

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
August 11, 2008 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were Mollie Abbatiello, Dan Dixon, Craig Goldfarb, Gabriel Rivas, John Mavar, Philip Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, David Arvonio, Pete Burmeister, and Diana Nave. Meryl Moilov, Bonnie Easley, John Greenwood, Capt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, Laureen Vivian and Mary Hamlin were excused. Quorum was present. Approximately 25 stakeholders present.
3. **Minutes:** John Mavar made a motion to approve the minutes from July 2008, seconded by Pete Burmeister. Unanimous vote in favor of approval.
4. **Presentation by Dr. Linda Spink, President of Harbor College.** Dr. Spink explained that she was giving an update since it has been 7 years since the vote for Proposition A and AA. Her power point presentation showed an update on the new construction at the college utilizing bond money. She talked about the following improvements: A new road providing access all around the campus to improve traffic; utility infrastructure improvement including air conditioning of entire campus; LEED certified construction on all new buildings which include a new 67,000 sq ft Academic Hall which should be ready to move into in December; a new Student Services building; a 60,000 sq ft Technology Building; a wellness center; a new child development center; and a new library which is in the design phase. They are also retrofitting the current buildings and making the central plants efficient and sustainable and utilizing solar thermal energy. It is the intention of the college that by the end of 2008 they will be producing all their own energy. Parking is also in need of upgrading and expanding. At the end of the presentation Dr. Spink provided a hand out of a "General Obligation Bond Proposal." She is hoping that the NWSPNC will support the proposal.
5. **Report from Councilwoman's Office:** Gordon Teuber made comments on the following:
 - a. **Repaving of Channel Street:** Should be on the 2008-2009 calendar year.
 - b. **Street Paving:** Gordon will provide a list of streets that will be emailed to our distribution list.
 - c. **Target and N. Gaffey:** October 12 is the scheduled Opening. Capitol will be under construction but may not be finished by the time the store is open. Port is donating trees for the area on North Gaffey near the World Port Business Center.
 - d. **Storm Drain:** Diana Nave asked for a schedule of construction for us to send out to our email distribution list.
6. **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong was available to give an announcement: October 16, 2008 will be a meeting with the Mayor. Detailed information will be available in the future. Items to discuss: Sustainable workforce housing, more housing, preserve housing, preserve neighborhoods and end homelessness.
7. **Raymond W. Yu:** Gave several comments on various events.
8. **Craig Goldfarb:** Comments on Channel Street cut through.

9. **Chuck Hart:** Emergency Preparedness Forum. Thursday, September 4, 6:30pm relating to the Fair being held on September 20th.
10. **Jody James:** Provided comments regarding Plains All America and Pier 400.
11. **NOISE (Neighbors Organized in Support of Education):** Chad Christian and Yvonne made announcements of upcoming meetings: August 20, Barton Hill Elementary 6pm, Preliminary report. September 4, LAUSD holding meeting at 6pm also at Barton Hill Elementary School for Design and Purpose of Proposed South Region High School #15. August 16 9am-3:30pm. CEQA workshop. Yvonne Schuller talked about her discussion with Dr. Vladovic. She made comments on San Pedro High School and also on bond issues. Lady Boosters are looking for donations of School supplies for teachers and students.
12. **Melanie Jones: Little Fish Theatre.** Center Street between 7th and 8th. This is the theatre's 7th Season. They have approximately 4,000 patrons per year and this number is growing 20% a year. They are a non profit organization that needs donations. They would like \$3,000 support from the NWSPNC. Money would go to a ½ page ad and email blasts for NWSPNC outreach.
13. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig Goldfarb reported that he received the city credit card today. We currently have \$112,609.
14. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay reported on the following:
 - a. Prop O meeting earlier this month as it relates to Peck Park Canyon. They want community feedback. Construction on the project should begin in September 2009 and should take about a year. Phil talked about having students participating.
 - b. Board of Harbor Commissioners will be talking in the next few months about North Gaffey. Chevron will be putting grass. Phase II of the project relates to the areas of Gatun to Westmont, Westmont to Skateboard Park.
 - c. China Shipping mitigation proposal. Talked about trees on west side of North Gaffey (new Australian willows), about \$5,000 more is needed for the West side.
 - d. Tall ships weekend.
 - e. San Pedro waterfront EIR supposed to come out on August 29th.
 - f. Comment from Chuck Hart: 20 fewer tons of pollutants by not supporting the L & G trucks.
 - g. Diana Nave would like to see the board send a thank you letter to the port for the trees that they are putting in on Gaffey.
15. **Issues Committee:** John Mavar commented that the Motions are being taken off the agenda today and tabled till next month. He talked about discussions with the Councilwoman's office at the last Issues Committee meeting. Diana asked for the following to be brought up with the Issues Committee: Shopping Cart Retrieval and Enclosures for trash cans at Park Plaza. A stakeholder thanked the council office for the removal of graffiti on Larry's Hamburgers. Pete commented on graffiti on Kinder Morgan property.
16. **COPSS Report:** Lonna Calhoun explained how COPSS was started four years ago as a Joint committee of all councils and then eventually became a separate non profit. They have never asked for money from the councils but are requested \$5,000 from all the local neighborhood councils to create a successful emergency preparedness fair. A motion was suggested to fund COPSS working in partnership with the LA Emergency

Management Department in support of the September 20, 2008 Fair at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional park and to support the continued outreach efforts conducted by COPSS in the community throughout the year. Diana Nave commented that there was a recommendation from Outreach Committee to provide \$1,000 to support to the City Fair. **Diana Nave made a motion to provide \$1,000 in support, seconded by David Arvonio. John Mavar proposed an amendment that we increase the amount to \$5,000 which was seconded by Craig Goldfarb. After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn, and the original motion for \$1,000 support was voted on. 1 no vote, 8yes votes. Original Motion passed.**

17. **Youth and Education:** No report

18. **Knoll Hill Steering Committee:** President Dan Dixon appointed two representatives to the Knoll Hill Steering Committee: Craig Goldfarb and Anthony Perozzi, with an alternate of Pete Burmeister.

19. **Board Retreat:** Dan Dixon announced that the board retreat will take place on September 6, 2008 from 8:30am-3:00pm at the Double Tree Hotel.

20. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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