

# Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2015

Chair: James Dimon, Coastal San Pedro

Notes: Greg Donnan, Harbor City

Attendance: Central San Pedro: James Preston Allen, Frank Anderson, Karen Ceaser, Debbie Rouser; Coastal San Pedro: James Dimon, James Baeza; Harbor City: Greg Donnan, Eric Deklotz, Grant Reed, Olive Reed; Harbor Gateway North: Rosalie Preston, Joan Jacobs, Lu Watson; Harbor Gateway South: Katy Carlson; Northwest San Pedro: Diana Nave, Ray Regalado.

Other: DONE: Tom Soong; BONC: Victor Medina; LAPD: Dep Chief Willaim Scott, Commander Phillip Tingirides, Commander John Sherman, Capt. Meek, Lt. Paul McKechinte, Ofcfrs Frank Lopez, Wright, Monica Mora, Robelio Perez; Stakeholders: Linda Alexander, Bob Garcia, Sunny Lopez.

## 1. Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM. Introductions were made.

## 2. Dialogue with LAPD (Commander John Sherman, Asst South Bureau Commander Phil Tingrides, South Bureau Chief William Scott & Harbor Captain Kathy Meek) including staffing, unused jail, and policies regarding the frequent changes of personnel in the Harbor area

There were 116,000 arrests last year city wide. There are 10 jails – these are “2-day” jails. Two of these jails were built in 2009/2010, and the Harbor jail was one of them. There has been a freeze on hiring jailers until only recently. Jailers make significantly less than LAPD Officers. Due to the freeze, 75 police officers were loaned out to assume detention officer duties. 5 of the 10 LA City jails have been closed, and again Harbor jail is one of them (5 jails are open). The first strategy is to return the 75 officers back to the field.

27 jailers have been hired and are now working. Another class will start in June for a three-month training. LAPD is requesting funding in the 2015/2016 budget for 57 positions which would enable them to start reopening the 5 closed jails. There is no timeline for reopening those jails. Advertising, hiring, training & deploying for these positions is very cumbersome and takes a long period of time to accomplish, LAPD will decide where the new jailers will go.

Questions as to cost arose as pertains to the pay rates of the jailers and the time and costs associated with transporting individuals to 77<sup>th</sup> Street. Real concerns were brought up as to what the real costs are to open the Harbor jail. The facts and costs were not disclosed. Utilizing Reserve Officers as jailers was suggested. In order to use these Reserve Officers they would need to undergo the same training as a jailer. There are 400 to 500 Reserve Officers, they have their own lives as far as showing up for consistent work.

Harbor jail needs 26 jailers to operate, and there is no medical component.

Police officers from Harbor Division can use Fastrack to transport individuals to 77<sup>th</sup> Division, thus saving time.

Harbor Division had 4500 arrests last year (2014).

It was also mentioned that the politicians have wants for their areas, but it is the LAPD that decides where their resources go using a computer program.

There is a new situation room located directly across from Chief Beck's office and they meet there every morning.

Harbor Division has lost around 30 officers over the last few years:

The tenure for a command officer is 3 -4 years (Capt). Deployment is based on the squeaking wheel for all officers. Every 28 days 250-500 officers are moved system wide.

Devonshire, West Valley, and Topanga all have active volunteer teams that can free up some officer time.

7,000 officer cameras have been deployed in the last 12 months.

### **.BONC Update - Victor Medina**

He voted against on-line voting. Questions were brought up as to why the NCs were not approached on this voting issue.

Each NC is to send 2 members to the Civil University and they must attend all 3 meetings.

Make sure that all NC agendas are sent in.

### **DONE Update - Thomas Soong**

NCs do not have to do on-line voting – It depends on what the Stakeholders want.

Each NC By-laws need to be looked at as to how abstentions are recorded either as a Yes or No vote.

1 person from each NC (Board member or Stakeholder) has to be on the Grievance Panel other than its President.

Each NC needs to consider if an orientation is necessary before people can run for a Board seat.

The NC Administration & 2016 Elections Procedures Stipulation Worksheet has to be turned in before 7/1/15.

The Code of Ethics document needs to be signed and turned in by 4/5/15 else Board members will be suspended or removed from their NC.

### **3. Budget Advocate Update - Joan Jacobs**

Nothing to report other than waiting for the new meeting date.

### **4. Sharing**

There is a new Fracking group forming in San Pedro headed by the ILWU.

Pathway to Employment workshop for youth will be held 4/25/15

We need a volunteer to assume Lynn Lyons duties for 3 months through the August HANC meeting.

### **5. Next Meeting - May 6<sup>th</sup>, Harbor City to Chair**

Send in agenda items

Harbor Gateway North to take notes.

### **Meeting Adjourned @ 9:40 PM.**

See everyone and more at the next meeting.