

**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**  
**June 9, 2008 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**  
**Peck Park Auditorium, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:39pm. He spoke briefly about the upcoming election.
2. **Candidate Forum:** Seven candidates of the eight running were in attendance to give statements: **David Arvonio** talked about his qualifications and his work with the Air Force; **John Greenwood** felt that youth and land development were important issues, as well as Amerigas; **Mary Hamlin** has served for two years and looks forward to using her experience; **Diana Nave** is running for re-election for the At-Large seat and stressed the importance of consistency to get things done. She is concerned about the future of our community, considering the impacts of proposed developments and the growth of the Port of Los Angeles; **Barbara Schach** is also running for re-election for the seat of Youth and Education. She is an educator and wants to make a difference for all the students in the council boundaries. She is working on service awards to worthy students and beautification of schools; **Gabriel Rivas** was not available to give a statement but Dan Dixon talked about his qualifications; **Capt. George Thompson** is also running for re-election and is also concerned with traffic in our community. He feels that a lot of the planning that goes on downtown goes on in a vacuum. He plans to continue on committees that address planning; and **Laureen Vivian**, is a returning resident who is a practicing architect in San Pedro and also the owner of a gallery on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. She believes in giving back to the community in which one lives. She hopes to contribute to the Council as an architect and a business woman. She is also on the Pacific Avenue Community Advisory Committee.
3. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were Mary Hamlin, Meryl Moilov, Mollie Abbatiello, Barbara Schach, Jody James, Ray Patricio, Craig Goldfarb, Dan Dixon, John Greenwood, Capt. George Thompson, Sanni Wehbe, Diana Nave and Pete Burmeister (arrived 7:23). The following board members had excused absences: John Stammreich, Phil Nicolay, John Mavar and Bonnie Easley. Approximately 14 stakeholders were present.
4. **Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2008:** Correction to minutes: Jody James corrected information related to Amerigas which listed 600,000 gallons of propane which should have read 180,000 gallons propane. Ray Patricio asked a question about the trees being removed on North Gaffey and Gordon Teuber was available to respond to those questions. **John Greenwood made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and George Thompson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval**
5. **Report from Public Officials:**
  - a. **LAPD:** Officer Dumaplin talked about car break-ins and mail box break-ins on Capitol. A special unit was available and arrested a father-daughter team. They also caught two other suspects breaking into cars and stealing remote controls for the garages. The Gardens area also has had trouble and the police have arrested a suspect and the victim is pressing charges.
  - b. **COUNCILWOMAN'S OFFICE:** Gordon Teuber talked about tree removal and the city's process. He announced a public hearing to be held on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm by the Los Angeles City Planning Department regarding the proposed Ponte Vista Development. The meeting will be held at the Cabrillo Aquarium. A second announcement was regarding the Animal Shelter grand opening on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>. The same day there is also an event at the Sanitation Yard. Other items he discussed were:

- Comments on the re-striping of Westmont, stating that the council office wants to work with NWSPNC on this issue;
- The Pacific Avenue CAC: Committee terms are 1 year for representatives from neighborhood councils. Officers have two year terms.
- Channel Street: The developer has been asked to clean the weeds and overgrowth. He will be building single family homes on this property which has 8 lots.
- Day Laborer site on Vermont across from Kaiser is being moved to city property on Figueroa Place by Harbor College.
- Target is scheduled to open October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- JCC Homes is still formulating a Remedial Action Plan. Kinder Morgan is still the contact for problems with the property before the plan is approved.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Ana Dragin, Community Advocate in Janice Hahn's office had her baby.

c. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):** Rosa Arcadia thanked Sanni Wehbe and Jody James for their services on the board. She will also be sending an email thank you to those board members not present who are not running for re-election. Bong Kim is the new General Manager of DONE. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit the NC Self Assessment Surveys.

6. **Re-striping of Westmont:** Diana Nave talked about some of the options she discussed with Yadi from the Department of Transportation. Their plan was to put a median lane (two way left turn lane down the center). A second option would be to put a line in for a bike path which will help to slow the traffic. A third option was to keep it the way it is right now. There was some discussion about the options. Gordon Teuber will talk with DOT tomorrow. Diana suggested a subcommittee to review this issue further with Yadi of DOT. We can also submit some red curbing options.
7. **Land Use and Planning Committee.** John Greenwood talked about two items of interest.
  - a. Cal Trans was invited to come to a committee meeting but they declined and offered to answer written questions. There have been no meetings between DOT and/or Cal Trans and other department related to Western Avenue signals (ATSAC system).
  - b. Amerigas. We would like to ask for a study from an independent consultant. Jody James commented on the group called Earth Consultants International referred by Cal Tech Geological Studies. She feels that this should be on the top of the agenda for our council. Pete Burmeister has spoken with neighbors about Amerigas and they are all concerned about this issue. Craig Goldfarb commented on the dangers of chemicals which are being moved through alternate means (trucks and trains) since the close of the pipe line.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Sanni Wehbe submitted the budget as approved at the last meeting. We are being given the same amount as last year.
9. **Issues Committee:** No specific action taken at this month's Issues Committee meeting. Jimael's Law was discussed and modifications to Special Order 40 and being sought. It will be brought forward as a motion next month.
10. **Port Committee:** In Phil Nicolay's absence, Jody James provided a report on the upcoming PCAC motions.
  - a. Support of SB 1646. Committee on AQMD's sponsored bill, SB 1646 (Padilla) for the Clean Fuels Reauthorization. The bill will remove the sunset on AQMD's authority to levy a \$1 fee on motor vehicles registered in Southern California to fund the Clean Fuels Program. Senator Torlakson, Appropriations Committee Chair, had ruled the bill eligible for Section 28.8 which means that it has no significant state costs and the Committee would waive jurisdiction and move the bill directly to the Senate Floor. Phil Nicolay had a written comment that this is good program and we should support the bill.

- b. The second Vote is to extend the comment period for the San Pedro Waterfront Plan to 90 days. The committee recommends our representative vote yes.
- c. The third vote is to add a PCAC person (the chair of the AQ subcommittee) to the CAAP Oversight Board. The Port Committee has also recommended a yes vote so someone from the community is on the CAAP Board.

Jody James made a motion that we instruct our PCAC Representative to vote yes on all three of the following upcoming PCAC motions. The board voted unanimously in favor and the motion passed.

- 11. **Youth and Education:** Barbara Schach gave a report. The committee is looking for candidates for their service awards. She received only one call from the Port of LA High School as of this date. John Greenwood commented that the awards are for outstanding community service and open to all students, not just seniors. Barbara commented that school ends the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month and that there are no year round schedules at schools in San Pedro.
- 12. **Election Procedure/By Laws Committee:** Nothing to report.
- 13. **Fireworks:** Pete Burmeister commented that Fourth of July is coming up and we should be reporting violations of fireworks to the LAPD. He has spoken with the Captain and he is taking the issue of illegal fireworks very seriously.
- 14. **Public Comment:**
  - a. Laureen Vivian commented on Averill Park and the improvements being made there by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Dan Dixon suggested that we send a letter of thanks.
- 15. **President's Report:**
  - a. Dan Dixon urged everyone to come and vote in Thursday's election.
- 16. **Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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