

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Community Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2007, 6:30 p.m. – Peck Park Auditorium

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by President Dan Dixon. President Dan was happy to report that the billboards on North Gaffey are starting to be removed.
2. Roll Call: In attendance: Mollie Abbatiello, Dan Dixon, Bonnie Easley, John Mavar, Phil Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, John Stammreich, Mary Hamlin, John Greenwood and Diana Nave. Jody James, Pete Burmeister and Sanni Wehbe were excused. Craig Goldfarb arrived at 7:45pm.
3. Cpt George Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2007 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously by the board.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - 1) Ms. Brown Bellman 11-2PM POT LUCK on Saturday 12/15 at Peck Park to celebrate the closing of the pool for the winter.
 - 2) Little Fish Theatre, Director. Provided 2008 Season booklet and talked about the theatre. Would like to know how he can ask the neighborhood council for support. Will be referred to the Budget Committee.
 - 3) Clean San Pedro, Mr. Steve Kleinjan. Clean San Pedro is a 501C3 non profit company dedicated to eliminating blight in San Pedro. He was presenting a proposal for weeding, cleaning, litter removal etc. on the main thoroughfares in San Pedro (such as Gaffey, Pacific). They do monthly volunteer days and they focus on special community needs. They will be cleaning Pacific for the Christmas Parade and in January they will be weeding Capitol Drive. Also talked briefly about Adopt-a-Spot. That committee is looking into organizing city trash bins and making them uniform and attractive. The committee is also trying to make the city responsible for cleaning city parking lots etc. They would like to eliminate news racks. Dumpster graffiti is also been taken care of , as well as repairing of curbs and sidewalks, removing illegal vendors.
5. **Instant Run Off Voting Presentation from New America Foundation.** A representative from the New America foundation talked about problems with elections in the City. Run off voting saves millions of dollars. It also encourages voter turnout. Being considered by City Hall and the City Council. Endorsed by many city leaders. Goes to full council in December. To get this in place it would have to be an amendment to the City Charter. They are hoping for it to be on the ballot in November 2008. **Action Item: Put this on the agenda for a future meeting so that the board can consider a motion of support.**
6. **Reports from Public Officials:**
 - 1) LAPD – Officer Dumaplin: Last four weeks there has primarily been a problem with burglaries in all of San Pedro. Flat screen TVs are still the hot item to steal. The burglars don't appear to go to homes with dogs and also avoid security alarms. Most entries are through the back doors. Don't enter your home if it looks like someone has broken in. They may still be on the premises. You should call 911.
 - 2) Rosa Arcadia from D.O.N.E.: Seeking input from the neighborhood councils regarding the voting process possibly being taken over by the City Clerk. This has been proposed by the 912 commission.

7. Outreach Committee:

- 1) Nick from Rosalie and Alva's representing Weymouth Corners talked about the upcoming Christmas event. They distribute 5-10 thousand flyers with all the merchants. They will be printing T-shirts. The event is on December 7th (Friday) 4-9pm. The NWSPNC would like to sponsor the event. **Outreach committee recommends that we allocate a \$1000 to sponsor the Candy Cane Lane event. Motion passed unanimously.** Volunteers are needed to man the booth and help judge the Christmas decorations. Board members are encouraged to volunteer.
- 2) Newsletter: Problems with postage but should now be in the mail.
- 3) Website is being updated. Committee reports are being requested from all committee chairs to be placed on the website.

8. **912 Commission:** There are over 80 neighborhood councils in the city of Los Angeles. Many of them are not as organized as others and especially when it comes to their elections. In order to assist those neighborhood councils it was suggested that the City Clerk run the elections. The City clerk would only do this if elections are changed to every two years. A motion was presented and an amendment was requested. After discussion, the amended motion (wording below) was moved by John Greenwood and seconded by Cpt. George Thompson and then passed unanimously by the Board:

MOTION: Whereas, the NWSPNC has since its inception conducted board elections annually, with voters choosing roughly half its members each year, and
Whereas, the annual arrangement was selected to provide continuity, group mentoring, and the potential for revising membership as needed on an annual basis, and
Whereas, the 912 Commission is recommending to the City Council a suggested revision which would mandate the city clerk to conduct elections for neighborhood councils every other year, during even numbered years, and
Whereas, the NWSPNC believes annual elections help it achieve its best and highest service to the community, now
Therefore, the NWSPNC opposes the recommendations of the 912 Commission.

9. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay commented that Yang Ming Terminal will be installing a wheel lubrication system to reduced track noise. He also talked about the N. Gaffey Beautification Project.

A motion was made by Phil Nicolay to approve the following with regard to the N. Gaffey Beautification Project:

- 1) **Thank the Port for removing the billboards an agreeing to finish the project to include the curbs, etc.**
- 2) **Concur with the inclusion of a sidewalk**
- 3) **Concur with the trees lining the street edge.**
- 4) **Request that the area between the sidewalk and the meandering path all be grass or similar groundcover, subject to agreement by Chevron.**
- 5) **Request that the Port move forward with all due haste as a single project whether done by change order to one contract or by using on call services, or some other method, in necessary.**

The motion was seconded by Diana Nave and then passed unanimously by the Board.

10. **Land Use and Planning:** John Greenwood talked about a Motion related to Senate Bill 1818 requiring cities to update their plans and give incentives for affordable housing. We commend the

