

**Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils**  
**Meeting Notes – January 7, 2015**  
**Kaiser Permanente Conference Center**  
**Rosalie Preston, Harbor Gateway North, Chair**

**Attendees:** Central San Pedro: Frank Anderson, Alexander Hall, Carrie Scoville, Linda Alexander Coastal San Pedro: James Dimon Harbor City: Eric Deklotz, Greg Donnan, Grant Reed, Olive Reed, Joeann Valle Harbor Gateway North: Rosalie Preston Harbor Gateway South: Katy Carlson , Northwest San Pedro: Diana Nave, Laurie Jacobs

**Others:** Seleta Reynolds & Crystal Killian (Department of Transportation) Thomas Soong (DONE), Jacob Haik (CD 15), Susan Prichard (Wilmington), Tom Williams (LA 32 & Sierra Club)

**Department of Transportation**

Seleta Reynolds, General Manager of the City Department of Transportation since August 2014 introduced herself and discussed their strategic plan. She also expressed interest in working closely with neighborhood councils and other community groups.

One of her biggest challenges is boosting staff morale and providing staff with the training, equipment, and resources needed to do their job. She is the 8<sup>th</sup> general manager in the last 12 years. The Department has lost about 30% of their staff since 2008 and 40% of the 2,000 current staff are eligible to retire within the next three years. They don't have an asset management system nor a project management system and until recently were doing all work orders by hand with triplicate copies.

The strategic plan, entitled "Great Streets for Los Angeles" is available at <http://ladot.lacity.org/WhatWeDo/AboutUs/AnnualReport/index.htm>

The plan sets forth the mission, vision, and values for the Department and sets goals and benchmarks in four areas:

1. A Safe City – adopts Vision Zero, the idea of having 0 deaths due to traffic will look at speed on streets and how to protect bicyclists and pedestrians, particularly the young and elderly
2. A Livable and Sustainable City
  - A complete evaluation of all DASH & Commuter Express Routes – they have sufficient funds for some expansion
  - Goods Movement – will set up a working group with the Port & community; want to improve choke points for truck movement
  - Vehicle Enhanced Networks – streets identified in Mobility Plan as priorities for cars
  - Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
  - Great Streets Initiatives
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3. A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Department
  - Employee engagement and recognition
  - Develop Asset management system
  - Dev Project management system – they have hundreds of accounts and dozens of funders
  - Staff training
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4. Improved Customer service includes rethinking parking signage where there are multiple signs on the same pole.

Discussion covered a number of topics and ideas:

- Problems with trucks on streets, particularly in Harbor City; LAPD and the Port both have specific commercial vehicle units
- Problem of school busses on Alma
- Walking School Buses
- LA County Business Fed did a survey of all businesses in LA County and found that the number one issue through LA was goods movement. DOT will look at things like time of day deliveries, organizing the curb lanes, etc.
- DOT will look at “piloting” changes and study the outcomes so future decisions are based on actual data
- Comment that the mobility element did not reflect the SCIG, Port, and Airport
- Cal Trans should do a study of the 110 corridor
- AT SAC & the Cal Trans equivalent will never be linked
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### **Minimum Wage**

This item was postponed until the Feb meeting

### **DONE Report:**

Tom reported that based on feedback they are making changes to some of the funding forms. The new forms will be distributed in this week’s e-blast. They will continue to invite feedback on how to improve. Additionally the daily bankcard limit will be increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per day.

Tom indicated that the Department is willing to do a promotional video and asked who the department should work with from HANC – It was recommended that he work with the outreach chairs of the various councils. It was also indicated that Dave Behar was a good resource; he put together the sample video.

### **BONC:**

Olive and Grant volunteered to serve on BONC’s Outreach Committee. They would like assistance from the HANC. The Committee is charged with setting up guidelines for NC outreach.

## **CD 15 Update:**

Jacob Haik reported on the Metro Call for Projects that included funding for the 110 study. He indicated they would be glad to have someone give a presentation to HANC on the process.

Jan 16 they will begin resurfacing Sepulveda

Jacob is meeting with the Field Deputies and would like our input on how they can better communicate with the Neighborhood Councils.

Their office loves hearing “crazy ideas”. Feel free to contact him with your ideas

**Budget Advocate Update:** Joan Jacobs was not able to attend but Rosalie reported that Joan is the only remaining rep from the Harbor Area the other two reps having been removed by the other budget advocates for non-attendance. The other advocates were going to appoint two new reps on their own but Joan is trying to come up with an alternative.

## **Sharing:**

- Erik reported that we went to the NC Plan Check Meeting and met someone who would be willing to provide training for us. He would like to know who else is interested. Jacob volunteered that David Roberts might also be available to provide training. The specific topics need to be identified.
- Alexander announced the Homeless Services Count on January 28. They need volunteers to assist. For more information go to [www.theycountwillyou.org](http://www.theycountwillyou.org).
- Diana mentioned the historic meeting that involved representatives of the San Pedro and Wilmington NCs and Chambers (Harbor City NC & Chamber rep got sick at the last minute but is supportive) to agree on a position relative to the Port's proposed funding formula for non-industrial development. The port will be holding two community input meetings: Jan 22, 6 pm at Banning's Landing and Jan 27, 6 pm at POLA
- Presidents & Port committee reps will be meeting with Gene Soroka on Jan 8
- Jan 8, 6 pm meeting at the Croatian Cultural Center re the Gaffey Conceptual Plan/Great Streets Initiative
- Flood Plain Management Plan meeting will be held in Early Feb – Tom will send into to the HANC e-mail address for distribution
- Jan 15, 6:30 pm South Coast AQMD will hold a meeting re air emissions & noxious fumes

**NEXT MEETING:** Wed. Feb 4, Presentation by Mayor's staff on the Minimum Wage proposal. It is Harbor Gateway South's turn to Chair. Katy will speak to the President to determine if they will chair, if not, it would be Central's turn.

Notes taken by Diana Nave, Northwest San Pedro