

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2014

Chair: Alexander Hall, Central San Pedro

Notes: Sonya Tsujimura, Coastal San Pedro

Attendance: Central San Pedro: Alexander Hall, Frank Anderson, Linda Alexander; Coastal San Pedro: Sonya Tsujimura, Dave Behar, Bob Gelfand; Harbor City: Olive Reed, Grant Reed, Greg Donnan, Rich Alves, Linda Alves; Harbor Gateway North: Rosalie Preston, Joan Jacobs, Lu Watson, Harbor Gateway South: Erik Beerman, Katy Carlson; Northwest San Pedro: Diana Nave

Other: LA City Attorney's Office: Lauren Halligan, Panagiotis Panagioton, Jacquelyn Horton; Street Services: Aida Valencia; 35th Senate District: Bill Orton; South Coast AQMD: Leeor Alpern; DONE: Tom Soong

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Harbor Area Blitz – Aida Valencia, Bureau of Street Services

- The Bureau of Street Services will be doing a Harbor Area blitz. Each Neighborhood Council in the Harbor Area will be allotted a pothole truck for one day. The pothole truck can do small asphalt repair work, including potholes and some small sidewalk repair, such as ramping. The blitz will begin around October 1st. NC Executive Boards will be contacted by September 15 and will be asked to give information on where they would like the repairs to be done. Recommended areas besides well-known potholes include high volume pedestrian traffic areas and near schools. The pothole trucks can focus on one area or repair different areas within the NC boundary during their one-day visit.

3. Neighborhood Prosecutor – Lauren Halligan, Jackie Horton and Pan

- Ms. Halligan is the Harbor Division Neighborhood Prosecutor and she works with the Senior Lead Officer of the LAPD. The Neighborhood Prosecutors focus on quality of life crimes and work outside of the traditional methods to resolve them. They work with community groups to find solutions outside of the traditional court system. For example, they can work on homeless encampments, drinking in public, feral cats, skateboarders, and abandoned homes. Some of the agencies they would work with to address these issues include Building and Safety, Housing Department, Animal Services, Public Health, and Rec and Parks.
- The Neighborhood Prosecutors also use the mediation process for disputes and will be using the new Community Court program, called the Neighborhood Justice Program. One of the five new Community Court locations will be in San Pedro. The Community Court will be a way to handle low-level crimes, and community members will serve as jurors. They are currently looking for jurors; it is a 4-hour per month commitment, along with a one-day training.
- Pan then spoke about gangs and gang activity in the Harbor area. He explained the gang injunction lawsuit and what the legal process is to get a gang injunction. There has been a 40-60% decrease in gang related crimes in the past 8 years in the Harbor.
- Jackie Horton is the Community Resource Specialist for the South Bureau. She handles calls about problems and then gets the City to work on those issues. She also does community engagement such as town hall meetings and acquires the help of the City Attorney when needed.

4. AQMD – Leeor Alpern, Senior Public Information Specialist

- Mr. Alpern announced that on September 6th, the Air Quality Management District is holding an Electric Lawnmower Exchange Program and encouraged the NCs to do outreach.

5. DONE Update – Thomas Soong

- The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Mayor and all the Board Members will be there. There will be workshops and an action session. Each Alliance will give a presentation. Alexander Hall will work on the HANC power point.
- Joe Hari (sp?) will be leaving the Department. Tom Harvey will be transferring over to the field.
- Thank you for coming to the Ethics and Funding Training
- Deadline was September 1 for the budget packets
- The changes in the checking account system were made in order to get things paid in a more timely manner
- There is a new checklist made by the City Attorney for when you put on an event. Be sure to do paperwork for events well in advance (at least) 30 days recommended), including the “Funding Request Form”. Ask Jeff Burrill about any questions about putting on an event and any insurance related questions.
- The bylaw moratorium has been lifted so now is the time for the NCs to adjust their bylaws.
- People have been visiting from all over the world to see how the NC system works including recent visitors from Afghanistan, East Asia and Africa.

6. Budget Advocate Update – Joan Jacobs

- The budget advocate should always be in touch with the Budget Reps. Some NCs only have one budget rep, not two.
- Diana will send an email asking for the names of the budget reps not on record.
- The Budget Advocates had a retreat on Saturday, August 23. They discussed survey results, allocation of funds, and financial reports. They will be having two meetings per month. The next one will be September 6.

7. Announcements

- There will be a meeting Monday, September 8th at the Northwest San Pedro NC where there will be a pro/con discussion of fracking.
- The Harbor City NC will be having their selections on September 17.
- The Harbor City NC will be receiving an award from BONC for the fence along Western Ave.
- Harbor Gateway South NC will have their selections September 11.

8. Next Meeting

- Diana proposed that at the next HANC meeting we invite the new economic development person from Joe Buscaino’s office.
- Recode LA
- The City Controller will be here in November
- Coastal will be the Chair, Harbor City will take notes