

**Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**October 3, 2012**  
**Kaiser Permanente Conference Center**  
**25965 S. Normandie Ave., Harbor City, CA**

**Attendees:** Harbor Gateway North NC – Rosalie Preston (CHAIR); Central San Pedro NC –Carrie Scoville, Allyson Vought, Northwest San Pedro NC – Diana Nave, Harbor Gateway South NC - Jane Tokubo; Katy Carlson, Coastal San Pedro – Lydia Gutierrez

Other – Grayce Liu, Armando Ruiz, Joe Hari (DONE)

DONE GM Search Update

Deputy Mayor Tori Osborne was unable to attend, however she called Diana and told her that barring some unforeseen circumstance, Grayce will be appointed as the next General Manager of DONE as soon as she has completed 90 days on the job which will occur in early November. 81 of the 95 Neighborhood Councils sent letters of recommendation for her either individually or as part of an Alliance. Additionally, there was a tremendous outpouring of support for her appointment at the Congress and the Mayor has been pleased with her leadership thus far.

**DONE Update:**

Joe Hari, new Project Coordinator [Joseph.Hari@lacity.org](mailto:Joseph.Hari@lacity.org) 213-978-1551

Joe has been on the job for less than 2 weeks. He was previously the West Los Angeles Director for the Mayor and helped with the NC Budget Advocate process. His focus will be on working with NCs on policy issues and he will continue to work with the budget advocates.

BUDGET DAY IS NOV 17 from 8:00 – 12:00 at City Hall. All NCs should appoint their two budget reps soon and encourage all board members and stakeholders to attend budget day.

Armando Ruiz, Funding Program Director [Armando.ruiz@lacity.org](mailto:Armando.ruiz@lacity.org) 213-978-1551

Armando has been in this position for about a month. He spent 11 years in the Housing Department. He is working to simplify the funding system including trying to get electronic statements from US BANK and developing an easier reconciliation process. He provided each NC with a spreadsheet showing all of their expenditures from 7/1/11 through 9/13/12. If NCs can show that they can consistently get the accounting correct, the Department will advocate for bringing back checking accounts.

They are working to increase transparency in all aspects of the system and will be putting the NC Budgets up on the website.

## Grayce Liu

Grayce congratulated Rosalie and Harbor Gateway North on receipt of the Empower LA Award. They won the award for their successful organizing against a local developer.

The City is projecting the deficits to last until 2016. This year they have asked each Department to submit a budget with 10% cuts. She anticipates that NCs will be asked to take another cut. She is working to bring back the donation ordinance so that NCs will be able to raise their own funds.

A Harbor Area liaison has not yet been appointed. In the meantime questions should be addressed to [ncsupport@lacity.org](mailto:ncsupport@lacity.org)

## Funding /Expenditures

The Dept is almost caught up on last year's demand warrant and will soon start processing those from the current year. The Dept. budgeted \$125,000 to develop an electronic platform with real time budget/expenditure data. It will also have a program to track and post answers to questions and an electronic resource manual. Anticipate that a vendor will be selected in 3-4 months. NCs should have input into the development.

## COEA Motions

Diana introduced two motions with regard to the Environmental Review Process. Both were Seconded by Jane.

The first motion requested that the City, in accordance with the Early Notification Requirements for NCs, extend the time for comment on all Draft EIRs to a minimum of 90 days.

The second motion requested that the City require that a copy of all draft Mitigated Negative Declarations be sent to the affected Neighborhood Council and that the time for comment be extended to a minimum of 45 days.

Harbor Gateway North, Harbor Gateway South, and Coastal voted yes on both. Central and Northwest will need to take to their respective Councils.

Each Council was asked to do a similar motion and Diana sent copies of the draft resolutions from Northwest to the HANC members. In addition, the resolutions will be sent to LANCC for their consideration.

## Elections/Selections:

- Harbor Gateway South had 15 candidates for 15 seats and the candidates were selected by affirmation. Their election committee also served as a nominating committee and

actively recruited candidates. About 40 people voted. They have a new President and Jane will be Vice-President. Jane thanked Carrie for doing such a good job as the independent administrator in conducting both the candidate's forum and the selection itself. Warren Furatani will swear-in the new members on Oct 11. Grayce indicated that there is a new, shorter version, of the oath of office. This was subsequently forwarded to the HANC.

- Harbor City's Selection was conducted by Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to several Councils. Kristina also helped with their outreach and recruited heavily from the Chamber list. They had several contested seats.
- Harbor Gateway North will hold their election on Sat Oct. 20. HGN has 17 open seats, of which, 4 are contested and 2 have no candidates. Their goal is to have a turn out of 300.
- Wilmington will also hold their election on Oct 20, however they will be voting on only 3 seats.
- The City Clerk will be conducting a post Election Survey with a due date in January

#### **Removal of Neighborhood Prosecutor:**

Northwest SP, Harbor Gateway North, and Harbor Gateway South have either done, or are doing, resolutions similar to Central's. Diana reported that as a result of their letter to the City Attorney, she received a phone call and a letter from their office stating that there is a Neighborhood Prosecutor. That person, Veronica de la Cruz-Robles and Chief Deputy City Attorney William Carter will both attend our November meeting. They asked what we wanted them to discuss and she came up with the following list:

- What geographic areas do you have responsibility for?
- How much of your time is available for the Harbor Area?
- Give us some examples of the types of issues you deal with.
- What have you done in this role in CD 15?

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#### **BONC:**

In Doug's absence Grayce reported that BONC -

- Is advocating for Neighborhood Councils to get five minutes at City Council and Commission meetings when speaking on an issue that the NC has taken a position on.
- Plans to request that the City Council provide 90 notice for all actions

- Finalized the standards and best practices
- Is looking at how to implement the required self-assessment
- Gave out the first Empower LA Awards at the Congress; future awards will be tied to the standards

### **Election Event**

In Doug's absence, Diana reported on the Election Event in the Music Room at Harbor College on Sat Oct 13, from 1-3 pm. Parking is free. Five propositions will be discussed (pro & con): 30, 32, 37, 38, and J. Harbor College is the lead and several Neighborhood Councils are participating in the planning. Lydia raised a concern that the Democratic Club was listed as a sponsor, but not the Republican Club. Diana indicated that she did not know whether they had been asked but would contact the college to be sure they had been given the opportunity to co-sponsor.

### **Issues/Concerns/Sharing**

- Lydia stated that she attended the meeting with the DWP Ratepayers Advocate and was very disappointed. Of particular concern was that there was no discussion of re-structuring of salaries.
- Central held their retreat. Greg Nelson gave some history and the Big Picture. This was particularly helpful for the new members on their board.
- CERT Training begins Monday Oct 15 at Normandale Park and goes for 7 Mondays. This will probably be the last one in this area in 2012.
- NWSPNC, in conjunction with Central SP and Coastal SP, is holding an Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday Oct 20 at Peck Park from 10 – 2.

### **Next Meeting: Wed November 7**

Harbor City will Chair

Agenda items:

1. Proposed Mayoral Forum
2. Tori Osborne, Deputy Mayor
3. Neighborhood Prosecutor
4. Report on Emergency Preparedness Fair
5. Report on Election Event at Harbor College