



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
April 9, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Peter Burmeister, Dan Dixon, Charles Eldred Jr., Anise Goldfarb, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Carolyn Grayson, Katie Marrie, Diana Nave, Barbara Schach, and George Thompson. Excused: Bob Bryant, John Mavar, John Stammreich, and Lauren Vivian. Approximately 22 stakeholders present.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the March 12, 2012 Board and Stakeholder meeting were presented for approved and with no objection approved unanimously.
4. **LAPD:** Office Ashcraft reported on the following:
  - Property crime is finally down by 10%, however, violent crime is slightly up. He announced the name of the new Harbor Division Commander, Nancy Lauer who replaces Capt. Willie Hayes.
  - A camera program is being implemented for the LAPD to tap into business surveillance cameras through the internet.
  - Chuck Hart commented that people are not reporting crimes in their neighborhoods. He urged people to file a report so that more officers can be sent to patrol those areas.
5. **LAUSD UPDATE:** Lanny Nelms reported on the LAUSD and the role of the State in determining the budget. After May 10<sup>th</sup> they will have a better idea of how much funding will come from the State. He provided a hand out “2012-2013 Budget Proposal “Position Paper.”
6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
  - A stakeholder presented issues to the board involving pot holes and sidewalks in need of repair and the possibility of Federal Grants available for funding repairs.
7. **Community Collaboration Report:**
  - Anise Goldfarb gave an update on the upcoming Youth event.
  - Barbara Schach gave an update on the Youth Service Award for students pursuing higher education who have done community service. The award is for \$500.

Reports from Public Officials:

8. **Council Office:** John Larson reported:
  - White Point Landslide: Reports are expected to come out in early May. There has not been no evidence of any land movement after the recent rains.
  - Property 467 Walker: The City Attorney has announced that they are pressing charges on the owners of that property.
  - Property at 1010 N. Gaffey: There have been complaints regarding the taco truck. This property is zoned M1 industrial. Building and Safety is being contacted to look into the issue of illegal RV parking.

- The Ground breaking for Plaza Park was announced. This Thursday at 2:30pm.

9. **Congresswoman's Office:** Michael Aguilera reported on the following:

- The Congresswoman sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Rancho LPG Tanks. They are inviting the EPA to continue monitoring the situation. This is a priority for Congresswoman Hahn.
- Hahn also met with the Army Corps of Engineers and others at the white Point Landslide. She is investigating the criteria for federal action to take place.
- New legislation: Hahn has pushed an amendment through the Small Business Committee to make the Small Business Compliance Guide available in Spanish. She is also an original co-sponsor for the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012 which strengthens the abilities of the federal government, states, law enforcement, and service providers to combat domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault.
- A flyer was provided regarding the Robert F. Kennedy Health institute health fair.
- Donald Galaz of Project Street Legal and the Brotherhood of Street Racers National and International met with council members and briefed them on street racing occurring in San Pedro and the rest of the Harbor Area. He has presented his proposals to the Congresswoman's staff. This issue will be discussed at the next NWSPNC Issues Committee Meeting.

10. **Port Committee Report:** Phil Nicolay reported:

- **Clearwater Program.** Phil gave a brief overview of the program. The Port Committee and Planning and Land Use Committee held a joint meeting and presented the following Resolution: *Whereas, The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's (the District's) have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Clearwater Program which includes a third effluent treatment water line from its Carson Plan to discharge off the coast of San Pedro; and Whereas, four tunnel alignment alternatives were studied as part of the DEIR with Alternative 4 being chosen as the preferred option primarily based on cost. Alternative 4 is the only alternative that utilizes the existing ocean outfall infrastructure instead of additional tunneling and construction beneath the sea floor through the use of a vertical shaft at Royal Palms Beach. Whereas, the Alternative 4 of the Clearwater Project will be tunneled under streets in Northwest San Pedro primarily Gaffey Street, Capitol Drive, Western Avenue and Dodson Avenue. Whereas, the Clearwater project's Alternative 4 shaft site at Royal Palms will be used to tile in the existing ocean outfall infrastructure with the new treated effluent pipeline and remove the tunnel boring machine. Soil from the tunneling will be removed at the Carson shaft site. Shaft construction at the Royal Palm site will last between 6-9 months with approximately 10 to 40 trucks (maximum) per day leaving the site with soil. The onsite interconnection work will take approximately 18 months and the shaft will become a permanent structure at Royal Palms following completion of the tunneling project. Whereas, Alternative 4, as proposed, has the following potentially harmful impacts on the environment and Northwest San Pedro:*

- *Potential for the Royal Palms Shaft site to initiate a landslide or ground failure in the surrounding cliffs due to the shaft construction.*
- *Construction truck traffic and noise impacts to the residents of Northwest San Pedro related to the construction of the Royal Palms Shaft site.*
- *The potential for a catastrophic failure of all treated effluent tunnels, existing and the proposed tunnel from Alignment 4, due to the proximity of all tunnels to the seismic zones along the Western Avenue route.*
- *Degradation of the aesthetics of Royal Palms Beach due to the construction of the shaft site and continued use of the site after construction has been completed.*

*However, should the District decide to proceed with Alternative 4, we provide the following mitigations and studies to be performed prior to, and during construction:*

- *The District's should perform a detailed geotechnical study of the Royal Palms shaft site to provide a detailed understanding of the slope stability in the area. Details from this geotechnical study should be used to make specific recommendations to mitigate potential slope instability that may be caused by the shaft construction.*
- *Should the Royal Palms Site be used, the surrounding slopes should be instrumented and monitored prior to, during, and after construction of the shaft site.*

- *Modify MM AQ-3a (on-road heavy-duty diesel trucks), MM AQ-3b (off-road diesel powered equipment), to require use of best available control technology/latest emissions-reduction technology, as soon as Air Resources Board (ARB) certified if applicable, regardless of Year or Tier stated.*
- *Modify MM AQ-3d to require use of construction equipment and heavy-duty trucks that use alternative fuels as soon as the equipment/fuels are ARB Certified.*
- *Modify MM AQ-3e to define periods when routing equipment away from congested streets and/or sensitive receptors is not feasible or remove the qualification "as feasible."*
- *Modify MM N01-1a (Noise) to require that all equipment used within 500 feet of residential areas be equipped with best available control technology specifically designed for noise reduction.*
- *Provide specific Truck Trips projections and daily truck trip quantities from the Royal Palms Shaft site.*
- *Develop an alternative that includes car pooling to reduce the Passenger Car Equivalent trips per day during shaftsite construction and manifold construction.*
- Cynthia Gonyea moved to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded by Charles Eldred.
- John Winkler commented on the negative aspects of the project and specifically the cost. He would like the Sanitation District to give something back to the community. Chuck Hart also commented.
- Chuck Eldred called for the question but the majority of the board voted to continue discussion.
- John Greenwood moved to amend the resolution as presented by adding a fifth bullet point to the fifth "Whereas" paragraph to read: *"Whereas Alternative 1 would not have many of these impacts, therefore, NWSPNC opposes the recommendation for Alternative 4 and recommends Alternative 1."* The amendment was passed with 7 yes votes, 3 no votes and 1 abstention. The amended motion was then passed unanimously by the Board.

**11. Issues Committee:** Dan Dixon reported:

- An update was provided on the ban of single use plastic bags.
- A motion was presented from the Issues Committee to approve the following letter to Councilman Buscaino in support of safe off street racing location:  
*Dear Councilman Joe Buscaino:*  
*The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the principle of a 1/4 mile strip suitable for car racing purposes. The Brotherhood of Street Racers, Inc. is seeking a location, either permanent or temporary, to allow racing under safe, off-street conditions. The Brotherhood has a history, through its founder and membership, of encouraging and enhancing "street peace" through its outreach to and acceptance of a diverse community of race enthusiasts. It is obvious that an organized off-street environment is far superior to illegal and sometimes deadly street racing, which is occurring in our community in the dead of night.*  
*We understand that elements of both the LAPD and the Sheriff's department support the concept of a safe location for this activity. We urge the Brotherhood, working with all interested parties and with your office, as well as law enforcement, to seek property in the Harbor area, including but not limited to, Port of LA and Port of Long Beach property for at least temporary space.*  
*The NWSPNC looks forward to working with the Council office in seeking a location to reinvigorate the spirit of the Brotherhood Raceway on Terminal Island.*
- The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

**12. Safety and Security:** A Written report was provided in agenda packet and reviewed.

**13. Presidents Report:**

- **Discussion on Selection Process:** George Thompson gave an update on what the Election Committee has accomplished so far. Documents are being modified to conform to our bylaws. A time line was provided in the agenda packet. The Selection/Election Date is scheduled for June 19, 2012. Selection procedures will be provided by the next meeting.
- **Appointment of Selection Committee:** Diana Nave appointed the following people to the Selection Committee: David Rivera, Dan Dixon, Anise Goldfarb, and Craig Goldfarb.

14. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) REPORT:** Craig Goldfarb gave an update from the HANC meeting. A written report was provided in the agenda packet for review.
15. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig Goldfarb provided a copy of the current budget in the agenda packet, along with a report on the monthly expenses. **Charles Eldred moved to approve the budget and the monthly expenses as presented, seconded by Scott Allman. The motion carried unanimously.**
16. **HANC Selection Committee:** George Thompson attended the HANC Selection Committee meeting and gave a short report which included comments about the ISA (Independent Selection Administrator).
17. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm in the memory of Anthony DiRocco.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC