



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
July 12, 2010 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:42pm
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Bob Bryant, Pete Burmeister, Craig Goldfarb, John Greenwood, Mary Hamlin, Diana Nave, Barbara Schach, Cpt. George Thompson, Ray Patricio and Meryl Moilov, The following board members were excused: David Arvonio, John Mavar, Gabriel Rivas, Phil Nicolay, Laureen Vivian and Paula Mazzarino. Approximately 20 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2010 Meeting:** Bob Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2010 Meeting, seconded by Capt. George Thompson. The minutes were approved unanimously by the board.
4. **Swearing In of all Members Elected 2010:** Meryl Moilov was thanked for her work as Youth Seat on the Board. She then conducted the swearing in of the following newly elected and re-elected board members: Dan Dixon, Bob Bryant, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, and Mark Anthony Shoats. Cynthia Gonyea and Mark Anthony Shoats were then seated at the Board table.
5. **Thanks and Acknowledgement of Board members:** Dan Dixon thanked those members who were leaving the council as board members: Phil Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Meryl Moilov and Paula Mazzarino.
6. **Comment from Bonnie Lowenthal's office:** Jay Day, Principal Consultant from the Assemblywoman's office introduced himself to the board and stakeholders. He hopes to attend future meetings to act as a liaison between the Assemblywoman's office and the neighborhood council.
7. **Nomination and Election of Board Officers:** Linda Alexander from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council was introduced and read a written, formal description of the roles of each officer. She then opened the floor for nominations for each of the executive board positions:
 - a. **Board President:** John Greenwood nominated Diana Nave as President. There were no other nominations and Diana Nave was unanimously approved by the Board as the Board President.
 - b. **Board Vice President:** Bob Bryant and Dan Dixon were nominated for the position of Vice President. Bob Bryant accepted the nomination and Dan Dixon declined. Bob Bryant was unanimously approved by the Board.
 - c. **Board Secretary:** Cynthia Gonyea and George Thompson were nominated for the position of Secretary. Cynthia declined and George Thompson accepted. George Thompson was unanimously approved by the Board.
 - d. **Board Treasurer:** John Greenwood, Dan Dixon and Craig Goldfarb were nominated for the position of Board Treasurer. John Greenwood and Dan Dixon declined. Craig Goldfarb accepted the nomination and was unanimously approved by the board.
 - e. Diana Nave then presided over the meeting and thanked Linda Alexander for overseeing the Officer Elections. Dan Dixon was also thanked for his time serving as President.

8. **Youth and Education Committee Awarding of Youth Community Scholarship.** Barbara Schach was introduced and gave an overview of the Award. Katrina Yucavich Wood was then introduced. She is the recipient of a \$500 Service Award for exemplary community service and her pursuit of higher education. Katrina is a recent graduate of the Port of Los Angeles High School with a 4.0 grade average. Her volunteer service includes the Youth Coalition Center of the South Bay and Long Beach and Little Company of Mary Hospital. In the fall she will be a freshman at UC Irvine majoring in Aerospace Engineering.
9. **Presentation by Port of Los Angeles about Harbor Blvd/Front Street Beautification Plans.** Kurt Arend, a representative from the Port of Los Angeles, talked about the Front Street Beautification Project: This includes a five foot wide strip located by China Shipping. The Port is currently going through the conceptual phase of the project. They want to include an 8-12 foot wide multi use path adjacent to the landscaping. This will connect to the North Gaffey beautification area. They will be bringing conceptual designs to the neighborhood council in the future. Dan Dixon asked about the bike path and the difficulty crossing at Channel and Front and if that could be included. Diana Nave asked if the fence at Front and N Pacific could be moved back closer to the railroad tracks allowing additional space for landscaping. Kurt agreed to take the comments back to the Port.
10. **Councilwoman's Office:** Ana Dragin commented on the following:
 - a. Dan Dixon was thanked for his work as President and Diana Nave was welcomed as the new Board President. Ana commented that the board has done a great job spending the allocated funds in a responsible manner.
 - b. Truck traffic study and resurfacing of Front Street is being considered.
 - c. Announcement of a festival at Peck Park this Saturday from 8am-2pm sponsored by Target, the Grand Vision Foundation and Angels Gate.
 - d. Announcement of tentative plans on August 19th for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony concerning the Bandini Canyon Project. There are plans for long term maintenance and Rec and Parks will have a full time gardener at the site.
 - e. One million dollars has been allocated for Marshall Court improvements. They will work to improve the area.
 - f. Naming of Peck Park Trail after past board member Ray Patricio. The Councilwoman loved the idea and is hoping to make it happen.
 - g. Pete Burmeister asked that Kinder Morgan be asked to contribute funds for the repaving of Gaffey Street . Ana said that there are already plans for the resurfacing of the area from Westmont to Channel.
 - h. Request for discussion on DWP rate hikes. The Council office has not heard of any requests. A presentation on upcoming increases can be held at a future meeting.
 - i. Ana introduced Erica Velasques, the new Director who previously worked out of Watts. She is very familiar with all the communities in the district. Erica said a few words and congratulated the new board members.
 - j. Bob Bryant commented on a recent accident on 9th and Western. He publicly complimented Councilwoman Hahn for giving first aid to an older gentleman involved in the accident and assisting him to the hospital.
 - k. Drought restrictions: Question from Dan Dixon. Ana will get back to us on that.
 - l. Pete Burmeister thanked the Council Office and Police Department for their work on reducing the illegal fireworks nuisance.
11. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
 - a. Announced that the next BOHC meeting has been postponed to July 22nd.
 - b. Multi cultural man statue has been unveiled.
 - c. Cabrillo Way Marina project is continuing and scheduled to be finished next summer. This project will add 3,000 linear feet of promenade area.
 - d. Berth 93 solar panels are under construction.

- e. Ghost fish and improvements at SP slip. They are waiting for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and then they will be advertising around Aug and Sept for the work on the project.
- f. LA Waterfront implementation guidelines, Augie has the latest copy available for review
- g. .An RFP is scheduled to be released in the 1st quarter of 2011 for the development of Port O' Call Village. Also, there is a developer interested in the Warehouse 9 & 10 property.
- h. Downtown Harbor they are expecting to advertise for this project in the summer of 2011.
- i. Announcement about the Taste in San Pedro being held August 7 and 8.
- j. Wrap Up Meeting September 16 for the downtown waterfront. Also a tentative meeting is scheduled for November 4th on Sampson Way and Plaza Park, which is phase 2 of the downtown harbor. There will also be a community wide general update in the future.
- k. Recent construction of poles in the sand at Cabrillo Beach are for deterring the birds who pollute the beach. They are hoping the public will give some ideas on how to make them look more aesthetically pleasing.
- l. Pitch Africa is a project by the Annenberg Foundation where they use empty shipping containers to contain water. They stack them side by side and create a soccer field on the top. They are doing a test of this project at the Port of LA before it is taken to Africa.
- m. Cruise ships are coming back. Carnival is back Sept 2011 with cruises to the Mexican Riviera and Hawaii. Disney is coming January 23, 2011.
- n. Bob complimented Augie on the Cars and Stripes event but had some concerns about excessive drinking of some of the patrons at the event.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

13. Land Use and Planning Report: John Greenwood, new Chair of the Committee, gave highlights from the last meeting which included:

- a. **Discussion on Trusela's Restaurant.** The restaurant is located at 28158 S. Western Avenue and has been open for about 7 months. They are seeking a conditional use permit to serve beer and wine. The previous owners allowed the CUP to expire. They have received support letters from a number of community members including William Hayes, the Commanding Officer for the Harbor LAPD.
- b. **Motion from Committee to support the application by Trusela's.** **The following motion was recommended by the committee:** The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the application by Trusela's Restaurant, ZA 2010-1140 (CUB) to allow on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine in conjunction with an existing restaurant with 55 seats, operating from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm daily and welcomes them to the community. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Board.
- a. **North Gaffey Beautification.** At the committee meeting there was a presentation on three conceptual designs for the remaining phases of the North Gaffey Beautification. Committee members were given an opportunity to provide feedback. A revised concept will be brought back at the August or September Committee meeting.
- b. **Rancho Holdings.** A letter was received from Rancho Holdings answering some of the questions raised at the meeting they previously held with members of the community. It was agreed that the committee would like to set up a tour of the facility.
- c. **Council Office Report:** The City is moving forward on the purchase of the lot to provide the cut thru street from Miraflores to Channel. Emmet Clark is considering adjusting the lot lines on Channel to increase the width from 30 feet to 40 feet. This will need to be done prior to any curb being installed. Council office is looking at what type of covering should be on the Gaffey Street Bridge; most of the ideas that have been proposed have not be implementable; now they are considering keeping the wire "cage" but putting a better cover on it.
- d. **Next Meeting.** 6:00 pm, July 15 at San Pedro City Hall. Main Agenda items: Proposed self-storage facility at Basin & Gaffey; possible motion regarding proposed Obsession Bar

14. Proposed By-Law Change: Dan Dixon gave some background on the reason for a proposed Amendment .

- a. The following proposed amendment to the By-Laws was reviewed by the Board and then unanimously approved: “A) Amend Article VIII.A, Governing Board, as follows: a. In Item 7, Replace “Two voting stakeholders” with “One voting stakeholder” to read as follows: “One voting stakeholder representing a school serving the NWSPNC area”; and b. In Item 9, Replace “two voting stakeholders” with “three voting stakeholders” to read as follows: “Three voting stakeholders elected at large.” And B) Amend Article XXI, Transitional Provisions, by adding a Paragraph D as follows: “D. The term of the third at large voting member shall initially expire in June 2010. At that time the position shall be filled for two years ending 2014 and every four years thereafter.
 - b. We will be accepting nominations for the open at large position and the Youth position.
15. **Treasurer’s Report:**
- a. Craig Goldfarb provided a copy of the Monthly Expenditures Report for June 2010 as follows: Smart and Final for refreshments \$24.06; Big Nicks for Sandwiches \$50.00; Mailroom for Administrative Services and Website expenses \$387.00; and Beacon House for Tree Maintenance \$68.00 for a total of \$529.06. **There was a motion to approve the report made by John Greenwood, seconded by George Thompson. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.**
 - b. The Board reviewed the Budget provided by Craig Goldfarb.
16. **Port Committee:** No report.
17. **Outreach Committee Report:** Bob Bryant reminded the Board that the Newsletter will be coming out soon and he is in need of more articles. The deadline is this week (Thursday). He requested a letter of Successes from Dan from his presidency the last three years. He also asked for a paragraph of thanks from new board members for being voted onto the Board.
18. **Secretary’s Report:** Diana Nave provided a written Secretary’s Report and emphasized that there were 6 notices received regarding plans for installation of above ground facilities from AT&T (this is for the boxes and cable). Also two letters were received from the city that they have approved two of the above ground facilities. AT&T has been responsive with graffiti removal.
19. **HANC Report:** A written report was included in the Agenda Packet for review. Diana Nave commented that Jay Day will be coming to the next meeting to talk about the status of the Fast Lanes project.
20. **Email Scam:** Board members and stakeholders were cautioned about a recent email scam. An email is received from someone in your email list that states they are stranded out of the country and need financial assistance to return home. Anyone receiving such an email should not respond.
21. **Annual Retreat:** The Board retreat scheduled for July 24th is being cancelled because not enough board members are available. The event will be rescheduled at a future date.
22. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC