

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting of June 15, 2010**

Present: Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Jimmie Williams (District 1), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Mattie Menser (District 7), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith-Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

In the absence of Chair Adrian White, Vice Chair Delores Allmond called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Rey Paduani, District 3 Representative, discussed the need for having street sweeping signs posted in areas of District 3, including Ainsworth and 144th Street, due to many cars and some boats which are left parked on the streets for long periods of time, even after being cited by the City's Park Enforcement.

Adrian Valenzuela, District 2 Representative, would like the HGNNC to write Councilwoman Hahn and the appropriate City department a letter of thanks for cleaning up the weeds and dumped furniture on the east side of the AT&T building in District 1. Betty Hawkins, District 4 Representative, asked for the same for the major clean up efforts in District 4.

Justin Brimmer noted that the Council office can accept additional suggestions for Dept. of Transportation-related projects which may be funded through a new round of Federal stimulus funding. He also needs a list of streets which need resurfacing or reslurrying. Alleys cannot be included. Suggestions are also needed for improvements to streets and sidewalks around our local schools.

2) Approval of the May 11 Board minutes: The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Gloria Christmas, second by Delores Allmond, and vote of 10-0.

3) Treasurer's Report: The DONE listing of recently paid demand warrants and VISA card charges was presented. DONE has reported that as of April 22, the remaining allocation from the \$45,000 allocated for 2009-2010 is \$8,011.36. There was also an estimate of where HGNNC finances stand as of June 15, which includes approved rollover funding and the remainder of the basic allocation: \$9,792.56. By July 31, all Neighborhood Councils will have to prepare a new 2010-2011 budget using a new format and including recommended line items. It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 10-0 to approve the treasurer's report.

It was moved by Llewyn Fowlkes, seconded by Eva Cooper, and passed 10-0 to approve up to \$500 for the Officer Appreciation luncheon to be held in District 4 on August 16. The event must be open to all HGNNC stakeholders and all those who attend must sign in on a form which will be submitted to DONE along with the first quarter financial report in October.

4) Report on planning issues, including the landscape design for the cell phone tower at 14032 S. Vermont Avenue, July 6 appeal of the swap meet at 16304 S. Vermont Avenue, recommendation on the beer and wine sales at 449 W. Imperial Highway, and recommendation on wireless and microwave antennas at 17200 S. Vermont Avenue: The HGNNC has been in communication with T-Mobile over the proposed landscape plan for the Searock Inn at 14032 S. Vermont Avenue and received comments from 135th Street

Neighborhood Watch members in District 4. Comments must be submitted to T-Mobile by June 22.

The HGNNC Planning and Land Use Committee met June 14 and recommends a new letter to the Harbor Area Planning Commission and Councilwoman Hahn, restating the HGNNC's continued opposition to granting a conditional use permit for the swap meet (open air market) at 16304 S. Vermont Avenue and included the new violations, such as the motor home supplying electrical power to the vendors and Building and Safety violations which have been reported to the LAPD, and photos of violations and the swap meet's current appearance. Councilwoman Hahn should also have a separate letter asking for her continued support of our position on the swap meet. There should also be a letter to the Harbor Area Planning Commission requesting that Commission member Joeann Valle recuse herself due to the conflict of interest in having spoken at the December 8, 2009, HGNNC Board meeting as the Executive Director of the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce in strong support of the swap meet. The above recommendations were supported by the Board on a motion by Neodros Bridgeforth, second by Rey Paduani, and vote of 10-0.

In regards to the proposal to sell beer and wine at the Chevron gas station located at 449 W. Imperial Highway, the HGNNC Planning and Land Use Committee recommended that the position of opposition of the 108th and Hoover Neighborhood Association be adopted by the Board. There are already four other locations within the same census tract (2411.20) which sell alcohol and at least ten other businesses which sell liquor in census tracts next to census tract 2411.20. It was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Rey Paduani, and passed 10-0 to support this recommendation.

A stakeholder from District 1's Merit Tract who lives just behind the AT&T building at 17200 S. Vermont Avenue attended the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting to speak of his concerns about additional wireless antennas being mounted on the building, but neither he nor any other of the affected stakeholders was present, so this item will be tabled until the July 13 Board meeting.

(Joan Jacobs entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.)

5) Evaluation of the June 8 Board election: The HGNNC had the highest number of stakeholders voting in the June 8 Board election of any of the ten Neighborhood Councils voting that day: 277. A listing of the candidates and votes received was handed out.

The City Clerk has a form which can be filled out to evaluate what was good and what needs improvement in the just completed election process. Several commented that factual basis stakeholders need to be required to have documentation of their stakeholder status for the next HGNNC election, as possibly 60 to 80 factual basis stakeholders voted this time. Also, there needs to be an easier way for those not able to vote in person to be able to vote by mail. The computerized map which the City Clerk used placed one stakeholder living on Vermont Avenue as being located in the middle of Vermont Avenue and therefore unable to vote. After a protest, she was allowed to vote provisionally. The registration process at the polling place was very slow. The procedure for voting for a write-in candidate was not always made clear to voters. Having our election on the same day as the statewide primary was not a good idea.

6) Report on the Harbor Alliance meeting of June 2: Due to the need to end the meeting promptly, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

7) Determine if the June 22 General Membership meeting will be canceled and if not, plan the speaker and agenda: It was moved by Eva Cooper, seconded by Joan Jacobs and passed 11-0 to cancel the June 22 General Membership meeting as moving the Board meeting to the third Tuesday of the month, there will not be enough time to have a flyer delivered to stakeholders to advertise the June 22 meeting. It was moved by Eva Cooper, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0 to have the new Board installed at the Tues. July 13 Board meeting.

8) Announcements: The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is holding training for new Board members on Sat. July 17 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Harbor area and on Sat. July 31 at the Council District 10 office, 1819 S. Western Avenue. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston