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Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder's Meeting

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library
24000 Western Avenue, Harbor City.
Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 6:00 pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Caney Arnold	Present
Sydney Baune	Present
Jennifer Corral	Present arrived at 6:15 pm
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Absent
Wayne McGee	Absent
Raymond Moser	Present
Jebriel Rogong	Present
Roberto Ramos	Present
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 11 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance. Reading of the Harbor City NC mission statement.
2. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Frank Lopez:**
 - i. Officer Lopez is the new Senior Lead for Harbor City, he was assigned to Harbor Gateway South.
 - ii. He has been working on quality of life issues, including homeless.
 - iii. He went over crime stats, crime was down in July, the biggest issue was burglary theft from motor vehicles, though 6 of the 9 vehicles were unlocked.
3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. **Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino:** Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina, provided a written report, highlights follow:
 - i. Harbor City Greenway, they are doing coordinated monthly walk-throughs of the site on the first Thursday of each month with GAP, LASAN and other stakeholders to discuss issues and coordinate upkeep and maintenance efforts.
 - ii. SeaBreeze Apartments, the legal challenge to the project was denied in court and the project is now clear to proceed.
 - iii. Street Cleaning – The City of Los Angeles has not budgeted for additional posted routes in the last five years. If future routes are included in the City budget, they will be selected based on need.
 - iv. Minimum wage – the City is doing outreach and education to businesses on changes.

- v. HOPE Team – The HOPE team has several components, Mayor’s Office, LAPD, LAHSA, LASAN, City Attorney. It is expected to roll out in September.
- vi. Need to have Caney get and give a board approved list of issues – and then report back or Gabi like on other boards
- vii. Inaugural Los Angeles Fleet Week at the Port of LA is Friday, September 2, through Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

b. Budget Advocates Danielle Sandoval

- i. Some of the local issues discussed at this year’s annual Budget Day were as follows:
 - I. Homeless encampments, tree trimming, problems with the 311 app, economic sustainability, and higher fines for illegal dumping
 - II. The Budget Advocates now have a website <http://ncbala.com/>, and City of Los Angeles Budget Advocates Facebook page.
 - III. There is a link to the Los Angeles 2020 commission report on the BA website.
 - IV. The other two Harbor Area Budget Advocates are Robert Campbell of Coastal San Pedro NC and Craig Goldfarb of Northwest San Pedro NC.
- ii. People can forward issues to the Council’s Budget Representatives to take to their meetings with City Departments in preparation for this year’s White Paper.

4. Presentation: South Bay Environmentalists on Rebates to Save – Marilyn Lyon South Bay Cities Council of Governments

- a. They do outreach to the community about how to save money and the environment by participating in energy saving programs.
- b. On November 9 & 10, they have a holiday light exchange. They will recycle the old incandescent lights and give you one box per person of LED lights in exchange. They will accept and recycle as many strands as you want to turn in, but only provide one free box in exchange.
- c. You can get more information and sign up for an e-newsletter <http://www.southbaycities.org/>

5. Budget/Finance Committee Report:

- a. Approval of Financial Reports (MER’s, bank statements) – none this month
- b. Possible update on Second Signatory – **Motion by Joeann Valle to approve Gregory Donnan as second signatory, replacing Caney Arnold, seconded by Joyce Fredericks, motion passes with 7 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Fredericks, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 4 abstention(s) (Donnan, Moser, Ramos and Rogong).**

6. Reports from Meeting Representatives:

- a. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed
 - i. The library is doing well. They are still waiting to see if the NPG funds approved by the Council will be come in or not.
- b. Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
 - i. They are still doing a lot of housekeeping due to the name change.
 - ii. They installed their new president in July.
 - iii. On September 23, they are having their annual Tribute to American Hero’s, honoring all first responders.
- c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. Mr. Donnan provided printed material on various safety issues on the back table.
 - ii. To report traffic issues, you can call Officer Divinity Rowe at 323-421-2588. To report a commercial vehicle issues you can call Officer Ragland at the same number.
- d. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower
 - i. The regional Budget Day will be January. SEE DANIELLE ABOVE
- e. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
 - i. The July meeting consisted of Empower LA Town Hall conducted by Grayce Liu and Octaviano Rios.

- ii. DONE conducted a survey and quality assessment of DONE.
- iii. The issues with this year's election/selection process was discussed.
- iv. The DONE newsletter included an article related to voter turnout at another San Pedro NC.
- f. Public Works Representative – Eric Deklotz
 - i. This is a huge department so it will take him some time to get up to speed on all of it.
 - ii. A small asphalt repair truck will be doing repairs in Harbor City on September 27. Stakeholders can submit possible pot hole repair locations to Mr. Deklotz. He needs the information by September 20.

7. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – John Gonzales
 - i. School started yesterday August 16, so nothing new to report yet.
- b. Outreach – Joyce Fredericks
 - i. The meets will be on the second Tuesday and may have an additional meeting.
 - ii. They are working on several things.
 - iii. They are working with President Moser to create a calendar. They want to have really interesting meetings to draw stakeholders.
 - iv. Stakeholder Olive Reed commented that a couple of weeks ago she attended an LAPD meeting with a presentation on active shooter instructions. The presenter would be willing to come to do an hour long version of the presentation to the NC.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use, Eric Deklotz – No new information
- d. Ad Hoc – Homeless – Jennifer Corral
 - i. They met on Thursday, August 11. To view the written report please go to <http://harborcitync.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/HCNC-homeless-committee-report-August-11-2016.pdf>
 - ii. They have formed a subcommittee to assist Harbor City businesses get and post 'No Trespassing' signs.
 - iii. Another subcommittee is to reach out to Universities to work with LAPD's Quality of Life Team in the Harbor City area. They need more trained volunteers.
 - iv. SLO Lopez reported that he is aware of RV parking issues as they relate to homelessness.
 - v. They want to have an outreach event in conjunction with Laundry Love days.
- e. Harbor City Downhill Races – No new information
- f. Ad hoc sign
 - i. There will be a meeting on Tuesday at 6:30.
 - ii. The proposed sign would be in Los Angeles City, not County.
 - iii. They will work on getting a design and pricing.
- g. Ad Hoc By Laws – Joeann Valle
 - i. They are looking forward to updating and making changes to the bylaws.

8. Old Business:

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City.
 - i. They are working with some of the businesses in the new Downtown Harbor City on designs. The designs have to be approved by this board and Councilman Buscaino.
- b. Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park – Proclamation, no new information
- c. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup
 - i. They are considering asking local businesses to volunteer monthly to clean the area.
- d. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards – no new information
- e. 110 – PCH Exit Only Lane Letter
 - i. President Moser is still working on the letter.
- f. 2016-2018 Board Retreat Report
 - i. The retreat went very well.

9. New Business:

- a. Petroleum Street Problems Letter – Motion by **Hayes Thrower** to approve writing a letter to the various City Departments involved in relation to traffic and homeless problems on Petroleum Street, seconded by **Joann Valle**, motion passes with 10 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Donnan, Deklotz, Fredericks, Ramos, Rogong, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser).
- b. Caney Arnold is appointed to be the Legislative Liaison.

10. President's Report: Raymond Moser – no report

11. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Greg Donnan** to approve the July Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by **Hayes Thrower**, and motion passes with 9 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Fredericks, Ramos, Rogong, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 2 abstention(s) (Donnan and Moser).

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:

- a. Jebrial Rogong thanked the board for their commitment to the community, and allowing him the opportunity to serve as well, however, he is resigning to go to college.
- b. A representative from Quantum Kids announced that on September 17, they are having an event at Carriage Crest Park.

13. Announcements: None.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is September 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council