



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
March 14, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Bob Bryant, Pete Burmeister, Daniel Dixon, Charles Eldred Jr. (arrived at 7:00pm), Anise Goldfarb, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood (arrived at 7:45pm), Diana Nave, Barbra Schach, John Stammreich, Cpt. George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. The following board members were excused: Mary Hamlin, John Mavar and Mark Anthony Shoats. 16 stakeholders in attendance.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** George Thompson made a motion to approve the February 14, 2011 Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Allman and approved unanimously by the Board.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Community Involvement and Collaboration Committee report:** Bob Bryant reported on the process that the committee followed with regard to outreach and community improvement projects. After considerable review and discussion by the committee, the following amounts were being recommended:
 - NWSPNC Blog - \$400 (\$200 plus \$200 reserve). No labor expenses.
 - For community improvement Peck Park. Bid to upgrade the baseball field at \$2135.05
 - Sponsor as Outreach, Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Program - \$1,814
 - Sponsor as Outreach, Boys and Girls Club Outreach Program- \$6876
 - Sponsor as Outreach, POLA Government Class. \$3500

The following groups were not recommended by the committee at this time but were explained the process for providing future requests that would fit the funding guidelines: The Relevant Stage program, the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for Fireworks; San Pedro High School Cooking Club, and Harbor Interfaith. No applications were received from the Police or Cooper High School.

Peter Burmeister asked about the \$2000 being considered by the Issues Committee for the cross walk proposal. Diana Nave explained that it was "Out of Order" because the Issues Committee has not yet voted on a motion related to that issue. She suggested that during discussion of the budget later in the agenda, a motion could be made to set \$2,000 aside in case that motion is passed at the next meeting.

The following organizations were in attendance and spoke briefly on their requests for funding:

- Bill Shopp, Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Club. (Non-profit foundation). If funded, they will place the NWSPNC logo on the two sails and we will be recognized in the Yacht Club newsletter.
- Mike Lansing, Boys and Girls Club. Funding request relates to computer equipment. If funded they will acknowledge the NWSPNC in their electronic newsletter with an article on the council, as well as recognizing the NWSPNC on their website. They will also put a

plaque recognizing the NWSPNC in the College Bound Program center as well as on each individual computer.

- Jim Cross, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles High School. Funding request relates to equipment for the school. They will acknowledge the donation with a news email blast to their list of 3500, as well as having an ad in their year book. Sponsors are noted on their programs for graduation, talent show, etc. Dan Dixon offered to create a press release.

6. LAPD REPORT: Officer Ashcraft reported that there is still an issue with property crime in all areas of San Pedro. The LAPD is checking on parolees and doing whatever they can to address the problem. The community is once again being urged to lock up valuables and lock up their vehicles and homes. Officer Ashcraft was asked to supply crime statistics so that they can be published in the next newsletter.

7. JCC Homes Presentation: Greg Delgado gave an update on the JCC Homes Harbor Highlands Project proposed for North Gaffey Street. They have been working on this project for 6 years. The first three years they worked on getting the entitlements for the homes. They have recently brought on Standard Pacific as their partner. The back portion of the property has been certified as safe from toxins and all the conditions to file the map are complete. The map should be approved in about 3-5 weeks and then they have 60 days to purchase the property. Offsite improvements should begin in about 6-9 months which relates to storm drains, sewers, sidewalks etc. Once that is complete then the first phase of homes will begin. Greg Delgado will continue to be the primary contact on the project but he said they might eventually pass it off to Standard Pacific. They are probably about two years away from actually selling the first home. A portion of the approval and one of the benefits worked out with JCC Homes was money for the Harbor Highlands Community Park. At the closing of the sale of each home, \$3400 will go from escrow into an account with the City for the park. \$500,000 is the total. This is not related to Quimby Funds. It is solely for Highlands Park. Quimby funds will be generated from this project and about \$1.2 to \$1.5 million becomes available at the pulling of permits in about a year.

8. Dialogue with LAUSD Reps regarding Community Needs: Barbara Schach introduced Doreen Steinbach representing Taper Elementary School who talked about the following:

- 6th grade is continuing at Taper
- Teachers at Taper are being affected by the reduction in force due to budget cuts.
- They have an active PTO and recently held a 50 year celebration for Founders Day which was a great success.
- Vote in June election to see whether more money will be coming to the school. There is a measure that will hopefully make the ballot in June. The measure will extend the tax already there for another 5 years.
- Diana asked what are the biggest needs of the parents and children at the school. Response: The increase in class size and to continue the programs and extras that are provided to students such as field trips that supplement their education.
- Diana also asked how can we strengthen the relationships between the NC and the school? Due to cuts they can't even have their auditorium open at night which was being utilized by community groups. The voting group (election polls) can't use Taper either. Ms. Steinbach feels it is critically important to have the school work with the community but with budget cuts it is difficult.

9. Public Comment:

- Joe Stackhouse, the new Recreational Director at Peck Park was introduced and thanked for hosting the NWSPNC at Peck Park.
- Peck Park: Ribbon cutting for the canyon improvements is currently scheduled for April 9th at 11:30am.
- Chuck Hart: Thanked the NWSPNC for supporting the tree project on the East side of North Gaffey which extends from Y & S to Five Points. The trees are blooming and it looks lovely. Dan Dixon thanked Chuck Hart for his hard work on that project.

- Jody James: Talked about the disaster in Japan and how it can happen here. She mentioned that Lonna Calhoun of C.O.P.E. is now a Certified Emergency Manager and is making a push for communities to get involved with the Map Your Neighborhood Program. A handout was provided. She also had petitions available for stakeholders to sign related to the removing the LPG facility on North Gaffey.

10. Newsletter update: Bob Bryant gave an update on the status of the newsletter which goes to press on Monday. He asked for written bios from the new board members.

11. Bylaws and Election Committee:

- Diana Nave explained how DONE is requiring all neighborhood councils to put their bylaws in a specific order utilizing DONE's specific table of contents.
- George Thompson reported on proposed changes in the bylaws which include removal of term limits, censure, and new wording with the committee sections. He asked board members to let him know if there are any other changes that they would like to consider. The deadline to submit to DONE is extended until after our next meeting. The board members will vote on the changes at the April meeting.
- **Motion re: Elections.** *George Thompson made the following motion which was seconded by Pete Burmeister and passed unanimously by the Board. "The Northwest SPNC requests that the ability to determine the time, date, place and method of their elections, including the ability to hold elections annually rather than being limited to once every two years, and the ability to use a process such as the Independent Election Administration system, formerly used, be returned to the individual neighborhood councils."* Diana Nave explained the purpose and reasoning behind the motion prior to the board vote.

Reports from Public Officials:

12. Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- The LA Waterfront meeting held on February 28th was very successful with 225 people in attendance. A CD of the presentation was provided to the council president.
- The second Sampson Way meeting is scheduled for March 24, 6-8pm at POLA High School. This will be talking about proposed changes to Sampson Way and Harbor Blvd.
- The Ship in a Bottle art piece was unveiled at the Cabrillo Way Marina.
- The "Mini Taste in San Pedro" event at the cruise ship terminal was held on February 23 and was well attended.
- The Port's fountain on Harbor Blvd will be down for maintenance in the near future.
- Geraldine responded to NWSPNC's letter regarding Hazmat
- After the recent tsunami in Japan, the Port received a lot of phone calls and has made available a preparedness guide and Tsunami assessment. The Port wants the community to know that it is prepared for such potential disasters.
- Harry Bridges Blvd is under construction and only eastbound lanes will be open during construction.
- The Port is adding 5 new restrooms at Cabrillo Beach.
- The Maritime Museum is getting updated with new paint.
- The Port has hired a consulting group that informs them they will need to get a critical mass at the waterfront in order to attract a developer. Warehouses 9 and 10 will be leased out. They will be contracting with a promoter to hold events at the waterfront. Currently, three proposals have been received for warehouses 9 and 10.

13. Safety and Security Committee: John Stammreich reported on the following:

- He was Principal for a day at Cabrillo Elementary.
- His committee is focusing on the Map Your Neighborhood program.
- The committee is working with Lonna Calhoun of COPE to get an Emergency Fair set up.

- The next meeting of the Safety and Security Committee is the first Wednesday of April. Details will be available on the NWSPNC website.

14. Issues Committee Report: Dan Dixon reported on the following:

- The committee held a discussion on the request to paint a cross walk at Capitol Drive and Barrywood. The motion has to go through the committee before it comes before the full board.
- Curb Cut for Handicapped Issue: This issue is on hold until the sidewalk is finished and the crosswalk issue is resolved.
- The shopping cart issue was also put on hold until the next Issue's Committee meeting.
- Concerns about no soccer signs etc. and trees in open playing fields at Peck Park were discussed. Pictures of the problem trees and signs were provided in the agenda packet.

15. Councilwoman's Office. Elise Swanson reported on the following:

- Elise commented that she was happy to be back working with the Council office. She provided her new email address: Elise.swanson@lacity.org.
- Ana Dragin is out on maternity leave. Her baby daughter is due tomorrow. Elise will be the contact for the NWSPNC while Ana is on leave. Ana has provided her with a list of recent concerns related to the NWSPNC.
- DOT will be asked to re-stripe the turn lanes at the intersection of Weymouth and Western to alleviate recent traffic problems in that area.
- Peck Park Canyon Prop 0 project ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for April 9th.
- There are new traffic signals going in on Gaffey at 11th and at 15th and a small cross walk at Pacific and Santa Cruz.
- Rec and Parks is coming to the Land Use Committee meeting to discuss Harbor Highlands Park issues.
- Marshall court improvements are currently in progress
- Anderson Senior Center is undergoing improvements.
- Pacific Overlook Park: The community has been having a lot of discussion about problems with skateboarders at that location. They have increased police patrols and attempting to communicate with the skateboarders. They will get deterrents installed.
- Victory Arch, a motion was introduced by Hahn at city council to study historical significance.
- 7-11 is now open on Pacific Avenue.
- Evacuation planning: The Council office is in the process of convening a meeting with various departments to address this issue.
- Elise commented that she was very impressed with the command post during the recent Tsunami warning.
- Diana Nave commented on her interaction with some young skateboarders in the street. She approached them and they gave her feedback that they had not been welcomed at the skate park. There needs to be more discussion on additional locations for skate parks.
- Diana also informed Elise that the dip on Park Western by Via Cordova is starting to come back and needs to be looked at.

16. City Budget Update: Craig Goldfarb reported on the following:

- He attended the Mayor's Budget Day where survey results were discussed. There were close to 9,000 responses. There needs to be a better response to the survey in the future.
- Measure L passed very strongly.
- Craig commented that the City considers the city family those people that work in their departments. They don't look at the general public as their family and they should.
- There needs to be more transparency of fee increases.
- There has been a lot of talk about more revenue production. The system to collect fees appears to be broken. Collection efforts need to be reformed.
- Diana Nave commented on the Budget Representative Group which has been taking a closer look at the problems with the Budget.

17. Treasurer's Report: Craig Goldfarb explained the revised budget that would reallocate funds to the various projects discussed above.

- John Greenwood talked about the change in improvements at Harbor Highland or the park. The original plan needs to be revised and there is a need to develop consensus on what should be done. The committee thinks that an outside facilitator would be useful. \$1,000 is included in the revised budget to cover the cost of the meetings.
- The revised budget retains a total of \$1400 for tree maintenance.
- Diana Nave commented that by approving this budget it allocates every penny of our money to the end of the fiscal year.
- **John Stammreich made a motion to approve the budget as presented which includes the allocation for all items presented by the Community Involvement and Collaboration Committee. The motion was seconded Scott Allman.** Craig Goldfarb doesn't think that the last \$4,000 or \$5,000 in the NWSPNC will be recaptured by the City and as a responsible treasurer would like to see some reserves. Craig made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Scott Allman, that the funding for the 2nd part of the Boys and Girl Club College bound program in the amount of \$3,251 be returned to neighborhood grants unallocated line. After a short discussion the vote on the amendment failed with 6 yes votes and 7 no votes. **The original motion was passed with 11 yes votes and 1 no vote.**
- Monthly expenditures: **George Thompson made a motion to approve the February monthly expenses. The motion was seconded by Scott Allman and passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**

18. Planning and Land Use: John Greenwood reported on the following:

- Ponte Vista Update: The second developer is out of the project and I Star Bank is now running the project. They have a design which includes a variety of housing types including some apartments and some detached single family homes. Different developers will be coming in and handing different portions of the project. I Star is currently in the process of doing an EIR and a traffic study. The EIR is looking at 3 different numbers of units: About 1100, low 800's and single family as it is currently zoned. The Land Use and Planning Committee's concern is that they get the most accurate information they can. The meeting with the I Star Bank group was a problem solving meeting and focused on the traffic issue only. In 2 months there should be more information.
- The motion regarding extending the no parking area on Westmont near Home Depot was sent back to the Planning and Land Use Committee
- Diana talked about parking on Capitol. The owner of the distribution facility on that street wants no overnight parking. The DOT is asking for input from the NWSPNC. Diana referred this to the Community Issues Committee.

19. President's Report: Diana Nave gave highlights from her written report and also presented the following:

- All board members must take the ethics training before the next meeting.
- HANC Report: A written report was provided but Diana pointed out that it contained a website for responding to a survey on neighborhood councils. She feels it is important that everyone takes the survey.
- **A motion was made by Bob Bryant to appoint David Rivera to the Outreach Committee, to remove John Mavar from the Outreach Committee; to add Chuck Eldred to the Safety and Security Committee; and to add Chuck Eldred and Diana Nave to the Planning and Land Use Committee. The motion was seconded by George Thompson and passed unanimously by the Board.**
- Save the Date: May 14th is the tentative date for a Board Retreat.

20. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC