

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Community Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2007, 6:30 p.m. – Peck Park Auditorium

1. Call to Order at 6:40pm by President Dan Dixon.
2. Roll Call: In attendance: Mollie Abbatiello, Dan Dixon, Bonnie Easley, John Mavar, Phil Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Jody James, John Stammreich, Mary Hamlin, John Greenwood, Capt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, Sanni Wehbe, Pete Burmeister and Diana Nave. Craig Goldfarb arrived at 7:45pm.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** After slight corrections, John Greenwood moved to approve the Minutes seconded by George Thompson. Minutes of the Nov. 12 meeting were approved.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - 1) Jenny Leonard, American Cancer Society: Relay for Life event is a 24 hour walk raising money for the American Cancer Society. Jenny talked about the program and where they need assistance through funding and volunteers. May 17 & 18th is the date of the event at San Pedro High School.
 - 2) Stakeholder from the Gardens commented about a traffic problem on Westmont and Stonewood Court. They would like to see curbs painted red to assist with the traffic dangers. Referred to John Mavar of the Issues Committee.
5. **Report from LAPD.** Officer Dumaplin commented that home burglaries are down but auto burglaries are up. Between Miraleste and Santa Cruz they have had four auto burglaries. 15th and Leland is for some reason a hot spot. 10th of December there was an attempted break in, resident was home and chased guys away. Suspicious truck is a 1980's model truck, full size, brown in color, some rust. Tool box in the trunk bed. Male white with a blue baseball cap. Board member Barbara Schach asked about help near the school with dangerous traffic around 7:15am-7:45am now that Mary Star School is open. Phil Nicolay asked about LAPD presence on New Years to help curb fireworks/gun fire.
6. **Report from Councilwoman's Office.** Ana Bozic talked about traffic problems at Taper Ave school that are being addressed. Council office has been getting a lot of calls since Mary Star High opened and they are in contact with the school. She offered to speak to the Dept. Of Transportation regarding traffic problems on Westmont. Graffiti car should be coming back and starting in January, so the Graffiti Task Force will be back in force. Pot luck brunch this Saturday for the Peck Park Pool. Peck Park PAB (Park Advisory Board) is meeting tomorrow. Ana also commented that improvements are being made to Western between 9th to 19th. Hoping RV ordinance will go into effect in January. Stakeholder also asked Ana about getting more spots designated for handicapped for Peck Park Senior Club. Jody asked about Amerigas issue. Is Councilwoman taking care of our welfare?
7. **Report from DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment).** Rosa Arcadia talked about the following:
 - 1) General Manager, Carol Baker Tharp, passed away two weeks ago. CORO is having a wake this Friday, Dec. 14th, 5:00-7:00pm at the USC University Club, 645 West Exposition Blvd. She was Executive Director from 1989-2001. Saturday will be a memorial service at 11am at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E. Colorado Blvd (corner of Colorado and Madison).
 - 2) City of Los Angeles Dept of Rec and Parks asking for input regarding the planning for the future expansion and protection of Los Angeles' 15,000 acres of existing parkland. This Citywide Community Needs Assessment meeting for this area will be Thursday, January 24, 2008, 6:30-8:30pm, Peck Park Community Center, 560 N. Western Ave, San Pedro.
 - 3) Update on Elections Issue.

8. **Report from LAUSD.** Jay Busciano for Dr. Vladovich reported on the following:
 - 1) Update on new high school site at Angel's Gate to alleviate overcrowding at San Pedro High School. There will basically be two small academies. Diana suggested we have our Education Committee look at the handout which shows the design plan.
 - 2) Also talked about KEA funds, state funds that are going into the existing schools for repairs.
9. **Motion Re: Instant Runoff Elections:** Board vote regarding election runoff measure tabled until a future time.
10. **Recommendation to council office of candidates for membership on the Pacific Avenue CAC.** Our neighborhood council will be submitting two names to the council office: Irene Almeida and Lauren Vivian.
11. **Port Committee:** Phil explained the four motions that will be before the PCAC and that our PCAC rep will be directed to vote on at the next meeting. Four motions:

EIR/Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittees

1. (Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Projects)

The EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee adopted this motion on November 8, 2007. The motion was moved by Ken Melendez, Second by Pat Nave and adopted with 6 Ayes, 5 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee adopted this motion on November 13, 2007. The motion was moved by Gary Kern, Second by Eleanor Montano, and adopted with 4 Ayes, and 0 Nays.

Recommendation:

The PCAC recommends to the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners that the following projects be funded with Wilmington's share of the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Funds:

1. #5 Ocean Water Resource Center - \$3.7 Million
 - State Lands Commission Official Response – Yes
 - Wilmington Representatives Ranking – 40
 - Proposal is compatible with the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program
2. #9 Landscaping – Alameda and Harry Bridges - \$1.8 Million
 - State Lands Commission Official Response – Yes
 - Wilmington Representatives Ranking – 38
 - Proposal is compatible with the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program
3. #12 Banning Museum Transportation Exhibit - \$900,000
 - State Lands Commission Official Response – Yes
 - Wilmington Representatives Ranking – 40
 - Proposal is compatible with the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program
4. #13 Wilmington Boathouse – Rowing Facility - \$2 Million
 - State Lands Commission Official Response – Yes
 - Wilmington Representatives Ranking – 35
 - Proposal is compatible with the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program
5. #14 Aquatics Center/Programs Wilmington YMCA - \$2.7 Million
 - State Lands Commission Official Response/Yes, with Conditions
 - Wilmington Representatives Ranking – 38.5
 - Proposal is compatible with the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program

The Wilmington Representatives were Ken Melendez, Eleanor Montano, Olivia Cueva Fernandez, and Gary Kern, all of whom attended the EIR Subcommittee Working Group Meeting on June 11, 2007. The scores given for each project are out of a maximum possible score of 45.

The Subcommittee requests that the Wilmington Boathouse – Rowing Facility (Item 4 above) be combined with the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center, which was already approved for funding under the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Fund. Therefore, the total funding requested in this motion is \$9.1 Million.

Motion #1: (See wording on Pg. 2 of these minutes) Motion relating to projects funded with Wilmington's share of the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Funds: Our recommendation to our PCAC representative is to vote yes. Jody James gave a comment she is conflicted because she really wants Wilmington to get what they want. She feels some people have an agenda and that it's too bad that these things are going forward. She also does not feel that the Port should be handling and approving their own EIR's. She feels they don't want to address the impacts to the community. John Stammreich feels that if the Wilmington Neighborhood Council supports the motion then we should also. Pat Nave agreed with John. Also commented that these are not all projects on Port Property. **All voting board members were in favor of our PCAC Representative being directed to vote yes. Jody James abstained.**

Motion #2:

EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

2. (Funding Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Proposals with money other than Aesthetic Mitigation funds)

The EIR Subcommittee adopted the following motion on November 8, 2007. The motion was moved by Pat Nave with a second by Ken Melendez. Motion carried with 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention.

The PCAC recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that Aesthetic Mitigation proposals #2, the Wilmington Gateway Beautification Project, #6, the Welcome to Wilmington LED Sign, #7, the Storm Drain Improvements for Alameda Street, and #8, the Street Improvement Project for Alameda Street, move forward to the Board of Harbor Commissioners with a recommendation that these projects be funded with money other than the Aesthetic Mitigation Funds.

All voting NWSPNC board members were in favor of our PCAC Representative being directed to vote yes.

Motion #3:

EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

3. (Mitigated impacts and impacts which cannot be mitigated, RE: TraPac EIR)

The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee adopted the following motion October 25, 2007. The motion was moved by Pat Nave, Second by Janet Gunter and passed with 7 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 Abstentions.

The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends that, at their November 8th Subcommittee meeting, the Port provide clear written information on impacts, mitigated impacts and impacts which cannot be mitigated, concerning the TraPac EIR.

All voting NWSPNC board members were in favor of our PCAC Representative being directed to vote yes.

Motion #4:

Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

4. (Brotherhood Raceway)

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee adopted this motion on November 13, 2007. The motion was moved by Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Second by Skip Baldwin, and passed with 6 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 Abstentions.

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee recommends to PCAC that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that they not grant a temporary or permanent use permit or issue a lease to the Team Sheriff Racing and/or Brotherhood Raceway or any other proposed operator to use the Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site for a raceway.

All voting NWSPNC board members were in favor of our PCAC Representative being directed to vote yes.

12. **Land Use and Planning.** John Greenwood gave an update and announced the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, December 27th. At the last meeting the committee reviewed the goals and the rest of that meeting was devoted to the developer who is building on homes on Channel. They are going to have a meeting the third Thursday in January to help the community meet with the developer to work something out.
13. **Outreach Committee:** Diana Nave reported that three committee members met and created a display board that was used at the NWSPNC booth at the Weymouth Corner Holiday Celebration. We made a display board and used it at Weymouth corners celebration. Several board members attended the event to man the booth which created good outreach with the businesses. The weather that evening was very cold and the turnout wasn't that good but the event was successful. Dan Dixon helped with the judging and will help with awarding prizes. Rosalee and Alvas volunteered that we could have our meetings at their facility. Dan was in the Christmas Parade as well as Mary, George and John S. The Outreach Committee also contacted the Bandini School principal and discussed the community and we had hoped to meet with the parents. We asked how we could support the school. We are not going to do a follow up meeting with the parents because most of the issues would be in the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council area. Tree planting put on by Central was a success and we got some recognition for our participation. Diana talked with Foresters. Some NW families participated. Regarding the Telephone Use Tax Forum, Diana needs volunteers to help plan the forum. John Stammreich and Molly Abbatiello volunteered to assist. Coastal is interested in joining us too. Central has not responded.
14. **Newsletter:** Mary Hamlin provided a handout with suggested articles for the Jan 2008 newsletter. Mary needs board members to submit their articles ASAP. Doug Epperhart was introduced as the publisher of our newsletter who will handle the printing and the postage of our newsletter.
15. **Motion for portable awning.** Dan presented a information for a portable awning, 8'x12' unit that is easy to set up, we will have our name on it. Dark blue material with white lettering. \$600-\$700 **Bonnie Easley moved that we authorize an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to purchase an awning. The motion was seconded by John Stammreich. Unanimous approval by the board.** Diana suggested that we match the color with the new logo we will be designing.
16. **Education Committee:** Barbara Schach thanked Ana Bozic for her hard work in getting us help for Taper School. We have a couple of candidates for the Youth seat and we are interviewing Wednesday and then we will make a recommendation to the board for acceptance in January. Service award information will go out to the Daily Breeze early in January after the holidays. We will discuss it further at our January meeting. Also thanked the LAPD for getting rid of the illegal fruit stand vendors. Regarding the 5th grade student awards, Barbara lets the students and parents know that it is coming from the council office as well as our neighborhood council. Auditorium at Taper is finished and they will have a dedication ceremony in the future.
17. **By-Laws issues:** Diana Nave talked about the issues that we will be discussing at the By-laws committee meeting. George Thompson is going to chair the committee and will need assistance. We might want to adopt some new practices in our by-laws. Bonnie Easley and Diana Nave volunteered to be on the committee.
18. **New Business:** Diana commented that the council office has made available stickers that you can put on your blue trash bin that outline what items can be recycled.
19. **Peck Pool Canopy:** Pete Burmeister asked about the canopy that we were supposed to have over the peck park pool seats. There was no one available to respond to his question.

20. **Citywide Community Needs Assessment Meeting:** Ray Patricio reminded board members and stakeholders about the upcoming meeting at Peck Park on January 24th at 6:30pm regarding input on community needs for the park. Rec and Parks has an online survey which can be reached at: <http://losangeles.prosconsulting.com/index.html>

21. **Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
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