



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
January 10, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by President Diana Nave who gave welcoming remarks. Diana thanked the new Peck Park Director, Shauna, for volunteering to stay an extra hour in order to allow the neighborhood council to continue meeting in the Peck Park Auditorium.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Pete Burmeister, Diana Nave, John Mavar, Bob Bryant, Craig Goldfarb, Anise Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Mary Hamlin, Barbara Schach, Mark Anthony Shoats, John Stammreich, Capt. George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. The following board members were excused: Gabriel Rivas and Dan Dixon. Approximately 12 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Bob Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 Board and Stakeholder meeting with minor corrections, seconded by Capt. George Thompson and approved unanimously by the Board.
4. **LAPD Report.** Officer Ashcraft reported on the following:
 - There has been an increase in burglaries and car thefts. Officer Ashcraft stressed the importance of community members reporting any suspicious situations to get them documented.
 - Announcement of upcoming event called Helping Badge Day which provides toys and gifts for needy families. Once the list of needy families is put together, they will invite the community to participate.
 - Mark Anthony commented that there is also a raise in residential robberies.
 - Irene Mendoza commented that cars in her neighborhood have also been victimized.
 - Laureen Vivian commented that her alarm system has definitely deterred attempts to burglarize her house.
5. **Public Comment:**
 - **Raymond Yu:** Announced two events being held in the downtown Los Angeles area.
6. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay reported on:
 - **Motion Re: City Dock One.** Phil gave background on the Marine Research Center Project proposed for City Dock One and reviewed the Resolution. The NWSPNC support this project which will bring education and high level scientists to do high level research on ocean issues. The Port has asked for comments as they study the environmental impact. The following motion was brought forth from the NWSPNC Port Committee, seconded by Laureen Vivian and unanimously approved the the NWSPNC Board:
*RESOLUTION CONCERNING CITY DOCK NO. 1
MARINE RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT
NOTICE OF PREPARATION/INITIAL STUDY DATED DECEMBER 2010
Whereas, the Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the City Dock 1 Marine Research Center Project in advance of preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). As part of the NOP process the LAHD is accepting input*

on the scope of the project to be evaluated as part of the EIR.

Whereas, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the preparation of a complete EIR that describes the City Dock 1 project and associated project alternatives and mitigation measures, we offer the LAHD the following comments:

1) Within the public services section or where appropriate, the EIR should discuss incorporation of linkages to local education programs. The City Dock 1 project should be viewed as an opportunity to engage youth and our community in marine science and the scientific method. The NWSPNC Board would like to see the City Dock 1 project and SCMI relocation evaluate linkages to the existing education programs in the area such as the San Pedro High School Marine Magnet or small Environmental Learning Community at Banning High School. In addition, we believe the youth programs at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium should be evaluated for linkages to City Dock 1 and SCMI.

2) As part of the overall design of the City Dock 1 project, we would like the LAHD to evaluate linkages to the community so that the project does not become an enclave. An option to provide connectivity between downtown and the proposed project site could be accomplished via the Red Car, or other public transportation. We also recommend that the LAHD include waterfront walkway enhancements in the City Dock 1 project that are similar or the same as have those approved as part of the LA Waterfront Plan.

3) Our final comment relates to the former Westways facility and current status of the site. As part of the DEIR we ask the LAHD to evaluate removal of the existing above ground storage tanks and infrastructure as part of any project alternative. As part of this evaluation the future use of the Westways site should be evaluated as part of the City Dock 1 project and as part of the Los Angeles Waterfront plans should the City Dock 1 project not occur. The final EIR should study sufficient alternatives so that should the City Dock 1 project not occur, future development at the Westways site can proceed as part of the approved LA Waterfront Plan. We, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, support the adoption and forwarding of these comments to the LAHD as part of the City Dock 1 NOP process.

- Proposed Harbor Blvd projects. Phil provided a handout showing 5 alternative plans. Lauren Vivian talked about concepts that would bridge downtown San Pedro with the waterfront in order to create a united community.
- Phil announced the next Port Committee meeting which is scheduled for January 25th at 5:30pm.

7. Treasurer's/Finance Report:

- Craig Goldfarb provided copies of the December Budget Expenditures. A motion was made by John Mavar to approve the December expenditures as presented. The motion was seconded by Bob Bryant and approved unanimously by the Board.
- Craig talked about the packet of information to be given to organizations and individuals requesting funds. This new document will formalize the process. *A motion was brought forth from the Finance Committee recommending that the Board approve the proposed Funding Request packet to be utilized by individuals/organizations requesting funds. The Funding Requests will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for review. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.*
- The Mayor's new budget survey will come out on January 27, 2011 and will contain 17 questions. Craig commented that all community members are urged to give their input.

8. President's Report:

- Diana gave highlights from her written report which included appointing John Stammreich to the Issues/Community Vision Committee, as well as appointing him Chair of the Safety & Security/Emergency Preparedness Committee. He is also the new DWP Liaison. Anise Goldfarb was appointed to the Youth and Education/Outreach Committee. Mary Hamlin was appointed as Animal Services Liaison. Craig Goldfarb replaces Dan Dixon as alternate to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. *John Mavar made a motion to approve the aforementioned appointments which was seconded by Bob Bryant and approved unanimously by the Board.*

- Diana announced that Gabriel Rivas has submitted his resignation as Board Member due to his work schedule.
 - Other remarks from the President included comments on the closed door meeting at Rancho Holdings; information on the Notice on Appeal for the storage facility on Basin and Gaffey scheduled for January 18th, 4:30pm, at the Port Administration Building; and a Notice from Share Fest regarding community service projects.
9. **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils:** Diana gave highlights from the HANC report and commented on the motions that were passed at the HANC meeting. She referred everyone to a written report provide in the Agenda Packet.
10. **Update on Downtown San Pedro CAC.** Lauren Vivian talked about the CRA and how they are helping with downtown development. The CAC board has four subcommittees. Lauren explained the purpose of each of those committees which include: the DAB committee, the ACE committee, the PBID committee and also Ad Hoc committees for various issues. She updated the Board on recent developments and new construction stating that the Vinegar Hill area is getting a lot of attention. A detailed study was done in that section of town. There is also a master tree plan for all of downtown San Pedro. She referred everyone to the PBID website for more details.
<http://www.sanpedrobid.com>
11. **Planning and Land Use Committee:** John Greenwood reported about recommendations from the last meeting as follows:
- A proposed letter to the Mayor which relates to the Hazmat team. John had been informed by Gordon Teuber of the Council Office that Station 48 has been reduced in the number of people and they may need to pull help from other areas. Ana Dragin commented that there is still a Hazmat team at Station 48 but it has been reduced. The Port pays a percentage of the hazmat fee. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Port Director urging her to fill the budget gap. 68% of the calls for Hazmat are from the Port of LA.
 - **John Greenwood made a motion that the Board provide him authority to find out more information about the Hazmat team reductions and write a letter to the Mayor. The motion was seconded by John Stammreich and approved by unanimous vote of the Board.**
 - **John Greenwood made a second motion that a letter be written to the Port Director, Geraldine Knatz, thanking the Port for filling the gap in the hazmat budget in the past and ask that she consider continuing such funding in the future to protect the community. The motion seconded by George Thompson and passed unanimously by the board.**
 - **Motion regarding City emergency responses and evacuation procedures:** John Greenwood gave background on the purpose of the resolution which came out of the committee. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION REGARDING DISASTER AND EVACUATION PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is in and adjacent to an area containing many industrial facilities including refineries, pipelines, storage tanks, and a port with vessels calling from all over the world and transporting a wide variety of goods; and WHEREAS, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is in and adjacent to an area crossed by earthquake faults, roads used by both passenger vehicles and industrial trucks including tank trucks, rail lines used by tank cars crossing roads, hazardous material loading docks, and many other similar facilities, and the Port of Los Angeles is also widely considered a potential target for terrorist activity; and

WHEREAS, in case of an emergency requiring evacuation, the Northwest Neighborhood Council area has only Western Avenue and possibly Gaffey Street as exit routes, but because Gaffey Street runs north past the Rancho Holdings butane storage facility and the Conoco Phillips refinery on the east and the Defense Fuel Supply facility on the west egress on Gaffey Street in an emergency may be limited; and

*WHEREAS, the Port of Los Angeles, **Los Angeles Police Department, and Los Angeles Fire Department have** extensive disaster preparedness plans in place or in development which will*

generate pre-prepared responses from a number of first responders, but which are primarily designed to evacuate or tend to the needs of the Port, not the surrounding community, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the Council Office to convene a committee consisting of representatives from the harbor area Neighborhood Councils, for the purpose of determining what disaster preparedness plans and evacuation plans exist and developing such additional plans that may be necessary, and that the committee be assisted by the first responders in case of emergencies, such as the Police and Fire Departments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the harbor area Neighborhood Councils with a request that they join with us in requesting the forming of a committee.

The President is directed to attest to the adoption of this Resolution and the Secretary is directed to forward it to the Council Office and to the other harbor area Neighborhood Councils for their consideration.

John Greenwood moved that the Board approve the resolution as presented. The motion as seconded by John Mavar and passed unanimously by the board.

- The next Planning and Land Use Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 27th.
- 12. **Issues/Community Vision Committee Report:** John Mavar met with neighbors and has created an email list for the Neighborhood Watch at 8th Street. John went over the flyers he created that can be used for other neighborhood watch groups. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wed. January 26, 6:30 at the San Pedro City Hall Building. Some traffic issues, as well as recreation and parks issues, will be on the agenda. John commented that the Traffic Relief Incident Plan (TRIP) is a new plan to alleviate mass chaos.
- 13. **Outreach Committee.** Bob Bryant talked about a new committee being formed which would combine other committees including: Youth and Education, Newsletter, Outreach and Recruitment.
- 14. **Reports from Public Officials:**

Councilwoman's Office: Ana Dragin reported on:

- Operation Pot Hole was a success. Many pot holes on Harbor Blvd were take off as well as hundred of others around the city. They will be continuing the repairs.
- The Gambol Industries proposal was shut down. The Councilwoman will be bringing it before the city council. It will then go to committee and come back for a vote by the full council. Hahn thinks it is important.
- The P3 proposal will be on the City Council's Wednesday Agenda. P3 relates to concession agreements on city owned parking garages.
- The Councilwoman's Town hall meeting was rescheduled. It will be Thursday, January 20th at 6m at the Croatian Cultural Center. 810 W. 7th Street. DOT, Rec and Parks, DWP, the Port, and the Bureau of Street Services will be making presentations and report how budget cuts have affected their operations. The Councilwoman will talk about the state of the city.
- Councilwoman will be speaking at the Central NC meeting tomorrow and earlier in the day will be meeting with LAPD to address the increase in crime in San Pedro. She is asking for increased patrols.
- Regarding the Target driveway water problem. Ana reported that the funding situation needs to be figured out.
- The Council office has a new Chief of Staff from San Pedro and a new Deputy Chief of Staff, Elise Swanson who will be the Director of External Affairs.
- Pete Burmeister informed Ana about the broken fence next to the flood channel on Capitol which needs attention.
- Diana commented that Mosquito abatement will be important this year due to the heavy rains.

15. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
- NOP Public meeting for the Marine Research Center Project is scheduled for Thursday, January 13th at the Port's Administration Building Board Room. Public comments will go through the end of this month on this project.
 - Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings are scheduled for January 20 and February 3, 8am at the Port Admin. Building
 - The Disney cruise ship arrives January 21st.
 - Upgrades to the cruise center are coming along nicely. On February 23rd the Chamber will sponsor a "mini" Taste in San Pedro at the cruise center.
 - Old Westway tank farm demolition is going out for bid in March.
 - This Saturday cranes are coming in for China Shipping and passing under the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Estimated time is 12:30pm.
 - LA Waterfront update meeting scheduled for January 27th has been postponed. It will be rescheduled.
 - Provided a handout of the Small Business Enterprise Component. This is an opportunity program for small business who would like to do business with the Port.
 - New art piece called "Ship in a Bottle" is scheduled to be unveiled early February at the new Cabrillo Marina.
 - Cabrillo Beach enhancements are in the works.
 - The SP Slip/Ghost Fish by Utros will be updated with an anticipated start date of June 2011.
16. **Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal's Office:** Jennifer Zovcovic was in attendance representing the Assemblywoman's Office. She is filling in for Bianca through February. Jennifer reported on the following:
- Regular session of the legislature convened last week. No bills have been introduced yet. The assemblywoman has been reappointed as chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee as well as the Assembly's Select Committee on Ports. She is focusing her efforts on job creation. There will be fewer bills introduced this year in order to focus on the budget.
 - The new governor is recommending a realignment proposal to shift services provided by the state to the local and county level. He intends to ask the voters to extend the temporary tax increases.
 - Assembly budget committee has its first hearing this Thursday. Assemblywoman wants to know what is important to her constituents and wants to be a resource to the neighborhood council.
 - The Assemblywoman's office is co-hosting a training session on January 19th for volunteer income tax preparation. Those trained would become an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer. The training will be held at Artesia Park in Artesia.
17. **Announcements:**
- Pete Burmeister announced a Demonstration on the training of police dogs at the Canine Training Facility on Wednesday at 2pm (location: 405 and Figueroa, right under the freeway).
 - The Board agreed to hold the next Board and Stakeholder meeting on Monday, February 14th, Valentine's Day.
18. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC