



PUBLIC MEETING

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder’s Meeting

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

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Raymond Moser. A quorum of 10 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Lopez (SLO for Harbor Gateway) filling in for SLO Andrew Gonzalez (on vacation):**
 - i. LAPD served a multi eleven search warrant in the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway area last week. The gang unit recovered two guns.
 - ii. There will be a gun safety presentation at the June 4th Harbor City NC selection.
 - iii. The homeless encampment at Lomita and McCoy, the day after last month’s meeting he went to the location with the quality of life unit. A week or two later they conducted a quality of life detail and this time made a few arrests. Currently the location is clean, it seems the homeless people that were pushed out of there have moved east.
 - iv. Officer Chris Trent from Central division works with the Reset unit that works with the homeless in Central division. LAPD is sharing officers between divisions for training, particularly on homeless issues.
 - v. Some of the concerns of Board members and stakeholders were as follows:
 - I. A stakeholder asked about an incident approximately two weeks ago at 242nd place and President. That was part of the LAPD search warrant referenced above.
 - II. A stakeholder commented about traffic problems at the stop sign on 235th and President, particularly at rush hour.
 - III. Board member Greg Donnan commented on problems with homeless people living in cars on Oakhorne and other issues.
 - IV. Board President Raymond Moser commented that at the corner of Belle Porte and Anaheim there are several tents set up on a vacant lot that is private property.
3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. **Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino:** Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina, provided a written report, highlights follow:

- i. Ana Dragon, Deputy District Director, was at the meeting. Ms. Medina commented that if people have any questions Ms. Dragon can help.
- ii. The Councilman has sponsored his own LAHSA team in CD15. Their homeless team is on the street almost every day of the week interacting with homeless people.
- iii. Wilmington has a new program to help homeless people who get into housing. They provide basic necessities so they don't just have an empty home. It's called the 'welcome home' program.
 - i. The Mayor released his 2015/2016 budget today, it includes \$138 million to tackle homelessness. The budget still needs to be approved by the City Council.
- iv. Saturday April 30, 2016 is the Sharefest workday. To see a list of projects the Councilman is involved in please to his website <http://www.la15th.com/>.
- v. Community beautification will include installation of sidewalks where there are none on Normandie Avenue, between 255th Street and Lomita Blvd.
- vi. Street resurfacing is done every three to seven years based on the condition of the street.
- vii. The Mayor gave a State of the City address at Noribachi. He highlighted the new first year of free tuition at a community college for LAUSD graduates.
- viii. The Councilman wants to have summer events to bring community residents together. Accordingly, he wants to bring back soap box racing that can not be called 'soap box'.
- b. **State Assemblyman David Hadley**, Field Representative, Erik Matos and new representative Kevin Byrum
 - i. Mr. Matos gave a Legislative update written report including AB 1946, which removes the \$5 fee Veterans are charged to have the word "Veteran" printed on their Driver's License.
 - ii. Western Avenue update. This section of Western is unassigned to any specific entity. So now several entities are negotiating as to who will be responsible. He, along with CD15, is working on having a meeting with CalTrans and Los Angeles City officials to get it worked out.
 - iii. Mr. Matos introduced Kevin Byrum who will be taking his place when he leaves the position to go to Sacramento to manage Assemblyman Hadley's re-election campaign.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles**, Community Affairs Advocate, Cecilia Morano
 - i. The Notify LA app is a way for residents to register for emergency notifications.
 - ii. Monday, May 25, 2016 is the Port/NC Presidents meeting.

4. Budget/Finance Committee Report: Steven Rutherford, Treasurer

- a. Approval of Financial Reports.
 - i. February MER & Bank Statement. **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve the February MER and Bank Statement, seconded by Jebrial Rogong, and motion passes with 9 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Reed, Rogong, Rutherford, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

5. Presentation: Educational Forum: Christopher Downing, Superintendent, LAUSD, South

- a. Christopher Downing was not able to attend.
- b. Board member John Gonzales introduced Harbor City Elementary School Student Council President, Ms. Castillo. She read a prepared statement about her experience at Harbor City Elementary School.
- c. Mr. Kobata, Principal of Narbonne High School thanked the council for their support of the Forensics Team's trip to Sacramento to compete. He also listed some of the things Superintendent Downing has done for Narbonne:
 - i. Provided them with a lap top cart for one of their ESL classes.
 - ii. Funding so they can offer credit recovery classes.
 - iii. Funding to purchase another campus security aid.
 - iv. Met with Youth Board member Jebrial Rogong and Principal Kobata to discuss the possibility of funding to install a swimming pool on the campus.

- v. Was instrumental in helping Narbonne get a School for Advance Studies.
- vi. He traveled to Sacramento with the football team and provided certificates for students.
- vii. Anytime Principal Kobata asks Superintendent Downing for assistance he is always willing to help.
- d. Board member Greg Donnan asked about the Christensen Science Center. Board member John Gonzales commented that Superintendent Downing has been working with the San Pedro NC's on the future of the center.
- e. Kimberley Reems, Principal of Harbor City Elementary School, introduced herself and commended thanked board member John Gonzales for all he has done at the school. She also complimented School Student Council President, Ms. Castillo on her speech.
- f. The International Trade Education Program (ITEP) at Narbonne is having a funding raising BBQ, in conjunction with the Chamber.

6. Reports from Meeting Representatives:

- a. Friends of the Library, Grant Reed
 - i. They have submitted an NPG for programs at the library.
- b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Joeann Valle
 - i. Thanked board member and Chamber Ambassador, John Gonzales for bringing in so many new chamber members, and for all the work he does with those members.
 - ii. Tomorrow night, Thursday, April 21, 2016, is the annual Tribute to American Hero at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum in Torrance, to honor students that have overcome adversity in their lives.
- c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. He provided printed material on various safety issues on the back table.
 - ii. He reminded people that their cell phones will likely not work in a major emergency and suggested that people have analog land line phones.
 - iii. Be aware that the Gas Company is installing new electronic senders on meters.
 - iv. The Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) provided a bus bench advertisement for the upcoming selection without telling anyone on the board.
- d. HANC – Greg Donnan
 - i. At the next HANC meeting on, Wednesday May 4th, the entire meeting will be training on filing community impact statements (CIS), at 6:30 pm at Kaiser.
- e. Education and Youth – Hayes Thrower
 - i. At the March 17th, Narbonne safety meeting there were no new issues or problems.
- f. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower
 - i. He has been attending Empowerment Congress Education Committee meetings. They are trying to set up a support network whereby they send role models out to schools to foster empowerment of the community.
 - ii. They talked about plans for the annual Budget Day at City Hall for NC's on July 31, 2016.
 - iii. Starting this Saturday at 8:00 pm, and running the next three Saturday's on KRLA radio, the Budget Advocate's will have a one-hour program to analyze, dissect and comment on the Mayor's proposed budget.
 - iv. In the Budget Advocates whitepaper, they proposed to get the two hundred officers doing administrative/desk work back onto the street and have civilians do the administrative/desk work. The Mayor proposed two hundred new body camera's in his budget.

7. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Outreach Brandii Grace and Joyce Fredericks – No report.
- b. Planning/Zoning/Land Use, Eric Deklotz
 - i. He attends the monthly Plan Check NC meeting, at the most recent meeting they discussed Recode LA.
 - ii. Recode LA is not redoing the code, they are just clarifying it so that it's easy to read and

use. They have been holding public forums to give progress reports of what's going on. They've hired outside consultants to come in and make it work right. It's been approximately forty years since anything's been done to the code. It's just really hard, even for professionals, when trying to improve a piece of property. When it's finished it will be really easy. He will keep us updated.

- iii. The next HANC will be dedicated to CIS training. He is inviting everyone to come to the meeting to learn about CIS's.
- c. Ad Hoc - Homeless Committee, Brandii Grace – Not present.
- d. Ad Hoc – 2016 Selection – Joeann Valle
 - i. Please register on line to be a candidate. Every seat on the board is open.
 - ii. Plans for the selection event at Narbonne on June 4, 2016, include:
 - i. They have invited Councilman Buscaino and other elected officials.
 - ii. They have invited the new captain of LAPD Harbor Division.
 - iii. The Senior Lead Officer will be giving a gun safety presentation.
 - iv. There will be entertainment and an all-area school's art exhibit.

8. Old Business:

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City. President Moser is finishing up the application and will present it at the next meeting.
- b. Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park. President Moser presented a Proclamation to be considered at next week's Governing Board meeting.
- c. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup. Nothing new.
- d. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards. No new nominations.

9. New Business

- a. President Moser commented that at rush hour the PCH Exit from the 110 freeway being only one lane is incredibly dangerous. He thinks there should be an exit only sign there so people will slow down.

10. President's Report: Raymond Moser

- a. There will be a new Starbuck's straddling the boarder of Harbor City and Lomita, between the Carl's Jr. and the Jack in the Box.
- b. Every Saturday, Doggies 911 has pet adoptions at the Pet Co in San Pedro on Western Avenue, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

11. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Joeann Valle to approve the March MER and Bank Statement, seconded by **Hayes Thrower**, and motion passes with 8 Yes (Deklotz, Fredericks, Gonzales, Reed, Rogong, Rutherford, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 2 abstention(s) (Donnan and Moser).**

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:

- a. Board member Greg Donnan commented about a rumor that Carson was going to take over Harbor City, this is not true.
- b. Louis site coordinator Harbor City Community job center, some of the things they are doing at the center are as follows:
 - i. They met with different stakeholders, supporters and allies in the community for input on re-inventing the center. They want to emphasize the education component of the center as well as other components.
 - ii. They offer many services to homeless people.
 - iii. They offer English classes, and in the future hope to offer plumbing and carpentry classes.
- c. Stakeholder Olive Reed announced that the next Narbonne HS safety meeting is Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 8:30 am.

13. Announcements:

- a. Board member Joyce Fredericks commented that the Spay Neuter Project LA (SNPLA) on Gaffey Street in San Pedro, is displaying a banner asking for some of the things they need, like new pet toys, fleece blankets, pet carriers, leashes and cash donations. They will accept new born animals that still need bottle feeding. They will care for them and then find them a home.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is May 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council