

**Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils**  
**Meeting Notes – June 4, 2014**  
**Kaiser Permanente Conference Center**  
**Rosalie Preston, Harbor Gateway North, Chair**

**Attendees:** Central San Pedro -- Linda Alexander, Frank B. Anderson, Carrie Scoville  
Coastal San Pedro - Dave Behar, Bob Gelfand Harbor City – Olive Reed, Grant Reed,  
Greg Donnan, Joeann Valle, Eric DeKlotz Harbor Gateway North – Rosalie Preston,  
Ramon Montoya, Maureen Montoya Harbor Gateway South – Olivia Vasquez,  
Northwest San Pedro – Ray Regalado, Carolyn Grayson, Ashley Grayson, Melanie  
Real, Alexis Stumpf

**Others:** Octaviano Rios (Mayor's Office), Victor Medina (BONC) Grayce Liu (DONE),  
Doug Epperhart

**Presentation with Dr. Lucy Jones:** Dr. Jones from the U.S. Geological Survey discussed her current project of working with the City of Los Angeles to recommend policies and priorities for the City to prepare for major earthquake damage so that the City will be a liveable place after that event. It is very important to develop a plan and invest in protecting our infrastructures, resources, and the economy for long-term sustainability (“urban disaster resilience.”)

**NCPAC Meeting - Linda Alexander:** The three San Pedro NC's and Harbor City have been meeting to draft guidelines and purpose for this group. The next meeting is June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the fire station in San Pedro. It will be open to the public and there will be a tour of the station after the meeting. They would also like Wilmington Neighborhood Council to become involved.

**DONE - Grayce Liu:** The City Council has approved checking accounts for Neighborhood Councils; it took about a year to approve. Hopefully by next week they can begin to open checking accounts and complete all accounts by July 1. The checking account will be with Union Bank. With checking accounts, in the future, the NC's will have access to their money longer than with the current financial arrangements. Currently DONE staff is completely overwhelmed because many NC's waited until the last minute to spend their remaining funds. Grayce suggested better budget planning on the part of the NC's to spend their money more evenly throughout the fiscal year would benefit everyone. After the fiscal year closes, DONE will send out a self assessment as to what worked and didn't work in terms of spending funds. Regarding the posting policy, you may want to amend your bylaws to clean up the language to reflect the new posting policy. She handed out and discussed the “Prohibition against Bullying and Harassment between Neighborhood Council Members” draft from BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) and the proposed resolution “Training for Neighborhood Council Members” draft from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The Commission is looking to train NC's members about sexual harassment and bullying when it comes to resolving issues. If DONE gets involved in facilitating NC Board issues, they would possibly include the City Attorney's office to handle NC member disputes. Please review the drafts and provide input.

**BONC Update - Victor Media:** Victor Medina wants to make sure you give input on the BONC's draft "Prohibition against Bullying and Harassment between Neighborhood Council Board Members" and the proposed resolution from DONE "Training for Neighborhood Council Members". It is important to get everyone in on this policy. Victor will be going to all NC's to help by giving any assistance they may need. DONE and BONC recognize that most NC's don't have these problems, but in some cases too many grievances are filed so something needs to be in place to address the issues. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners will meet on Tues. July 1 at 6pm in Mar Vista and comment can be made there on the two versions of the proposed new policy. Or you can submit feedback and suggestions in an email. Deadline for input and requests will be by July 1, 2014.

**LA CITY ATTORNEY - Carmen Hawkins:** Discussed the draft "Prohibition against Bullying and Harassment between Neighborhood Council Board Members" and Proposed Resolution "Training for Neighborhood Council Members". On Tues. June 24 the City Attorney's office will present their revitalized neighborhood prosecutors program in San Pedro. The office is about to adopt a citywide social media policy which Neighborhood Councils would be subject to. Basically the guidelines would be how to conduct ourselves in the social media. There will be suggested best practices. Law Clerk Timothy Conner was introduced. Paralegal Michael Evans will help organize with NC's to make sure logos/trademarks are up to date. He will be working with everyone as there were too many instances where NC's designed logos were used for personal projects or illegally copied by outside groups.

**MAYOR OFFICE UPDATE - Octaviano Rios:** Octaviano Rios discussed the Great Streets Initiative and said that Gaffey Street was included in the first round of fifteen selected streets. Also the Mayor's Open Data Portal has launched and will give everyone raw data of city information. Chief Charlie Beck of the LAPD is requesting five more years in his position. There will be a series of meetings throughout Los Angeles to take public comment on renewing his contract. However no meetings will occur in the Harbor area and the closest meeting will be at Westchester. You can also email comments about Chief Beck. The gun buy-back program was a success. A total of 950 firearms were collected. The Mayor has nominated Gene Seroka as the next Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles.

**SHARING/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There was discussion about how best to advertise to stakeholders that the City Attorney will be at the June 24<sup>th</sup> event. Katy Carlson from Harbor Gateway South NC recommended all to visit LAPD Harbor station to see the memorial for fallen officers. Rosalie Preston from Harbor Gateway North invited all to attend the "Town Hall on Oil Production Issues" meeting on Saturday, June 7 at 10am to 12 pm at 135<sup>th</sup> Street School Auditorium, 801 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Gardena.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wed. July 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Olivia Vasquez – Harbor Gateway South