



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
April 13, 2009 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:37pm
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were Dan Dixon, Bonnie Easley, John Greenwood, Craig Goldfarb, Gabriel Rivas, Meryl Moilov, Philip Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, Pete Burmeister, and Diana Nave. The following board members were excused Mollie Abbatiello, John Mavar, David Arvonio, Laureen Vivian and mary Hamlin. A quorum was present. Approximately 12 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Meeting:** John Greenwood made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9th, seconded by Capt. George Thompson and approved unanimously by the board.
4. **Report by Public Officials**
 - a. **DONE:** No report.
 - b. **Councilwoman's office: Ana Bozic discussed the following:**
 - i. Parking Meters: We are still working out the parking meter issue. Parking downtown is free after 5:00pm. The Councilwoman is negotiating with the DOT and there is a possibility low cost permits may become available for lots with 10 hour parking spots. These permits would be on a first come first served basis through the Council office.
 - ii. Grand opening of the Harbor Area Police Station will be held on April 25th at 6pm.
 - iii. DWP and South Coast Canine issue of leasing property: Ana reported that they are still working to try and resolve the issue.
 - iv. Port: Councilwoman asked the Port to conduct a study to see how much truck traffic there is in San Pedro. They want to get Front Street repaved. Wilmington received some money several years ago due to truck traffic so they are asking for the same thing in San Pedro.
 - v. Pete Burmeister thanked the councilwoman for her work relating to Ponte Vista.
 - c. **State Assembly Office:** Bianca, representing Assemblywoman Lowenthal, provided handouts with info on ballot measures. The Long Beach office has moved to a new location on Pine Street. The are still keeping the San Pedro office.
5. **Public Comment:**
 - a. **Raymond (last name not provided):** Made an announcement about an upcoming Architects Conference in San Francisco.
 - b. **John Stammreich:** provided information on upcoming Propositions. Announced upcoming event: South Bay Tea party, Wednesday, April 15th at Dockweiler Beach, El Segundo, 1-3pm.

6. **Presentation by "Trees for a Green L.A.":** Leslie Ortiz representing Trees for a Green LA gave a brief overview of their program (See www.LADWP/trees.com). Members of the community can log on and complete a 20 minute workshop in order to be eligible for 7 free trees. This group also works on trees on public streets. Leslie referred to their website www.lacorps.org for additional information on other programs.
7. **Port of Los Angeles and Caltrans Presentation on I-110 improvements between SR47 and "C" Street:** Transportation engineers from the Port gave the presentation. They discussed the Environmental Review Process and explained where the project currently stands. They have completed the Notice of Initiation of Studies, have held an Open House Meeting, and are now in the phase of Technical Studies. This will be followed by a Draft IS/EA, then another public hearing. The project includes John S. Gibson/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements and North bound SR47/I-110 Connector Widening, as well as C-Street/I110 Access Ramp Improvement. They are trying to work around the skate park. The purpose of the project is to encourage trucks to avoid the Harbor Blvd off ramp. Construction begins 2011 for approximately 2 years.
8. **Presentation by the Bureau of Sanitation on Alternative Technologies:** Helen Yun was joined by Martin Ruiz who is a Technical Engineer and together they discussed a new project currently being explored. The Bureau of Sanitation is exploring Alternative Technologies for the City of Los Angeles Black Bin Waste. The city of LA has 6 collection "wastesheds". 200-900 tons of waste per day come from the city's single family households. Blue Bin contents are sent to recycling markets, green bin materials are recycled into mulch and compost. The black bin contents goes to the Sunshine Canyon landfill. The Bureau of Sanitation is working on a plan to phase out landfills because landfills create green house gases which are harmful to the environment and contaminate ground water. It was commented that Los Angeles is a big city leader in recycling, diverting 64% from landfills. Project SWIRP (Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan) has a goal of zero waste by 2030. There is a city-wide conference scheduled for May 30th. During the presentation Helen Yun talked about alternative technologies which include: (Biological) Anaerobic Digestion and Composting; (Thermal) Waste to energy; Gasification--Pyrolysis Gasification, Plasma Arc/Gasification, and Biomass to Energy. Contact info: Miguel Zermeno Project Manager (213) 485-3611, www.alternativetechnology.lacity.org
9. **Motion from Issues Committee Re: Bloch Field:** John Delgado was available to give background information on behalf of Bloch field and the YMCA. They are in need of support for their program. He explained that Bloch Field is an under served and under utilized field. The YMCA sees the need for the field to be open year round. They are hoping that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will consider support in the amount of \$1500 for restoration, baseball bats and supplies. A motion was made by John Greenwood and seconded by Bonnie Easley to hold discussion by the board on the subject. Craig Goldfarb recused himself from any possible vote on a motion because his child plays at Bloch field. He feels the project is in the best interests of the community. Diana Nave commented that she would like to see a more specific budget. John Greenwood wanted to know if there were monies available in our budget to afford such support and subsequently withdrew his motion so that more information could be presented next month. John Delgado concluded by announcing the upcoming opening day for the Peck Park Baseball field which was scheduled for Saturday April 17, 2009 at 9am.
10. **Election Committee:** George Thompson went over the timeline from the City Clerk regarding the template for election procedures which overlays the bylaws. The committee reviewed what the City Clerk had so far. George does not see any major differences from what we already have in effect. He says our council is in good shape.

11. Port Committee:

- a. Phil Nicolay presented a PCAC action item related to China Shipping mitigation. The action item relates to extending the sunset provision for the China Mitigation proposals. The NWSPNC Port Committee recommends a yes vote on the recommendation from the PCAC's EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee's adopted on February 26, 2009 by a 10/0/1 vote. The recommendation is as follows: *"The EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC request from the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the June 2009 term date for the allocation of China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation funds be extended until December 31, 2009."* **The NWSPNC Board voted unanimously in favor of our PCAC representative voting yes on this motion.**
- b. North Gaffey Beautification: It was suggested that there be a committee meeting to come up with ideas for the area near Gatun.
- c. Next PCAC meeting is May 5, 2009

12. Land Use and Planning: Diana Nave talked about the last meeting which was held at the Defense Fuel Supply Depot. Details are contained in the Land Use and Planning Meeting Notes available on our website. The board voted on the following three motions:

a. Motion re Early Notification:

- 1. *That Early Notification of all applications to the Department of City Planning, the Bureau of Engineering and to the Department of Building and Safety shall be sent to all impacted certified Neighborhood and Community Councils recognized by their Councilperson (hereafter, "council"), and the applicant shall be required to send notice, by certified RRR mail, to the applicable council, of all subsequent requests for modifications, adjustments, amendments, alterations, or revisions to the application.*
- 2. *Planning and Building and Safety shall review all such applications, and such review shall include, prior to approval, compliance with all relevant Community Plans, Specific Plans, and Overlay Districts.*
- 3. *With respect to all applications to Planning and Building and Safety for which a public hearing is not required, notice shall be sent to the applicable council of the terms of the proposed approval, no later than 10 calendar days prior to issuance of the approval, and consideration shall be given by the decision maker to any objections, comments, or questions submitted in writing by the applicable council during the 10-day period.*
- 4. *Planning and Building and Safety shall each establish an ombudsman or community advocate who is accessible to officers of a council and whose responsibilities shall include facilitating access to Department personnel, procedures, and documents.*

The NWSPNC Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

b. Motion re Advertising Signs Interim Control Ordinance:

We hereby support extension of the Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) / moratorium as proposed by the City Planning Commission temporarily prohibiting the installation of all new offsite advertising signs and super graphic signs, as well as prohibiting alteration to existing offsite signs and super graphic signs, until a new offsite sign ordinance can be developed, adopted and implemented. There should be no exceptions that might weaken the enforceability of the moratorium.

The NWSPNC Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

- c. **Motion re NC's right to Appeal:** That the Los Angeles City Council be requested to amend the working documents for Neighborhood Councils, thereby allowing N.C.'s the right to appeal city department decisions. **The NWSPNC Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.**
 - d. **Traffic:** Diana Nave explained how the Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils are considering doing MOU's with the Traffic Department. Diana and Pat Nave attended a meeting Saturday. Those in attendance felt that the way the Department does their traffic studies is inadequate and they would like to see increased participation of neighborhood councils in the process. She also responded to a question about ATSAC stating that a portion of the funding is from state bond funds.
 - e. **Ponte Vista:** John Greenwood gave an update on the project and the results of the recent Planning Commission meeting where Ponte Vista presented the 1950 unit proposal. The Planning Dept. staff reviewed and denied the proposal. The developer has come up with a new concept for 1395 condos and townhomes, 380 of those being senior housing. It was presented with graphics and showed changes such as senior housing being moved closer to Albertsons. The developer also showed traffic impact etc. and hoped for approval from the Planning Commission on their new concept. At the meeting, Janice Hahn spoke stating that she was endorsing 775-875 homes. The results of the final vote was that the commission denied 1950 homes. They want a new traffic study and also want to revisit the EIR. John Greenwood explained that there are two options: 1395 units or a second option of 800 or so homes. In 120 days there should be a progress report. Elise Swanson spoke on behalf of the developer and thanked the community. She gave an update of the developer's position.
13. **COPE formerly known as COPSS (Community Outreach Promoting Safety and Security).**
Dan commented on the recent meeting he attended. He feels that there needs to be a new model for Neighborhood Watch groups which would focus on Emergency Preparedness concerns.
14. **Comment from Pete Burmeister:** Pete announced an upcoming event at Redondo Beach High School put on by the Canine Association of Southern California. It will include his group, West Coast Canine., held May 9th, 9am.
15. **Adjournment:** President Dan Dixon thanked all in attendance and the meeting was then adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith
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