



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
October 8, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance and encouraged them to participate. Approximately 25 stakeholders were present.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Bob Bryant, Gary Buss, Daniel Dixon, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Carolyn Grayson, Laurie Jacobs, Katie Marrie, Diana Nave, Raymond Regalado, Barbara Schach, George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. Excused: Pete Burmeister. Vacant youth seat.
3. **Presentation by Science Center (LAUSD):** Chris Torres, Chief of Staff from Dr. Vladovic's office provided information: Dr. Vladovic has intervened to get the science center to stay open for another year. Budget cuts will affect the Center and many other programs next year. An RFP will be released to the public to see if any funding can be found. Pat Nave suggested a contest involving the community in naming the center. Diana Nave suggested setting up a foundation.
4. **Phillips 66 & AQMD:** Chris Chandler was in attendance to explain in person the recent flaring event at the refinery. He introduced several staff members who were also in attendance to assist with the reporting of the issue. A power point presentation was shown about the company. He explained that on September 15<sup>th</sup> there was a complete loss of electrical power which is a very significant event for the refinery and required that the refinery shut down. Back up power is used for the critical instruments etc. The flares are safety devices. The emergency response team does monitoring during the event. The reason for the power loss according to DWP was the failure of an underground cable. It takes about 7 days to completely restart the entire refinery. The event impacts regional fuel supply. The AQMD representative also gave a short presentation on air quality as it relates to this type of flaring event.
5. **Reports from Public Officials:**
  - **Congresswoman Janice Hahn:** Congresswoman Hahn was in attendance and commented on the following:
    - ✓ She shared that she had come across an old article from 2004 in the More San Pedro which provided an overview of what the Northwest San Pedro NC was involved with at that time.
    - ✓ **Hahn is a member of the Homeland Security and Small Business Committees:** Port Security is her number one priority in Congress. Container scanning is something she will keep pushing for. She created the Port Caucus (bi-partisan) to discuss the issues of our nation's seaports and was able to pass her first bill (passed by 419 to 11). It assesses the port security for gaps.
    - ✓ **Small Business Committee:** Hahn's office is working with small business owners. She introduced a bill that reduces the amount of paperwork to apply for a loan (from 12 pages to 2). She presented legislation to raise the cap for credit union loans. She is working on connecting small businesses with the international trade industry to export goods.

✓ **Upcoming Events:** Michael Aguilera gave event updates.

- **Senator Rob Wright's Office:** Bill Orton reported that the Senator had 14 bills signed into law this year. He carried the only business reform (SB1099) that was passed and signed related to agencies posting regulations and having them all posted on a central website. The legislature also passed bi-partisan pension reform.
6. **LAPD Report:** Captain Lauer gave an update. The year is winding down and the City of Los Angeles has had a reduction in Part 1 crime every year for 9 years and hopes to keep that record through this year. LAPD will be looking for volunteers to create a phone/email tree to warn neighbors of problems in a community.
  7. **City Attorney's Response to Request of Restoration of Neighborhood Prosecutor:** They have re-organized their office and now have a Neighborhood Prosecutor for the area. An update will be given at the HANC meeting.
  8. **President's Report:** Diana Nave provided highlights from her written report:
    - **Ponte Vista Application:** Plans are for 830 units in a gated community. This will be on the agenda for the November meeting.
    - **Western Avenue:** Repaving. Schedule for this week was provided. Street closures at night.
    - **LADWP:** We need a liaison.
    - **Harbor Benefits Foundation:** Survey for off port impacts of the Port can be found on line.
  9. **Update on Emergency Preparedness Fair.** Carolyn Grayson provided an update on the fair. The congresswoman's office has helped the committee get some important speakers. Volunteers are needed. Every San Pedro neighborhood council needs to volunteer to make the fair a success.
  10. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
    - Kevin James, running for the office of Mayor, spoke about his candidacy.
  11. **Consent Calendar:**
    - Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2012 meeting:
    - Approve appointment of Gordon Teuber to Planning and Land Use Committee, Laurie Jacobs to Youth and Outreach, Gary Buss to Paseo del Mar Task Force, and Mitch Harmatz to Western Avenue Visioning Committee; and removal of Laureen Vivian and Charles Eldred from the Planning & Land Use Committee
    - Approve co-sponsoring the Election Forum on Ballot Propositions at Harbor College on Sat. Oct. 13; no cost involved.
    - Approve 957 N. Gaffey (Animal Shelter) as a posting site in lieu of Albertson's market.
    - **Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented by Bob Bryant and seconded by John Greenwood. Motion approved unanimously.**
  12. **Consider approval of comments on Community Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report.** John Greenwood gave an overview of the comments. **Motion by John Greenwood to approve the comments as presented and send them to the Planning Department, seconded by Bob Bryant. Motion carried unanimously.** Pat Nave suggested that individuals write to the Planning Department and ask that they adopt the comments from NWSPNC.
  13. **Consider approval of a resolution requesting that the Planning Department provide a 90 day review period for all Draft Environmental Impact Reports (John Greenwood):**

**NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION REGARDING TIME FOR REVIEW OF CEQA DOCUMENTS**

*WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils were established under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs”; and*

*WHEREAS, Charter Section 907 requires the City to provide notice to Neighborhood Councils” as soon as practical,” and to provide a “reasonable opportunity to provide input before decisions are made”; and*

*WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes a minimum 45 day period for public comment on all draft Environmental Quality Reviews (DEIRs) clearly seeking public comment; and*

*WHEREAS, CEQA does not establish a maximum time for such review; and*

*WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils generally meet monthly on a set date, so that the only way for the Neighborhood Councils to have a “reasonable opportunity to provide input” is to be provided more time to comment; and*

*WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of neighborhood councils have Planning and Land use, or similar, committees to review such documents and develop comments prior to the Neighborhood Council considering comments; and*

*WHEREAS, 45 days does not provide sufficient time for Neighborhood Councils and their committees to gather public input and prepare public comments; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that, in accordance with Charter Sections 900 and 907, City Council establish a 90-day minimum review period for all Draft EIRs unless this time is waived by the impacted Neighborhood Councils.*

*Moved by John Greenwood, seconded by George, and passed unanimously.*

- 14. Consider approval of a resolution requesting that the Planning Department provide a copy of Mitigated Negative Declaration to the affected Neighborhood Council and extend the comment time from 20 days to at least 45 days.**

**NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION REGARDING DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS**

*Whereas Neighborhood Councils were established under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs,” and*

*Whereas Charter Section 907 requires the City to provide notice to neighborhood councils” as soon as practical,” and to provide a “reasonable opportunity to provide input before decisions are made,” and*

*Whereas the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes a minimum 20 day comment period for draft Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs), and*

*Whereas CEQA does not establish a maximum time for such review, and*

*Whereas Neighborhood Councils generally meet monthly on a set date, and*

*Whereas Neighborhood Councils may want to review and comment on draft Mitigated Negative Declarations for projects impacting their communities, and*

*Whereas there is currently no system in place to notify Neighborhood Councils when a MND is filed, and*

*Whereas 20 days does not provide sufficient time for Neighborhood Councils to review and adopt comments,*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council:*

*1. Requests that, in accordance with Charter Sections 900 and 907, City Council direct the Planning Department to develop a system for providing a copy of all draft MNDs to the affected Neighborhood Councils, and*

*2. Extend the 20-day minimum review period to at least 45 days.*

*Moved by John Greenwood, seconded by George Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.*

**15. Budget Discussion and Approval of 2012-2013 Budget:** Budget presented in Agenda Packet. Short review by Treasurer Craig Goldfarb. *Motion from committee to approve the Budget as presented, seconded by John Greenwood. Passed with 15 yes, 0 no,*

**16. Announcements:** None.

**17. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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