



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
May 10, 2010 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:pm
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Bob Bryant, Dan Dixon, John Greenwood, Paula Mazzarino, Craig Goldfarb, John Mavar, Meryl Moilov (6:49), Gabriel Rivas, Ray Patricio, Capt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, David Arvonio, Mary Hamlin, Peter Burmeister and Diana Nave. The following board members were excused: Philip Nicolay and Laureen Vivian. Approximately 16 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the February, 2010 Meeting:** Bob Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 Meeting, seconded by John Mavar. During review, a correction was made on Page 4 of the minutes related to the Rancho Holdings Motion and the \$10,000 being allocated. It was corrected to read \$4,000 allocated now and \$6,000 in the next fiscal year. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously by the board.
4. **Report from LAPD:** Officer Ashcroft was not available to attend the meeting tonight but John Mavar commented that home burglaries are up and residents need to report any suspicious activities they might witness in their neighborhoods. Front desk number is 310-726-7700 ask for watch commander.
5. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Besmalinovich reported on:
  - a. A workshop held in March for Phase 1 of the Waterfront Project was a success. Individuals from the community were able to comment on design elements and select items from different examples presented to them. There will be another workshop in the summer. For more details visit [www.lawaterfront.org](http://www.lawaterfront.org). The design should be complete in about 1 year.
  - b. Cabrillo Way Marina – Construction is about 50% complete and it should be finished by the summer of 2011, total cost of \$125 million.
  - c. Inner Harbor Cruise Terminal. The Port is currently doing improvements and they should be finished by the end of the year.
  - d. Wilmington Buffer is about 50% complete and should be done by the summer of 2011 at a cost of approximately \$55 million.
  - e. San Pedro/Ghost Fish Project. Waiting for a few permits to get approved. Construction should start before the end of the year. It will take 1 year to complete
  - f. Cabrillo Beach Enhancements. They are approaching the end of the design phase and still need to get permits but should start construction about a year from now.
6. **Public comment on non-agenda items:**
  - a. **John Stammreich:** State Senate nominee. Talked about the election. Working with South Bay Tea Party and he announced a San Pedro Tea Party and Candidate Forum, Sunday May 23, 2-5pm. He distributed a flyer on the event.
  - b. **Ernie Martinez:** He is a San Pedro Resident and commented regarding Little League and the lights being out at Peck Park. A representative from the Park says she has requested to have them replaced but they have not responded. Mr. Martinez would like assistance from the neighborhood council.

7. **Planning and Land Use Report:** Diana Nave reported that the committee did not meet this month because they did not yet get the negative declaration information on the VOA. They will hold a meeting next Monday night. They will also discuss SB1818. Two new motions are before the city and our neighborhood council may want to take action on this.
8. **Presentation: U.S. Coast Guard “Maritime Security Awareness”:** Capt. Roger Laferriere introduced himself and his colleagues, Ken Casatrobran, and Lenni Douthett who is Vice Captain and commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Lenni heads a program called S.E.T.S. (Surveillance, Elicitation, Test of Security, and Suspicious Behavior). This is an Awareness Training Program for maritime stakeholders to make them more aware of suspicious behavior in their communities. The presentation also included:
  - a. A short discussion on the cleanup of oil spills prompted by a question from Augie Besmalinovich on the possibilities of using straw for oil cleanup
  - b. A brief explanation of portable monitors to detect radiation in containers at the Port
  - c. A brief summary of the handling of high risk containers
  - d. Contact information for Captain Roger Laferriere, Sector Commander, US Coast Guard, 310-521-3601 or email: RogerRLaferriere@uscg.mil

9. **Treasurer’s Report:**

- a. Craig Goldfarb provided a report as follows:

Credit Card Expenditures

April 12	Big Nicks – Sandwiches for meeting	\$50.00
April 12	Smart & Final—Water/cookies for meeting	\$22.57
May 14	Perry Mailing Service (newsletter)	\$737.73
April 23	Harbor Interfaith	<u>\$750.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$1,560.30</u></b>

City Checks Issues

None

1. Demand Warrant Request for \$4,000 for Cornerstone Technologies

Petty Cash Balance \$307.23

No Withdrawals

Ending Balance \$307.23

Total Expenditures April \$1,560.30

- b. Motion to approve the report made by Craig Goldfarb and seconded by John Mavar. During discussion there was a request from Bob Bryant for a budget statement. Diana Nave asked if there were enough funds available to cover newsletter expenses. After discussion the report was approved unanimously by the board.
- c. Motion from Finance Committee, seconded by Diana Nave, to request the City Council to restore DONE/CDD training funds for Neighborhood councils from \$16,000.00 to \$100,000.00. After discussion the motion passed with a vote of 7 yes, 3 no votes, Paula Mazzarino abstained.
- d. Motion by Craig Goldfarb to oppose the current proposal by CDD to have neighborhood councils contract with specified NGO’s (outside contractors) for the administration of the neighborhood council funds. The motion was seconded by Diana Nave. After discussion the motion to oppose was passed with vote of 11 yes and 1 no.

10. **Port committee:** Phil Nicolay not available. It was commented that the committee did not meet this month so no report was provided.

11. **Election committee:** George Thompson commented that with the absence of candidate statements (not provided in a timely manner by the City Clerk's election division), it is next to impossible to have any meaningful candidate forum.
12. **Outreach Committee Report:**
  - a. Bob Bryant expressed his excitement about the CERT program (Emergency Response Training). This is the first time that our newsletter has brought forward so many participants. At least 35 stakeholders responded making a total of 43 participants. Bob suggests that through the Outreach Committee we set up an "Emergency Committee". He then thanked Peck Park for their assistance. Diana Nave thanked Bob for his work with the CERT program.
  - b. Diana Nave commented that the request for a proposed Cell Tower on Bynner and Western has been withdrawn.
13. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils):** Diana referred everyone to the written report that was included in the agenda packet. Diana went over the highlight of the report which included HANC's discussion on the following:
  - a. Proposed Changes to Zoning Code – efforts underway to simplify the zoning code which should result in increased efficiency and better planning/decision.
  - b. Neighborhood Council Elections – efforts to advertise
  - c. City Budget – ongoing meetings between budget advocates and the Mayor's Office regarding the DONE/CDD merger. Daily updates available on [budgetla.org](http://budgetla.org)
  - d. DONE – reduced to 18 positions. Discussions continue on outsourcing some of DONE's functions.
  - e. Sidewalk Ordinance continues to need more NC involvement.
  - f. Cell Tower Appeal: NC's objections being supported with positive results.
14. **Secretary's report:** Diana Nave referred everyone to the written report included in the agenda package which outlined recent activity and correspondence related our neighborhood council issues.
15. **Youth and Education Report:** No report this month.
16. **Chair's Report:** Dan Dixon discussed the future appointment of a Cell Tower Task Force. Bob Bryant will put together a committee with community members.
17. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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