



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
March 9, 2009 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:40pm and commented that Item 12 on the Agenda: (Discussion on using San Pedro Today Magazine as resource for newsletter items for NWSPNC) was being tabled.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were Dan Dixon, Bonnie Easley, John Greenwood, Craig Goldfarb, Gabriel Rivas, John Mavar, Meryl Moilov, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, Pete Burmeister, Mary Hamlin, Laureen Vivian and Diana Nave. The following board members were excused: Mollie Abbatiello, Philip Nicolay and David Arvonio. A quorum was present. Approximately 20 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Meeting:** **John Greenwood made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9th, seconded by Capt. George Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.**
4. **Measure B:** Soledad Garcia spoke about the defeat of Measure B.
5. **Report by Public Officials**
 - a. **DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment):**
 - i. Rosa Arcadia thanked Dan Dixon and John Mavar for attending the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting in the Harbor Gateway. They received a certificate for the anniversary of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council.
 - ii. Regional Budget Day. The NWSPNC representatives unfortunately were not able to attend. Rosa circulated a poster which showed results from the recent budget survey. The next meeting will be held with the neighborhood council reps in the Harbor Area.
 - iii. Weekly Email Blast: Last email blast contained a request for assistance from the neighborhood councils in submitting past projects that were successful. The information regarding the projects, the amount spent and why it made a difference in the community is to be submitted to DONE.
 - iv. Ethics Training: There is an upcoming Regional Round Table on ethics and conflict of interest training with the city attorney. The class is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. The time and location still to be determined. Dan Dixon informed board members that ethics training is required by all board members every two years.
 - b. **Councilwoman's office:** Ana Dragin commented on the following:

- i. Form 54: She brought copies of Councilwoman Hahn's Motion regarding disclosures forms. The Councilwoman believes that board members should not be required to disclose any financial information.
 - ii. Neighborhood Gardens and Goats: Ana gave an update on the goat project and answered questions from board members. If the goats return, they would not be coming back specifically for brush abatement, but as a petting zoo for the community. It was also commented that the Councilwoman would like to move the community gardens to Hernandez Ranch and would like to get input from the neighborhood councils.
 - iii. Improvements needed at Peck Park Baseball field. Councilwoman was pleased to hear that our NC is considering assisting. Other improvements will come out of Quimby funds.
 - iv. Rec and Parks will be using Quimby funds to also do Averill Park improvements. It was requested that the Dept of Rec and Parks come to our meeting and give our NC an update.
6. **Presentation by Conoco/Phillips Re: Update on gas scrubber.** Tony Cordero, the Public Affairs Manager at Conoco/Phillips, gave an update on the wet gas scrubber which is now up and operating. Mr. Cordero circulated a direct mail piece that was sent out last August to 50,000 addresses in the Harbor Area in order to remind the community of the support given to Conoco Phillips on this project. He explained that the only down side to the scrubber is the large steam plume and he emphasized that the plume is steam, not smoke. The web gas scrubber has significantly improved the air quality from the facility. For more information visit www.CleanerAir4LA.com.
7. **PCAC Action Items:** In the absence of Phil Nicolay, Pat Nave was available to inform the Board and stakeholders of two upcoming PCAC Action items:
- a. **Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site Land Use Feasibility Study.** The Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee moves that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that a land use feasibility study be conducted for the 40-acre Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site to identify uses that are compatible with existing recreational uses, and; further recommends that the evaluation include uses proposed in the 1987 Cal Hamilton, Wilmington Harbor Interface Study, the 2006 Cal Poly Wetlands Presentation as well as uses proposed by the Wilmington community and Port Master Plan Subcommittee that include: Boat Yard/Boat Building Facility, Wetlands, Visitor Serving Facilities, Park Space, Golf Course, Botanical Garden, Consolidated Slip Storm Water Treatment Facility, aquaculture (fish hatchery). Representing the NWSPNC Port Committee, Pat Nave stated that the committee recommends a yes vote on this motion. **Diana Nave made a motion that we instruct the NWSPNC PCAC representative to vote yes on the motion, seconded by John Greenwood. The board voted unanimous in favor.**
 - b. **Recreational Boat Ancillary Capacity Study.** The Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee moves that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that an ancillary study or survey be conducted to determine how much capacity is needed for the 3935 recreational boats moored in the Port of LA in order to comply with Tariff 4, Section 22, Seaworthy Vessel and Vessel Maintenance requirements. Pat Nave explained that this motion was brought to PCAC by some private operators

who felt there is a need for some small boat facilities. They want the port to provide some facilities for free. Pat Nave feels that it will lead to more derelict boats in the harbor. He stated the Port Committee recommends that the NWSPNC instruct the PCAC Representative to vote no on any action related to this motion. **John Greenwood then made a motion, seconded by Pete Burmeister that the PCAC representative vote no on this action item. During discussion, Carrie Scoville spoke in favor of the PCAC motion and urged the board to vote no with regard to instructing the PCAC representative to vote no on the action item. John Greenwood then revised his motion to support a study of this issue by the Port as long as there is no financial obligation. Motion to support the study passed unanimously.**

8. Public Comment:

- a. Raymond Yu made an announcement about the Los Angeles Marathon on Monday May 25th and referred to www.lamarathon.com 310-271-7200 for more information.
- b. Charles Harding of the Cal Trans Electrical Crew in Long Beach talked in support of the West Coast Canine Group and the continued use of the land at the 110/405 freeway interchange.
- c. Pete Burmeister explained that the DWP granted the West Coast Canine group five year continuation permit but they want \$1,000 a month rent. He would like to ask the councilwoman to find a way to get exempt from the rental fee.
- d. Lisa Parris of Lisa's Pet Sitting, Don Daniels, Estela Molina and Carly Schwartz all made comments in support of West Coast Canine and Pete Burmeister.
- e. Diana Nave explained that we can only advocate support in this case and that as a neighborhood council we have no authority related to the rental fees being imposed on Mr. Burmeister's group.
- f. John Winkler: Miraflores Canyon resident. Made some clarifications on the goat issue and commented that he has spoken with several people in the Rec and Parks Department who are in support of the goats. Mr. Winkler also made comments on the need of fencing repairs at Hernandez Ranch and the conflict of having community gardens relocated to that area. He suggested that the community gardens be relocated to the end of the Harbor Freeway at Gaffey. He was referred to the NWSPNC's Issues Committee.
- g. Nick Works is a resident who lives adjacent to the Hernandez Ranch and commented that he feels there are too many issues (parking etc) if the neighborhood gardens are relocated to that site.
- h. Pete Burmeister commented that he is opposed to where the community gardens currently are because they are an eye sore.
- i. Doug Epperhart made comments on how much downtown San Pedro businesses have been affected by the increase in parking rates.

- j. Ana Dragin responded to Doug Epperhart's comments stating that there are 40 free parking spaces available to the community under the Center Street Lofts. She stated that the Councilwoman is looking into permit parking for employees, and trying to negotiate lower rates for downtown.
 - k. Craig Goldfarb commented that parking in downtown Los Angeles is now up to \$3 an hour. He feels that the City is cutting off their nose to spite their face. The city will lose money by driving business out of the city.
 - l. Pete Burmeister. City is mismanaged, cut from the top and not from the bottom.
 - m. Jody James: What actions have been taken by the Councilwoman relating to Amerigas. Jody received no specific response from the Council Office rep.
9. **MOTION Re: Youth and Family Beach program, June, 2009:** Meryl Moilov made the following motion seconded by John Mavar:
- Whereas, the NWSPC supports the "Beach Bash," a local youth-driven program that teaches youth about the ocean environment, keeping beaches clean and promoting outdoor beach sports, and**
- Whereas, other sponsoring partners include the Sierra Club, Life Rolls On, Surfrider Foundation, Cabrillo Beach Boosters. Port of LA, Life Guards of Captain Kirk's Wind Surfing, UCLA, and the Cabrillo Aquarium, and**
- Whereas, our banner will be posted at beach clean up days. The upcoming dates are April 4, May 2, and June 6 from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM., now**
- Therefore, be it resolved that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the "Beach Bash" program up to \$1,000.00 to help defray the costs of the monthly clean ups for supplies, refreshments, & educating youth about beach/ocean environment. Motion to include a line item change in the budget and also the understanding that the funding will be channeled through the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for the Youth and Family Beach Program. All voting board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion with 1 abstention.**
10. **MOTION to support Councilwoman's position on Financial Disclosure by board members relating to Neighborhood Council Files.** John Greenwood made a motion which was seconded by Diana Nave and then amended by unanimous vote of the board to read as follows:
- "Whereas, Councilwoman Janice Hahn has always been supportive of the Neighborhood Council System, and**
- Whereas, the Councilwoman has sponsored a motion to permit Neighborhood Councils to open Council Files pertaining to local and city-wide issues, and**
- Whereas, the City Council is debating the level of personal financial disclosure required of Neighborhood Council members before allowing the NC's to inform and advocate on city issues through the Council File process, and**
- Whereas the Councilwoman has advocated that volunteer NC members' level of disclosure should not be the same as paid City officials, and**
- Whereas this council opposes requiring any financial disclosure for voluntary neighborhood council members, and**
- Whereas an acceptable option would be to initiate a 2 year trial of council files without personal financial disclosure and evaluate the results, now**

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Councilwoman Hahn's position with respect to NC member financial disclosure in creating Council Files.

Amended motion passed by unanimous vote of the NWSPNC Board.

During discussion of the motion comments were given by Gabriel Rivas, Craig Goldfarb and Doug Epperhart who talked about the importance of initiating NC Files in the city council.

11. Teen Conference Motion: Barbara Schach made a motion to support the Annual Police/Teen Conference in April 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$1,250.00 with the understanding that the motion will include a budget line item change. The motion was seconded by Capt. George Thompson and passed by the NWSPNC board with a vote of 10 yes, 1 no.

12. MOTION to appropriate up to \$5,000.00 for new ball field topsoil at Peck Park. John Delgado Jr. talked about the work of the San Pedro Youth Sports Association and the needs covered in the motion. Dan Dixon referred to a letter from the Department of Recreation and Parks which thanked the NWSPNC Board for considering the motion and gave the following background information: "Last year the Department was able to purchase enough red clay for the two larger fields, but was unable to provide the monetary resources to finish the 3rd diamond. The San Pedro Sports Association has been working with the Department to fundraise for official fees, equipment and trophies for all of the youth to help keep the costs of the program down. Unfortunately, with the economy the way it is the normal supporters are unable to give as much as they have in past years. Baseball season is quickly approaching and opening day is April 18th. We would like to have the field looking like the other two before that date. Our maintenance staff will be able to grade and prepare the fields, but it will take approximately 2 weeks for them to finish the project, making the need for delivery date for the clay in early April."

John Mavar made a motion, seconded by Capt. George Thompson, that the NWSPNC appropriate up to \$5,000.00 for new ball field topsoil at Peck Park with the understanding that the passing of the motion may require a line item change in the budget. During discussion, board members asked if the NWSPNC could have recognition in the form of a banner during the entire baseball season. John Delgado agreed that this would be possible. **Craig Goldfarb asked to amend the motion to include that he be given the opportunity to investigate other vendors in order to receive the best possible price. His amendment was seconded by Gabriel Rivas.**

Discussion on the amendment included the fact that the city has only one approved vendor and also that due to the opening of the season schedule for April 18th, there would be no reasonable amount of time to conduct such research. **The amendment failed by 10 no votes, 1 yes vote. The Board then passed the original motion as made by John Mavar with a vote of 10 yes, 1 no.**

13. Treasurer's Report-Review of demand warrant process, Summary of Mayor's budget survey. Craig Goldfarb explained the process of demand warrants through DONE. He explained that he will give a copy of the demand warrant form to every board member through email. He reiterated the importance of every board member following procedure when asking for reimbursements or funding on projects brought forth by their committees.

14. **Youth Committee:** Barbara Schach talked about the Youth Service awards funded by Conoco and Bay Cities. The Youth Committee is actively reaching out for applications from students in the community.
15. **Fourth of July Event:** After discussion on the need to support the Fourth of July Event held by the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for the entire community, John Mavar made the following motion, seconded by Diana Nave:
Whereas the Cabrillo Beach Boosters has an annual 4th of July, all day community event with the culmination of a firework show, and
Whereas, last year the community event had an attendance of 40,000, and
Whereas, this is one of the most successful and safest community events, and
Whereas, the Cabrillo Beach Boosters will provide outreach and advertising for the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, now
Therefore be it resolved, that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood council support the Cabrillo Beach Boosters Annual 4th of July Beach Bash for 2009 for a cost of no more that \$5,000.00.
During discussion Gary Dwight explained how much outreach will be provided to the NWSPNC.
Craig Goldfarb called for an amendment to the motion reducing the support to an amount of \$1,000. The amendment was seconded by Ray Patricio and then withdrawn, and subsequently seconded by Gabriel Rivas. The amendment failed with 9 no votes, 2 yes votes. The original motion was then passed with a vote of 9 yes and 1 no.
16. **Issues Report:** Written report submitted by John Mavar (will be available on the NWSPNC website).
17. **Knoll Hill Steering Committee:** Craig Goldfarb talked about the Knoll Hill Steering Committee and the lack of real input with the community. He made the following motion, seconded b Diana Nave.
Whereas LANI elected to have a Steering Committee but has not chosen to let the committee have adequate time to get community input or to decide on an appropriate agenda, and
Whereas the Steering Committee should be more than a rubber stamp for LANI, and
Whereas the needs of the community should be adequately polled for the future of Knoll Hill, now
Therefore, be it resolved that the NWSPNC request the Port to instruct LANI to let allow the Steering Committee do its job of creating an agenda to adequately inform and poll the community about the uses of Knoll Hill.
The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the board.
18. **Adjournment:** President Dan Dixon thanked all in attendance and the meeting was then adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to the NWSPNC
These Minutes were approved at the April 13, 2009 Board and Stakeholder Meeting

