



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
September 10, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Bob Bryant, Peter Burmeister, Gary Buss, Dan Dixon, Anise Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Carolyn Grayson, Laurie A. Jacobs, Diana Nave, Raymond Regalado, Barbara Schach and Lauren Vivian. Board members excused were: Scott Allman, Katie Marrie and George Thompson.
3. **Appointment and Swearing in of Youth Representative:** This item was postponed as there were no candidates who applied for the Youth Seat.
4. **Reports from First Responders:**
 - Port Police: Update included discussion on a possible future tour of the new Port Police facility.
 - LAPD: Officer Ashcraft reported
 - ✓ Provided a crime update for the past 7 months. 522 reported crimes in the NW area. 31 aggravated assault; 37 robberies, 86 burglaries, 154 incidents theft from motor vehicles, 82 stolen cars, 135 theft.
 - ✓ Stressed the importance of locking up valuables and keeping doors locks.
 - ✓ Provided informational flyers "Don't be a Victim."
 - ✓ Announced a community meeting at community center in Wilmington tomorrow night. Both captains will be there.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Item:** None
6. **Reports by Public Officials:**
 - **Lanny Nelms, LAUSD:**
 - ✓ Provided Strategic Plan that the Board worked out stating that all items are measurable so people can be held accountable for certain activities.
 - ✓ Building for LA Harbor Teacher Prep Center will start on the campus of Harbor Community College in the near future.
 - ✓ Announced Townhall meeting Wed., Sept 12, 6pm at the San Pedro High School Campus to address some of the concerns of the community on the Olguin Campus related to traffic.
 - ✓ Commented on upcoming tax initiatives on the ballot, Prop 30 and 38.
 - **Councilman's Office:** Kevin Bingham, new Area Representative replacing John Larson reported on the following:
 - ✓ Councilman personally handed over the request letter for extension of time for comments on Community Plan. He also personally requested that the Planning Department come down to answer additional questions that the NC's might have.
 - ✓ Update on repaving of Gaffey Street.
 - ✓ Medical Marijuana ban update. Petitioners collected almost 50,000 signatures to overturn the ban. City Clerk's office has until the end of this month to confirm the signatures. Currently the Medical Marijuana shops are on notice.
 - ✓ Downtown parking meters that are being removed have been removed. New lower rates should be in place sometime in October.

- ✓ RFQ for waterfront development at Ports O'Call closes September 24th. Nothing planned for the near future.
 - ✓ First Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Italian American Club. La15.com/block party for details Oct. 8, 2012, 4pm
 - ✓ Meet the Councilman event coming Sat Sept. 29th. 10am-1pm at Harbor District Office. Interested members of the community can sit down with the councilman to discuss issues.
 - ✓ Joe's Motion regarding Liquid Bulk Facilities – no update available.
 - ✓ Motion from NWSPNC asking Emergency Management to look at seismic issue – no new update available.
 - ✓ Trails named after Ray Patricio is in the works.
 - ✓ Craig Goldfarb asked that he be contacted with an update on the Cabrillo & Channel issue.
 - **Congresswoman's Office:** Mike Aguilera reported on the following:
 - ✓ Ports Caucus meets with Coast Guard Deputy Commandant of Operations Vice Admiral Peter Neffenger. He gave PORTS Caucus members an overview of the Coast Guard's role in the day-to-day operations of ports and the progress being made in examining and addressing the vulnerabilities of our Nation's ports.
 - ✓ Congresswoman Hahn Applauds U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's announcement of the launch of a Freight Policy Council. The Council will focus on improving the condition and performance of the national freight network.
7. **Consent Calendar:** The following Items 6A, 6D and 6E were adopted unanimously by the Board as presented:
- 6A – **Approval of Minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting**
 - 6D – Motion to support re-establishment of Neighborhood Prosecutor no later than September 30, 2012 (supports Central Council's motion) Wording follows:

Motion Supporting Restoration of Community Prosecutor Position
Whereas, the Neighborhood Prosecutor position has been useful to the neighborhoods of Los Angeles by committing assigned prosecutors from the City Attorney's office to specific groups of neighborhoods in each council district, and
Whereas, budget constraints have caused this Neighborhood Prosecutor positions to be withdrawn, and
Whereas, the removal of the Neighborhood Prosecutor position has detached a vital link in the chain of law enforcement and community engagement with its government, leading to increased citizen cynicism and less direct access to justice for neighborhoods, now
Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that a Neighborhood Prosecutor be reappointed for this Council District no later than Monday, September 30, 2012.
(Unanimous vote by Issues Committee, August 29, 2012)
 - 6E – **Motion to support Election Community Forum for all South Bay Neighborhood Councils prior to city elections in 2013**
 - Agenda Item 6B which was removed from the consent calendar received a public comment of support from Chuck Hart and was then approved unanimously by the Board. Wording follows:

Motion Supporting Application for Community Beautification Grant
The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has an opportunity to apply for a Community Beautification grant of up to \$5,000.00. It is a competitive grant, sponsored by the Office of Community Beautification of the Board of Public Works.
The issues committee is pleased to forward a motion to recommend that the NWSPNC apply for a grant to beautify the Vic and Bonnie Christiansen Math, Science and Technology Center on Barrywood Ave., in San Pedro.
 - Agenda Item 6C – Motion to support SB568 Re: Banning Use of polystyrene food containers on or after January 1, 2016. This item received a public comment from a representative of the Surfrider Foundation and also from Michael Gatanz who updated the Board that the motion failed to pass the Assembly floor on August 31st. Dan Dixon commented that this issue will go back to the NWSPNC Issues Committee to be re-written.
8. **Possible motion to support City Attorneys recommendations regarding revision of the Above Ground Facilities ordinance governing cell towers and related equipment in public right of way.** Motion withdrawn.

9. **Public Comment:** Janet Gunter commented that the risk assessment of the Rancho LPG facility should be part of the Community Plan.
10. **Community Plan Update and Draft EIR:** John Greenwood provided an update. The three San Pedro Neighborhood Council met with representatives from the planning department. NWSPNC submitted comments on the first draft and now the Committee has gone through the second draft. They did not include most of the comments in the plan. Highlights from the meeting were:
- We encouraged them to talk more about the impact of the Port and working with the Port. The vision should be that the City and Port are working together.
 - Relationship to adjacent communities. Ponte Vista is not in the San Pedro Plan which is ridiculous. They are not going to put it where it belongs.
 - They have put in that the zoning was medium zoning which is more concentrated than the Gardens. They changed it to low medium density which is same as the Gardens. Current zoning is R1.
 - They bought into the idea that if people put in low to moderate income housing then they are going to reduce the parking requirements.
 - We do not want one development to use up all the mitigation.
 - 25th and Western. They think there should be mixed use development. Doesn't make sense to the NWSPNC committee.
 - There was no comment about the closure of Paseo del Mar and the impact of that. This is important to the NC's.
 - They agreed that the bicycle lane on 1st street is dangerous. They will put in another option (another street)
 - We suggested that they add something related to traffic management for the instance of a funeral or sink hole which become an issue on Western Avenue.
 - We are on record asking for an infrastructure study. We think it should be part of the plan.
 - Numbers: Plan uses a different basis for the numbers. How you look at the numbers makes a huge difference.
 - EIR is intimidating. Comments due the 25th of this month. A draft plan will come next.
 - Board Members and Stakeholders volunteered to review various sections of the EIR and provide input.
 - Motion by John Greenwood, "Whereas the current deadline for the San Pedro Community Plan EIR will occur before our October board meeting, be it resolved that the NWSPNC Board authorize the Planning and Land Use Committee to represent the Council in commenting on the document. This will be needed only if the Planning Department does not extend the deadline to allow us to consider this action at the October Board meeting." Motion seconded by Bob Bryant and passed unanimously by the Board.
11. **Motion Re: Mitigated Negative Declaration from Marymount College.** Motion by John Greenwood: "Whereas the current deadline for the mitigated negative declaration from Marymount College will occur before our October board meeting, be it resolved that the NWSPNC Board authorize the Planning and Land Use Committee to represent the Council in commenting on the document. This will be needed only if the Planning Department does not extend the deadline to allow us to consider this action at the October Board meeting." Motion seconded by Bob Bryant. Passed unanimously.
12. **Approval of Expenditure Report:**
- Chuck Hart commented about Beacon House not being able to find the \$1,000 check that was sent to them for the work on the trees on North Gaffey.
 - After review of the Expenditure Report for August, the Board approved the Report with a vote of 13 yes, 0 no.

13. Committee Reports:

- **Safety and Security:** Carolyn Grayson provided an update on the Emergency Fair scheduled for October 20, 2012.
- **Communications and Outreach:** Newsletter update.

14. President's Report:

- Ethics: Update on Board members status of Ethics training
- Announcement of Congress of Neighborhoods event on Saturday, September 22, 2012
- Letter from Council office asking for appointment of representative for the Councilman's White Point Landslide Committee. Gary Buss was appointed as the NWSPNC representative.
- Review of email from Ron Conrow of Rancho LPG.
- Letter of thanks from the recipient of our Youth Award.
- Announcement of Harbor Community Benefit Foundation meeting at Peck Park on Thursday. September 13.
- Anise Goldfarb announced that this was her last meeting as the Youth Board Member. She talked about her website which will keep those interested updated on her activities.
- Mobility Element. Diana gave an overview of the results of the Workshop and provided a written report in the agenda packet.
- HANC Meeting: Dan Dixon reviewed the written report that was included in the agenda packet.

15. Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC