

# Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

## NOTES: JANUARY 8, 2014

**CHAIR: MIGUEL CORDOVA, HARBOR GATEWAY SOUTH**  
**Notes: Diana Nave, Northwest**

**ATTENDANCE:** Central San Pedro: Allyson Vought, Linda Alexander, Frank Anderson; Coastal San Pedro: Dave Behar; Harbor City: Greg Donnan; Harbor Gateway North: Rosalie Preston, Lu Watson, Joan Jacobs; Harbor Gateway South: Miguel Cordova, Katy Carlson; Northwest San Pedro: Diana Nave, Pat Nave; Other: Joe Hari (Empower LA), Joseph Martinez (LAUSD District 7), Octaviano Rios (Mayor's Office); Irene Mendoza (Svorinich)

### **CITYWIDE RESTRICTIONS ON FRACKING**

Rosalie Preston distributed a motions (CF 13-1152-S1) and a resolution (CF-0002-S149) recently introduced at City Council and urged NCs to review and consider submitting community impact statements.

Harbor Gateway North got involved in this issue when property owners there received notices that a company was doing imaging under their property to determine if fracking would be viable. According to Rosalie, the testing resulted in vibrations, cracking of interior and exterior plaster, and cracking of driveways. The company doing the work in Harbor Gateway had a permit through the City's Bureau of Engineering. HGNNC is reviewing that permit to see what it says about liability.

At the state level, the Department of Oil Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) has oversight of fracking, however their current authority is extremely limited. DOGGR indicated that there was nothing they could do since they only have a role, and a very limited one at that, after production starts. DOGGR is holding a series of hearings around the state to look at their role. The one in this area was last Monday, however, comments can still be submitted to their website.

Recently passed SB 4 deals with fracking but many environmental groups think that it did not go far enough.

Fracking increases the possibility of earthquakes and groundwater pollution. According to Pat Nave, Subsidence related to oil extraction was a contributing cfactor, if not the cause, of the 1933 Long Beach earthquake. Oil extraction in the harbor can cause movement of up to 1 foot in a 6-month period making it difficult to operate cranes.

Assembllymember Muratsachi recently voted for a moratorium on fracking because the companies refused to provide information on the chemicals used saying it is proprietary information.

Allyson Vought asked NCs to review the issue factually and not just respond emotionally.

The issue is pending before HGNNC and Rosalie will forward their position once adopted.

### **PROPOSED FORMATION OF A PORT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dave Behar presented his proposed motion and outline for a Los Angeles Port Advisory Council. While generally in agreement with the idea of creating a mechanism for Neighborhood Councils to interact with the Port particularly in relationship to EIRs, the general sense was that there needed to be more discussion of the details. Dave, Linda Alexander, Pat Nave, and anyone else who is interested will meet to flesh out more details and resolve differences in approach.

## **DONE UPDATE – JOE HARI**

### Performance Metrics

Each Department of the City had to submit to the Mayor proposed metrics by which it will be measured. DONE submitted two metrics:

- Increase in Community Impact Statements submitted from 216 in 2012-13 to 300 in 2013-14. Joe expressed concern about reaching this goal since to date there have only been 50 – 60 submitted
- Increase in NC election turnout by 15% over last year
- Joe asked that we submit other ideas about how to measure success

### Elections/Selections

Wilmington will have elections on Sat May 3; Northwest & Harbor Gateway North will have elections on Tue May 6. The dates for selections will be set by the individual councils doing selection. The IEA for this area is [Rashad@empowerla.org](mailto:Rashad@empowerla.org). For elections candidate filing opens Feb 20 and closes March 24.

Diana election outreach will be done by DONE including insertions into DWP bills. Joe will need to find out and report back to us on this.

There is a new definition of stakeholder. “Factual Basis” has been replaced by “community Interest” defined as a substantial and ongoing interest. Need to ask the election team at DONE to clarify what this means. Every NC must have at least one “Community Interest” seat.

### DONE Budget

DONE has submitted their proposed budget to the City which includes a request to restore NCs to the full \$50,000 level and several additional positions at DONE. Their proposed budget is available on their website.

### Funding

Expect Checking Accounts to start in February.

### Motions Before BONC

The motion regarding reducing the number of posting locations is still pending and will be reconsidered at the Feb 4 meeting that will be held in South Los Angeles.

Of the 8 remaining motions 5 have been passed by the commission and will now go to Education and Neighborhoods. NCs should consider submitting CIS's on these. They include:

- Early Notification System
- Ability of NCs to initiate council files
- Inclusion of Community Impact Statement language on agendas
- Allowing NCs 5 minutes at the beginning of the public speaking time to present positions on which the Council has acted
- Keeping unspent funds within the system, not sweeping them

The recommendation regarding training and leadership development will be considered by BONC at its Feb 4 meeting.

The recommendation that BONC look at best practices for monitoring of City Services will be considered by them at their retreat in late Feb.

The last motion, regarding Neighborhood Council Elections is moot since City Council has already implemented this recommendation.

#### Other

- Joe distributed two handouts – Outreach Fundamentals and How to Submit a Community Impact Statement. He will also send an electronic copy to HANC
- Dave Behar and Greg Donan raised concerns about the relationship between DONE and NextDoor and expressed concern that they feel it is being imposed on NCs. Diana asked if someone could explain at a future meeting how NCs can access/use NextDoor (a technical question, not a philosophic one).
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The challenge is finding quantifiable measures by which we can set goals and measure results. Do you have any additional recommendations on how else the City can measure NC success?

- Thank you."

#### **MAYOR'S OFFICE – OCTAVIANO RIOS** **[Octaviano.rios@lacity.org](mailto:Octaviano.rios@lacity.org) 213-473-2388**

- Octaviano distributed copies of the directive on the Great Streets Initiative and suggested that NCs might want to submit suggestions for streets to [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org). He indicated that there has already been some advocacy for including 6<sup>th</sup> Street in San Pedro.
- Mayor issued a directive regarding cybersecurity – Octaviano will send link to HANC
- He also distributed information about the directive to City Departments that, as a part of increased transparency, they collect data that they generate and prepare it for posting on a city website which will go live in early 2014. Octaviano will forward the website address once it is live.
- He will forward an electronic copy of all three directives to HANC

- He is now keeping open door office hours at San Pedro City Hall every Wed from 2-5 pm. He is available to meet at other times by appointment.
- The Mayor is holding three Budget Days where his Budget Person will speak about Performance Based Budgeting. The one in South LA/Harbor is scheduled for Jan 23 from 6-8 pm. Location to be announced.
- The Korean Bell is being rededicated this Fri at 9am

### **LAUSD – Joe Martinez, Office of Dr. Vladavic**

The Board of Education is holding a Budget Priorities Townhall Meeting at 6 pm on Feb 5 at Narbonne High School (auditorium), 24300 S. Western. The purpose is to increase the community's understanding of the State and LAUSD budgets, as well as gather community feedback on the priorities for LAUSD expenditures.

Diana and Greg asked Joe to report back on the status of funding for the Science Center in San Pedro.

### **SHARING, ETC**

- Harbor Gateway North in conjunction with other groups is hosting a Figueroa Corridor Business Breakfast to encourage more economic development along the corridor (where there are currently a lot of empty buildings) including information on how the City can help existing businesses.
- Coastal NC is holding a Public Safety Summit in conjunction with LAPD Jan 25 from 1-5 at the Elks Club.
- CERT classes started this past Monday

**NEXT MEETING – Feb. 5,** Northwest to Chair, Central SP to take notes