

**Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting of January 15, 2008**

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), Willie Blackmon (District 6), Mattie Menser (District 7), Leo Youngblood (District 8), Neodros Bridgeforth (Faith Based Representative), and Eva Cooper (Youth Representative)

Chair Adrian White called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**1) Public Comment:** Luetta Watson summarized the Pilot Planning Oversight Committee and Planning Training Orientation which took place on Sat. January 12. She and Neodros Bridgeforth were among 90 who attended, due to the great interest on the part of neighborhood councils in becoming more knowledgeable and giving voice to local concerns in planning issues. However, only 36 can participate in the first set of training sessions and Neodros Bridgeforth will be the only one from HGNNC this time.

Neodros Bridgeforth reported on the January 5 meeting of the DWP Oversight Committee. The DWP rate increase has been postponed sixty days from January 1, 2008, for further study. The DWP Oversight Committee has expressed concerns about the transfer of revenues from the DWP to other City departments, considers that DWP wages are in excess of prevailing wages and argues that they should be reduced, and urges reductions in overtime costs.

**2) The minutes of the December 18 Board meeting** were approved as corrected. Youngblood (motion), Christmas (second) 12-0

**3) Treasurer's Report:** The January 1, 2008 Neighborhood Council Funding Report was presented and the remaining account balance for HGNNC is \$124,687.23.

Rey Paduani moved and Leo Youngblood seconded a motion to vote to provide other Board members keys to the HGNNC office. After discussion, Rey Paduani withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 12-0 to hire a bookkeeper from AppleOne for up to two hours a week to prepare a monthly statement of balances and expenditures by line item and to assist the treasurer in preparing the quarterly report which DONE requires.

**4) Decision on when to hold the next Board election:** Mark Lewis from DONE explained that since the Neighborhood Council Review Commission had decided to have the City Clerk handle the election procedures for the Neighborhood Councils, at this time, the Board need to decide whether to hold an election either between July to December 2008 or in 2010. Since the current Board was only recently elected after several previous attempts to hold an election, he recommended waiting until 2010. Leo Youngblood moved, Joan Jacobs seconded and it was passed 12-0 to hold the next HGNNC Board election in 2010 and change the bylaws accordingly.

**5) Appointment of two representatives to the Mayor's Budget hearings:** This item was withdrawn as the two representatives, Joan Jacobs and Luetta Watson, were appointed at the November 13 Board meeting

**6) Discussion of activities calendar for January - June 2008:** Rosalie Preston read out the minutes from the Ad Hoc Outreach Committee meeting of Sat. Jan. 12. Adrian White reminded the Board and stakeholders that the purpose of scheduling monthly activities is to outreach to stakeholders who are not now involved and to provide ways for the HGNNC to expend all of its allocated funds for the year. After discussion, there was agreement on using a mixture of food, outreach programs, and issues at the General Membership meetings. Regina White, coordinator for the Black History program on Tues. February 26, outlined the proposed program and food options. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 12-0 to allocate up to \$1000 for food for those attending and up to \$500 for musicians, decorations, and related program expenses.

**7) Creation of standing committees for Bylaws, Planning, and Outreach:** Mark Lewis reminded the Board that no more than five Board members may serve on each committee. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Mattie Menser and passed 12-0 to appoint Mark Lewis, Leo Youngblood, Lu Watson, Betty Hawkins, and Mattie Menser to the Bylaws committee. It was moved by Leo Youngblood, seconded by Rosalie Preston and passed 12-0 to appoint Joan Jacobs, Neodros Bridgeforth, Lu Watson, and Leo Youngblood to the Planning Committee. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Gloria Christmas and passed 12-0 to appoint Adrian Valenzuela, Llewyn Fowlkes, Eva Cooper, Adrian White, Willie Blackmon, and Regina White to the Outreach committee. Committee meetings need to have their agendas posted 72 hours in advance.

**8) Assignment of three City Hall parking passes:** It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Neodros Bridgeforth and passed 12-0 to assign the parking passes to Joan Jacobs, Neodros Bridgeforth, and Luetta Watson.

**Announcements:** Rosalie Preston urged other stakeholders to review the two-volume draft EIR for the proposed WesPac jetfuel pipeline project. Comments are due by February 8.

Lu Watson pointed out the flyers for the community meeting on Proposition S which will be held on Saturday January 26.

Rosalie Preston mentioned the meeting on Wed. Jan. 16 at the Constituent Center which will go into details on how the new Neighborhood Council election procedures will work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston