



# PUBLIC MEETING

## Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder's Meeting

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library  
24000 Western Avenue, Harbor City.  
Wednesday, September 21, 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
Wayne McGee	Present
Raymond Moser	Present
Jebriel Rogong	Resigned
Roberto Ramos	Present
Hayes E. Thrower	Excused
Joeann Valle	Present left at 7:00pm

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. Burglary theft from motor vehicles of the last month five of the six vehicles were unlocked.
    - iii. Officer Lopez contact information, cell phone 310-836-2106, office phone 310-726-7931 email [38192@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:38192@lapd.lacity.org).
    - iv. Next week LAPD is conducting a quality of life task force in Ken Malloy Park. On that day they will have a zero tolerance for any outstanding warrants. Residents should be aware that when LAPD moves homeless from a location they are likely to move into the surrounding neighborhoods.
    - v. Recently the CD15 LAHSA team went out to Ken Malloy Park, in anticipation of the above action, and offered services and EVERY person turned them down.
    - vi. Board member Joyce Fredericks is concerned that homeless people may cause damage to the new Ken Malloy Park.
3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
  - a. **Office of Assemblyman David Hadely:** Field representative, Kevin Byrum
    - i. The legislative season has ended, all legislation had to be on Governor Brown's desk by September 1. Accordingly, he had only a brief review of pending legislation.
  - b. **Department of Sanitation:** Gordon Haines, Environmental Specialist
    - i. He is involved with the Harbor City Greenway, it's purpose is flood control and water quality.
    - ii. Sanitation works with their enforcement officers as well as LAPD to keep it safe.

- iii. The homeless people have created pressure by vandalizing and damaging the area. Accordingly, they want people to call, call, call, the CD15 office and use the 311 about the problems.
  - iv. They have to have the area used for more events. They would like to have stakeholder cleanups, educational events related to native versus non-native plants, and other events.
- c. **Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino:** Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina
- i. The Solimar rental apartments at 1500 W. Pacific Coast Highway, next to Denny's, is about to open. CD15 did a walkthrough last week and the project is very nice. It has one, two, and three bedroom, market value rentals.
  - ii. CD15 had a meeting last week with Mike Shull, General Manager of Recreation & Parks, at Ken Malloy Regional Park. The park is over 360 acres and includes a camp ground. It is all now fabulous and amazing. The old boat house will be a ranger house, with offices and ranger housing. The goal is to have a staff person on site patrolling 24 hours a day. Homeless are still an issue and they are handling them according to the law.
  - iii. Also for Ken Malloy they are working in partnership with Kaiser, they applied for a \$100,000 grant for amenities for the park including a large outdoor fitness area with equipment. There will also be outdoor fitness equipment disbursed throughout the park. Also in conjunction with Kaiser there will be a signalized crosswalk on Vermont for access from the hospital.
  - iv. There have been delays in the park renovation project. They are hoping to do a soft opening in January, and hope to be on schedule for Spring of 2017 opening.
  - v. Board member Jennifer Corral asked about getting a signalized crosswalk at Belle Port and Lomita crosswalk. Ms. Medina responded that it's a state issue, and yes, it is in the works. She reminded everyone that if you see a car accident report it to give credence to the need, even if you are not part of the incident but just a witness, please report it.
  - vi. The SeaBreeze townhomes development has been approved and is moving forward now that lawsuit has been settled.
  - vii. The lot at Anaheim and Belle Porte, LAPD and CD15 are talking directly to the property owner, trying to gain some right of entry access to get the site cleaned.
  - viii. Board member Greg Donnan asked for an update on Western Avenue center divider tree issue. Ms. Medina responded that they got an estimate for cutting to enlarge the tree wells. However, there are 25 projects ahead of that one.
- d. **Budget Advocates Danielle Sandoval** – not present

4. **Presentation:** Christopher Downing, LAUSD, Superintendent, South District

- a. Superintendent Downing presented five goals of LAUSD.
  - i. Goal number one: A safe and Welcoming School Environment
  - ii. Goal number two: One hundred percent early literacy.
  - iii. Goal number three: Interventions and extended opportunities for one hundred percent graduation, A-G success and access to college and 21<sup>st</sup> century careers.
  - iv. Goal number four: Engaging differentiated and high quality instruction.
  - v. Goal number five: Improved parent engagement and partnerships.
- b. Myrna Brutti, Administrator of Operations, discussed the More than a Meal program. She urged every parent to submit the application for subsidized meals. They are considering providing a 'supper' hot meal.

5. **Budget/Finance Committee Report:**

- a. Approval of the August MER and bank statement. **Motion by Joann Valle to approve the August MER and bank statement, seconded by Gregory Donnan, and passed with 10 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, Ramos and Valle), 0 No, and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**
- b. Approval of Budget adjustments through August 2016 – None
- c. Vote to approve the sharing of staffing fees for HANC minutes. (Fees shared amongst all NC's in the Alliance)  
**Motion by Caney Arnold to approve the cost for HANC to hire a note taker for each monthly meeting that will be paid for in equal parts by each HANC member Neighborhood Council at an approximate annual cost of \$310 per council, seconded by Joann Valle, and passed with 8 Yes**

(Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, and Valle), 0 No, and 3 abstention(s) (Donnan, Moser, and Ramos).

#### **6. Reports from Meeting Representatives:**

- a. Friends of the Library – Grant Reed – Not present.
- b. Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
  - i. They are still doing a lot of housekeeping due to the name change. Same again.
  - ii. 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. To contact the vice office directly 310-726-7954.
  - iii. At the next Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting on October 20, they are having a Run, Hide, Fight training, similar to active shooter training.
  - iv. The fine for dumping in the CITY is \$1000, the fine in the COUNTY is \$10,000.
- d. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower, Wayne McGee – No report.
- e. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
  - i. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) wants the entire executive neighborhood council board to take the two-hour treasurer training.
  - ii. Danielle Sandoval Budget Advocate for Harbor Region Area. She came to the HANC meeting and gave a really thorough presentation that was really good. Craig Goldfarb is the Budget Advocate that will be attending Harbor City Neighborhood Council meetings to report.
- f. Public Works Representative – Eric Deklotz – No report.

#### **7. Reports from Committee Chairs:**

- a. Education/Youth – John Gonzales
  - i. Narmonte Elementary is getting a new principal soon.
- b. Outreach – Joyce Fredericks
  - i. They are looking forward to working with some of the new members.
  - ii. They meet every second Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
  - iii. They are looking at new ways to reach out to the community and to get people involved.
  - iv. They are discussing holding an event at the greenway, like a walk or an art exhibit.
  - v. They are discussing trying to build a foundation of annual events like Holiday Lights.
  - vi. They are looking to do some kind of appreciation for stakeholders who attend the monthly stakeholder meeting.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use, Eric Deklotz
  - i. Mr. Deklotz attends the monthly Plan Check NC meeting.
  - ii. This month speaker was Vince Bertoni the LA City Planning Director.
  - iii. Mr. Bertoni has a lot of experience and is trying to make things be transparent. He used the Library as an example of good outreach and wants all City department to be as good at outreach.
  - iv. Mr. Deklotz commented at the meeting about the lack of tracking of mitigation measures. When a developer is given conditions for a project, there is no clear way to track if those conditions get met.
  - v. The new barking dog ordinance was discussed.
  - vi. Currently Quimby funds tied to development projects that are supposed to be for parks in the community. There is a proposal to change how the funds are distributed to allow the district councilman to choose where the funds go instead of the funds being required to go to the community the where the development project is being built.
- d. Homeless – Jennifer Corral
  - i. They met on Thursday, September 15. 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 discussed the donated 40 ft container for donations for recently homed individuals and families that is located on Joe Zacheres property.
  - iii. They discussed possibly using an empty lot for RVs to park, and if there are any such

lots available.

- iv. Harbor Church is trying to raise funds to remodel a building they have to be used for homeless to be able to clean up prior to appointments.
- e. Ad Hoc By Laws – Joeann Valle – Left meeting early.
- f. Legislative Liaison – Caney Arnold
  - i. Mr. Arnold distributed a written report to the board that he offered to email to any stakeholder who contacted him.
  - ii. The written report provided very detailed information on several City Council items including the Modification of Dog Barking Ordinance and Storage Container and homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) Teams.

**8. Old Business:**

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City – Joeann Valle – Left meeting early.
- b. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup
  - i. Please see item 3.c.viii.
- c. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards
  - i. Perhaps they could have a reception for the recipients at the Greenway.

**9. New Business:**

- a. Petroleum Street Problems Letter – President Moser is still working on the letter.
- b. Harbor City 5 & 6K Annual Run – President Moser had an idea to get Harbor City on the map. Have 5 & 6K Annual Runs, they could go through Ken Malloy park, the Greenway and other landmarks. Have it be a fund raiser for Boys & Girls Club.
- c. Vote to Move November Governing Board Meeting from November 23 to November 30. **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve moving the November Governing Board Meeting from November 23 to November 30, seconded by Jennifer Corral, and passed with 9 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, and Ramos), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser), and 1 left meeting early (Valle).**
- d. City Hall Car Passes – vote on assignment. **Motion by Eric Deklotz to approve the City Hall Parking Passes be assigned to Greg Donnan and Jennifer Corral, seconded by Wayne McGee, and passed with 9 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, and Ramos), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser), and 1 left meeting early (Valle).**
- e. Discussion of LAUSD School Start to after Labor Day – Discussed during item 4. above.

**10. President's Report: Raymond Moser**

- a. President Moser announced the annual free Joe Buscaino Pasta Dinner on October 22, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, at Weymouth Corners in San Pedro.
- b. He also announced a Town Hall meeting on October 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, at Port of Los Angeles High School in San Pedro.
- c. He announced that for people interested in fostering pets the organization Homes for Every Living Pet (HELP) can sign up to do so on their website. They always need fosters.

**11. Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Greg Donnan to approve the August 17, 2016 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by Wayne McGee, and passed with 9 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, McGee, and Ramos), 0 No, 1 abstention(s) (Moser), and 1 left meeting early (Valle).****

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

- a. Evette Gonzalez from Azure Development, commented about the shopping center at Sepulveda and Western they want to give the center a facelift. She wanted to introduce herself and provide her contact information. If stakeholders have concerns they can contact her about them.

**13. Announcements: None.**

**12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is October 19, 2016.**

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom  
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council