

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2014

Chair: James Diamon, Coastal San Pedro

Notes: Greg Donnan, Harbor City

Attendance: Central San Pedro: Alexander Hall, Frank Anderson, Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu Coastal San Pedro: James Dimon; Sonya Tsujimura, Dave Behar, Bob Gelfand; Harbor City: Greg Donnan, Eric Deklotz; Harbor Gateway North: Rosalie Preston, Joan Jacobs; Harbor Gateway South: Katy Carlson, Olivia Vasquez; Northwest San Pedro: Diana Nave, Laurie Jacobs.

Other: LA City Attorney's Office: Carmen Hawkins; DONE: Tom Soong; LA City Mayor's Office: Octaviano Rios; LA City Council Office #15: Jacob Haik, David Roberts; Sierra Club: Tom Williams; USC Sea Grant Program: Linda Chilton, Juliette Hart; Others: Rich & Linda Alves.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Introductions were made.

2. Flood Plain Mapping Update – Dr. Tom Williams, Sierra Club

The City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Public Works is currently updating the Floodplain Management Plan. Tom is not a representative of the Department but is encouraging public input to the Department. Flooding considerations include storm watercapture, rainfall amounts, and sea level changes as concerns flood drainage back up. A good management plan could result in flood insurance rate decreases. Neighborhood Council help and feedback is welcome. He can be contacted at ctwilliams2012@yahoo.com, phone: 323-528-9682.

Juliette Hart announced that the **USC Sea Grant Program** is having a public meeting at the Wilmington Senior Center on 10/28/14 concerning the consequences of climate change on the LA coastal area. For more information contact Juliette at jahart@usc.edu, phone: 424-241-2457.

3. Council District #15 – Jacob Haik and Dave Roberts

Jacob introduced David Roberts who is the new Economic Development & Planning Director.

David mentioned that he has held the similar position with LA County Supervisors Bernard Parks & Mark Ridley Thomas. He will be looking at the Community Plans to better serve the placement of businesses while listening to the area citizens. David's 3 most important issues are Land Use, Local Government, and a conglomerate of other interactive issues.

The audience discussed some zoning issues with Dave. David can be reached at david.a.roberts@lacity.org, phone: 213-473-7015.

4. Motions to be Considered – Diana Nave

Diana presented three of the 10 motions that the Valley Alliance distributed at the Congress. and asked other Alliances and individual NCs to support.

a) A motion was made for Neighborhood Councils and Alliances to have at least 5 minutes to testify before the LA City Council and LA City Council Committees. The motion was amended to request at least 10 minutes. The amended motion passed unanimously.

b) A motion was made to allow Neighborhood Councils to carry over NC funds from one fiscal year to the next. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

c) A motion was made to require LA City Departments to have designated Liaisons with Neighborhood Councils. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. DONE Update – Thomas Soong

The change to the checking account system has resulted in increased paperwork and a more visibility of liability issues, particularly as they relate to events. Let DONE know ahead of time for expenditures for November and December events in order for DONE to help with any paper work.

The City Attorney, Carmen Hawkins, explained that a lot of changes have taken place – new Mayor, City Attorney, etc. - with new accounting rules, and that some NC Council actions are raising liability questions. She wants to have as much lead time as possible for any events being held and suggests partnering with non-profits writing them a check for the event so that they have the liability or partnering with the Council Office. She reminded us that NCs do not have the authority to sign any contracts, those must go through the City Attorney. And she mentioned that rollover money for NCs is a LA City Council issue. Diana suggested having a liaison from each of the NCs to meet with the City Attorney.

6. Discussion of the Congress and the HANC Video – Rosalie Preston

The HANC presentation at the Congress was a video to promote NCs shot at the Congress and around San Pedro. Rosalie made a motion to recommend that Empower LA to produce videos to promote NCs. Discussion ensued about videos of NCs be done via DONE utilizing the Alliances to promote the Neighborhood Council areas.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Video Outreach Campaign – Dave Behar

Dave proposed a citywide outreach campaign for Angelinos to learn more about each NC and Alliance, a preliminary video was played as mentioned in item 6 above. Dave presented a sample motion for this "Big Idea":

" _____ Neighborhood Council, will provide a minimum of \$1,500.00 for a multi-platform, unified City-Wide Neighborhood Council "NC" Outreach Campaign, to be supported by each NC throughout the City of Los Angeles, to better enable millions of Angelenos to learn more each NC and Alliance, and engage in serving on and/or attending NC meetings as a stakeholder."

There was a discussion that DONE might not be the best at doing this project. Most likely they would bid it out. Victor Medina, the Harbor area BONC Representative, suggested partnering with LA Council District 15. Jacob Haik agreed that DONE might not be the best avenue for this program. It was suggested that the HANC should do this project for the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils. It was also recommended that the presented video be put on each Harbor Area NC Web Site. It was noted

that the Boys and Girls Club has an amazing video capacity. PSAs were recommended, also the possibility of running a trailer in the local movie theaters.

This item is to be taken back to each NC for discussion and possible motion. Dave is willing to present at Outreach Committee meetings. Will be an agenda item at Nov. HANC Meeting.

8. BONC Update – Victor Medina

Victor thanked and congratulated the Harbor City Neighborhood Council for submitting and winning a Award at the Congress for their Safety Program.

BONC passed the Code of Conduct Policy. DONE is currently developing the implementation policy but anticipates that each Board member will be required to sign that the Member received it.

BONC wants all NCs Meeting and Committee Meeting Notices submitted to the ENS System.

9. Mayor's Office - Octaviano Rios

Octaviano talked about the proposed minimum wage increase and upcoming community meetings where it will be discussed. He asked if HANC would like a presentation and it was decided to combine such a presentation with the Controller's Presentation at the Dec meeting. Octaviano will speak with the Business Team about this. He also distributed petitions to sign in support of "Raise The Wage LA". The petitions and more information, including a study of the impacts, can be found at www.RaiseTheWageLA.org.

10. Budget Advocate Update – Joan Jacobs

There are 6 video cameras purchased by the Budget Advocates that are available to record Budget Committee meetings and NCs meetings.

Budget Advocates have scheduled their own Regional Budget Days. The Harbor Area Budget meeting is going to be in Baldwin Hills, is open to anyone, and the date is to be announced. Craig Goldfarb asked Joan to express his reservations about the regional meetings.

11. Sharing

Oct 11 & 12 – San Pedro International Film Festival. Sunday evening they will be showing Endless Summer.

October 12th – Councilmember Buscaino's Annual Community Spaghetti Dinner (free). Park in Dana Middle School. 1 PM (free) at the Italian Women's Club on 19th Street. Guest speakers, jumpers, and fun will be there. Buses provided

Need to move December meeting. First choice is Harbor Dept, Second Choice is Harbor College.

12. Next Meeting – November 5, Harbor City to Chair

Presentation on ReCode LA

Harbor Gateway North to take notes.

13. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:46 PM.