



# PUBLIC MEETING

## Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder’s Meeting

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library  
24000 Western Avenue, Harbor City.  
Wednesday, March 16, 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 arrived at 6:15 pm
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Grant Reed	Present
Jebriel Rogong	Present
C. Steven Rutherford	Excused
Rohan Sourjah	Present arrived at 6:10 pm
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 12 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders:**
  - a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Lopez (acting SLO for Harbor Gateway) filling in for SLO Andrew Gonzalez (on vacation):**
    - i. Property crime is still way up, there were 17 thefts/burglaries from cars. People are leaving valuables visible and cars unlocked.
    - ii. The recent shootings are believed to have been gang related.
    - iii. Residential burglaries in Wilmington are up. There are suspects who knock to see if anyone is home, if there is no answer they burglarize the location.
    - iv. Harbor Division is getting a new Captain next week. On Tuesday, March 29, 2016 there will be a meet and greet at the Waffle & Omelet Shop in San Pedro, at 5:30 pm.
    - v. Some of the concerns of Board members and stakeholders were as follows:
      - I. Stakeholder Olive Reed asked about traffic control on Sepulveda where large trucks occupy the center turning lane and block the ‘keep clear’ area. This backs up traffic for blocks and makes it take an unreasonably long time to get through the intersection. Officer Lopez will email officer Gonzalez and traffic division to request more enforcement.
      - II. A stakeholder commented that on Dodge Avenue, for three consecutive Saturdays between 2:00 am and 5:00 am, there have been groups of people gathering having a beer party. Office Lopez commented that one of the shootings happened during this time near this location. Officer Lopez recommends that people call and give a good description of the people and the activities which will greatly aid LAPD.
3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
  - a. **Mayor Garcetti,** Harbor Area Representative Manny Lopez

- i. The Mayor has launched the Jobs LA mobile app. It includes a resume builder and on line job application.
- ii. Last week the Mayor and Councilman Blumenfield announced new DWP incentive; it encourages costumers to get free A/C tune-up, and maintenance and efficiency checkups for residential and commercial, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units. Customers can qualify for up to \$150 to upgrade to programmable thermostats.
- b. **Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino:** Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina, provided a written report, highlights follow:
  - i. Two key panels gave preliminary approval for a long-term sidewalk repair plan proposed by Councilmen Buscaino and Krekorian.
  - ii. The City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services announced that they are working with Mayor Garcetti's office and others to deliver a strategic plan for the department.
  - iii. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is working with Kaiser to install a signalized crosswalk on Vermont Avenue between Normandie Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.
  - iv. The Department of Transportation (DOT) conducted a study and a rectangular rapid flash beacon was approved at the Harbor City Recreation Center crosswalk on Lomita at Belle Porte.
  - v. The Councilman's office has asked the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to complete the removal of excess asphalt/concrete surrounding the trees on the Western Avenue median.
- c. **State Assemblyman David Hadley,** Field Representative, Erick Matos 310-375-0691
  - i. Western Ave issue(s); they are working with Gabriela Medina, in Councilman Buscaino's office and the other entities involved, to get the trees and the traffic signal situations taken care of.
  - ii. Caltrans cleaned up the exit ramp at Sepulveda Blvd. off the 110 Freeway.
  - iii. The Assemblyman is working on the black water issue in Gardena.
  - iv. On Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum in Torrance, 10:00 am, the Assemblyman will be there for coffee and conversation.
  - v. On Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10:00 am, at Kiwanis Club in Hermosa Beach, the Assemblyman will be there for coffee and conversation.
- d. **Port of Los Angeles,** Community Affairs Advocate, Cecilia Moreno
  - i. The Port is offering Community Investment Grants for local nonprofits for a total of one million dollars. Application workshops are March 30, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Port Administration building and Wednesday, March 31, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Bannings Landing Community Center. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 9, 2016, by 5:00 pm.
  - ii. The Port's summer internship for college students is an eleven-week paid program. Resumes must be submitted by March 25, 2016.
  - iii. On March 13, 2013, there was a fuel spill in the Wilmington area of the port. To report any damage to your vessel related to the spill, or to make a claim call 888-850-8486.

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

- a. Approval of Financial Reports.
  - i. February MER & Bank Statement. **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the February MER and Bank Statement, seconded by Joeann Valle. Motion passed with 10 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Sourjah, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser), 1 ineligible (Rogong).**

**5. Presentation:** Marsha Jackson, Senior Street Services Investigator, Los Angeles

- a. Street Services Department is responsible for problems on the public right of way. Some examples are illegal dumping, illegal vending and building material permits.
- b. The best way to make a request from the department is the MYLA311 phone app.
- c. The city is trying to get all service oriented departments onto one service request site.
- d. Board member Wayne Magee asked if the department still did stakeouts to deter illegal

- dumping. Ms. Jackson responded that there is no longer funding to do stakeouts.
- e. The investigator that covers Harbor City is also responsible for Wilmington, San Pedro, and Watts.
- f. Board member Greg Donnan asked if gas powered leaf blowers are an issue they deal with. Ms. Jackson responded that, yes it is their issue. The process begins with written notice to the property owner. However, they have a large number of requests and can only deal with so many.
- g. The phone number to the downtown office is 213 847-6000.

**6. Reports from Meeting Representatives:**

- a. Friends of the Library, Grant Reed
  - i. They are doing well.
- b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Joeann Valle
  - i. There are food trucks at Narbonne High School on Thursday nights. The Chamber manages the trucks and they make sure that all the trucks are in compliance with all regulations. The funds are distributed as follows; the school receives 40% of profits, the manager of the event receives 30%, and the Chamber receives 10% for administration, advertising, marketing and expenses.
  - ii. The Chamber offers many workshops for businesses, particularly small business. On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm there is a small business workshop. Each month they have a different topic such as sick time and minimum wage, which goes up again on July 1, 2016, in the City of Los Angeles.
  - iii. They are starting a Microsoft workshop; one topic will be managing Windows 10.
  - iv. On 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. Victor Medina with GAP Services was in attendance. They have done a great deal of work in the Greenway cleaning up graffiti.
- d. HANC – Greg Donnan provided highlights from the HANC meeting:
  - i. There was an announcement of the Summer Night Lights 2016 program for youth to get jobs. If you are interested, see Greg.
  - ii. There was a motion tabled at the meeting related to port noise and light. Mr. Donnan took a straw poll of stakeholders to see who, if anyone, was interested in hearing more on the issue. The majority of stakeholders present were not.
  - iii. The LADWP rate payer advocate, Fred Pickle, related information about rates going up.
  - iv. The Clean Streets Initiative is going to have a presentation at City Hall on March 25, 2016, at 10:00 am. Pico Union and Wilmington are getting awards for their involvement with The Clean Streets Initiative.
  - v. There is a new way of dealing with NC grievances with board members called the Portal.

**7. Reports from Committee Chairs:**

- a. Outreach: Brandii Grace and Joyce Fredericks
  - i. At the last meeting they discussed what the committee priorities are. They want to focus on getting more information to the stakeholders. Particularly as it relates to getting candidates and people to vote in the selection.
  - ii. One of the other priorities is beautification of all of Harbor City. Including perhaps having quarterly community cleanups.
  - iii. In conjunction with the homeless committee they are looking at what happens to homeless people's belongings after an encampment gets disbursed. They are trying to do outreach to both public and private property spaces, and trying to get funding to build storage lockers.
- b. Planning/Zoning/Land Use, Eric Deklotz
  - i. At the latest plan check meeting Ron Galperin was the speaker.

- ii. Mr. Galperin announced that Recode LA has been working for a long time, and they are now ready to present what they want the zoning code to be for our future. They want our input, there are several public forums coming up. There will be a forum on April 9, 2016, at Peck Park in San Pedro, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- c. Ad Hoc - Homeless Committee, Brandii Grace
  - i. On Thursday, March 31, 2016 there will be a Homeless Court Clinic in Long Beach. If they qualify people can do community service in lieu of monetary fines.
  - ii. The Councilman's office has been doing a great job with outreaching to people about available services.
  - iii. The committee is working on having a services fair to assist people with documentation and other items. They are also working on having a job fair.
  - iv. An issue they are seeing more of is Illegal evictions. A frequent reason is owners wanting units to rent to tourists.
- d. Ad Hoc – 2016 Selection – Joeann Valle
  - i. They want to do a postcard mailing for a call for candidates. A local vendor has given them a quote of \$3,200.00 which includes; layout, 2 sided printing, addressing and mailing.
  - ii. They discussed getting three new banners, and having tote bags and pens as give away items at selection events.
  - iii. They are working with the San Pedro Art Association to have a children's art competition. The Chamber will be donating the prizes.
  - iv. There will be entertainment at the Thursday night food trucks on March 30, 2016. They are trying to put together a battle of the DJ's, and the winner will play at the June 4, 2016, selection event.
  - v. They will be putting together a budget to present at next week's governing board meeting.

**8. Old Business:**

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City. President Moser has written an explanation of the project. They are going to focus first on the Pacific Coast Highway corridor. The project is called Bringing Public Art to Harbor City.
- b. Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park. There is currently a homeless encampment at the location.

**9. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve the February 17, 2016 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by **Joeann Valle**. Motion passed with 10 Yes (Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Grace, McGee, Reed, Rogong, Sourjah, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser), 1 left meeting early (Thrower).**

**10. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:**

- a. Maria Martinez, Director of the Wilmington Senior Center. They service Wilmington, San Pedro, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway areas. They offer transportation services and home delivery of meals at no cost, though they do ask for a \$3 donation if the recipient can afford it, but it is not required. The phone number to the Wilmington Center at 1371 N. Eubank Ave., Wilmington, is 310-518-4533.
- b. Narbonne High School Speech and Debate student team representatives. They have nine members going to Sacramento for the state competition. They submitted an NPG for support of the trip to Sacramento in April.
- c. Narbonne High School Principal Kobata, commented that tomorrow they have students going to compete in the state academic decathlon.
- d. Stakeholder Olive Reed commented that she wants the board to fund the Speech and Debate student team's NPG.
- e. Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate, with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).
  - i. Stakeholders can submit complaints with an entire NC board to DONE. If the issue cannot be resolved through DONE. Then the issue gets moved up to a panel of peers of

citywide NC board members.

- ii. The new Grievance Portal also deals with grievances and complaints. This process can also be used for issues between board members.
- iii. The Mayor has proposed reform and restructuring of the LADWP. The NC can file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on council file CF 16-0093.
- iv. There is information on the DONE website about how to become a youth board member.
- v. There are Poll worker workshops, for both volunteers and paid positions. There is a list of all available workshops on the DONE website under leadership academy.

**11. Announcements:**

- a. Board member Brandii Grace reminded people to get registered to vote so that they can vote in the June primary.

**15. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is April 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom  
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council