



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
October 12, 2009 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. The meeting was held outdoors in front of the Peck Park Community Center because the City failed to send a representative to open the doors as scheduled. (City Holiday)
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Dan Dixon, Paula Mazzarino, John Greenwood, Craig Goldfarb, Gabriel Rivas, John Mavar, Philip Nicolay, Ray Patricio, Cpt. George Thompson, Barbara Schach, David Arvonio, Mary Hamlin, Peter Burmeister and Diana Nave. The following board members were excused: Meryl Moilov, Mollie Abbatiello and Laureen Vivian. A quorum was present. Approximately 30 stakeholders were present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Meeting:** Barbara Schach made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009, seconded by John Mavar and approved unanimously by the board.
4. **Jeannette Stevens of San Pedro High School:** President Dan introduced Jeannette Stevens, the newly appointed Principal of San Pedro High School. Stevens gave a brief summary of her past experience as an educator. She explained the WASC accreditation process which will ultimately allow students to be accepted in Cal State and UC schools. It is a 2 year accreditation that will end in June. The WASC team will then come out and give their recommendation. As Principal, Stevens is making sure that students at San Pedro High are on target for completing their learning objectives. The goal is to make sure the students are ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and future careers. She talked about the small learning communities system which she feels are “pathways to careers.” and being career ready. Students will be engaging in real life scenarios. San Pedro High School will provide students with more options and extra support. The new high school at Angels Gate should be open in 2012 and will house the magnet programs (including the Police Academy and Marine Science Academy). Steven invited the community to the next public meeting scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at the San Pedro High Auditorium. She answered questions from the board and stakeholders related to:
  - a. Busing of students to the new school.
  - b. How can the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council support San Pedro High School.
  - c. Pedro Action League: Looking for ways to go out to the community and find resources for students (Businesses can provide internships to the students). Service learning: Students complete hours of volunteer time. Help with events in the community.
  - d. Doc Rocks program: Two students, Melanie Costa and Rider Thomas, came forward and talked about their involvement with this program at San Pedro High School under the direction of Tony Sevedra. Within the Doc Rocks program, students learn about and create their own documentary films. The NWSPNC

supported this program last year with a donation. The students thanked the NWSPNC stating that the Program would not have continued without the NWSPNC's help. The program was started in 2001 and has received various grants. The objective is to provide students with an opportunity to study and create documentary films. Costa and Thomas gave the council four copies of the film to view.

5. **Special Request from John and Muriel Olguin:** Publicly thanked the Beacon House for their work in the community. Talked about previous project where they cleaned the alleys. Gordon Teuber talked about the neighborhood councils supporting Beacon House by donating \$5,000 each towards a new van to transport the workers and in exchange they will give 500 hours to the community. Dan Dixon mentioned the memorial that was unveiled this last weekend in honor of John Olguin.
6. **Report from L.A.P.D.:** Senior Lead Officer Ashcroft reported that crime statistics are the same as last month. Harbor Division crime is down overall. Property crime is still a problem. The LAPD stresses the importance of leaving valuables out of sight in motor vehicles. Pete Burmeister thanked the officer for the help the LAPD provided in his community.
7. **Bonnie Lowenthal's Office:** Representative Bianca Villaneuva announced an upcoming event for Seniors in the community being held on November 2, 2009, State representatives from the Contractors State License Board and other experts will be on hand to talk about senior scams and how to prevent being taken advantage off.
8. **LAUSD:** David Cooper introduced himself stating that he attended this meeting to show his support for the new principal of San Pedro High. They are happy to have her at SPHS.
9. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Item:**
  - a. **Augie Bezmalinovich from the Port:** Congratulated the council and the whole community because the waterfront EIR was approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on the 29<sup>th</sup> after a 7 hour meeting. The final resolutions were passed at 1:30am and included the staff's recommendation for a denial of PCAC's recommendation requesting an additional 30 day extension; and secondly, a recommendation that the BOHC approve the proposed waterfront project. At the meeting, Commissioner Lopez Mendoza stated then when the Port moves forward with an outer harbor terminal they will start with the East berth. He also acknowledged that the community is requesting Inner Harbor cruise terminal improvements. More outreach will be needed for this.
  - b. **George Radechich:** Cell Tower at 7<sup>th</sup>, Malgren and Wesern. T mobile is proposing an 8 antenna site on the corner of Western Avenue and Bynner Drive. Radechich states that this is a high accident rate intersection. The proposed project includes one telephone pole and 8 antennas that will reach a height of 60 feet and he feels this is a travesty for this neighborhood. The tower would be within 20 feet of homes and two equipment cabinets with air conditioning units would be running 24 hours a day. The residents in that area want the NWSPNC to pass a resolution in opposition of the cell site. T mobile already has a major site at Weymouth corners on the property housing the Assistance League.
  - c. **Robert Bryant:** Also spoke in opposition of the cell tower. Get the city to establish some rules to follow. Wants the NWSPNC to encourage the city to set up some

rules.

- d. **Mark Branich.** His property is going to be affected by this cell tower. That area has had a lot of traffic accidents. He is worried that if such a huge pole is involved in a traffic accident it could come down right across Western. Letters need to be sent to BMS Communications.
  - e. **Diana Nave:** Commented on the issue and how the city needs to look at this on a broader scale.
  - f. **John Stammreich:** Also made comments on the cell tower and the need to bring this to the city.
  - g. **Michael Stump:** Suggested that board members drive by the proposed cell tower area and view how extremely close it is to the corner property. In our policies we need to consider the non cell phone perspective.
  - h. **Pete Burmeister:** Asked the community to contact Janice Hahn relating to the resignation of the head of DWP. He should not be allowed to keep his benefits if he resigns.
  - i. **Candy Cane Lane event:** The Weymouth Corners Merchants Association would like to ask for \$1,000 support from the NWSPNC. Matt, the representative from Weymouth Corners asked that the street closure fee, and cost of the sellers permit be included in the request for donation.
10. **Motion Re: CERT training:** Diana Nave talked about CERT and feels the NWSPNC should sponsor such a training event with the two other councils. **Diana Nave made a motion which was seconded by George Thompson. The Board voted unanimously in favor of having the NWSPNC sponsor such an event.**
11. **Motion Re: Channel Street:** Discussion on the "Cut Through" from Miraflores to Channel Street. **Craig Goldfarb made a motion to oppose the cut through based on safety concerns. The motion was seconded by Gabriel Rivas. Diana feels we should notify the neighbors in that area and a give them an opportunity to comment. The plan has not been completed yet. Diana made a Motion to Table the aforementioned motion until the community has been contacted. The motion to table was passed with 9 yes votes and 1 no vote.**
12. **Youth and Education Committee, Barbara Schach:** **Out of committee they are making a motion to fund \$5,000 for the Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Club. The money is used to help sponsor the youth who are interesting in the sailing program. 50% come from San Pedro, some from Wilmington, so the bulk of kids are local. The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and the Port of LA are also sponsors. They are requesting assistance because of funding cuts. John Greenwood talked about the funding requests policy for the NWSPNC and then suggested a substitute motion that we send this to the Finance Committee along with other requests. Diana Nave seconded the substitute motion which was passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**
13. **Port Committee:** No report.

14. **Land Use and Planning Committee Report.** Diana Nave reported on the following:

- a. **Volunteers of America:** Now ready to move forward with their plans of taking the existing 76 units on the property and creating permanent housing for veterans. Diana suggested all board members review the materials provided in the agenda packet.
- b. **Sidewalk repair ordinance:** Update on this very controversial issue where the City of LA is proposing that property owners become responsible for sidewalk repair costs. A handout was provided with details on the issue. At the next Land Use and Planning Committee meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>, the President of the Board of Realtors will come to speak about the issue. Motion being withheld from this agenda.
- c. **Bicycle Plan:** The City has updated the plan and are putting it out for comment. We will be looking at it in detail at the Land Use and Planning Committee meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

15. **Issues Committee Report:** Tabled.

16. **Secretary's Report:** Diana Nave reported that there has been a lot of correspondence sent out. She will forward a copy of the report to the board members. Prop O is out to bid again. February construction date has been announced instead of November/December.

17. **Presidents Report:**

- a. Mayor's Budget Day presentation was dull. Craig and Dan both attended and did not learn any new information.
- b. Dan also talked about the By-Laws standardization issue. We don't want DONE influencing what we say in our By-Laws.
- c. NC Board members must take ethics training on-line.

18. **Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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