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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, June 21, 2017, 6:00 pm

Official Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call
Caney Arnold	Present
Sydney Baune	Present
Aaron Bradley	Excused
Jennifer Corral	Present
Eric Deklotz	Present
Greg Donnan	Present
Joyce Fredericks	Present
John T. Gonzales	Absent
Wayne McGee	Present arrived at 6:20 pm
Raymond Moser	Excused
Roberto Ramos	Absent
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Joeann Valle	Present

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Vice President Joeann Valle. A quorum of 9 board members was present (see list above). Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - a. **LAFD Station 85** Captain Wherle – Not present
 - b. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Frank Lopez**
 - i. Officer Lopez gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the Harbor City area.
 - ii. There have been three homicides in the last couple of weeks that are gang related, in the area of 253rd and Normandie. There has been an arrest in the second shooting. People can anonymously provide information on crimes at LACrimeStoppers and to detectives Cortez 310 726-7889 Oliva 310 726 7886, Coffee 310 726-7887, and 800 222-8477 (TIPS).
 - iii. Officer Lopez has started a new neighborhood watch group for Harbor Village.
 - iv. Officer Lopez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - v. Contact information for Officer Lopez, cell phone 310-869-2106, office phone 310-726-7931 email 38192@lapd.lacity.org.
3. **Reports from Government Officials:**
 - a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – Jacob Haik, Deputy Chief of Staff and Aksel Palacios New Field Deputy
 - i. Mr. Haik introduced Mr. Palacios, the new Harbor City/Harbor Gateway South Field Deputy.
 - ii. He commented that their office is working to get some temporary skateboarding ramps at the Harbor City Rec Center.
 - iii. Mr. Palacios gave a brief overview of his background and his work in the Councilman's office, he also provided a written report which included some of the following:
 - I. He thanked the council for their booth and participation in the opening of Harbor

- Regional Park.
 - II. He is working with various government entities and agencies to get the medians on Western Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway cleaned and repaired.
 - III. Tree trimming in the Pines area has begun.
 - iv. Mr. Haik and Mr. Palacios answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - b. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Brett Shears for Octaviano Rios
 - i. Mr. Shears commented that all Treasurers and P-card holders must attend City Clerk funding training.
 - ii. The soft deadline to submit the 2017-2018 fiscal year Strategic Plan is July 1st.
 - iii. The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates annual Budget Day is Saturday, June 24th, at City Hall.
 - iv. Mr. Shears answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - c. **Office of Assemblyman Muratsuchi** – Cody Bridges, Harbor City Field Deputy – Not present
 - d. **Port of Los Angeles** – Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs Advocate – Not present
 - e. **Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates** – Danielle Sandoval – No report
4. **Presentation:** Budget Forum for Fiscal 2017-2018 – Danielle Sandoval
- a. Ms. Sandoval gave an overview of her background and experience with neighborhood councils.
 - b. She went over the budget categories and gave examples of the types of expenditures each category was intended for.
 - c. Ms. Sandoval answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - d. Community/Stakeholder input included some of the following ideas for how the council could use its funds to better the community:
 - i. Friends of the Library
 - ii. Narbonne drill team warm up suits
 - iii. Support low income children at Harbor Village to go camping.
 - iv. Sponsor children to participate in the Pop Warner Football program.
 - v. Children need to be a priority
 - vi. Neighborhood cleanups
5. **Budget/Finance Committee Report** – Jennifer Corral, Treasurer
- a. Discuss and consider approval of May 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report. No report to review, will be considered at next week’s Governing Board meeting.
 - b. Discuss and consider approval of budget adjustments through April 2017 outlined in the attached report. No budget adjustments to review, will be considered at next week’s Governing Board meeting.
 - c. Update on Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG’s) – Ms. Corral stated that both NPG applications had been denied.
6. **Reports from Meeting Representatives:**
- a. Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce – Joeann Valle
 - i. Ms. Valle commented that the Chamber is trying to help create jobs in the community.
 - b. Budget Advocates – Wayne McGee, HCNC Budget Representative
 - i. The annual Budget Day is Saturday, June 24th, at City Hall.
 - ii. Wayne McGee and Danielle Sandoval were appointed as Budget Reps for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
 - c. Public Works Representative – Eric DeKlotz
 - i. Mr. DeKlotz would like to step down as the Public Works Representative, and hopes someone else will take over the position.
 - d. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Greg Donnan – No report
 - e. Legislative Liaison – Caney Arnold
 - i. Wants to have a forum type meeting to go over the Community Impact Statement (CIS) process at a Legislative Committee meeting.
7. **Reports from Committee Chairs:**
- a. Education/Youth – John Gonzales – Not present
 - b. Outreach – Joyce Fredericks

- i. Ms. Fredericks commented on how successful their outreach efforts were at opening of Ken Malloy/Harbor Regional Park.
- c. Planning/Zoning/Land Use – Eric Deklotz
 - i. Mr. Deklots reported that at the last meeting, the Los Angeles City Planning Department discussed the six “new” elements of the General Plan, which can be viewed on line at OurLA2040.org.
 - ii. They plan to hold public meetings for community engagement on the Open Space Element will begin in August 2017. OurLA2040 will host sixteen Town Hall meetings, one in each Council District, twice each month. No dates have yet been set.
 - iii. The Open Space Element will consist of; Parks and Recreation, Rivers and Beaches, Wildlands, and Pedestrian Connections.
 - iv. The timeline for completing the Open Space Element plan is three years.
 - v. He commented that they are trying to coordinate the general plan updates with re-code LA.
- d. Ad Hoc – Homeless – Sydney Baune – Danielle Sandoval interim chair
 - i. Ms. Sandoval thanked everyone who came out for park opening.
 - ii. She commented that she is an NC homelessness liaison.
 - iii. She commented that results from the January 2017 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s (LAHSA) homeless count for Service Planning Area 8 (SPA 8) showed that there was an increase of 4% in homeless in the Harbor Area, and in all of CD15 there was an increase of 28%. The results may be viewed at <https://www.lahsa.org/homeless-count>.
 - iv. At the last meeting, they worked on identifying nonprofit organizations in Harbor City that could help with short term solutions, short of building new housing. For example, temporary shelters.
 - v. On the City Controllers Control Panel, there is a list of City owned properties that could potentially be used for housing and/or services.
- e. Ad Hoc By Laws – Joeann Valle
 - i. Ms. Valle commented that they have a new bylaws template that they have to work with, and when they have something they will bring it to the board.

8. Old Business:

- a. ROC (Recognition of Outstanding Citizen) Awards – There is an explanation sheet on the back table and election forms.
- b. Options for Western Avenue Cleanup
 - i. Approve vendor for up to \$500/month – Jennifer Corral – No new information

9. New Business:

- a. The Future of Ken Malloy Regional Park. Not addressed.

10. President’s Report: Raymond Moser – Not present

11. Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Greg Donnan to approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by **Wayne McGee**, and passed with 9 yes (Arnold, Baune, Corral, Deklotz, Donnan, Fredericks, McGee, Sandoval and Valle), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.**

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda item:

- a. Joeann Valle, on behalf of the Lyons Club, presented a check to support the City Lights block party.
- b. Dr. Bryant, from City Lights announced a Peace Conference, on Thursday, June 22nd, at 7:00 pm, at Harbor City Park. She also stated that City Lights meets the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30 pm, at Harbor City Park.
- c. Howard Scott Jr., from City Lights, thanked the council for their support.
- d. Tim Tucker Sr., from City Lights thanked the Chamber and the council for working with them to help make the community safer.
- e. Dr. Bryant, from City Lights, commented that they have taken over 800 Harbor City children to Los Angeles Sparks games, and now the Sparks want to provide them with buses and tickets.
- f. Dr. Bryant, from City Lights, commented that they will help provide the children in Harbor Village with transportation and tickets to a Sparks game.
- g. Greg Donnan displayed certificates from the Mayor and the Board of Neighborhood

- Commissioners (BONC), for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council's fifteen-year anniversary.
- h. Louise Forsberg commented about a problem with trash dumping in a vacant property at 253rd and Frampton. She has contacted several entities that have not responded.

13. Announcements - None

- 12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next Stakeholder meeting is July 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Harbor City Neighborhood Council