The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) is looking for your leadership! Our annual election for the board of directors is in June and the search is on for dedicated neighborhood leaders to make a positive difference in our community.

**Election Day is Monday, June 13 in the Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90732.** The polls are open from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Candidates will speak at 6:30 p.m. The board is composed of 17 seats, half of which are on the ballot.

You are eligible to vote in the election or run for the board if you meet the definition of a “stakeholder.” In general, a stakeholder is someone whose daily life is linked to the area of the NWSPNC: along North Gaffey Street down to Summerland Avenue and along Western Avenue from Averill Park to Palos Verdes Drive North.

Specifically, a stakeholder is any person who lives, works, or owns property or a business in the NWSPNC area; or who attends, or whose children or siblings attend, a public or private school; or who participates in any religious, community, business, or non-governmental organization active within the boundaries of the NWSPNC.

Please see the map at right for the specific boundaries and census tracts included in the NWSPNC.

**Eight board members will be elected this June, representing the following categories:**

- Live or own property in census tract 2951 (One seat)
- Live or own property in census tract 2965 (One seat)
- Live or own property in census tract 3064 (One seat)
- Live or own property in census tract 2970 (One seat)
- Own a business or work within the boundaries of the NWSPNC (One seat)
- Involved in an educational organization within the boundaries of the NWSPNC (One seat)
- Involved in a non-governmental organization active within the boundaries of the NWSPNC (One seat)
- At-large representative, who qualifies as a stakeholder of the NWSPNC (One seat)

**What is required of a board member?**

- A commitment to attend and participate at board, committee, and community meetings (approximately 5-10 hours per month).
- The responsibility to oversee public funds given to the NWSPNC to support projects that will serve the community.
- The initiative to look for ways to improve our community and spend our public funding on worthwhile projects.
- The ability to work with a diverse group of people, presenting your own ideas, as well as listening to the viewpoints of others.

**To run in the June 13 election, please complete the candidate form on the back page.** In order to have your name on the printed ballot, your candidate form must be postmarked no later than May 13, 2005. Forms are also available at Peck Park, online at NWSanPedro.org, or by calling (310) 732-4522. Candidates are encouraged to submit a half-page written statement, which will be made available to voters.

Though the deadline for appearing on the printed ballot is May 13, candidates can run as write-ins up through Election Day. In other words, there is no “deadline” to run, only to appear on the pre-printed ballot. Candidate forms will be available at the polling place beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. For more information, please call Capt. George Thompson, (310) 833-5409; David Rivera, (310) 831-9492; or Diana Nave, (310) 831-1975.

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The council is establishing a steering committee should e-mail board@nwsanpedro.org or call and leave a message at (310) 732-4522.

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**NWSPNC Launches Initiative to Improve North Gaffey**

The NWSPNC currently has two initiatives under way that will lead to the improvement of North Gaffey Street.

At their meeting on March 15, 2005, the Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) recommended to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that China Shipping Settlement miti-gation funds be used for beautification of North Gaffey Street. This mitigation project, submitted by the NWSPNC, includes the following elements: curbs, gutters, and side-walks on the east side of the street from Channel Street to Westmont Drive; landscaping, a bike path, removal of the billboards, and reasonable other im-provements to be determined through a community planning process.

Complementing the beautification project will be the development of a conceptual land use and traffic plan for the North Gaffey area. NWSPNC is in the process of selecting a consultant to assist us in determining the best land uses for this area and to recommend traffic improvements. According to Vice President Diana Nave, “the North Gaffey area is currently undergoing dramatic change and there are a number of possibilities for revitalization. Rather than pursue a piecemeal approach, we want to develop a comprehensive plan for development and land use in the area.”

Projects underway or in the planning stage that impact North Gaffey include a new animal shelter just south of Miraflores, a new fire station at Gaffey Street and Miraflores; 135 single-family homes planned for the Kinder Morgan property (roughly Gaffey & Gatun Streets), the Di Carlo Bakery prop-erty now up for sale, and approximately 32 new homes in Miraflores Canyon.

We continue to work towards relocation of the AmeriGas facility away from the Northwest San Pedro residential area. Also, the Los Angeles City Department of Sanitation is considering selling some or all of its property. Developers of housing, light manufacturing, commercial, and “big box” re-tail have all expressed interest in these properties.

We expect the outcome of this planning effort will be incorporated into the San Pedro Community Plan when it is updated in 2006. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will also use the plan as a resource document when a proposed development is brought before us for consideration.

Some of the key issues to be addressed in this planning effort include:

- Maintaining a housing/jobs/transportation balance;
- Not detracting from efforts to improve business in downtown San Pedro;
- Traffic congestion, especially Channel Street, Miraflores, the 110/47 interchange, Capitol Drive and Westmont Drive intersections;
- The use or removal of existing railroad tracks for the Red Car;
- Possible expansion of parking for Field of Dreams;
- Eastview Little League fields.

The council is establishing a steering commit-tee to guide these two initiatives. Stakeholders in-terested in being considered for appointment to the committee should e-mail board@nwsanpedro.org or call and leave a message at (310) 732-4522.

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Get Involved in Your Community!

NWSPNC, like most organizations, is only as effective as its members. For us, this means the involvement of our stakeholders—people who live, work, or own property in Northwest San Pedro. Please consider getting involved in our council in one or more of the following ways:

- Attend our monthly meetings—meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Peck Park Community Center.
- Let us know what issues are of concern to you and your neighbors—you can do this by speaking during the public comment time at our meetings or by e-mailing your concerns to us at board@nwsanpedro.org or leaving a message for us at (310) 732-4522.
- Participate with us in the Peck Park Clean Up Day—Saturday, May 21.
- Volunteer to join one of our Committees, sign up for a meeting (see list below) or e-mail board@nwsanpedro.org with the name of the committee you are interested in serving on, along with your contact information.
- Visit our website for updated information about our community www.nwsanpedro.org.
- Send an e-mail to board@nwsanpedro.org and ask to be added to our e-mail list.
- Run to be a member of the board (please see article on page 1).
- Vote in our election, Monday, June 13 from 1:00 to 8:00 pm at Peck Park.

NWSPNC Committees

Issues Committee—Deals with planning and other issues not covered by specific committees.

Port Committee—Deals with port related issues and advised our representatives on Port Community Advisory Committee.

Traffic and Transportation Committee—Working with stakeholders and various government departments to address matters related to access, circulation, and parking.

Outreach Committee—Communicating with our stakeholders through a quarterly newsletter, speaking engagements, and personal contact with various target groups.

Finance Committee—Recommends budget, reviews funding requests.

Peck Park Steering Committee—Newly-formed committee to work towards implementation of master plan for Peck Park Canyon.

Education Committee—Focusses on the needs of our schools and students, interacting with administrators and teachers.

North Gaffey Steering Committee—Newly-formed committee to advise consultants for North Gaffey beautification and the development of conceptual land use and traffic plan beautification.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Monday, April 11, 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 pm**

**Monday, May 9, 6:30 pm**

**Friday, May 13**

**Saturday, May 21, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon**

**Monday, June 13, 1:00 to 8:00 pm**

**NWSPNC Monthly Meeting — Peck Park Auditorium**

**Recreation and Parks Commission meeting at Cabrillo Beach**

**NWSPNC Monthly Meeting — Peck Park Auditorium**

**Deadline to submit application for Board Candidacy**

**Peck Park Clean Up, Peck Park**

**NWSPNC Polls Open, candidates speak at 6:30 pm**

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**NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**PECK PARK CANYON MASTER PLAN UNVEILED**

Familiar faces like Ray Patricio (community activist), John Springer (L.A. Department of Recreation and Parks), Diana Nave (NWSPNC Issues committee chair), Glen Shutter (California Conservation Corps), John Winkler (community design team), Diana Chapman (Peck Park Advisory Board), Francis Croydon (California Conservation Corps), and representatives of the 4-H Club and State Lands Commission review planned improvements to the park canyon. Pictured below is the master plan for Peck Park Canyon.
Peck Park Clean-Up Set for May 21

You are enthusiastically invited to attend the second annual Peck Park Clean-Up. The event is part of a national campaign called “Keep America Beautiful” to revitalize parks across the country. Councilwoman Janice Hahn has called Peck Park “a diamond in the rough.”

Get involved by coming out on May 21 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Spend whatever time you have available to rake leaves, collect litter, dust off the bases, weed, or socialize with friends and neighbors. Check out the proposed LANI park improvements that will bring new opportunities for recreation and enjoyment for all ages. Help us beautify our park by taking part in the restoration process. We need your help and challenge you to bring a friend. Tools, refreshments, and entertainment will be provided.

Join us along with other community groups that have committed to participate including Park Western Elementary School, ECO Club, Tennis Club, Beacon House, and the California Conservation Corps, among others. Councilwoman Janice Hahn’s office, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, and the Peck Park Advisory Board sponsor this effort. See you there!

Western Avenue traffic seems calm on this evening compared to the congestion created as a result of the recent storm drain repairs.

Newly-formed Western Avenue Task Force Focuses on Traffic Problems

We know that everyone has been frustrated with the traffic on Western Avenue which has been intensified by the storm drain repairs. According to CalTrans, the “jacking operation” started on Monday, March 14. At the average rate of 18 feet a day, pavement on northbound Western Avenue at Summerland Avenue will be removed and replaced. Northbound traffic should be open to the public by April 15, 2005.

There is a possibility that the manhole on the southbound Western Avenue sidewalk will need to be replaced. If that occurs, the southbound lanes will be closed for about 2-3 weeks to perform the construction of the new manhole. With no further weather interruption the tentative completion of work is targeted in the middle of May. (Note: The NWSPNC was given this estimate prior to the rainstorms that occurred the week of March 21).

The cities of Los Angeles and Rancho Palos Verdes are creating a joint task force to make recommendations regarding Western Avenue traffic. Councilwoman Janice Hahn has appointed the San Pedro representatives and Rancho Palos Verdes representatives to their offices to form the new board. With their proposed solution. In addition, to meeting with representatives from the MTA, representatives from Councilwoman Hahn’s office including the councilwoman herself, this group also presented their concern before the NWSPNC.

Upon concluding its own inquiry into the matter, President John Greenwood distributed a letter to Mayor James Hahn, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Dana Coffey, general manager of the MTA Southbay Governance Sector, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, expressing support for the proposal to remove Averill Avenue as a layover point and re-route the buses accordingly.

Subsequently, in September 2004 a public meeting was held by the MTA Southbay Sector Governance Council to consider a proposal to remove Averill Avenue as a layover point and re-route the buses accordingly. A proposal was accepted to remove the 205, 447, and 550 lines from Averill Avenue to two other approved locations and modify the routing of these three lines to accommodate the new layovers.

While the 225/226 line would still use the Averill Avenue layover, the buses will stop only eight times a day and make no weekend layovers. These changes were effected approximately October 24, 2004.

Averill Avenue residents Larry Warner, Jay Sharma, and Joe Sogliuzzo enjoy peace and quiet as a result of the efforts of the NWSPNC.

Persistence and the NWSPNC Pays Off for Averill Avenue Residents

Imagine being rudely awakened at 5:00 a.m. by the rumble and hiss of a large bus as it comes to a stop. Imagine that same noise as the one that awoke you at 12:00 midnight. Imagine more than 70 daily buses traveling through and laying over in your neighborhood, creating nuisances such as noise and vibration, health and safety, traffic congestion, and lock of parking for 19 hours a day? Imagine the feeling that there’s nothing that you can do about it and nobody cares?

Such was the situation for a group of residents living along Averill Avenue between 106th and 119th streets. Since 1999 these residents had tried unsuccessfully to alleviate this problem with various government and transit officials.

However, in March 2004, this neighborhood group decided to organize and make a concerted effort to bring awareness to this matter along with their proposed solution. In addition to meeting with representatives from the MTA, representatives from Councilwoman Hahn’s office including the councilwoman herself, this group also presented their concern before the NWSPNC.

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Education Chair Reports on School Needs; Community Service Awards

Education Committee Chairperson Patricia Poluck is a teacher at the Los Angeles Unified School District system. She shares the following information:

After conducting a needs survey at elementary schools in the NWSPNC area, two schools—Taper Avenue and Bandini Street—have requested new theater curtains. We are in the process of helping these schools by requesting donations from businesses in the area.

McDonald’s restaurant, located on Western Avenue near Park Western Drive, has generously offered to help by donating a percentage of its sales one evening during the hours of 4:30 to 7:30 to one of these schools. The NWSPNC will also present community service awards in the amount of $500 to two senior high school students in the area who have volunteered many hours of community service work in and around San Pedro.

The NWSPNC Governing Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue.
Harbor Commission Approves Contract for North Pacific Avenue Beautification Project

On March 23, 2005 the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved a contract with the Griffith Company in the amount of $926,867 for beautification of North Gaffey Street. Groundbreaking is expected to occur late April or early May with work completed by the end of summer. After the site is graded and irrigation installed, sod, trees, shrubs, and vines will be planted to create a 2.5-acre passive park. A concrete bikeway/pedestrian path will also be developed. Benches and trash receptacles will be placed near the transit stops. The property to be developed runs roughly from the former Tune-Up Masters site at the foot of Channel Street to just past the Carson Bail Bonds property as shown in the conceptual plan. The port got the owner to remove the unsightly industrial trash receptacles from the former Carson Bail Bonds property and they are now attempting to purchase the property.

If successful, this property will eventually be incorporated into the passive park. NWSPNC continues to monitor progress on this issue.

The NWSPNC continues to advocate for additional improvements to North Pacific/Harbor Boulevard as a part of the mitigation included in the current China Shipping EIR.

Preliminary Landscape Plan
Port of Los Angeles - Pacific Avenue Beautification

NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
CANDIDATE FORM – GOVERNING BOARD
USE THIS FORM TO NOMINATE YOURSELF

ELECTION DATE AND LOCATION: June 13, 2005, 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Peck Park Community Center

Mail completed form to NWSPNC, 638 S. Beacon Street, #688, San Pedro, CA 90731 or bring it on the day of the election. Forms postmarked by May 13, 2005 will enable the names of eligible candidates to be printed on the ballot. Attach one-half page Candidate Statement if desired.

(Questions: Call (310) 732-4522 or visit our web site at www.nwsanpedro.org).

CANDIDATE INFORMATION (print legibly)

Name______________________________________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address____________________________________________________________________________________
E-mail Address_____________________________________________________________________________________
Day Phone________________________________________ Evening Phone_____________________________________

The Governing Board consists of 17 seats representing eight categories. This election will be for eight seats, whose term begins July 1, 2005. The term for each Board Member will be two years.

Place a check mark on the line next to the category for which you qualify and are running.

___ Live or own property within the boundaries of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council area (Census tracts 2951, 2963, 2964, 2970) (One seat per census tract vacant)
Address of residence or property_________________________________________________________________________

___ Own business or work within boundaries of the NWSPNC (One seat)
Name and address of business or work____________________________________________________________________

___ Involved in a non-governmental organization active within the boundaries of the NWSPNC (examples: religious, labor, nonprofit, environmental, fraternal) (One seat)
Name of organization_________________________________________________________________________________
Address of organization_______________________________________________________________________________

___ Student or adult involved with an educational organization within the boundaries of the NWSPNC (One seat)
Name of organization_________________________________________________________________________________
Address of student or educational organization____________________________________________________________

___ At-large representative who qualifies as a stakeholder of the NWSPNC (One seat)
Definition of stakeholder per Section III of Bylaws: Any person who lives, works, owns property or a business, or who attends or whose children or siblings attend a public or private school; or involved in any religious, community, business or non-governmental organization active within the boundaries or the NWSPNC area.

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