

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
Meeting Notes – May 4, 2016
Kaiser Permanente Conference Center
Diana Nave, Northwest San Pedro NC, Chair

Attendees: Central San Pedro – Frank Anderson, Harbor City – Greg Donnan, Eric Deklotz, Grant Reed, Joann Valle and Brandii Grace, Harbor Gateway North – Rosalie Preston, Joan Jacobs, Lu Watson, Harbor Gateway South – Katy Carlson, Northwest San Pedro – Diana Nave, Laurie Jacobs, Lee Williams and Ray Regalado

Others: Manny Lopez (Mayor’s Office), Lorenzo Briceno and Octaviano Rios (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment), Olive Reed, and Sheryl Akerblom,

Mayor’s Office – Manny Lopez said that he is in his San Pedro office at San Pedro City Hall every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and during the afternoons. He encouraged Neighborhood Councils to invite Mayor Garcetti to your meetings and events. Hearings are going on now to review the Mayor’s proposed 2016-2017 budget. The schedule of which Department’s budgets are up for review are posted on the City’s website. The Mayor gave his State of the City report in Harbor City and it can be viewed online. He then reported on a number of the Mayor’s initiatives, including the YMCA offering free memberships to teens ages 12-17 during the summer, May 4 opening of the online application for 15,000 summer jobs under the Hire LA Youth program for ages 14-24, Clean Streets app which grades the cleanliness of each street in the City, and the Mayor’s monthly newsletter which comes out at the beginning of each month. Neighborhood Councils can send items for the monthly newsletter to Emmanuelle.lopez@lacity.org. He will be including Neighborhood Council election information in the next issue. He will be emailing his report to HANC for forwarding to all Neighborhood Councils.

Effective Community Impact Statements – EmpowerLA staff member Lorenzo Briceno presented a PowerPoint explanation of how to formulate, submit, and publicize Community Impact Statements. When typing the information into the online form, be sure to select “City Councils and Committees” as the group to be submitted to so that your CIS filing is tracked and shows up on Council and Committee agendas. If you want to submit the CIS to one of the City’s Commissions, ask Councilmember Buscaino to ask the Commission for a report so that a File Number is created. A Neighborhood Council has the option to designate “against,” “against unless amended,” “for,” “for if amended,” “neutral position”, or “no position.” Make the wording of your position on the CIS succinct. Once the CIS is submitted, then lobby your elected officials to support your position. Then subscribe to receive updates on that particular Council File and send your position as a resolution or letter to all relevant Committee members.

It was asked whether there could be a tracking method to show which City Councilmembers and agencies open and view the filings. Another question was whether there could be a summary of Council Files showing how many Neighborhood Councils have filed CIS’s for those Files, a type of “scorecard.” Another person suggested that there needs to be a way to go back into the filing record to correct any errors made in the initial CIS filing.

It is possible to search the Council File management system to view how many Community Impact Statements have been filed by each Neighborhood Council.

One Neighborhood Council has the relevant Committee review the Council File and write the position statement which then is recommended to the NC Board for adoption. The Committee is then assigned to follow up on what happens to the issue as it goes through the City Council process.

Some Neighborhood Councils want to know what impact the filing of a CIS has on the Council offices. Lorenzo said that he will do a survey of the Deputy Chiefs of Staff for the fifteen Council members to find out what they are looking for in CIS filings.

DONE update: Octaviano Rios noted that all of the Harbor Area selections/elections are scheduled during June (except Coastal which is in May). Pop Up online voting locations will be scheduled throughout the City, with one tablet used to register voters and another to vote on. The Downtown LA Neighborhood Council recently held a pop-up location and registered 300 voters. They are expecting even more voters to participate at their in-person polling location.

Report from Retreat with Councilmember Buscaino -- Ray Regalado said that the notes taken at the HANC Retreat would be coming out at the end of the week for distribution to all Neighborhood Councils. There will also be a survey to poll Neighborhood Council Boards on which issues need further discussion. Ten City Departments were invited to attend, but only four sent representatives (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment, Department of Water and Power, Fire Department, and Recreation and Parks Department). There is a desire on the part of Neighborhood Councils to have better partnerships with all City Departments and elected officials and City leadership. The goal would be to have such a retreat once a year. There was a discussion of how the invitation was sent out and to whom. Many HANC members had thought that all Board members and active stakeholders were to have been invited, but in the end, NC's were asked to select two representatives, plus an alternate. The entire HANC list will receive the notes from the April 23 Retreat.

Sharing: Joann Valle of Harbor City reported that Maxine Waters sponsored an excellent student art exhibition at the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Branch Library.

Northwest San Pedro is again holding its annual Pathways to Employment on Sat. May 14 at San Pedro High School, Olguin Campus from 8:30 am to 3 pm. It features employment preparation and job opportunities for those ages 16-24.

NEXT MEETING: June 1, will include a follow-up on the April 23 HANC Retreat with Councilmember Buscaino. As a result it was agreed that Ray Regalado will chair.

Notes taken by Rosalie Preston – Harbor Gateway North