

**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Community Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – Peck Park Auditorium**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Board members in attendance were Mollie Abbatiello, Dan Dixon, Bonnie Easley, Craig Goldfarb, Meryl Moilov, Ray Patricio, Capt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, John Stammreich, Sanni Wehbe, Mary Hamlin, Pete Burmeister and Diana Nave. The following board members had excused absences: John Greenwood, Jody James, John Mavar and Phil Nicolay.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Bonnie Easley to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 Monthly Board and Stakeholder Meeting, Capt. George Thompson seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. The minutes of the March 4, 2008 Special Meeting were reviewed. Bonnie Easley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Pete Burmeister. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes with one spelling correction.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: LAUSD Representative, Roberta Booker** announced the public meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at Dana Middle School Auditorium. The meeting is a scoping meeting related to the new high school in San Pedro.
4. **Presentation by Dr. Richard Vladovic, District 7 Board Member, LAUSD:** President Dan Dixon introduced Dr. Vladovic who began his talk with the importance of supporting after school programs. He spoke in length about upcoming cuts to the school's budget and what has been recommended. School districts have to balance their budgets for the following year by June 30. However, the State will not decide on the actual budget until August or September making it very difficult for the LAUSD to put the budget together. Our State Constitution says we must have a balance budget under State Law. We have to forecast out three years and show a balanced budget. Dr. Vladovic also explained the Payroll System. The current budget for the LA is 6.8 billion dollars and 460 million dollars in cuts is being recommended by the Governor. 83% of their budget is in people: teachers, teacher assistants, school police officers, bus drivers, etc. 7% on supplies (paper and pencils etc). He talked about where the cuts will happen: Gov. proposing \$230 million in categorical funds (targeted assistance, special education, class size, for example) and \$230 million in general funds. \$1.3 billion is the cost of LAUSD special education programs. Proposed cuts of \$42 million. (more details were available in the handout).

Additional discussion on High School #15: Board voted 7-0 to build a new high school in San Pedro otherwise SPHS would have to use multi-track. Dr. Vladovic went into a lengthy discussion on his feelings about the new school. The following questions were asked by board members: **Diana Nave:** Will these be Joint use facilities? **Barbara Schach:** Will the school have attrition and athletic programs. (Vladovic answered: I oppose those.) **John Stammreich:** Efficiency programs? There are some things that are being done in this area. **Pete Burmeister:** What's going on with the Harbor Occupational Center?

Questions from stakeholders: Yvonne Schuller: Resident near Angel's gate gave comments against school. **John Zavalney,** gave comments on the San Pedro Science Center (Dr. Vladovic supports expanded use of the Science Center). **Judy Carnes:** Also talked in support of the San Pedro Science Center. **Another Stakeholder asked a question about home schooling.**

5. **Report from Council woman's Office:**
 - a) Ana Bozic referred to a Press release from Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office wherein she proposes a new revenue source for the City of Los Angeles. She called for the City of Los Angeles to implement an oil extraction fee. Currently, the city does not have such a fee, which is common in other cities in the region. With more than 27 million barrels of oil extracted from wells

in Los Angeles county, many of those are located in the City. Cities throughout the Southland currently charge fees ranging from 20 to 60 cents per barrel. The City Council's Energy & Environment Committee will be reviewing the recommendation for a similar fee in Los Angeles in coming weeks.

- b) Dodson Avenue improvement (previously proposed no left turn lane). The council office reported that no changes will be made to Dodson Avenue at this time. Although improvements on Western will begin.
- c) Taper/Mary Star traffic changes are being implemented to improve traffic problems in that area.
- d) The council office has received calls asking for the Goats to come back to Peck Park.

6. **Report from DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT:**

- a) Rosa Arcadia and Mark Lewis were present at the meeting and announced an upcoming public hearing relating to the City of LA Department of Aging and the County of LA Department of Community and Senior Services. The discussion will be on the 2008-2009 Update of the AAA (Area Agency on Aging) 2008-2009 Planning and Service Area Plan for senior services. In our area the meeting will be on Thursday, March 13, 2008 10am-12:00 noon at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave, Wilmington.
- b) Rosa also commented on the letter the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council recently received from BongHwan Kim, Interim General Manager of DONE which denies our request to move our June 2008 election to a date following July 1st.

7. **Teen Police Conference:** Senior Lead Officer Joe Buscano introduced Isiah Alexander of the Teen Police Advisory Board Committee. He gave a short explanation of the upcoming Teen Police Conference and the benefits to the community in supporting the event. **Board member Barbara Schach made a motion that we provide a \$1500 sponsorship for the Teen Conference scheduled for April 17. The motion was seconded by Pete Burmeister. Motion passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes.** John Stammerich asked if we would be able to put our NWSPNC banner up and was told yes, and in addition we will be in the program.

8. **Motions from Youth and Education Committee**

- a) **Re: Homeless Awareness Concert.** **The Youth and Education Committee recommends that the NWSPNC support the Roof Rockin' Homeless Awareness Concert at Peck Park on March 29, 2008. The event is produced by Students Organized for America's Homeless and by the Cal State Univ. Long Beach Communication Association. The NWSPNC will sponsor the Concert with up to \$2,000.00 for the following purposes: Security, Refreshments, and Insurance Riders for the sponsoring organizations. The NWSPNC will further allot \$300.00 for labor costs for students working at the event, to be billed by the event sponsors. Passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes by the NWSPNC Board on March 10, 2008.**
- b) **Re: Dana Middle School After School Clubs Program.** **The NWSPNC agrees to support the Dana Middle School After School Clubs program up to \$2,500.00 for the following specific equipment purchases: Dance barres--\$2,100.00, tax included, and up to \$400.00 for dance supplies. This support is CONTINGENT upon written quotations for the items specified, and CONTINGENT upon receipt of letter of support for the program by the principal of Dana Middle School. Passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes by the NWSPNC Board on March 10, 2008.**
- c) **Re: Dana Middle School After School Clubs Program.** **The NWSPNC agrees to a \$1,500.00 sponsorship of the LAPD Teen Police Conference, Thursday, April 17, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The request came from Senior Lead Officer Joe Buscaino. The sponsoring organization will present written quotations for food, materials, or speaker fees. Passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes by the NWSPNC Board on March 10, 2008.**

9. **CITY CLERKS OFFICE:** Arlene Taylor and Isaiah Cantu gave an update on the City Clerk's process of taking over the Neighborhood Council Elections. Isaiah announced an upcoming Regional Election meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 6pm at the Mark Ridley Thomas Constituent Service Center, 8475 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles. A representative from our NWSPNC Board needs to attend the meeting to pick a day of the week for our election. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the NC board about the process they will follow during our elections. Isaiah also announced the results from the Random Ballot Placement Lottery which provided an election week for our NWSPNC between June 9th and 15th. Board members had an opportunity to ask the following questions:
- a) *Diana Nave: When we will have the form that candidates will need to fill out? They finalized them as of last week and they will be mass mailed to addresses in the NWSPNC district Diana explained there are not enough days. He said they might be able to give access to them at the end of this month. Diana also asked about Election Procedures: When we will see them? A draft was provided today only missing the election date.*
 - b) *George Thompson asked a question regarding how many mail-in ballots will be allowed per householder. There were also other questions regarding mail-in ballots from stakeholders. Isaiah explained the procedure for mail in ballots and how they will certify them.*

10. Public Comments:

- a) **Skip Baldwin:** Comment about Wilmington's recent resolution in support of the Ponte Vista
- b) **Janet Gunter:** Homeowner's Association. Concerns about Amerigas. No one understand the magnitude of this problem. The Homeowner's Association needs everyone's support in this community to get Amerigas relocated before a disaster happens.
- c) **Chuck Hart:** Get this into the new community redevelopment plan.
- d) **Carrie Scoville:** Stakeholder election tomorrow night at Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Critical vote for Central needs all stakeholders that fit into Central district to come out and support.
- e) **Pete Burmeister** wants shopping cart motion on agenda next month.

11. Land Use and Planning Committee:

- a) **MOTION Regarding Street Trees on North Gaffey Street.**

Whereas, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has worked consistently toward the goal of beautifying North Gaffey Street, between Channel St. and Westmont Dr., and

Whereas, the Port of Los Angeles has committed funds to beautify the east side of Gaffey from Gatun St. to Westmont, and Target Corp. is beautifying the west side of Gaffey in front of its property at 1701 N. Gaffey, and

Whereas, Target Corp. has indicated willingness to assist the community with "targeted" landscape improvement, and

Whereas, a substantial step in unifying the streetscape along Gaffey will be achieved by planting matching trees on both sides of Gaffey, and

Whereas, Australian Willows have been planted along sidewalks on Westmont Dr. and Capitol Dr., and the Australian Willow is on a city-approved list of trees, and have been endorsed by San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners United, now,

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council request that Target Corp. remove and replant trees on the west side of Gaffey from Capitol Dr. to Westmont, including removing existing trees in front of its own property and those along the curb in front of the Harbor Business Center, and that the Council Office work with appropriate City departments to waive the fees associated with the removal of the trees in front of Target's property and the Harbor Business Center, and to expedite needed permission for Target to proceed, and that Target and the Port of Los Angeles each plant Australian Willows of sufficient box and trunk size to stand unassisted. Passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes by the NWSPNC Board on March 10, 2008.

12. Communications Committee Report:

- a) Motion Re: Chamber of Commerce Advertising. Diana Nave made a motion that the NWSPNC purchase advertising in the Chamber of Commerce Business Journal in the amount of \$1400 for six issues. Motion seconded and passed by 11 yes votes, 0 no votes.
- b) Diana announced the need for assistance with the Saturday's event Eggstravaganza at Weymouth Corner. We are sponsoring this event at no cost to the NWSPNC.

- 13. Motion to support the IEA Oversight Committee Resolution:** Requesting that the city council wait until the industrial economic administrative 5 year study be completed before they make a decision. Wording of motion: Dan Dixon made a motion that the NWSPNC supports the NC/LADWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee Resolution Regarding Proposed LADWP Rate Actions for 2008-2010 to not approve any LADWP rate increases until the information and recommendations of the IEA Survey can be considered by the Mayor, Controller, City Council and Neighborhood Councils so as to allow all to make informed decisions. Unanimous votes in favor (12 yes votes)

14. President's Report

- a) Dan Dixon appointed stakeholder Bob Bryant to three committees: Outreach Committee, Port Committee and Youth and Education Committee.
- b) Dan Dixon appointed stakeholder Melinda Arvonio to the Outreach Committee and the Youth and Education Committee.
- c) Dan Dixon appointed stakeholder Brian Donnelly to the Port Committee.

15. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

16. Next Regular Meeting, Monday, April 14, 2008. 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith. Administrative Asst to NWSPNC