



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 8, 2013 - Peck Park Community Room

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by President Diana Nave. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 15-20 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Present
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Gary Buss	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Cassidy Feltenberger	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Carolyn Grayson	Excused
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Katie Marrie	Present
Connie McOsker	Excused
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present
Laureen Vivian	Unexcused Absence

2. **Reports from First Responders**

- a. **Port Police:** Officer Hawley provided an update on policing within the Port. He announced that the Port Police has a new Assistant Chief, Mike Hillman. The Port Police are gearing up for summer events. Questions from board members included concern of Rancho LPG rail cars and a question concerning the status of the red car. Red Car will be operational again before Stars and Stripes.
- b. **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Ashcraft presented crime statistics. Violent crime is down in the area. Property crime continues to be an issue, especially burglaries from motor vehicles. Reports show that most of the vehicles were unlocked. The Cyber Block Captain Program will hopefully assist in reducing these problems.

3. **Presentation: Ports O'Call Redevelopment** – Alan Johnson of Jerico Development provided an update which included a handout of information on the companies involved in the LA Waterfront Alliance. Comment cards were also available and stakeholders were urged to give their input and ideas. It is hoped that construction, which will be in phases, will begin in 2015. Comments can be sent to Portsocall@ratkovich.com. Their website is www.lawaterfrontalliance.com. The developers hope to make the new Ports O'Call a place where people will come to spend the entire day with entertainment included in the plan.

4. **Public Comment**

- a. **Tony Ameridonate:** Would like to know if there is anything being done to get more citizens to vote in the upcoming election.
- b. **Jeff Yablonovitz** announced his new dog care business in Harbor City called Canine Retreat.
- c. **Alan Johnson** announced upcoming opportunities to meet candidates the candidates running for Mayor and for City Attorney. (Mike Feuer will be at the Chamber of Commerce April 11th 8-

9am, Carmen Trutanich will be at the Chamber Board Room on April 18th, and Eric Garcetti will be at the Ports O'Call Restaurant on April 26th from 7:30am-9am.)

5. **Reports by Public Officials.**

A. Council District 15 Office: Kevin Bingham provided a written report which included updates on the following:

a. City Council Motions: 1) The "Local Manufacturing Ordinance" was heard in the Budget & Finance Committee and the item was continued for two weeks. The ordinance would provide a preference to companies that manufacture in Los Angeles County when bidding on City contracts. 2) New reports are available related to the Street Repair and Safety General Obligation Bond Program and can be viewed at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/> (Council File #13-1300-S1)

b. San Pedro Projects:

- i. **Trails at Peck Park:** The Rec and Parks Board of Commissioners approved the recommendation to name the trails after past board member Ray Patricio. The signs are being ordered. Diana asked Kevin to include the Council in planning the naming ceremony.
- ii. **Rancho LPG:** EPA investigation is still pending. (Council File# 11-1813-S1 through S7)
- iii. **Illegal Vending Sting:** A list has been compiled of hot spots and the Bureau of Street Services Investigators will be taking the lead on enforcement in the coming weeks.
- iv. **White Point Landslide:** Stabilization efforts continue. In a recent straw poll most people voted to restore the road.

B. Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich gave a short report and announced upcoming Boat Tours scheduled for May 18th at 9am for all neighborhood council members.

C. LAUSD: Freddie Quintana reported on the following:

- i. the recent problem with gates at Dodson Middle School is being resolved.
- ii. No bids were received on the Bonnie Christiansen Science Center. Funds have been identified to keep it open another year.
- iii. He presented the Council with a resolution for sponsoring Pathways to Employment

6. **Consent Calendar.** *The following items were approved by unanimous vote of the Board (Moved by Bob Bryant, seconded by George Thompson):*

- a. Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2013 Board Meeting
- b. Oppose any further cuts to Neighborhood Council Budgets
- c. Support changing the responsibility for Neighborhood Council Elections from the City Clerk to DONE provided that the FY2013-2014 City Budget includes providing DONE with the necessary funds to administer the election without diminishing the DONE budget proposal or the Neighborhood Councils allocation.
- d. Support changing the factual basis definition as recommended by BONC. Motion as presented: ***MOTION REGARDING "FACTUAL BASIS" STAKEHOLDERS***
Resolved, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recommends that sections of the city's Administrative Code which touch upon neighborhood council stakeholders be amended as follows:(1) remove the requirement that neighborhood councils provide governing board positions for factual basis stakeholders; (2) allow each neighborhood council to determine the number, if any, of governing board seats that will be allocated to factual basis stakeholders; (3) remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder; and (4) allow each neighborhood council to adopt its own definition of factual basis stakeholder.

7. **Committee Reports and Motions**

- a. **Youth & Outreach –**
 - i. **Update on the Youth Employment Preparation Fair:** Cassidy Feltenberger was thanked for her work on the event. Cassidy, in turn, thanked all the people who worked to make the event a success. Approximately 100 students were in attendance for the event. John Mavar made a video which can be seen on the Northwest SPNC
 - ii. Gary Buss gave an update. Bob Bryant acknowledged the Committee Members who worked tirelessly on making the event possible. The Harbor Benefit Foundation was also thanked for their \$1,000 donation to the expenses of the event.
 - iii. **Youth Community Service Award:** The high school is publicizing the Award in hopes of garnering applications.

- b. **Budget and Finance**
 - i. **Approval of March Expenditure Report:** March expenses were presented by Scott Allman and approved by the Board with 13 yes votes, 0 no votes. (Moved by Bob Bryant, seconded by Barbara Schach)
 - ii. **Reallocation of Funds:** The following reallocations approved by the Budget and Finance Committee were brought forth for full Board approval:
 - 1. Designate \$250 for the Citywide Neighborhood Council Congress. Approved by 13 yes votes, 0 no votes.
 - 2. Designate \$500 to sponsor San Pedro and Peninsula Youth in Government Program. Matt McOsker gave an overview of the program. Approved by 13 yes votes, 0 no votes.
 - 3. Designate \$800 for Peck Park to sponsor summer program. Approved by 12 yes votes, 1 no vote.
 - 4. Designate \$550 to sponsor graduating Seniors Reception at Johnston High School. Approved by 11 yes votes, 2 no votes.
 - iii. **Checking account for neighborhood councils in place of demand warrants.** This item was pulled from the consent calendar for discussion. Diana Nave gave an overview of the proposed changes. Craig Goldfarb spoke in opposition. After discussion, the Board voted in favor of the proposed changes with 9 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 1 abstention. The Budget and Finance Committee will review the proposed changes and may make further recommendations.

- c. **Community Issues**
 - i. **Support re-designation of work to be done by Beacon House from tending trees on N. Gaffey to trimming Trees on Westmont.** No action taken. Need to find out about getting a permit. The Issues Committee will address this further.

 - d. **Planning Committee:** Ray Regalado announced that the next Land Use and Planning Committee meeting will be held on April 20 at the LAPD Harbor Station, First Floor Community Room, from 8:30am-12:30pm. Discussions on Ponte Vista will continue.

 - e. **Outreach Committee:** Bob Bryant reported on the Newsletter and thanked Diana Nave for all her assistance.

- 8. **President's Report:** Diana Nave provided highlights from her written report which can be found on the NWSPNC website.

9. **Budget Advocate's Report:** Craig Goldfarb reported that the Budget Advocates met with the Mayor and there is a new white paper that will be presented to the City Council.
10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC