



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
February 13, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Approved Minutes  
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice President John Mavar called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** 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 Greenwood, John Mavar, Barbara Schach, Captain George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. Excused: Diana Nave, Katie Marrie and John Stammreich. Approximately 25 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Bob Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting, seconded by George Thompson and passed unanimously by the Board.
4. **LAPD Report.**
  - **Officer Ashcraft** gave an update on the recent skateboard issues. Two task forces were set up and they have netted over 50 citations during night hours. New laws are being considered through the City Council. Crime statistics for the Northwest Area were also reviewed. Property crime is rampant and there were two recent home invasion robberies. Officer Ashcraft provided his phone number: 310-869-2067.
  - **Captain Hayes** was also in attendance and provided addition information on the home invasion robbery at 15<sup>th</sup> & Dodson. A similar crime occurred in Long Beach and both victims were elderly. LAPD is working with Long Beach PD. The LAPD continues to ask the community to assist in prevention by locking up cars and keeping valuables out of sight. The LAPD is now on Facebook and Twitter providing up to date information including a “stolen car of the day.” The goal for the future is to actually report information while it is happening through Twitter etc.
5. **Presentation on Port of Los Angeles Waterfront Development Update:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
  - Announced the upcoming visit by the President of China to the Port of Los Angeles APL Terminal and also announced upcoming deadlines for comments on draft EIR’s.
  - Harry Bridges Blvd is now open in two directions.
  - A power point presentation showed improvements and projects currently under construction these include: China Shipping mitigation fund improvements along the fence line of China Shipping (possible undergrounding of utilities); upgrades to the area at the bottom of Knoll Hill; China Shipping expansion will require relocation of the Catalina Express and the Lane Victory (eventually berthed at Berth 50); USS Iowa project at Berth 87; Downtown Harbor cut; Plaza Park (across from the Main Post Office); improvements to SP Slip (by Utro’s) including a 40 ft tuna art sculpture; the new Cabrillo Marina; warehouses 9 & 10 (craft marketplace); Westways tanks demolition; and Cabrillo Beach projects to improve water quality.
6. **Public Comment:**
  - **Brotherhood of Street Racers:** Donald Galaz asked to be on the agenda for next month to discuss the NW areas where illegal racing is occurring and to address that issue.
  - **Katherine Gray:** Reported that the USS IOWA Veterans are coming to San Pedro for a reunion. The Double Tree will be the host hotel. The Convention and Visitors Bureau will be in charge of all ground arrangements. They will be training volunteers from the community..

- **Charlotte Svolos:** Comments related to her candidacy for State Senate for new District 35.
7. **Office of Senator Rod Wright.** Bill Orton talked about the changes in the 35<sup>th</sup> district due to redistricting. It will be primarily a Harbor Area District. Bill has been attending NC meetings and HANC meetings in the Senator's district. His contact information is 310-412-0393 (Inglewood office), email: [William.orton@sen.ca.gov](mailto:William.orton@sen.ca.gov).
  8. **Port Police:** Officer Alex Castillo reported that the Port Police have teamed up with the California Air Resource Board (state agency) teaching motor officers how to detect polluted air and dirty trucks in the Port of Los Angeles. They will be citing trucks.
  9. **Congresswoman Hahn's Office:** Mike Aguilera provided legislative updates. The Congresswoman announced the introduction of HR3837 (Bridge to Jobs Act) which would provide funds to each State to cover all the costs to repair or reconstruct a bridge determined by the Federal Highway Administration to be structurally deficient; HR3836, the SBA Loan Paperwork Reduction Act of 2012 which would make permanent a program within the Small Business Administration (SBA) to reduce paperwork and streamline the application response time for business loans up to \$250,000; and lastly, HR3838 to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to make grants to ports to enable ports to employ high school students during the summer. Mike also announced upcoming events.
  10. **Council District 15 Office:** Jacob Haik, District Director, commented that the new Councilman, Joe Buscaino, has an open door policy wanting to be, very transparent, honest and clear answers. He introduced John Larson, Field Deputy for San Pedro. John previously worked with the State Senate for five years and has also worked on several election campaigns. John reported on the Skateboarding issue. Last week the Councilman introduced a motion to draft an ordinance amending the municipal code to outlaw "bombing" (skateboarding at fast speed down hills). LA Municipal Code 56.15 would be amended and require that skateboarders follow the rules of the road and prohibit the activity of bombing.
  11. **Bylaws and Election Committee:** George Thompson reported that his committee will be looking at verbiage coming out of the DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) office. We have the option to hold a selection process this summer. More information will be provided in the future.
  12. **Planning and Land Use Committee:**
    - Motion to approve Marymount College Traffic Study: *This motion came out of the Planning and Land Use Committee and was passed unanimously by the NWSPNC Board. Wording of motion: "After extensive hearings, the Board of Directors of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has approved the Marymount College Master Plan, Traffic Study and CUP application and recommends its approval by the Planning Department."*
    - Motion Re: Rancho Holdings to provide copy of insurance. *The following motion was brought forth from the committee and passed unanimously by the NWSPNC. Wording of motion: "The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that Plains/Rancho provide a copy of their insurance on the Gaffey Street complex to the Neighborhood Council as elected representatives. Also to request that Councilman Joe Buscaino submit a similar request."*
    - Jody James spoke on the motion and provided a binder with public records and a report generated for Governor Brown in 1977 in response to his concerns of the facility. The binder consists of 130 pages and was turned over to the Land Use and Planning Committee for further review.
    - Janet Gunter spoke in opposition of the tanks and commented that she was very surprised that this urgent issue was not mentioned in the NWSPNC newsletter.
    - Dan Kelly representing the Rancho Facility stated that the facility has insurance through its parent company. He read a short statement and commented that he doesn't think the full

insurance document will be provided to the NWSPNC as the company does not want to provide information that will jeopardize the safety of the facility.

- John Greenwood commented that he has never dealt with an organization that has been so secretive and unaccommodating.
13. **HANC Report.** Craig Goldfarb reported that Joe Buscaino was at the last HANC meeting and answered questions from the HANC members. A written report was included in the agenda packet.
14. **Community Involvement Committee.**
- Bob Bryant gave an update on the February Newsletter.
  - Anise Goldfarb provided an update on the Youth Job Fair scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. 9am-4:30pm. Some of the workshops include: communications skills, resume writing, how to conduct yourself in an interview, etc. Lunch is provided.
  - Barbara Schach reported that applications were distributed to the high schools for the service award. There is currently a \$500 commitment and the committee is hoping for a 2<sup>nd</sup> commitment. No applications have been received yet. The deadline is June.
15. **Mayor's Budget Survey Update:** Craig Goldfarb asked all board members and stakeholders to take the Mayor's Survey which is available online.
16. **Safety and Security Committee Report:** No formal report was presented. Cynthia Gonyea commented that the meeting with Rancho Holdings was attended by two board members. Those in attendance voiced their concerns about the dangers of the facility. Pete Burmeister commented on the Target driveway problems which is an ongoing issue.
17. **Port Committee:** No report this month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012. The issue of the Sanitation Outfall project will be taken up at a future Port Committee meeting. We still have time to comment. Laureen Vivian commented this project is being presented like the route has been determined. The other alternatives are no longer being considered. She urges everyone to write to the Council Office and to Clearwater to reconsider other options.
18. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:**
- The board was given a review of the proposed new budget.
  - The Committee passed 3 motions being brought forth for full Board approval: **Motion to:**
    - A) **Reallocate and Reserve \$3,000 for Summer 2012 expenses relative to Selection/Election;**
    - B) **Reserve \$3,500 for Newsletter publishing of the Selection/Election; and**
    - C) **Reserve \$5,000 towards a new Noise Study to update the previously conducted study which is now out of date.**
  - **Charles Eldred moved to take the third item and make it a separate motion, seconded by John Greenwood and unanimously approved.**
  - **The motion including items A and B were passed unanimously 13 yes, 0 no.**
  - **The motion to approve Item C, \$5,000 towards the noise study if funding is available, was passed with 11 yes votes and 2 no votes.**
  - **Motion to approve monthly expenses. Bob Bryant moved that the Board approve the monthly expenses as presented by the Committee, seconded John Greenwood and approved unanimously by the Board.**
19. **President's Report:** John Mavar provided a short written report in the agenda packet.
20. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC