



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
January 11, 2010 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:39pm
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Dan Dixon, Paula Mazzarino, John Greenwood, Craig Goldfarb, Gabriel Rivas, John Mavar, Meryl Moilov, Philip Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, Peter Burmeister. The following board members were excused: Mollie Abbatiello, David Arvonio, Laureen Vivian, Mary Hamlin and Diana Nave (arrived at 8:10pm). A quorum was present. Approximately 15 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the November 9, 2009 Meeting:** George Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009, seconded by Craig Goldfarb and approved unanimously by the board.
4. **Welcome by Pres. Dan Dixon:** Dan Dixon thanked all who were in attendance and made opening comments. He announced that Board Member Mollie Abbatiello has found it necessary to resign due to night hours at her job. An announcement will be sent out seeking a new Board member to fill the position.
5. **Report from LAPD:** Officer Ashcroft commented that crime is down to the levels of 1965. At the start of the year there was a slight increase mostly theft from motor vehicles. Captain Beck asked Officer Ashcroft to comment on the World Room at LAPD Harbor Division Headquarters. This is a room with video link up dedicated to crime control. He commented that they are considering a program where businesses can install cameras outside their businesses and those cameras will be hooked up to the LAPD system. This is a pilot program and more information will be provided at a future meeting regarding the details. Diana Nave asked about the ATV's. The officer talked about the usage of the ATV's. John Greenwood asked if the LAPD could monitor a camera if the NWSPNC purchased such a camera. Officer Ashcroft responded that this could be possible.
6. **Report from Frank Hong, Office of Councilwoman Hahn re: Cell Tower Issue:** Hong reported on the idea of a citywide data base of proposed cell towers. This and other cell phone issues will be brought forth at the Public Works Committee meeting in February. Motions have been put forth to review some of the new legal cases. This is a citywide issue and other council members have been dealing with similar issues in their districts. Janice Hahn's primary concern is getting input from the community and neighborhood councils. Hong was asked about the status of the proposed towers on Westmont and also at Bynner and Western. Hong commented that the Westmont tower was powered up over the holidays regardless of the council office's opposition. Bynner/Western cell site is reportedly going to be moved.
7. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):** Rosa Arcadia reported on the following:
 - a. Provided a flyer with various workshops going on all over the city. Thursday, January 28, 2010 there will be a meeting with open dialogue in the Harbor Gateway area. They are hoping to get new people involved by outreaching to other organizations and businesses etc. by providing presentations etc.
 - b. As elections get closer there will be materials to help people prepare to become candidates.

- c. Budget Survey: This year it is called the “Budget Challenge” and each person can give their input on how to balance the budget. Very interactive website survey.
8. **Council Office Report:** Ana reported on the following:
- a. The Councilwoman agrees that the NC elections and City elections should not be on the same day.
 - b. Councilwoman Hahn introduced a motion (#09-3043) regarding idling trucks at the Port. She has instructed the city attorney to work with the Environmental Affairs Dept to get an ordinance to give the Port authority to cite idling trucks.
 - c. Councilwoman Hahn has worked with the CRA and was able to gain an additional \$90,000 for the overpass bridge design on Gaffey. Structural analysis is being conducted.
 - d. Cell Towers: AT&T spent \$60-70,000 to move the tower to 9th and Western.
 - e. Cal Trans has added some safety improvements to the guard rail at 9th and Western.
 - f. Peck Park Prop O contract has been approved
 - g. Horseshoe pits are done at Peck Park and people are using them. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be next Thursday at 10am. San Pedro Horseshoe Club is very excited and has already been utilizing them.
 - h. DOT Re: Safety around Park Western Elementary School. Meeting with DOT tomorrow.
 - i. Councilwoman received 25 new police officers in her district. 10 in the Harbor Area.
 - j. Parking Meter Rates: Downtown San Pedro were reduced in half in the lots. They are waiting for the signs to be posted, hopefully by the end of this week. This is great news.
 - k. Justin Houterman, Neighborhood Prosecutor for this area has moved to a new position. Elizabeth Greenwood will be the new prosecutor for this area.
9. **Port of Los Angeles: Augie Besmalinovich reported on the following:**
- a. Commented that Papadakis Tavern is closing.
 - b. First Public waterfront update meeting Thursday, Feb 11th, Crowne Plaza 6pm.
 - c. USS Iowa proposal to move the ship to the port. Port is cautiously optimistic and looking into the costs of maintaining and operating it.
 - d. China Shipping mitigation. BOHC approved the Gaffey Street Pool. There are a couple of groups including the SPHU that have filed an appeal.
 - e. Last week Exec Dir. Knatz gave an update on the Gambol Industries shipyard to Janice Hahn.
 - f. 22nd Street Park grand opening update.
 - g. Port Calendars were available for the community.
10. **Public Comment:**
- a. **Stella Catanzarite, Community Development Department:** They have gone regional and are opening up offices in various regions. She is at one of the regional offices in the San Pedro City Hall building. She provided a flyer with service providers. Toberman will be one of 21 family source centers in the city. Ms. Catanzarite will return to our meetings to update on services and events related to the Community Development Department.
 - b. **Dona LeBlanc:** Resident on Roseglen Avenue. There are drug dealers on her block and she is concerned and wants them shut down. Ana Dragin from the council office offered to set up a meeting to begin the process to handle this issue.
 - c. **Judy Duvall:** Made a political announcement. She represents Diane Lenning, a candidate running in June for Superintendent of Public Instruction.
 - d. **Pete Burmister:** Reported on the West Coast Canine group.
 - e. **Paula Mazzarino:** Paula commented on the curb painting group, Care for the Children, which is non-profit. She explained her concerns. Ana Dragin from the council office will check into it.
11. **Land Use and Planning Report:**
- a. **North Gaffey Beautification Project was divided into phases.** The port is ready to move forward on Phase D. (Passed around a map). Diana talked about what she felt were the issues related to the phase of the project.

- b. **Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance:** John and Diane put together a draft. This will be brought up at the next meeting. A survey is being circulated and when she gets the link she will pass it on so everyone can take it.
- c. **Sidewalk Ordinance:** Report now pending before the public works committee that will result in 7 community meetings to look at the options. The information will be passed on when available.
- d. **SB1818:** Valley Village appeal is coming up tomorrow at 10am at City Council (additional details were included in the Land Use and Planning report).
- e. **CEQA:** Scheduled for trade and commerce committee on the 20th. Janice Hahn is the chair of that committee.
- f. **Proposed VOA housing off Palos Verdes Dr. North:** filed tract map and doing a traffic study. Results will be reported at the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting (January 21st).

12. **HANC, LANC and Plan Check Meeting Reports from Diana.** Written report attached.

13. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay reported on:

- a. February 1st is the next meeting.
- b. PCAC is going through changes. There has been a survey circulating among members to decide the future role of the PCAC. There has been a lack of a quorum at recent meetings. The PCAC has been around for 9 years and it needs to evolve.
- c. Harry Bridges Project (street widening), contract awarded at Board Meeting. Project estimated to cost 18million (Stimulus money).
- d. Wilmington grade separation project (near Banning's Landing) and how it will help the trains (on dock rail). Planned for next year.
- e. City Dock One, port looking to move forward with EIR for that project.
- f. CIP (Capital improvement Project) Port spending \$1 million a day on this project.
- g. Shipyard still in queue.
- h. Cruise terminal gangways should be placed and working soon. There should be improvements with parking lots also.
- i. Plains All American is currently in litigation.

14. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig Goldfarb reported on:

- a. Angel's Gate Master Plan, \$10,000 check was finally issued. John Greenwood will set up a meeting so that Angels Gate can report on the use of the money.
- b. **John Greenwood made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Capt. George Thompson and passed unanimously by the Board.**
- c. Craig reported on his meeting with DONE.

15. **Youth and Education Committee:** Brief report related to last meeting in December and the Cabrillo Yacht Club Sailing Program.

16. **Chair's Report:** Brief explanation of the Neighborhood Council funding program and our need to establish new guidelines. President Dixon also reported on Ponte Vista stating that Bob Bisno is caught up in bankruptcy and that this is delaying progress by the new owners.

17. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristina Smith, NC Administrative Asst.

HANC/LANCC/Plan Check MEETINGS

City Budget Crisis – “Reality Deficit Disorder”

- 75-80 from 40-50 NCs; Paul Koret; Bong Hwang, Controller, Mayor, etc.
- City has 18 sources of revenue, last year 12 of these either flatlined or declined
- Pension funds lost 20% while projected to increase by 8%; basically a 28% gap
- E-Rip & no salary increases (except DWP) & no furloughs
- Approximately 2500 senior staff leaving due to early retirement – will take 6 mo to process; all HR people in Libraries applied for early retirement
- \$175 million shortfall this year thru June
- CAO projecting \$408 million shortfall next year; projected to increase to over \$1 billion by 2013-14 without major reform
- reserve under \$122 million
- sale of parking lot assets
- Mayor’s budget survey http://labudgetchallenge.lacity.org/budgetchallenge/sim/budget_master.html
- In addition to sale of assets – public private partnerships/parking, proposing two fees that would require 2/3 approval of voters – parking users tax increase and clean water initiative rate increase

Importance of Comments

-LANCC Actions –

- Estab “expertise” to work with budget reps – will get all comments submitted to Mayor
- Developing materials for NCs to use

How have others handled?

- Vallejo is filing for bankruptcy – Sacramento wants to approve; judge ruled union contracts can be voided; will probably be appealed
- San Diego – 2006- Arthur Levitt Report, better accounting & more civilian oversight
- New York City 1975 resulted in emergency financial control board to review & provide oversight and make sure budget is balanced and funding sustainable and the Municipal Assistance Corporation (Big MAC), a financing vehicle for bonds secured by defined income streams, gave City access to financing

Two LANCC websites budgetla.org and <http://lanccdocs.blogspot.com/>

HANC Last Sat of Feb for Local Summit

NCs will need to be prepared to defend our \$

NCs will also need to step up in new ways to help fill the gap

DOT MOU - Almost finalized, now on hold due to lack of staff

Community Plan Process Seminar - Sat. Jan 30, 10:00 am Kaiser Conference Center – go N. on Gaffey- at v go left onto Normandie. At first traffic light (Permanente Way) turn right. Park in structure on your right. Walk back across Permanente Way (basically a driveway) and the Conference Center is in the buildings on your left.

Elections - Harbor Area NC elections are scheduled for Tue, June 8 – the same day as the State elections; HANC reps unanimously agreed this will create confusion; asked DONE/City Clerk to change with first priority being the following Sat. Bong Hwan said he will take request to City Clerk. Discussed a number of ideas for how to work together to publicize the elections.

By-Laws Committee

First of 4 meetings will be 1/23 in El Sereno. Go to ncbylaws.blogspot.com for more info.

Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance – SB 1881

City has good landscape ordinance adopted about 6 years ago. SB 1881 is another state initiative that applies to local government

Applies to new construction and rehabilitated landscapes which are developer-installed, homeowner-provided and /or homeowner-hired landscaping in single-family and multi-family residential projects with a landscape area equal to or greater than 2500 sq feet

Local agencies must adopt the model ordinance or one that is at least as “effective”. Lots and lots of specificity. A maximum applied water allowance will set the max amount of water you will be allowed to use on the landscape. A synopsis of some of the provisions can be found at <http://www.atomicirrigation.com/AB1881.html>

Medical Marijuana Ordinance - Back before City Council this week

Would set cap of 70 facilities with specific caps for each planning area – 1 for San Pedro. Would have restrictions regarding how close it can be to sensitive sites – see map on planning dept website.