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PUBLIC MEETING

Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Stakeholder's Meeting

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

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Caney Arnold	Present
Sydney Baune	Present
Jennifer Corral	Present
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Present arrived 7:05 pm
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Roberto Ramos	Present
Jebriel Rogong	Absent
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 12 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 36 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **2016-2018 Harbor City Neighborhood Council Swearing in Ceremony** - LAPD: Captain Michael Oreb, Harbor Division – Was unable to attend.
3. **Presentation:** LAPD: Captain Michael Oreb, Harbor Division - Was unable to attend.
4. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - a. **LAFD Capt. Holland Station 85:**
 - i. The station averages 16 calls per day, in June they had 474 calls.
 - ii. Harbor City Elementary trash pickup at the station was great and very much appreciated.
 - iii. All fire stations encourage drop in visits, particularly for potential recruits, children, and schools.
 - iv. The public can get up to 2 free smoke detectors available at the station. They do not install them.
 - v. All fire stations are Safe Surrender locations for surrendering infants. They are also safe house locations for victims of abuse.
 - vi. Some concerns of board members and stakeholders are as follows:
 - I. A stakeholder asked if sirens could be silenced late at night along Western Ave. between Anaheim and PV drive.
5. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. **Mayor Garcetti, Harbor Area Representative, Manny Lopez** - Provided a written report. Some of the highlights were as follows:
 - i. Earlier this month the mayor joined with the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to launch an outreach campaign that will help protect renters from displacement by arming them with information about their rights under the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance. For more information, visit homeforrenters.org.
 - ii. Last week the Mayor spent a full day in the harbor area, including the opening of the PASHA

terminal. The Mayor announced the formation of the Sustainable Freight Adversary Committee.

- iii. The 2016 Summer Night Lights program that provides fun, safe spaces for young people and families started on June 29.
 - iv. There is a small business startup expo at Harbor College on Thursday, July 28, from 6 – 9pm. There will also be an on line portal for the event.
- b. **Assemblyman Hadley, Kevin Byrum Field Representative**
- i. Mr. Byrum presented a Certificate of Assembly Recognition to outgoing board member Grant Reed. He also had certificates for the other outgoing board members who were not present.
 - ii. The assembly is currently on recess until August.
 - iii. The Stuff the Bus event has begun. There is a donation box at the Chamber office.
 - iv. The Assemblyman will be having community coffees and woman's self-defense classes coming up in Torrance.
 - v. Some concerns of board members and stakeholders are as follows:
 - I. Stakeholder Olive Reed asked who is going to clean up Western Avenue. Mr. Byrum responded that former area representative Eric Matos had been working on the issue and he will work with him on it.
 - II. A stakeholder commented that traffic in Harbor City in general has gotten really bad. Accordingly, is there any plan to do another survey? Mr. Byrum did not know.

6. Budget/Finance Committee Report:

- a. June MER & bank statement. **Motion by Joann Valle to approve the June MER & bank statement, seconded by John Gonzales, and passed with 10 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Ramos, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 2 abstention(s) (Deklotz and Moser).**
- b. Second Signature – Item already addressed.

7. Reports from Meeting Representatives:

- a. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed
 - i. The library is doing well.
- b. Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
 - i. The new name of the chamber will officially be the Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce – serving the communities of Harbor City and Harbor Gateway after this Friday.
 - ii. The date has been set for the annual Tribute to American Heroes event, this year will honor first responders.
 - iii. On Thursday, August 28, the food trucks at Narbonne is also having a movie night.
- c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. Mr. Donnan provided printed material on various safety issues on the back table.
- d. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower
 - i. The annual Budget Day is July 30, 2016, at Los Angeles City Hall. It is open to the public.
 - ii. Only 30 neighborhood councils have submitted representatives so far.
- e. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
 - i. No new information.

8. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – John Gonzales
 - i. Summer session has begun. The regular school year starts August 16.
- b. Outreach Joyce Fredericks
 - i. They are looking forward to getting started again. They hope to have their first meeting next month.
 - ii. They want input and ideas from stakeholders.
 - iii. They want to find a satisfactory way to get information out to stakeholders to replace the former PennySaver mailer. They want to have a calendar for events.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use, Eric Deklotz
 - i. The plan check meetings were postponed for the last two months
 - ii. At the last meeting, the Director of Community and Municipal Affairs for METRO, spoke. They want voters to approve a ½ cent increase in the sales tax that would take effect in

- 2040, which is when the current approved ½ cent tax expires. They say this will give them the ability to plan long term. However, they already have the funds from the current tax until 2040 work with.
- iii. They discussed the city sign ordinance. They are still working on the ordinance. The sign companies are still pushing for less restriction. Although this is for the City of LA right now, it will work the it's way down to us.
 - iv. They also discussed the Home Sharing ordinance, short term rentals aka Air B&B. They did get an agreement to a 14% tax/Hotel fee on them. They increased the time for rentals from 90 to 180 days per year.
- d. Ad Hoc - Homeless Committee, Jennifer Corral
- i. Ms. Corral provided a written report for the July 14 meeting, some of the highlights were as follows.
 - ii. Senior Lead Officer Andrew Gonzalez discussed the need to amend prop 47.
 - iii. They are trying to hold their meetings regularly on the second Thursday of the month.

9. Old Business:

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City.
 - i. Board member Joeann Valle is working with some businesses on designs.
- b. Officer Roberto Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park – Proclamation
 - i. The Proclamation the board passed has been sent out.
- c. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup – See Assemblyman Hadley report in item 5.b.v.l.
- d. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards
 - i. If anyone knows someone they feel should receive the award, please nominate them.

10. New Business:

- a. 110 PCH exit only one lane. President Moser wants the exit to be made 'exit only'.
- b. 2016-2018 Board Retreat. Possible dates for the retreat will be considered at next week's Governing Board meeting.
- c. Harbor City, wants and needs. There is a form on the back table for stakeholders to provide input, on how to make Harbor City better, and where they want the board to put their efforts.

11. President's Report: Raymond Moser

- a. He receives notices from the Planning Commission. They are going to install solar panels over the Ken Malloy parking lot.
- b. There is a new drive through only Starbucks being built on PCH.
- c. This board is elected for two-year terms. Accordingly, they need a calendar for the next 24months. He hopes to get it up as soon as possible.
- d. He recommends that board members pick their passion and focus on that, don't spread yourself too thin. The goal is to make life better for everyone in Harbor City.

12. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Greg Donnan to approve the June Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by **Hayes Thrower**, and passed with 11 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Ramos, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

13. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:

- a. Judy, site manager of the Figueroa/PCH day labor center, wants people to know that their labors are available to do construction and day labor, community cleanups and moving. They are collaborating with LA Trade College and they will be offering free classes to day laborers in electrical construction, dry wall, and painting.
- b. A stakeholder commented about trees on public property that are destroying her wall, and the sidewalk, at 262nd and Alta Vista.
- c. Stakeholder Jackie commented that she lives in a condo complex and that across from her are apartments. One of the tenants of the apartments sells cars and parks the sale cars in the area, which makes parking really difficult. What can she do?
- d. Stakeholder Ricardo announced the Harbor City Neighborhood Watch Facebook page. He wants people to be careful about what they post, it's meant to be informational.
- e. President Moser reminded all that Neighborhood Council business must, always and only, take place at NC meetings, never on Facebook. To do otherwise is a violation of the Brown Act.
- f. Stakeholder Olive Reed is asking that everyone call Councilman Buscaino's office about the trucking business on Sepulveda. The trucks were supposed to be gone but are not. There is still

gravel coming out from the site. Ms. Reed emailed Nancy Bush, the property manager of the site. The response was that site cleanup and prep work should start today.

14. Announcements: None.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is August 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council