

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
November 10, 2008 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were Dan Dixon, Bonnie Easley, John Greenwood (6:54), Craig Goldfarb (6:54), Gabriel Rivas, John Mavar, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, Laureen Vivian and Pete Burmeister. The following board members were excused: Mollie Abbatiello, Meryl Moilov, Philip Nicolay, David Arvonio, Mary Hamlin and Diana Nave. A quorum was present. Approximately 14 stakeholders present.
3. **Minutes:** **John Mavar made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 13, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by George Thompson and approved unanimously by the board.**
4. **Presentation by LAPD on Special Order 40.** Sergio Diaz, Deputy Chief for the LAPD in charge of the Downtown area, Central, Rampart, Hollenbeck, etc., talked about the complex issue of Order 40. Essentially the LAPD has a long standing policy of 30 years that was adopted for undocumented aliens. Officer Diaz explained the reason for the policy and commented that it has prohibitions. LAPD do not arrest people for illegal entry into the United States. This is a federal misdemeanor that happens at the border and LAPD does not have the jurisdiction to arrest. They do not initiate investigations where the sole purpose is to determine someone's alien status. The policy does not say that they never ask someone's immigration status. 30 years ago there were complaints that LAPD officers were engaging inappropriately in immigration matters. Since it is important to identify criminals it was important to have illegal immigrants feel comfortable reporting crimes to the LAPD. Officer Diaz then talked about Jamiel Shaw and how he was shot by Pedro Espinoza who had just been released from jail. He served 8 months of a 12 month sentence due to a plea bargain. The new amendment proposed by Councilman Zine would allow the LAPD to report to ICE (immigration) any criminal they encountered who was suspected to be an illegal immigrant. Board members and stakeholders asked questions and made comments. Sandy Jaffey, stakeholder, gave an extensive comment on the matter. Dan Dixon commented that he is looking for a Motion from the Board to support Jamiel's law or the Zine motion. Pete Burmeister commented that he would like to see the Board take some type of action tonight. **Pete Burmeister made a motion that we not accept Special order and accept Jamiel's Law. The motion was seconded by John Mavar. John Greenwood commented that he had come prepared to support Zine's motion and then proposed a substitute motion to support Dennis Zine's motion, seconded by Barbara Schach.** John explained that he feels that Jamiel's Law is inflaming the issue. He feels the policy should be changed. Gangs are a serious problem and we need to send a message to gang members that if they commit a crime and are here illegally they should accept the consequences. Gabriel Rivas commented

that the Police Commission has the power to change policy so realistically he feels the City Council can make resolutions but the Police Commission can ignore them. **A vote was then taken on John Greenwood's Substitute motion 4 yes, 2 no, 3 abstentions. Motion passed.**

5. **Motion to sponsor the Candy Cane Lane event at Weymouth Corners \$1,000. Motion made by Dan Dixon and seconded by John Greenwood. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.**
6. **LAPD:** Officer Dumaplin stated that Halloween night went very smoothly for the LAPD. She commented on a gang member shooting in front of Arcade Building on 6th Street. Otherwise, she had very little to report. Lauren Vivian thanked the officer for the visible police presence around Averill Park.
7. **Councilwoman's Office:** Ana Dragin of the Councilwoman's office reported on upcoming community meetings and Air Force Week. She also commented that the North Gaffey Beautification Project begins this week and the Cal Trans project on Western between 9th and 19th where they will be installing guard rails.
8. **DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment):** Rosa Arcadia gave a brief report and reminded everyone that the budget process is continuing so they are in the period of gathering input for the budget survey. Regional Budget Day is January 31st. She urged all board members and stakeholders to fill out the budget survey (link is posted on our website).
9. **The Great California Shakeout Presentation by Lonna Calhoun.** Lonna gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation and talked about the Great California Shakeout which will be the largest earthquake drill in American history scheduled for November 13. She urged everyone to register at the website: www.Shakeout.org. Lonna explained her role with COPSS (Community Outreach Promoting Safety and Security). She thanked the NWSPNC for sponsoring the recent Disaster Preparedness Fair at Harbor Park. The main point of her presentation was a potential earthquake on the San Andreas fault. Experts expect an earthquake of magnitude 7.8 within the next 30 years. Such an earthquake would be 50 times more powerful than the Northridge earthquake of 6.7. Lonna talked about being prepared for the aftermath of an earthquake of this magnitude. She stressed that everyone should have a family plan, have supplies, secure your living space, store water barrels, maintain up to date contact information, take CERT training, drill and practice. More information is available on the COPSS website: www.copss-ca.org
10. **Land Use and Planning Report by John Greenwood:** John Greenwood provided highlights from his written report. (Full report available on the website).
11. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig Goldfarb, NWSPNC Treasurer, distributed a new proposed budget.

- a. **Motion #1: Craig Goldfarb made a motion that the Board approve the new proposed budget and the motion was seconded by Barbara Schach. The board had a unanimous vote in favor and the motion passed.** Craig explained the new procedures to keep the Budget in line.
- b. **Motion #2: Motion to pay Beacon house invoice (not to exceed \$1,000) made by John Greenwood seconded by George Thompson. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Public Comment:

- a. **Andrea Adleman** thanked the NWSPNC for supporting the Voter Forum and gave a report on the event.
- b. **Soledad Garcia:** Solar energy issue. Hopes that the NC will oppose the ballot measure so it doesn't pass. Will be on the March 2009 ballot
- c. **John Delgado:**
 - i. **Knoll Hill Kick off:** Wednesday, November 19, 2008 6:30pm at the Crowne Plaza hotel there will be a Knoll Hill Kick-Off Community Meeting. Everyone Welcome! Share your ideas about what you would like to see on Knoll Hill.
 - ii. **Port EIR Presentation** at the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Port of LA High School.
 - iii. **Youth Association:** Peck Park improvements. John Delgado introduced Mark Areola who talked about Quimby funds of \$1.1 million. The Youth Association would like to see a marquis for Peck Park and a permanent snack shack. They would like to get a skateboard park here too. They meet with the Council office on Friday.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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