

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting of April 14, 2009**

Present: Adrian White (Chair), Delores Allmond (Vice Chair), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), Joan Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary), Gloria Christmas (Treasurer), Adrian Valenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Leo Youngblood (District 8), and Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

1) Public Comment: Pacific Charter School informed the Board that they have decided not to proceed with their proposal to purchase the property at 812 W. 165th Place due to the financial downturn and lack of funding for charter schools from the State of California. The property will remain under the ownership of Little Tokyo Service Center.

Rey Paduani, District 3 Representative, reported on Southeast Division plans for National Night Out. He also gave out information on the Community Police Academy training.

2) Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the March 10 Board meeting were approved as corrected. Motion: Youngblood Second: Bridgeforth Vote: 11-0

3) Treasurer's Report: Gloria Christmas reported that the Neighborhood Council Funding Report for April 1, 2009 shows a balance of \$89,694.41, with 16 Visa expenditures and no demand warrants during March. The summary of expenditures by quarter shows a total of \$59,157.16 spent from July 1, 2008 to April 8, 2009. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 11-0 to approve the treasurer's report.

Betty Hawkins, District 4 Representative, moved that \$250 be allocated for lunches for volunteers for the Sat. May 9 Mayor's Day of Service to be focused on the 135th Street Neighborhood Watch Area (District 4). The lunches will be served at the 135th Street School after the clean up. Leo Youngblood seconded this motion and it was passed 11-0.

Rosalie Preston moved and Neodros Bridgeforth seconded that up to \$500 be allocated for lunches for the Sat. May 2 Mayor's Day of Service clean up and beautification of the grounds at 802 W. Gardena Blvd. in District 1. The lunches will be served to all volunteers that day. This motion was passed 11-0.

Leo Youngblood moved, Rosalie Preston seconded, and it was passed 11-0 to allocate \$1100 to Chrysalis Enterprises for four weeks of clean up and flyer distribution along Gardena Blvd. (from Vermont Avenue to the 110 Harbor Freeway) and \$1100 for four weeks of clean up and flyer distribution along Avalon Blvd. (from Imperial Highway to 120th Street) beginning in late April or early May.

4) Board review of proposed 50 foot T-Mobile "pine" tree at 425 W. Laconia Blvd.: The Pastor of the Church where the new mobile tower would be erected was contacted twice by the HGNNC but never responded. Flyers were left at the homes of two residents on Laconia, also with no response. Therefore, after discussion of the issues involved, such as possible health effects and the possible interference with other electronic devices, it was moved by Neodros Bridgeforth, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0 to send a letter to the Planning Commission stating no position but expressing the concerns of the Board as to potential health effects, electrical interference, and the additional visual blight that the cell phone tower would bring to the area.

6) Approval of HGNNC Oct. 14 version of the proposed bylaws revision: It was agreed to take this item out of order, as decisions made on the bylaws revision would help in deciding on the City Clerk's stipulation language. Each article with a potential change was discussed and clarified, with new changes being agreed to. Leo Youngblood and Rosalie Preston will resolve the more accurate description of the HGNNC boundaries as set forth in Article III – Boundaries. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 11-0 to approve the bylaws revision as agreed to

on this date and to present this April 14 version to the General Membership for a final discussion and vote on April 28.

5) Board vote on stipulation language for HGNNC bylaws related to the 2010 Neighborhood

Council elections: After reviewing the possible choices provided by the City Clerk's Election Division and going through each section, the Board agreed on each provision, as attached, and it was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 11-0 to adopt this language for incorporation into the HGNNC bylaws.

7) Report on the April 4 Health Fair: Health Fair Committee Chair Neodros Bridgeforth said that she had received many favorable reports about the HGNNC sponsored Health Fair held on the playground of the 116th Street School. Many health services providers attended, all of the 450 Subway lunch boxes were given out, 95 people went through the Lions Mobile Screening Unit, and 22 took the HIV test provided by Bienestar Human Services. She also noted the difficulties in obtaining the required permits from LASUD, primarily from their Risk Management Office.

8) Finalize agenda for April 28 Membership meeting: Two items were added to the proposed agenda.

9) Announcements: DONE Project Coordinator Rose Ibanez reminded the Board that DONE will provide a workshop on the required ethics training for Board members on Sat. April 25.

Betty Hawkins announced that Reginald Zachery, Community Advocate for the Harbor Gateway for Councilmember Janice Hahn, has been laid off, one of three District 15 staff to be let go due to the City's budget shortfall. She asked that the Board consider some sort of recognition event for him, either in late May or late June.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston