



PUBLIC MEETING

Harbor City Neighborhood Council Stakeholder's Meeting

Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Public Library
24000 Western Avenue, Harbor City
Wednesday, November 16, 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	Absent
Raymond Moser	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 18 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - a. **LAFD Captain Gonzales Station 85**
 - i. Captain Gonzales gave a brief overview of his service and introduced the other members of the crew present at the meeting.
 - ii. He reminded everyone to keep their holiday trees well-watered.
 - iii. Captain Gonzales answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - b. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Frank Lopez:**
 - i. Officer Lopez reviewed crime stats, burglaries where the homes were not locked were up.
 - ii. Officer Lopez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - iii. Officer Lopez' contact information, cell phone 310-836-2106, office phone 310-726-7931 email 38192@lapd.lacity.org.
3. **Performance:** Narbonne Jazz ensemble
4. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. **Office of Mayor Garcetti:** Field representative, Manny Lopez
 - i. Mr. Lopez provided a written report which included statements regarding Veterans Day and recent protests related to President Elect Trump.
 - ii. The Mayor launched an export program to help L.A. companies expand their business internationally.
 - iii. The Mayor announced \$64.6 million for sustainable affordable housing development.
 - iv. He also launched 'College Corners' to help ease L.A. students' path to higher education
 - v. Mr. Lopez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - b. **Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino:** Harbor City Field Deputy, Gabriela Medina
 - i. Ms. Medina provided a written report which included legislative updates, community events and projects, and constituent concerns.

- ii. She discussed a new ordinance restricting living in one's vehicle. The City Council approved Council File 14-1057-S1 which includes allowing overnight parking on residential streets.
 - iii. Ms. Medina answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - c. **Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates** – Craig Goldfarb
 - i. The budget advocates have been meeting with city departments about their annual budgets.
 - ii. They have surveys on city services on their website at <http://ncbala.com/> and a Facebook page.
- 5. **Presentation:** MA Center LA, Green Friends 5000 Trees – Presenter: Madonna Johnson, Project Manager, Green Friends 5000 Trees
 - a. The MA Center LA is a nonprofit with a center in Redondo Beach, they have ten centers in North America.
 - b. The center has several community programs, including volunteer projects and classes such as mindful meditation.
 - c. Tonight, they came to talk about their Green Friends environmental program.
 - d. They want to plant 5,000 trees in Los Angeles County.
 - e. They are looking to identify appropriate sites for the trees and hope that the council and the community can help.
 - f. Ms. Johnson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - g. Her contact information is email 5ktrees@la.macenters.org and cell 949-929-9474.
- 6. **Presentation:** Los Angeles Department of Sanitation, Diane Gilbert-Jones
 - a. Ms. Gilbert-Jones gave an overview of the Biosolids Environmental Management System.
 - b. They started the project to capture methane gas to use to generate electricity in 2006.
 - c. The public can arrange to tour the facilities.
- 7. **Performance:** Narbonne Jazz ensemble
- 8. **Budget/Finance Committee Report** – Jennifer Corral, Treasurer
 - a. Approval of the October MER and bank statement. No report to approve. Will revisit at next meeting.
 - b. Approval of Budget adjustments through October 2016 – None
- 9. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
 - a. Friends of the Library – Greg Donnan
 - i. They washed the stuffed toys in the children's area and they are like new so they do not need to purchase replacements.
 - b. Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
 - i. They are settling in to the name change.
 - ii. They are actively involved in promoting International trade for local businesses.
 - iii. On Monday, December 5th, they are having the "Santa's Coming to Harbor City" event with LAPD.
 - c. Public Safety – Greg Donnan
 - i. Mr. Donnan provided printed material on various safety issues on the back table.
 - d. Budget Advocates – Hayes Thrower, Wayne McGee – See item 4.c. above.
 - e. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan
 - i. They discussed that Harbor Area neighborhood councils and stakeholders are not getting the support from the city that we should.
 - ii. The city wants us to come to them instead of them coming to us to provide assistance and information.
 - iii. HANC is requesting that each neighborhood council bring their top three issues back for comparison. Then perhaps NC's with common issues can work together and have a greater impact. They also would like each neighborhood council to suggest a one sentence mission statement for the alliance.
 - iv. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requests that NC board members review their monthly NC profiles.

- v. Coastal San Pedro asked at the meeting for volunteers to serve on their election committee.
- vi. There will be no HANC meeting in December.
- f. Public Works Representative – Eric Deklotz – No report

10. Reports from Committee Chairs:

- a. Education/Youth – John Gonzales
 - i. The recent school cleanups went very well and Bob’s Burgers provided free breakfast.
 - ii. The Harvest festival went really well.
- b. Outreach – Joyce Fredericks
 - i. The committee is working really well together, they are coming up with really good ideas.
 - ii. The Holiday Lights event judging will be Thursday, December 15th.
 - iii. The committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use, Eric Deklotz
 - i. At the most recent meeting, City Controller, Ron Galperin was the speaker.
 - ii. A list of city owned properties has been released. They are considering if some of these properties should be sold.
- d. Homeless – Jennifer Corral
 - i. They did not meet this month.
 - ii. To view the written report from the latest meeting please go to <http://harborcitync.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/HANC-homeless-committee-report-August-11-2016.pdf>
- e. Ad Hoc By Laws – Joeann Valle
 - i. They have completed the primary changes and are just polishing prior to presentation to the board for approval.
- f. Legislative Liaison – Caney Arnold – No report

11. Old Business:

- a. Update on painting of Utility Boxes in Harbor City – Joeann Valle
 - i. Ms. Valle met with some of the businesses today and talked about design dos and don’ts.
- b. Officer Robert Sanchez Memorial Pocket Park, 1647 249th Street. No new information.
- c. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup. No new information.
- d. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards
 - i. They are considering putting together an event at a meeting. Perhaps have a reception for the recipients.

12. New Business:

- a. Petroleum Street Problems Letter – President Moser will present the draft letter at next week’s Governing Board meeting.
- b. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup. No new information.
- c. Mobilite 45’ Pole at Five Points. No new information.

13. President’s Report: Raymond Moser – No report

14. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Greg Donnan to approve the October 19, 2016 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by **Hayes Thrower**, and passed with 10 Yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, Gonzales, Ramos, Thrower, and Valle), 0 No, and 1 abstention(s) (Moser).**

15. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:

- a. A Stakeholder who lives in Harbor Village commented that they need help. There is nothing for the community there, and nothing for the kids.

16. Announcements: None

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is January 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council