



**Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Governing Board Meeting
1400 240th Street, Harbor City.
Wednesday, October 28, 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 arrived 6:15 pm
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Absent
Steven Rutherford	Present
Rohan Sourjah	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Present
Joeann Valle	Excused
Vacant board seat	

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).
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve September 23, 2015 Governing Board meeting minutes, seconded by **John Gonzales** passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Gonzales, Grace, Rutherford, Sourjah, and Thrower), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Fredericks and Moser).
3. **Budget/Finance Committee Report:** Steve Rutherford, Treasurer
 - a. Review and approve monthly expenditures, bank statement. Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve October monthly expenditures and bank statement, seconded by **Hayes Thrower** passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Sourjah, and Thrower), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
 - b. Boys & Girls Club \$5000 NPG update: A representative from the Boys & Girls Club needs to come to a meeting to provide follow up documentation and presentation of how the funds were used.
 - c. Electric leaf blower purchase update: The leaf blower is in the storage unit and has been added to the inventory list.
 - d. Status of Letter on DONE handling of finance requests: The letter was sent several weeks ago.
 - e. Update on Advertising – Red Plum vs. City Services: The Council would need to purchase the addresses for the Harbor City zip code (90710) from City Services which would cost approximately \$500.00.
 - f. Update on status of Community Clean-up Metal Signs and Banners: No new information.
4. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**

- a. HANC – Greg Donnan
 - i. Kevin James, President of the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works spoke at the meeting.
- b. Friends of the Library – No report
- c. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – No report.
- d. Budget Advocates – South Bay Budget Advocates
 - i. Take the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Service Report Card Survey. It is a chance to rate your City Services and tell City Hall what is working and what is being ignored in your community. This is the first survey of its kind to be completed citywide that will pinpoint the complaints and kudos down to your specific zip code. Your voice will be heard and delivered to the appropriate City Councilman. Help the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates Fight for you.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/servicereportcard2015>
 - ii. Homelessness and the Greenway were discussed at length.
 - iii. They also discussed the lack of transportation, and that there is no local Metro service, only the Artesia transit center.
 - iv. Hayes followed up on last year's Boys & Girls Club \$5000 NPG and asked to have it re-instated to this year's budget as the Council had completed all of the necessary paperwork during last fiscal year.
 - v. The next Budget Advocates meeting is November 1, 2015.

5. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower & John Gonzales
 - i. LAUSD is continuing the search for a new superintendent.
 - ii. Wayne McGee attended the Narbonne safety meeting and reported the following:
 - I. There was discussion regarding having LAUSD school police patrol the Greenway for delinquent students. However, there are only 2 officers available.
 - II. They would like to have a crossing guard, however, LAUSD does not provide guards at the high school level. They would need to get a volunteer.
- b. Outreach – Brandii Grace
 - i. There is a voting system workshop tomorrow. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is working toward having Neighborhood Council elections be conducted on line. Per DONE candidate registration for Harbor City NC begins on February 27, 2016 and the election will be held on June 11, 2016. However the Board is planning to have a SELECTION in September 2016.
 - ii. Fire Department letter is complete and ready to send out.
 - iii. HCNC BACK TO school night table. They need to get more information on back to school night dates at area schools.
 - iv. The Ad Hoc Committee for December events will be chaired by Joann Valle.
 - v. Extra board and stakeholder meeting. The committee decided that they will try holding an Outreach committee meeting first to get an idea if people would be likely to attend.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – N.
- d. Ad Hoc – Signal at 255th and Western –John Gonzales
 - i. John spoke to Principal Hastings at Fleming Middle school. Superintendent Christopher Downing has pulled some reserve LAUSD police to work the intersection. If the situation gets bad again Principal Hastings will let John know.

- e. Bylaws – recommendation of bylaws changes: Joeann Valle not present.
- f. Homeless – Brandii Grace
 - i. They had their first meeting and some community members and Gabriela Medina from Councilman Buscaino’s office came to the meeting.
 - ii. One of the solutions they are looking at is creating a protected parking area with services for people living in RV’S. As well as a vacant 80 unit property.
 - iii. They want to create an education campaign.
 - iv. They want to organize a walkthrough of the Greenway with Sheriff, LAPD, LA County, and LA City entities to find solutions.
 - v. One of the things homeless people need most is hygiene kits.

6. Old Business:

- a. Update/Discussion on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City: President Ray Moser is creating a flyer for the project.
- b. Update on Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park: Officer Elliot King from the office of the LAPD Chief of Police is working with the Sanchez family and contacted Ray about the Pocket Park. Ray is planning to talk to Officer King about starting a letter writing campaign to Councilman Buscaino’s office.
- c. Voter registration drives: Since the DMV now automatically registers people they are now going to focus more on how to get people to actually vote.
- d. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup: See item g. below.
- e. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards: The nomination form is on the HCNC website.
- f. Update on Board Retreat: The Board discussed the details of the retreat and that they still don’t have a location. Accordingly, they are postponing the retreat. They voted to tentatively schedule it for January 23rd if a location can be found for that date. **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve tentatively scheduling the retreat for January 23rd if a location can be found for that date, seconded by John Gonzales passed with 9 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Rutherford, Sourjah, and Thrower), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- g. Update on Western Ave. Meridian Clean-up: Bennett is still not returning Steven’s calls. They need to consider other vendors, like the Beacon House or the Day Labor Center (IDEPSCA). Hadley’s office now says there is no money to cleanup Western Avenue. Perhaps they could have the Community Justice Program assign workers doing community service to clean Western Avenue.

7. New Business:

- a. Harbor City Greenway: Stakeholder reports of delinquent persons intimidating neighbors. The homeless that are in and around the area are intimidating to people using the greenway.

8. Future Program Planning Speakers:

- a. Homeless speaker for the November board and stakeholder meeting: Board member Brandii Grace will contact someone to come speak.
- b. Board member John Gonzales announced that the Harvest Festival at Harbor City Elementary school is Friday, October 30th, from 12pm – 3pm.
- c. Board member Rohan Sourjah announced that there is now an ITEP program at Narbonne High School, and they are looking to the community for funding.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item: None

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

11. President’s Report:

- a. President Ray Moser volunteered to be the liaison to Public Works.

12. Announcements:

- a. Board member Joyce Fredericks commented that the Outreach supplies need to be restocked.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next Governing Board meeting is January 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council