



## PUBLIC MEETING

### Harbor City Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting

MEETING LOCATION: 1400 240<sup>th</sup> Street, Harbor City  
6:00 PM Wednesday, April 27, 2016

### Official Minutes

| Board Members     | Roll Call |
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| Eric Deklotz      | Present   |
| Greg Donnan       | Present   |
| Joyce Fredericks  | Present   |
| John T. Gonzales  | Present   |
| Brandii Grace     | Present   |
| Wayne McGee       | Excused   |
| Raymond Moser     | Present   |
| Grant Reed        | Present   |
| Jebrial Rogong    | Excused   |
| Steven Rutherford | Excused   |
| Rohan Sourjah     | Excused   |
| 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 present (see list above).
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve the March 27, 2016 Governing Board meeting minutes, seconded by **Hayes Thrower** and passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Reed, Thrower, and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Grace and Moser).
3. **Budget & Finance Report:** Steve Rutherford, Treasurer
  - a. Review and consider approval of Friends of the Library request for NPG in the amount of \$2,100. Motion by **Joeann Valle** to approve the Friends of the Library request for NPG in the amount of \$2,100, seconded by **Brandii Grace** and passed with 7 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Thrower, and Valle), 0 no and 2 abstention(s) (Moser and Reed).
4. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
  - a. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
    - i. Board member Erik Deklotz commented that at the retreat they encouraged city entities to communicate better with NC's, and he pointed out that there needs to be a more centralized place to get information.
    - ii. Board President Ray Moser related that at the retreat the city wants NC's to file more community impact statements (CIS) and that there needs to be a system in place with contact information for various entities. Particularly in the context of board members coming and going. So that new people don't have to start all over with what the previous member accomplished.
    - iii. Board member Greg Donnan commented that the board used to have a magnet with contact information for various city entities and perhaps they should do it again with updated information.
  - b. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed
    - i. The book club has new releases flying off the shelves.

- ii. They will be having an election for executive positions in the near future.
- iii. They are looking into getting some new furniture for the library.
- c. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
  - i. They sent out to their membership approval for the amendment to their bylaws to change their name to the Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce.
- d. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower, Wayne McGee
  - i. While they were reviewing the budget they discovered that annual NC funding has been returned to \$37,000.
  - ii. The three Budget Advocate radio shows are primarily to outreach to stakeholders about the city budget and what the BA's are doing per the survey.
  - iii. Dr. Fred Pickle, the DWP rate payer advocate commented that with the proposed five-year rate increase, DWP will now be in the mid to top of rates in the country.
  - iv. City Controller, Ron Galprin, will be on the first guest on the radio show next week.

5. **Reports from Committee Chairs:**

- a. Education/Youth – Hayes Thrower & John Gonzales
  - i. The monthly safety meeting at Narbonne High School is tomorrow.
  - ii. President Elementary has begun preparation for the incoming dual language program.
  - iii. Mr. Thrower is working with the Education Committee of the Empowerment Committee. The three things they are focusing on are youth civic engagement, trauma informed education, and students who are considered homeless.
- b. Outreach – Brandii Grace
  - i. The Penny Saver may be coming back, but it may not be in this area yet.
  - ii. She suggested that they provide lead testing kits as a promotional give away item.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Eric Deklotz
  - i. He reminded everyone to attend the CIS training at the next HANC meeting, on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Kaiser.
- d. By Laws – Joeann Valle
  - i. They have not met recently. They need to go back and look at the bylaws. She is not sure when DONE allows for changes to the bylaws.
- e. Ad Hoc – Homelessness – Brandii Grace
  - i. They have been reaching out to nonprofits and religious organizations to find space for lockers.
  - ii. They are still working on having a job and resource fair.
  - iii. She has been calling Gabby about homeless families she comes in contact with. Gabby gets LAHSA out to them right away.
  - iv. Board member Joeann Valle has been working with a private citizen homeless advocate. They have procured a 40ft container and have gotten a Harbor City resident who will allow them to place it on his property to store donated items for families, particularly baby items.
- f. Ad Hoc – Selection Committee – Joeann Valle
  - i. There are now seventeen candidates for the thirteen seats.
  - ii. There is no schedule yet for the selection day events.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. Pocket Parks Update - Officer Sanchez Memorial Parkette update
  - i. See proclamation below in item 7.
- b. Utility Box Art update
  - i. No new information.
- c. Recognition of Outstanding Citizen (ROC) Award update
  - i. No new information.
- d. Business Cards with Meeting Information
  - i. No new information.

7. **New Business:**

**Proclamation**

Officer Roberto Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park

WHEREAS, Roberto Sanchez served honorably in the Los Angeles Police Department for six years, and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2014 Roberto Sanchez was killed in the line of duty on Anaheim Street in Harbor City in a hit and run accident while in pursuit of a suspect, and

WHEREAS, there is a vacant property at 1415 and 1417 Anaheim St, on the corner of Belle Porte which is right down the street from the tragedy involving Officer Sanchez, and

WHEREAS, that property has been unused for over twenty years, and

WHEREAS, the property in a continual state of disrepair that is an eyesore to the community and a sanitation hazard, and

WHEREAS, the location is now home to a homeless encampment, and

WHEREAS, the owners refuse to address this situation, and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient room for the children in the crowded neighborhood to play,

THEREFORE, We, the Harbor City Neighborhood Council, do proclaim that the City of Los Angeles should claim the unused property under eminent domain, and create the Roberto Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park at that location to honor our fallen hero.

Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve the March 27, 2016 Governing Board meeting minutes, seconded by **Joann Valle** and passed with 8 yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, Reed, Thrower, and Valle), 0 no and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).

8. **Future Program Planning/Speakers**

- a. The May meeting will be a Candidate forum.

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

- a. Board member Greg Donnan commented that marijuana dispensary numbers are growing.

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

11. **President's Report**

- a. We really need to have a Spanish interpreter at NC meetings.

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next Governing Board meeting is May 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom  
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council