



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
December 12, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Approved Minutes
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed guests. Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Bob Bryant, Pete Burmeister, Daniel Dixon, Charles Eldred Jr., Anise Goldfarb, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, Carolyn Grayson, John Mavar, Diana Nave, Barbra Schach, John Stammreich, Captain George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. John Greenwood arrived after 8pm. Approximately 20 stakeholders present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Bob Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting, seconded by George Thompson and passed unanimously by the Board.
3. **Election to fill Vacancy in Census Tract 2964.** Applicant Katie Marrie gave a short statement. John Mavar moved to elect Katie Marrie to the vacant board position, seconded by Charles Eldred and approved unanimously by the Board. The new board member was sworn in and seated.
4. **Agenda item #7a. Consider approval of letter requesting removal of billboard on Gaffey at Harbor Freeway off Ramp.** Diana Nave commented that the company advertising on the billboard had sent out an email stating that they would be removing the billboard. Public comments were heard from two stakeholders.
5. **Presentation by Betsy Cheek, new Executive Director of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.** Diana Nave posed the question “How do we as a neighborhood council help support the businesses in our community.” Highlights from Betsy’s commented included:
 - Her primary goal for the Chamber is to improve commerce and listen to the community.
 - They are working to increase their membership in the chamber to give the community more clout.
 - They are in their 2nd month of a comprehensive marketing project in collaboration with the Port and their waterfront project.
 - Her vision is to grow the Chamber more using social media etc.
 - Currently working on a new directory which will include a map and will also be available on line.
 - Bob Bryant commented on the idea of a brochure showing family oriented activities.
 - They are looking at San Pedro as a destination.
6. **Public Comment on non agenda items:**
 - Elise Swanson from the office of Congresswoman Janice Hahn announced their new location at 140 W. 6th Street (across from the Green Onion Restaurant). Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mike Aguilera, the new San Pedro field representative for the Congresswoman was introduced. He commented that Hahn now serves on the Homeland Security Committee and the Small Business Committee. She has formed a bipartisan Port Caucus and is pushing for Congress to look at Ports as economic engines. She has met with 50 businesses to learn what they need to expand and create jobs. She has authored a letter to the Department of Transportation to identify potential funds to help repair Paseo del Mar. Email addresses for Elise and Mike are:

elise.swanson@mail.house.gov and Michael.Aguilera@mail.house.gov.

- Julie Bender gave an update on the new mosaic at Peck Park Pool. She presented the winning design and hopes they get final approval from the Department of Rec and Parks on Wednesday.
- Doug Epperhart was congratulated for his appointment to the BONC. His goals for the neighborhood council system are to 1) create standards; 2) create a leadership development program; and 3) develop a citywide outreach and publicity campaign.
- Sherry Lucas, Marketing Manager for the San Pedro Convention and Visitors Bureau (SPCVB) introduced herself. She has worked in tourism all of his life. The SPCVB is focusing on marketing San Pedro as a destination.
- Lanny Nelms: Publicly thanked the Council office and others for their assistance in making the San Pedro Holiday Parade a huge success.

7. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay reported.

A. Resolution concerning Southern California Intermodal Project:

The following motion from the Port Committee was passed by the Board with 14 yes votes and 1 no vote:

Resolution concerning Southern California Intermodal Project, Wilmington, California

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) has solicited input from the community concerning the Southern California Gateway (SCIG) project as detailed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (DEIR/DEIS); and

WHEREAS, the NWSPNC commented on the SCIG project during the Notice of Preparation comment period in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the LAHD has addressed many of the issues identified in our previous comments, as well as those provided by the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC);

WE NOW PROVIDE the following comments to the SCIG project and hope that the LAHD will incorporate additional mitigations to address the issues raised.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NWSPNC requests the LAHD analyze and create Quiet Rail Zones in the Port area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWSPNC requests the LAHD include a provision for the analysis and mitigations within the SCIG DEIR/DEIS for:

- *Analysis of the potential issues and impediments that would limit the ability of the community to safely evacuate the area around the SCIG Facility.*
- *Development of a comprehensive community notification and evacuation/response plan.*
- *Development of a 24 Hour Hotline where concerns about the facility operations can be provided to the LA Harbor Department and BNSF.*
- *Review of the traffic studies to ensure that the relocation of California Cartage, FastLane, Three Rivers, San Pedro Forklift and LA Harbor Grain Terminal will not result in adverse traffic impacts.*
- *That financial penalties be put in place for truck traffic that deviates from the approved routes to the SCIG facility and the relocated businesses.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWSPNC requests the LAHD work with the proposed businesses that will be relocated to identify suitable locations where these businesses can continue to prosper and create jobs in our community. In addition, the LAHD should update the proposed traffic impacts and propose additional mitigations as needed once the specific locations are identified.

B. Consider resolution regarding Plains All American Pipeline supertanker facility at Berth 400: Coastal and Plains All American representatives were at the NWSPNC Port

Committee meeting where the Coastal motion was discussed including the factual basis of some of the items in the motion. A draft resolution has not yet been finalized by the NWSPNC Port Committee. David Wright of Plains All American was in attendance and commented that his concern with the Coastal resolution is that it is full of inaccurate statements. The Board agreed to table this motion until next month.

- C. The next port meeting will be in January (date not yet determined), they are dark in December.
- D. **Port's Noise Report:** Craig Goldfarb voiced his concern about increase in Port noise and that this issue should be further looked at by the Port Committee. The Port's Noise Report is now five years old.

8. **President's Report:** Diana Nave provided a written report which can be found in the Agenda Packet. Other items mentioned were:

- David Rivera was appointed to the HANC Elections Committee
- John Mavar is stepping down as Vice Chair of the Issues Committee. Dan Dixon remains the Chair.

9. **Reports from Public officials:**

CD15: Ana Dragin reported on the following:

- Update on 467 Walker. The Council Office has contacted the Department of Building and Safety and the City Attorney pushing for an official response on this issue. Removal of the fencing is being requested.
- Free Holiday Parking is being offered in downtown San Pedro until December 31st.
- The Billboard issue has been solved thanks to a story in the Daily Breeze.
- Plaza Park groundbreaking is scheduled for January 30, 2012.
- Sanitation Department has been asked to come to the next stakeholder meeting to respond to questions.

Port of Los Angeles Report: No report.

10. **Bylaws & Election Committee Report:**

- **Motion to Adopt bylaws changes recommended by the City Attorney.** Motion from committee to adopt was put over to next month so board members could review the recommendations from the City Council.
- **NC Election Alternatives Survey.** George Thompson summarized the answers being submitted by the Election Committee on behalf of the Northwest San Pedro NC (Page 15 and 16 of the agenda packet). **The board voted unanimously in favor of submitting the survey as presented.**

11. **Planning and land Use Committee Meeting:** John Greenwood reported:

- **Ponte Vista:** Traffic consultant brought in their Traffic Study to the committee meeting. They are anticipating the release of a Draft EIR in February. The amount of units is being drastically reduced.
- **San Pedro Community Plan:** Update on Planning Department changes such as height limits. Report is available.
- The issue of the controversial Billboard was discussed further. There was a suggestion to write a letter thanking the advertiser for their response to the concerns. There was also a suggestion that the billboard could become more of a community billboard.

12. **Community Involvement and Collaboration Report:**

- Nine people from the NWSPNC participated in the Candy Cane Lane at Weymouth. It was a great success.
- Youth Job Fair: Organizations are coming forward to participate.

- **Motion relative to designating any projected unspent funds for purchase of emergency supplies:** The committee is suggesting using unspent funds for some kind of emergency preparedness program. Charles Eldred moved to postpone the motion until the next meeting seconded by Craig Goldfarb and passed unanimously by the Board.
13. **Safety and Security Committee:** A written report was provided in the agenda packet. John Stammreich reviewed the report. Key issues that the committee is considering are:
- Investigating Emergency Preparedness Kits at the schools.
 - The Committee Chair will draft a request to the council office asking them to lead an Emergency Preparedness Fair.
14. **Budge/Finance Committee:** Craig Goldfarb provided a review of the budget. The following motion was passed in committee:
- **Motion to amend the budget by moving \$2,000 from Parks and Rec to Newsletter; and \$1,000 from Parks and Rec to Grants.** Approved unanimously by the Board.
 - **Motion to approve monthly expenses:** Charles Eldred moved to approve the November expenditures as presented by the Committee (page22 of the agenda), seconded by Bob Bryant and approved unanimously by the Board.
15. **Budget Advocate Report:** Craig Goldfarb attended the meeting and reported that the city is going to do a three year budget. There is a short fall of 80 million dollars this year. Departments are being asked to prepare 6% and 12% budget cuts.
16. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC