



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
July 11, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and welcomed those in attendance. 12 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Bob Bryant, Pete Burmeister, Dan Dixon, Charles Eldred Jr., Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, John Mavar, Diana Nave, Barbara Schach, Mark Anthony Shoats, John Stammreich, Captain George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. The following board members were excused: Anise Goldfarb and Mary Hamlin.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** *The minutes of the June 13, 2011 and June 27, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.*
4. **L.A.P.D. Report:** Sr. Lead Officer Ron Weaver shared crime statistics from June 10th to July 10th. He was happy to report that property crimes are finally starting to go down. Parole and probation checks are being conducted to assist in curbing crimes by repeat offenders. Weaver can be reached by email at 32328@lapd.lacity.org or by cell phone 310-869-2138.
5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Administrative Assistant Kristina Smith read the Election Rules and roles of the various executive officers. After voting, the following Executive Officers were elected for the 2011-2012 term: President, Diana Nave; Vice President, John Mavar; Secretary, Cynthia Gonyea; and Treasurer, Craig Goldfarb.
6. **I-Watch Presentation:** Alex Castillo, Community Relations Officer with the Port of Los Angeles Police Department shared a video presentation on the I-Watch Program, a nationwide watch program involving homeland security. Citizens are urged to report suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods (www.iwatchla.org). This program is being presented to the Port, the ILWU and various community organizations. Castillo also announced the upcoming open house of the new Port of Los Angeles Police Station and commented that this is a “Centennial” year for the Port Police.
7. **Department of Transportation “Watch the Road.”** Signs were available at the meeting for residents to place on their properties. There was no formal presentation.
8. **Public comment on Non-Agenda Item:**
 - **John Stammreich** commented on the redistricting issue. A new map is due out very soon. He urged the community to continue to give input to keep San Pedro from being divided. More information can be found on www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov.
 - **Ray Galato:** Thanked the Northwest SP Neighborhood Council for the quick action they took in getting a traffic study on Channel.
9. **Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Proposed Sewage Outfall Pipeline. (Clearwater Program) Presentation:** Basil Hewitt was introduced and gave a presentation on the Clearwater Program which involves 23 districts and a joint outfall system. The proposed project will be the blueprint for the next 40 years. With a population of over 6 million people being predicted by 2040, the Sanitation District wants to make sure they have enough treatment capacity for the service

area and that their treatment plants meet regulations. The two current outfall tunnels were built in 1937 and 1958. Four potential alignment routes were presented. Input is being requested from the public. Individual comment sheets were provided for stakeholders to fill out.

10. Port Committee: Phil Nicolay reported on the following:

- A letter was received from Dr. Knatz in response to the NWSPNC Motion submitted to the Port regarding the solar panels being proposed on the roof top of the future parking structure on Sampson Way. The Port is required under their MOU with the State Attorney General to supply 10 megawatts of solar power.
- Cal Trans Projects are coming up next month. Phil will put related information in the newsletter.
- Train Noise from the West Basin Line.

11. Port of Los Angeles: Report from Augie Bezmalinovich which included the following:

- Announced that the July's Harbor Commissioners Meetings have been cancelled. The next meetings will be held on August 4th and 18th, 8:30am at the Port Administration Building.
- The Concerts at the Fountain series held every Thursday night until 9pm has been very successful. Augie was asked to find out if the Red Car hours can be extended on those nights.
- The Cars and Stripes event was well attended with an estimated 17,500 people in attendance.
- Navy week is planned for July 25th-30th. The USS Abraham Lincoln will be berthed in outer harbor with a crew of 5,000. There will also be additional ships in the harbor.
- The Taste in San Pedro Event is planned for August 5th-7th.
- A grand opening for the Cabrillo Way Marina Phase Two is planned for October 22nd.
- SP Slip ghost fish renovation project will begin soon.
- An Arts and Crafts Center is being proposed at Warehouses 9 and 10. The Port has 120 days to figure out if this will happen. A community workshop is being planned for August.
- The Maritime Museum is getting a face lift.
- The Port will break ground on the Downtown Harbor at the end of this year.
- The Port has not yet received a response from the US Navy regarding the USS IOWA

12. Councilwoman's Office: Gordon Teuber reported on the following.

- PBID has plans to coordinate the shuttle buses with the red car.
- Ana Dragin is returning to the Council Office from her maternity leave.
- The Council Office has received word about the State Enterprise Zone. Western Ave is affected which is good news. It may be about 3 months before they can implement the guidelines in the Enterprise Zone. It should include hiring tax credits from the State as well as other benefits.
- There is a new gym coming to the Park Plaza Shopping Center, a well as a new beauty supply shop.
- Regarding Ponte Vista, the Council office had a meeting with DOT and the ATSAC program is no longer available as mitigation.
- JCC Homes is conducting their second phase of environmental work.
- Channel Street. The City purchased lot 8 at the bottom of the hill and plans to put a one way alley there. The Bureau of Street Lighting is requiring 3 street lights with the new Channel street project.
- It was announced that Marymount College has signed a 10-year lease at the old Northrop building downtown.

13. CONSIDER MOTION IN SUPPORT OF T.I.R.E. PROJECT: John Greenwood made the following motion which was seconded by Bob Bryant and approved unanimously by the Board:

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has previously endorsed the Department of Sanitation's T.I.R.E. Project. Because this project comes up for re-approval, this Board renews its support for this important project.

14. Community Issues Committee:

- Dan Dixon made the following motion which was seconded by John Mavar and approved unanimously by the Board: *In response to a petition from the residents of Elberon Avenue between Leland and Bandini, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests DOT approval for and Street Services installation of a speed hump on Elberon west of the Trail Head Gate to Bandini Canyon. Motion approved unanimously.*
- The following motion was brought forth from the Issues Committee and passed unanimously by the Board:

NWSPNC Resolution on 467 N. Walker, San Pedro

Whereas the dwelling located at 467 N. Walker Ave. has been uninhabited for the past 13 years, and Whereas the residents of the neighborhood surrounding this property have made multiple attempts to get in touch with the owners, the three daughters of the past owner/inhabitant to discuss the property's condition including its possible purchase, and

Whereas the residents of the neighborhood have had to repeatedly file complaints with the Department of Building and Safety in order to compel the owners to remove excessive vegetation and investigate for rodents & vermin, and

Whereas the aesthetics and infestations of rodents, vermin and termites within this property have created a significant blight on the neighboring properties, including lower property values and additional expense to these properties to combat similar infestations to their own dwellings, and

Whereas the L.A. City Department of Animal Services sent a letter to the property owners on February 1, 2010 regarding the said inhabitation of wildlife, including raccoons, possums and rats. The letter specifically states: "It is the responsibility of property owners in the City of Los Angeles to maintain their homes and parcels in such a manner that will not create additional disturbances for the neighborhood"; and

Whereas the City Attorney's Office had made attempts through a volunteer mediator under the Dispute Resolution Program to discuss the condition of the house and property and said address; and

Whereas the Department of Building and Safety, per Marshall Rumpf (Supervisor in charge), has already deemed this property in violation of Sections 98.0716 (Vacant Structure Penalty) and 98.0717 (Procedures for Barricaded and Vacant Structure Penalty) of Ordinance 181185. However, because this property was part of the old abatement list, it would have to be transferred to the new abatement list before the requisite letters could be sent to the owners to begin the proper process;

Whereas the neighborhood representatives in this case have been informed that the clerical staff of the Department of Building and Safety were starting with the newer homes on the new abatement list first, further delaying the next action for this property and further impacting the quality of life of the neighboring residents of this property;

Now therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the Department of Building and Safety to immediately place 467 N. Walker Ave in San Pedro, CA on the new abatement list, and to then immediately issue the required letter under Ordinance 181497, including Sections 98.0716 and 980717, in order to compel the property owners to take immediate actions as required under this ordinance.

15. Community Involvement & Collaboration Committee: Bob Bryant reported on the following:

- Youth Motion: A motion was presented related to the Youth Seat Selection Process and Qualifications but referred to the Bylaws Committee for review prior to a Board vote.
- *The Board unanimously passed a motion from the Committee to allocate \$500 for the purchase of 1,000 magnets.*
- A motion to allocate up to \$250 to purchase name tags was tables.
- John Stammreich commented that he will oversee the volunteers for the neighborhood council booth at the Taste in San Pedro event.

16. DWP Motion to oppose any increase in DWP rates until ratepayer advocate is appointed.

The following motion was made by Diana Nave, seconded by Pete Burmeister and passed

unanimously by the Board:

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorses the following resolution that was unanimously approved by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition on July 2, 2011. "The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition strongly urges that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners and the City Council not consider or act upon the proposed water and power rate increases until the Ratepayers Advocate is established and has thoroughly reviewed and analyzed the proposed rate increases and presented such review and analysis to the Ratepayers and the public for their careful consideration. LANCC cannot support any rate increases until the Ratepayers Advocate has reviewed and analyzed these rate increases and discussed the review and analysis with the Ratepayers and the public."

17. **Safety and Security Committee:** John Stammreich reported on a change in the committee meeting date and time.

18. **Treasurer//Finance Committee:**

- *Motion by Bob and seconded by George to approve the Finance Report including monthly expenses. Motion approved unanimously.*

19. **Presidents Report:** Diana Nave reported on the following:

- Report on board members who need to update their Ethics Test.
- The three San Pedro neighborhood councils have developed a joint brochure. A copy was presented in the agenda packet.
- Review of the recent HANC meeting and the four motions that affect NC's. (Those motions were included in the agenda packet).
- The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners passed a motion related to the factual basis stakeholder. A Grievance Policy will be discussed at next the BONG meeting. An ad hoc committee was appointed to look at the motions. The following board members volunteered to be on the committee: Dan Dixon (Chair), Craig Goldfarb, John Stammreich and George Thompson.
- There is no money in the city budget for the city clerk to conduct NC elections. The City Attorney, DONE and the City Clerk say that a "selection" process can be used but it requires an amendment to the Bylaws. This item was referred to the Bylaws and Elections committee.

20. **Announcements:**

- John Stammreich announced that the Mary Star Fiesta is being held this weekend.
- Diana Nave commented that at the next meeting there will be more information on the 47/110 transition project. Marymount College will also be in attendance to talk about expansion plans.

21. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC