



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
June 8, 2009 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 Mollie Abbatiello, Dan Dixon, John Greenwood, Craig Goldfarb, Gabriel Rivas, Meryl Moilov, Philip Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, David Arvonio, Pete Burmeister, Laureen Vivian and Diana Nave. The following board members were excused: John Mavar and Mary Hamlin. Bonnie Easley has resigned and the vacant seat will be addressed at the July meeting. A quorum was present. Approximately 32 stakeholders in attendance.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Meeting:** Pete Burmeister made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting, seconded by Laureen Vivian and approved unanimously by the board.
4. **Report by Public Officials**
  - a. **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong talked about an event June 27<sup>th</sup> involving a pilot program to introduce a waterless car wash. Hong asked for suggestions on a location to hold the car wash. The proceeds from this event will be used to support the surgery for a baby in our community who has spina bifida. Children's Hospital is willing to do the surgery.
  - b. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).** Rosa Arcadia gave a report:
    - i. City is having a volunteer recognition day on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Regional Valley Conference of Neighborhoods was May 31<sup>st</sup>. About 150 people attended. City-wide conference will be next. Rosa will be facilitating with the committee and encourages members of the NWSPNC to participate.
    - iii. Reminder to board members: Log on and update your profile information on the DONE website.
    - iv. The city clerk has received our Stipulation Worksheet. June 13 is the lottery date to determine what specific date our election will be held.
    - v. Demand warrants due by June 12<sup>th</sup>. Budget due June 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - vi. Sexual Harassment Training DVD available for board members to view.
    - vii. Done office may be shutting down every other Friday due to budget cuts (starting in July).
  - c. **Port of Los Angeles:** Reminder that the Wilmington Waterfront Project Final EIR will be released June 18, 6pm.
  - d. **Councilwoman's office representative Gordon Teuber discussed the following:**
    - i. Our area rep, Ana Dragin, is on vacation for two weeks in Croatia.
    - ii. Laureen Vivian was appointed to the CRA CAC.
    - iii. Parking downtown: Signs have been replaced and all meters in downtown are now 8am-6pm. June 1<sup>st</sup> they launched a monthly permit parking program which has been well received. Turn around time is less than a week. 30 permits have been

- iv. North Gaffey Beautification Ceremony will be held in the next few weeks. Harbor Commission has recognized NWSPNC and Pat and Diana Nave for all their hard work.
- v. Beacon House: Request from John Olguin (with support of Councilwoman Hahn) for \$5,000 from each neighborhood council.
- vi. Still at a stalemate with DWP regarding West Coast Canine. Council office is doing their best to support Pete Burmeister's program.

5. **Public Comment:**

- a. **Raymond Yu:** Gave announcement of events in downtown Los Angeles.
- b. **John Stammreich:** Commented that 65% of the state feel they are taxed enough, 68% of LA feels the same, over 70% of this state senate district also felt the same way. In 2010 John Stammreich will be running for the State Senate.
- c. **Janet Jones from Harbor Interfaith:** They are starting the Capital Campaign to expand their child care center. Their Fall Gala will be held at the Terranea Resort, Friday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. They need volunteers at their food pantry 1:30-5:00. Contact 310-831-0603 if you can assist. Volunteers need to be 15 and above (younger volunteers need to be accompanied by a parent)
- d. **Elise Swanson, Ponte Vista:** Ponte Vista is on their second wave of outreach to develop a revised plan for the Ponte Vista community. Interviews are still being conducted and public information sessions will also be held. Community open house and workshop, Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at LA Harbor Crowne Plaza Hotel. It will include small group discussions.
- e. **Jody James:** Gave a handout called "Living Safely with Chemicals—Understanding Chemical Risk Management." The information included a worst case scenario for our area.

6. **Presentation on Averill Park Improvements:** Mike Shull, Planning and Construction Superintendent for the L.A. Department of Rec. and Parks, began by talking about Quimby funds, which are being used for Averill and Peck Park. RAP's main goal at Averill Park is to get the stream back up and running. \$682,000 is the maximum amount of Quimby funds for that project. Diana Nave asked if that would be sufficient funds to accomplish their goals. Mike felt that it would be enough. She also asked why it takes so long to get the Quimby money committed for a project like this. Mike did not have a direct answer other than there is a very tiny staff handling that Department. Ray Patricio asked how long the project will take. URS Corporation was hired and they are moving forward but don't yet have a specific timeline. Regarding Peck Park. Their Board approved several projects for Peck Park, mostly around the ball fields such as dug out covers, designs for replacing sports field lighting, fencing improvements, ADA improvements relating to the parking lot and the restrooms, plus mechanical systems for the community center.

7. **Youth and Education Committee:** Barbara Schach gave an update on the recent Youth and Education Committee meeting which was very productive. She then presented the following motions recommended by the Committee:
- a. **Motion to sponsor local counseling service summer program up to \$2,500 for materials.** Dario Ghio gave a presentation on the Harbor Area Counseling Services, a non-profit counseling service right here in San Pedro. They are in need of funding for materials. **Barbara Schach, Youth and Education Committee Chair, brought forth a motion from the Committee to support the Harbor Area Counseling Services in an amount not to exceed \$2500. After discussion the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**
  - b. **Motion to spend \$500 to sponsor Tri-City Falcons Youth Football and Cheer Program.** Barbara gave background information and then introduced Jennifer Corell and Halani who gave information on the association which has been in the San Pedro area for over 14 years servicing youth from 6-14 years old. **A motion was brought forth from the Youth and**

**Education Committee to sponsor the Tri-City Falcons Youth Football and Cheer Program in the amount of \$500. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

8. **YWCA Preschool Conditional Use Permit:** Mary Jo Walker gave background information on the YWCA's need for support of the Conditional Use Permit. **John Greenwood made a motion, seconded by Diana Nave, that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council support the issuance of the YWCA's Conditional Use Permit for the school. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**
9. **Board Vacancy:** President Dan Dixon commented on the Education Seat vacancy on the NWSPNC board due to the resignation of Bonnie Easley who is moving out of the area. The board will consider filling the vacancy at the July 2009 Board and Stakeholder meeting.
10. **Knoll Hill Committee Update:**
  - a. **Knoll Hill Committee member, Craig Goldfarb:** Craig gave an update on the Committee's plan which was proposed to State Lands and then shot down. Anthony Pirozzi thought we should fight state lands. Janice Hahn proposed a land swap. Quimby funds could fund the project. Diana Nave asked about Quimby funds. She was not comfortable with Quimby funds from JCC and Ponte Vista developments going to Knoll Hill, and felt the funds should come from downtown development.
  - b. **Gordon Teuber:** Explained Quimby funds. Planning Department told him that Quimby funds from Ponte Vista can be used by the developer for open space development on that property. Read copy of letter from Janice Hahn to the Port. Also gave details on a possible land swap.
  - c. **Bruce Horton:** Chair of Coastal's Rec. and Parks Committee and Knoll Hill Committee Member talked about what the committee considered after being turned down by State Lands. If there is a transfer it will be put under the city's Rec. and Parks and they don't have any funding. Port will have the money first. Coastal voted to keep it under State Lands control and took a position that public land should be used for the public.
  - d. **Carrie Scoville from Central San Pedro.** The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council voted against any land swap and are in favor of open space and have been all along. She personally is very nervous about a land swap. She prefers to keep it with the port. She commented that there is no diagram in place should the land swap go forward.
  - e. **Pat Nave:** In favor of an advisory motion to support the work of the steering committee. It was an important move for the Port to support what the community wants at Knoll Hill. That kind of work needs to be continued. Feels that everyone should listen to State Lands and stop trying to "stuff things up their nose." We need to follow the recommendations of the steering committee.
  - f. **Anthony Pirozzi: (In response to Pat Nave's comment):** We are asking questions of State Lands not "stuffing things up their noses." The job of the committee is to determine what the community wants. We have to determine the "What" and the State Lands should help us determine the "How." He feels they are being shortsighted. Thinks it is important that we understand the Lowenthal Bill which broadens the use of Port Property.
  - g. **Doug Epperhart:** Point Fermin has been in play before on land swaps. It is his understanding that the City of Los Angeles doesn't own Point Fermin.
  - h. **Port Representative Joanne Ruddell, Project Manager for Knoll Hill:** Commented that Gordon Teuber made clear the position of the Port.
  - i. **Craig Goldfarb:** Personally wants to support what he heard from Coastal and Central. Go with the passive use plan and keep it with the Port. **As our committee rep, Craig Goldfarb made a motion that the NWSPNC San Pedro Neighborhood Council support the following: Knoll Hill should remain in its current status as Port property and be developed as a passive-use park. Motion seconded by John Greenwood. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

11. **David Rivera Re: Bandini Canyon Trails.** Gave an update on the Bandini Canyon Project which will include drought resistance plants, with lighting and watering on sensors. At the end of the trail there will be a dog park. Ground breaking ceremony Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Project should be completed approximately April 2010 or earlier.
12. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay explained the ranking of the mitigation project to recommend them to the BOHC. Recommendation that we instruct our PCAC rep to vote yes on the motion. Asked if we should amend the motion to split it to have the Wilmington and San Pedro projects considered separately?
  - a. **Public comment from Richard Pawlowski:** Feels that the PCAC's efforts have been manipulated, corrupted, and invites us to look at the Port's website for the last meeting the Port had. Feels there are some real issues with the way this has been put together. Invites everyone to take a look at the port's website before we vote on this.
  - b. **Phil Nicolay** feels the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) may actually fund one of the projects.
  - c. **Jody James:** Feels that a Nexus study is important because it's the moral thing to do and it is necessary.
  - d. **Pat Nave:** Commented that the city attorney said we can't vote on this since we have a project involved.
  - e. **Phil Nicolay** doesn't feel that the port will support the nexus study. We can represent our position as a council in the future when it is in front of the BOHC. He would like to see us support the Wilmington projects. **John Greenwood made a two part motion that 1) we direct the PCAC rep to make a motion at the PCAC meeting to split the projects into two parts so that we can vote on the Wilmington projects. Seconded by Capt. George Thompson. 1 no, 2 abstentions, 9 yes votes. 2) If the city attorney says we can vote, then we recommend a yes vote. 10 abstentions, 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.**
13. **Motion for Beacon House \$2500 for beautification.** **Pete Burmeister made a motion, seconded by Gabriel Rivas, that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council support an additional \$2,500 sponsorship of the beautification projects by San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners United as follows:**  
**Whereas, San Pedro Peninsula Homeowner United planted 250 trees on North Gaffey in the year 2000, and**  
**Whereas, SPPHU has been responsible for all maintenance and watering of these trees in the intervening years, and**  
**Whereas, this maintenance program is strenuous and dependent on the work of a few volunteers, and**  
**Whereas, the NWSPNC fully supports beautification efforts throughout San Pedro,**  
**Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the NWSPNC allots an additional \$2,500.00 to SPPHU to provide labor, machinery repairs and incidental materials for ongoing tree grooming and watering on North Gaffey St. Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.**
14. **Soledad Garcia:** Member of the DWP committee, and the advocate committee. She is urging the DWP board not to increase the ECAP which will cost the ratepayers 41% more. They are going to support the peripheral canal so we can get some of our water back.
15. **Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.**

Respectfully submitted by  
 Kristina Smith, NWSPNC Administrative Assistance