of issues homeless people have. He is reaching out to various organizations to try to provide more resources to homeless people he comes in contact with.
 - e. If there is anyone interested in helping him with organizing meetings and creating crime strategies, please contact him.
3. **Presentation:** John Stinson, San Pedro Art Association
 - a. He has submitted an NPG request for sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500 for their Harbor Wide All Grades Student Art Competition.
 - b. The selected student art pieces are displayed at Crafted in San Pedro from June 7, 2016 to September 6, 2016.
 - c. All participating students receive, a drawing set and a student membership certificate for a one-year membership in the San Pedro Art Association. They also professional frame all the selected finalist’s pieces.
 - d. They award \$1,000 in cash prizes.
4. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. **Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino:** Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina, provided a written report, highlights follow:
 - i. An update on city wide efforts on homelessness. The City is trying to find additional sites for emergency shelters due to El Nino.
 - ii. In lieu of the defunct Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC), the Port now holds

- monthly meetings with the Presidents of local Neighborhood Councils.
 - iii. An update on the Harbor Division jail. There is still not adequate funding in the budget to staff the jail. Councilman Buscaino is holding a Forum on Crime at the Warner Grand on February 4, 2016.
 - iv. An update on sustainability. The Councilman is collaborating with the Port on a new Clean Air Action Plan.
 - v. The CAO/CA issued a 200 plus page Joint Homelessness Report.
 - b. **State Assemblyman David Hadley**, Field Representative, Erick Matos 310-375-0691
 - i. The Green Renewable Energy Enlisting (GREEN) bill passed today, it replaces the Electric Program Investment Charge tax, which will mean lower utility bills.
 - ii. Resolution ACR-112, thanking the California Air Resources Board for catching the Volkswagen emissions fraud.
 - iii. Western Ave fence update. The assemblyman's staff is following up with all entities involved getting together to delineate exactly who will be responsible for what. In the meantime, CalTrans has made temporary repairs to the fence.
 - c. **Congressman Ted Lieu**, Field Representative Melissa Ramoso
 - i. Gave an update on various veterans' homeless issues including the West Los Angeles Veterans Draft Master Plan.
 - ii. She gave updates on legislative items the Congressman is pursuing.
 - iii. The Congressman is now a US Air Force Colonel.
5. **Budget/Finance Committee Report:** Steven Rutherford, Treasurer not present, President Moser reported:
 - a. Approval of Financial Reports.
 - i. December MER & Bank Statement. **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the December MER and Bank Statement, seconded by Joeann Valle. Motion passes with 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser), 1 out of room (Grace).**
 - ii. South Bay Storage rate increase. **Motion by Greg Donnan, to approve South Bay Storage rate increase, seconded by Joyce Fredericks. Motion passes with 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Reed, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser), 1 out of room (Grace).**
6. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
 - a. Friends of the Library, Grant Reed
 - i. They are doing quite well. Book sales are ongoing.
 - b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Joeann Valle
 - i. There is a delegation coming from Belarus, it's the first time they've had a Russian delegation come to the West Coast.
 - ii. Yesterday was the opening of Lomita's Best Restaurant on Lomita Boulevard.
 - iii. On January 28, 2016, La Pasta's Restaurant is opening at Sepulveda and Normandie.
 - iv. In February a Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf business is opening.
 - v. There is a new Vietnamese restaurant opening sometime in February.
 - vi. They are going to have a business watch, similar to neighborhood watch. Senior Lead Officer Andy Gonzalez is helping set it up.
 - c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. He provided printed material on various safety issues.
 - ii. He displayed a drone type device. It was in fact a toy meant for indoor use. His point is it is difficult to tell the difference. There are many new laws being developed, particularly related to drones with cameras that can be used to violate people's privacy.
 - iii. He commented on the danger of ion lithium batteries in hover boards. These batteries are a fire risk.
 - d. HANC – Greg Donnan
 - i. There has been an Increase in the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA) emergency response teams.
 - ii. People Assisting the Homeless partners (PATH) received a \$500,000 grant from Los Angeles County to put homeless response teams on the street.
 - iii. CD15 has 311 housing units built or in the works.
 - iv. Los Angeles City Council voted to decrease the time between citation and cleanup of

- homeless areas from 72 to 24 hours.
- v. Tents cannot be erected on City sidewalks between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm.
- vi. The Metro Silver Line bus service has been extended to San Pedro.
- vii. The Clean Streets Initiative, the Mayor is pushing this hard. Siemens has a pilot program using cameras to discourage illegal dumping.
- viii. The City will be spending \$31 million per year for the next 30 years on sidewalk repair as part of a legal settlement. It is the property owner's responsibility to repair the sidewalk in front of their property.
- ix. Fire Station 85 has posted a list on their door showing places where sand bags are available. Sand for the sand bags is available at Lomita Park near Frampton, bring your own shovel.
- x. The upcoming Homeless Count will now be conducted annually, instead of every two years. To register go to <http://www.theycountwillyou.org>. Registration forms were available at the meeting.
- xi. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is having Community Impact Statement (CIS) training in the Harbor Area.
- xii. The next HANC meeting is December 2nd at Kaiser at 6:30pm.
- e. Port of Los Angeles Community Outreach NC Presidents meeting report – Raymond Moser
 - i. The next meeting is Monday, January 25, 2016.

7. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth: No report.
- b. Outreach, Brandii Grace and Joyce Fredericks
 - i. The original date of January 23, 2016, for the retreat is cancelled. The next possible date is Saturday, February 20, 2016.
 - ii. The next committee meeting is February 5, 2016.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use, Eric Deklotz
 - i. The Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment survey is ongoing. This survey will affect the area parks for the next 10 years. Accordingly, it is very important that people complete the survey. The assessment will result in a visionary list of projects and cost estimates in order of priority for each studied area. For more information and a schedule of community meetings for input, go to lacountyparkneeds.org.
 - ii. Board member Eric Deklotz distributed written information 'What HR 1314 Means for Your Retirement'. It was signed into law as an emergency act as part of the bipartisan budget act of 2015. It will affect your social security benefits in the future.
- d. Ad Hoc Committee for a Signal at 255th and Western, John Gonzales
 - i. They are waiting for the outcome of the Western Ave. delineation of responsibilities to see who they need to talk to about getting a smart light.
- e. Ad Hoc - Homeless Committee, Brandii Grace
 - i. She commented that tents are not allowed to be erected on city sidewalks. However, tents can be on the sidewalk as long as they are not erected and useable.
 - ii. The upcoming Homeless Count is very important, which is why it will now be conducted annually, instead of every two years. The information generated by the count is used to determine funding for services. To register to be a volunteer for the count, please go to <http://www.theycountwillyou.org>.
 - iii. They are trying to work with various entities to create advocacy training. To help people who are interested in the issue and want to find ways to help. Also, to help people understand the details of the situation.
 - iv. They are trying to figure out available resources in the community.
 - v. The next committee meeting is Thursday, January 21, 2016.
- f. Ad Hoc – 2016 Selection – Joeann Valle
 - i. Kristina Smith is the Independent Election Administrator for the Harbor Area.
 - i. Ms. Smith gave a brief introduction of herself and her responsibilities.
 - ii. She suggests that Harbor City have their selection the first week of June.
 - iii. All candidates must register through the City Clerk's Office.
 - iv. She also suggested that the Council hold an event in conjunction with their selection.

Motion by **Brandii Grace** to approve the stipulation work sheet to hold the selection on

Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Narbonne High School, in the multipurpose room, seconded by **John Gonzales**, and motion passes with 6 Yes (Deklotz, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, and Valle), 1 No (Donnan), 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Reed).

8. Old Business:

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City. The program will be starting in January. President Moser will be getting material ready to be distributed to local schools in January.
- b. Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park. President Moser is putting together a Facebook page.
- c. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup. See Assembly member Hadley's report above.
- d. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards; nomination of Ray Robinson, owner of Rays Auto by John Gonzales **Motion by John Gonzales to approve the nomination of Ray Robinson, owner of Rays Auto by John Gonzales, for a ROC award, seconded by Joeann Valle, and passed with 8 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

9. New Business:

- a. HCNC Correspondence. The council received two letters as follows:
 - i. One regarding a large tree on 257th that is damaging the sidewalk.
 - ii. One regarding installing stop signs for the safety of children walking to school.
- b. School Performance Event – Joeann Valle gave an update.

10. President's Report: Raymond Moser

- a. The Council received an award from the IDEPSCA, the Harbor City day labor center, in celebration of their 23rd anniversary.

11. Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the November 2015 Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by Joeann Valle, and passed with 7 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, and Valle), 0 No, 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Reed).**

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:

- a. Representative from Harbor College commented on the following:
 - i. They are wrapping up their first inter-session in a number of years.
 - ii. School starts the second week of February.
 - iii. They are preparing for their accreditation visit March 7th to 10th, following submission of their accreditation report. There will be several community forums.
 - iv. They held an open house last week, however, it was also the first day LAUSD returned to classes following winter break.
- b. Alfred Coletta, Judicial candidate for a vacant seat for the Los Angeles Superior Court gave a brief introduction and asked for support and vote, <http://colettaforjudge.com>.
- c. Scott Tanaka commented that there is a level one C.E.R.T. training starting on March 7, 2016, at Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 Halldale, Ave., Los Angeles, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. It will meet on 7 consecutive Mondays. For detailed information and to register please go to <http://www.cert-la.com/basic-training.htm>. The information is also on the Harbor City NC website, or you can contact Katie Carlson, the C.E.R.T. coordinator Battalion Chief at girlscoutkaty@hotmail.com or 310-320-3027.
- d. Sydney Yarbrough-Baune, a teacher at Normont Elementary School, invited everyone to a walk-in positive action event to support LAUSD public schools, at Normont Elementary, on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 7:30 am.

13. Announcements:

- a. Board member Greg Donnan announced that on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the San Pedro Public Library from 9:00 to 8:00 pm, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is having a training on National Builder and Nextdoor.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is February 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council