

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

135th Street School, 801 W. 135th Street

Present: Delores Allmond (Chairperson), Pamela Thornton (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Treasurer), Ramon Montoya (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Marvin Bell (District 6), Shirley Johnson (District 8), Deborah Lee (Community Organization Representative), and Richard Lee (Youth Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chair Delores Allmond, followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

1) Public Comment: Chris Wilson, representative from 64th District Assemblymember Mike Gipson, announced an 8 a.m. Small Business Workshop on May 15 at Harbor College in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The workshop will discuss access to capital and assistance with social media. Another upcoming event will be the car seat safety check in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol. The deadline for finalizing the State budget is June 15 so that it can be in place on July 1.

District 1 stakeholder Mark Hall gave an update on the mediation session on March 27 regarding the proposed cell panels and above ground facility next to his home in the Merit Tract. The meeting was headed by Board of Public Works Commissioner Matt Szabo. Mark and his wife were present along with several neighbors, HGNNC Board member Joan Jacobs, and Lu Watson from the HGNNC Planning and Land Use Committee. Corina Arvizu of CORE was also present representing Verizon. Matt Szabo ruled in favor of holding an appeal hearing within 30 days if Verizon cannot work out an alternate location. Mark said that Corina Arvizu was in the neighborhood on April 7 surveying the various possible locations. Mark is encouraged by the hearing and also by the recent L. A. City Council vote putting the LA-RICS cell tower proposal for L.A. City Fire stations on hold.

(Marvin Bell entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.)

2) Approval of the March 10 Board minutes: It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 12-0-0 (Betty Hawkins abstaining) to approve the February 10 Board minutes as corrected.

Ramon Montoya made a motion to move up 3f, 3e, 3g, and 3h on the agenda, which was seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes. This motion was passed 10-2 (Preston, Jacobs)-0.

3f) Approval of \$1500 as an NPG for the 135th Street School to support new books supplies, and decorations for the Kinder Corner: Dr. Pablo Osorio, Principal of the 135th Street School, explained that the proposed Neighborhood Purposes Grant from the HGNNC to the school would be used for additional books for the school library for the kindergarten level and decorations for the Kinder Corner of the library. This past year, the school was able to hire a full-time librarian for the school library. The library is now open from 2:10 to 3:30 p.m. after school as well as during school hours. The school serves 930 students, 150 of which are in the kindergarten classes. Treasurer Joan Jacobs then explained the process of reviewing the proposed NPG's by the Finance Committee. She showed the rating form which was used, including conformity with goals, benefit to HGNNC stakeholders, realistic budget and plan of implementation. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Adrian

Valenzuela, and passed 10-2 (Thornton, Bell)-0 to approve this grant of \$1500 to the 135th Street School.

3e. Approval of \$1000 as an NPG to the Environmental Charter Middle School to support a playground supervisor for the ECMS playground on one Saturday a month:

Allison Suffet-Diaz and Julie Vo of the Environmental Charter Schools explained that the \$1000 would be used to hire a supervisor at \$12 an hour for eight hours (10 am to 6 pm) on one Saturday of the month for one year. The Environmental Charter Middle School will provide funding for the other Saturdays. Alison noted that next year the school will use its Proposition K funds to build a larger playground and provide afterschool programs in cooperation with the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA. Treasurer Joan Jacobs noted that the Finance Committee had recommended approval of this proposal as it was highly rated. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 9-2 (Thornton, Bell)-1 (Johnson) to approve this NPG for \$1000 to the Environmental Charter Middle School.

3g. Approval of up to \$1500 as an NPG requested by PCI (People for Community Improvement) Community Job and Resource Fair on June 6: Dexter McLeod, PCI, said that PCI has been holding twice yearly job fairs. The June 6 Fair will focus on local youth, ages 16 and older. Thirty employers have committed to come, including UPS and Rite-Aid. 1500 are expected to attend at the Home Assembly Church. The total budget for this event is \$5,000 and the HGNNC is being asked to fund \$1500 of that amount. Treasurer Joan Jacobs said that the Finance Committee had not rated this grant as highly because the event is not specifically focused on HGNNC stakeholders. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Rey Padiani to allocated \$1500 as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to this event. This motion was defeated 4 (Preston, Valenzuela, Paduani, D. Lee)-8-0. Richard Lee then made a motion to fund the event at \$750, seconded by Marvin Bell. This motion passed 7-4(Preston, Fowlkes, D. Lee, R. Lee)-1(Jacobs).

3h. Approval of allocating up to \$800 to Automatic Printing Company for the design of an HGNNC logo and updating of the outline map: Rosalie explained that the HGNNC needs a small logo which can be put on flyers when the HGNNC sponsors events, such as the PCI Job Fair. Creating a logo is one of the HGNNC goals for 2014-2015. Automatic Printing Company can design a symbol logo and two using the HGNNC name in an attractive graphic and then the Board can vote on the one they prefer. However, several Board members said that they wanted to keep the outline map as the logo even though it cannot be utilized in a small format. It was moved by Rosalie Preston and seconded by Rey Paduani to approve the expenditure for a logo design. However the motion failed 2 (Preston, Jacobs)-8-2(Valenzuela, D. Lee)

3a. Approval of a 54-60 month lease with Konica-Minolta for the C284e (with color option) for a cost of \$76.99 per month plus .0074 per black ink copy and .042 per color copy: The City's contract with Ricoh has ended and the new vendor is Konica-Minolta. Once the HGNNC approves the new lease, DONE will order the machine and arrange for it to be delivered to the HGNNC office. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 10-2 (Montoya, Bell)-0 to approve the lease with Konica-Minolta for the C284e which will serve as the copy machine, fax, and scanner for the HGNNC.

3b. Approval of \$65 to Stealth Office Solutions to set up scanning function on the Konica-Minolta: Konica-Minolta may be able to set up the scanning function of the new C284e. Otherwise the City's IT will be asked to do that. However, if those two options fail, then a local computer company will be able to do it for \$65. It was moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Shirley Johnson, and passed 12-0-0 to approve this expenditure.

3c. Approval of up to \$200 for May 28 Officer Appreciation Day at SE LAPD: There will be an Officer Appreciation Day at the SE Division of LAPD on Thurs. May 28. It was

moved by Richard Lee, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 10-2 (Thornton, Bell)-0 to support this event with up to \$200 for food for the officers.

3d. Approval of up to \$1,000 for the District 4 clean up day on May 9: District 4 will hold their annual clean up day on Sat. May 9. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 12-0-0 to allocate up to \$1,000 for refreshments for the volunteers, flyers, and delivery of flyers to the District 4 stakeholders.

3) Treasurer's report on expenditures to date and March monthly expenditure report: Treasurer Joan Jacobs presented the March monthly expenditure report showing total expenditures of \$20,475.78. Because the total allocated is now \$39,000, the remaining funds after including encumbrances is \$18, 524.22. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 12-0-0 to approve the March monthly expenditure report.

4) Discussion and approval of funding goals for the 2015-2016 fiscal year: The Finance Committee will be meeting within the month to draft the 2015-2016 budget and needs to have the funding goals. It was agreed that the goals of the previous fiscal year should remain the same for the new fiscal year (planning and land use, public safety, programs for youth, community beautification, and outreach). It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 11-0-1 (Thornton) to approve the 2015-2016 goals as stated.

5) Appointment of Vanessa Johnson as the Election Chair for the 2016 Board election: Rosalie Preston explained that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is asking for the Election chair for the May 2016 Board elections to be appointed now although the major work of the Election chair and committee will not happen until late fall. Vanessa Johnson is willing to be the chair and has good skills with technology as well as being outgoing and a people person. Several Board members said they would like to see a description of the duties of the Election chair and also advertise this position at the April 28 General Membership meeting to see if others are interested. It was moved by Richard Lee and seconded by Joan Jacobs to appoint Vanessa Johnson to this position. However the motion failed 1 (Preston)-5-4 abstentions. This item will be placed on the May 12 Board agenda.

6) Report on the improvements to the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Metro station: This item was postponed as the speaker representing Metro wishes to come to the April 28 General Membership meeting.

(Marvin Bell and Ramon Montoya left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.)

7) Report on the April 1 Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting: District 5 stakeholder and HANC representative Lu Watson reported that at the meeting Thomas Soong reminded the Councils that Boards will clarify how they count abstentions on the Election Stipulation Worksheet. Regional Grievance panels are being set up. Neighborhood Councils need to appoint a representative or otherwise the Neighborhood Council President or Chair will be appointed to the panel.

(Shirley Johnson left the meeting at 8:52 p.m.)

8) Report on the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates: Joan Jacobs said that the 2015 Budget Day will be held much earlier this year, on June 28. The Budget Advocates are hoping to continue the radio broadcasts that they began this past spring.

9) Announcements: Richard Lee announced that the Small Business workshop will be held on Sat. May 30 at 9:30 a.m. at the 135th Street School. He hopes to have a flyer to distribute at the April 28 General Membership meeting.

Lu Watson reported that at the April 11 PlanCheck meeting, it was announced that the street vendor ordinance has stalled. The meeting focused on a discussion of issues related to affordable housing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Recording Secretary