

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting of September 14, 2010**

Present: Rosalie Preston(Chairperson) Delores Allmond (Vice Chairperson) Neodros Bridgeforth (Corresponding Secretary), AdrianValenzuela (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Betty Hawkins (District 4), Marvin Bell ( District 6), Gloria Christmas (District 8), Kandee Lewis (Youth Representative), Leo Youngblood ( At-Large Representative), and Eva Cooper (At-Large Representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairperson Rosalie Preston.

**1) Public Comment:** Kandee Lewis said that her Positive Results non-profit has planned a teen dating violence prevention summit for February 2011 within the boundaries of the HGNNC. She has the support of Councilwoman Hahn for this event and would like the HGNNC to support it and will have more details next month. She is looking for other partners for this within the HGNNC boundaries.

Rey Paduani reported that on October 6, LAPD Southeast Division will hold a bake sale at the station to raise funds for the November 19 Officers' Appreciation Day.

Justin Brimmer, Community Advocate for the 15<sup>th</sup> Council District, urged each District within the HGNNC to plan a clean-up day and said that Home Depot is willing to help support these. He also encouraged stakeholders to suggest to the Council office locations for new libraries, parks, walking paths, and other community improvement projects.

**5) Consideration of proposed spring jazz festival or other joint activity with Harbor Gateway South NC, supported by Councilwoman Hahn:** Justin Brimmer, Community Advocate from Councilwoman Hahn's Office, discussed a proposed cultural outreach event/ concert with the Harbor Gateway South NC. The Department of Cultural Affairs has committed to contributing \$15,000, with a total cost of \$30,000. Possible other contributors to be asked are the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, LAPD Harbor Division, LAPD Southeast Division, WalMart, and Herbal Life. Possible locations are Gardena High School, 186<sup>th</sup> Street School, or the lawn area in front of the 17200 S. Vermont Avenue AT&T building. There will be food vendors but also some free food given out. Part of the program will be devoted to honoring various stakeholders and businesses. The two Neighborhood Councils and others will be part of the planning committee. Delores Allmond and other Board members expressed the need to invite some of the local stakeholders with talent to be part of the entertainment in order to ensure that a high percentage of stakeholders attend and also asked that a variety of music styles be included. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Kandee Lewis, and passed 10-0 that the HGNNC support this cultural outreach event in principle and participate in the organizing committee for it, with the amount of funding for it to be determined at a future date.

**2) Approval of the August 10 Board minutes:** It was moved by Rey Paduani, seconded by Gloria Christmas, and carried 10-0 to approve the minutes as corrected.

**3) Treasurer's report:** The expenditures from July 1 to September 14 show a total of \$2,852.74. The U.S. Bank VISA card statement showed seven charges between July 22 and August 23 and for what purpose. It was moved by Delores Allmond, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 10-0 to approve the treasurer's report.

After discussion, it was decided that rather than vote additional funds and because the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment would require the HGNNC to have the HGSNC jointly sponsor the Oct. 16 Board retreat if it was held at the Holiday Inn Torrance, the Board retreat will be held at a local

church or the Harbor Gateway Community Center with the food catered by Dulan's or similar caterer. Kande Lewis, Marvin Bell, and Eva Cooper will organize the luncheon for 20-25 people.

It was moved by Rey Paduani, seconded by Kande Lewis, and passed 10-0 to spend up to \$1,000 from the line item 200EVE for the October 30 Rosecrans Recreation Center's Halloween Carnival. The money will be used to purchase prizes for costumes and also food for the children who attend.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Eva Cooper, and passed 10-0 to spend up to \$200 for food for the Nov. 19 Officers' Appreciation Day at LAPD Southeast Division from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. District 3 Representative Rey Paduani and District 1 stakeholder Richard Higashi will work with the treasurer on this.

District 4 Representative Betty Hawkins presented a proposal from the 135<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Watch to purchase and place ten large concrete planters around their neighborhood, which will be filled with plants and have plaques attached to them to honor active community stakeholders who have passed on. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,733.57. Although the 135<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Watch would like to have the HGNNC fund the whole project, due to the limited amount of funds which the HGNNC has for the year, it was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 9-0, with Betty Hawkins abstaining to allocate up to \$1,000 for this project from 300CIP.

Athens on the Hill would like to borrow the HGNNC sound system for a special program they are presenting at their Wed. Oct. 20 meeting. District 5 stakeholder Lu Watson will coordinate the borrowing and returning of the equipment. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Marvin Bell, and passed 10-0 to approve this.

**4) Report on planning issues, including the mini-market at 15818 S. Vermont Avenue; Board position on the City's Planning Dept. code streamlining initiative; and the Zoning Administrator decision on the wireless panels at 17200 S. Vermont Avenue:**

A District 2 stakeholder expressed concern that a small mini-market had opened at 15818 S. Vermont Avenue without any sort of notice. The Dept. of Building and Safety has been called but no report yet. The discussion on the code streamlining initiative was tabled as no Planning Committee member had been able to attend the workshop related to this. The Zoning Administrator has approved the new wireless panels at 17200 S. Vermont Avenue at a height of 59 feet. Within 60 days after installation, a copy of the radio frequency Certification Form, showing actual RF emissions shall be transmitted to the Office of Zoning Administration. The HGNNC has been notified by AT&T of a new proposed above ground facility at 840 W. 168<sup>th</sup> Street in District 1. Three HGNNC stakeholders attended the Sept. 2 REACT workshop in Woodland Hills on the impact of wireless installations in schools and homes and their health impacts.

(Kande Lewis entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

**6) Consideration of joint Emergency Preparedness classes with Watts NC, Southeast NC, Green Meadows, and other groups:** The Board approved having the series of seven classes held jointly so as to increase attendance and suggested holding the classes on Saturday mornings. The Emergency Preparedness Committee needs to meet to set the dates and location.

(David Ortega entered the meeting at 7:48 p.m.)

**7) Report on the Harbor Alliance meeting of Sept. 1:** Lu Watson and Marvin Bell were the HGNNC representatives. Topics covered included the toll lanes on the 110 Harbor Freeway. California has been awarded \$210 million for this project by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. One out of four drivers will qualify for the "Toll Credit Program" for those with low income. All those using the carpool or high

occupancy vehicle lanes will have to buy a transponder though motorcyclists and cars with two or more riders will not have to pay the toll. Eventually there will be toll roads throughout the State of California.

As part of their outreach advertising, the Harbor City NC purchased a back page ad in the Penny Saver for \$220. An ad can specifically target 9,000 stakeholders in a given area and can be purchased a week ahead of time.

(Leo Youngblood left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.)

**8) Update on changes within the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment:** Councilman Krekorian is having an important meeting to get input on the future of the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment on Sun. Sept. 19 from 1-5 p.m. in Van Nuys. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners is seeking input on Neighborhood Council bylaws at their Mon. September 20 meeting at 11:30 a.m. in City Hall.

**9) Discussion of possible speaker for Tues. Oct. 26 General Membership meeting:** Charlotte Brimmer project manager in the Community Redevelopment Agency's Watts office has asked to speak at the October General Membership meeting on a proposal to extend the current Watts Corridors Project area to include Figueroa between Imperial Highway and 110<sup>th</sup> Street. It was agreed to make her the featured speaker for Oct. 26.

**10) Announcements:** Kandee Lewis reported that on Sat. Oct 2, 2010, Central Area LAPD officers will present their first annual community resources Fair at 1330 West Imperial Hwy from 10 a.m.-3 p.m..

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Neodros Bridgeforth, Corresponding Secretary