



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2013 - Peck Park Community Room

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Ray Regalado. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 15 stakeholders present.

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

2. Reports from First Responders:

- a. LAPD Report: Senior Lead Officer Ashcraft reported on recent crime statistics. The last month there were 31 burglaries from motor vehicles, most of those cars were unlocked. The “Cyber block Captains” program is coming along slowly.

3. Public Comment:

- a. J K Drummond – spoke briefly about public transportation in San Pedro.
b. Angela Romero announced her new podcast: “thatssopedro.com.”
c. Tony Mercandante talked about the i-phone Home Door Cam App.

4. Reports from Public Officials

- a. Councilman Joe Buscaino’s office: Jacob Haik reported on the following:
- i. Jail Cells at Harbor Division update. Main problem is budget issues for not opening the jail. The Councilman is working on this issue.
 - ii. Harbor Highland. A permit is needed to use an inflated jumper in the park. Permits are not required for a party but getting one will give you priority.
 - iii. Peck Park Skate Park Update. Construction should begin this month.
 - iv. RV Ordinance: More signs are being installed to help with the oversized vehicles parking in residential area.
 - v. Sewer line repairs are currently being conducted.
 - vi. Leland Park issues are being addressed. Lighting is being repaired and fencing is being installed. The Council Office will be meeting with residents in the area to discuss future plans for the park.

- vii. A brief Channel Street update was provided.
- viii. Westbound Westmont to southbound Western lane improvements are ongoing.
- ix. Status of Marijuana facilities. They have been put on notice and all of them in San Pedro will be closed eventually.
- x. Ray Patricio Trail: An unveiling ceremony of the trails named in honor of Ray Patricio is scheduled for September 26, at 10am at Elberon side of the park.

b. Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich

- i. Announced upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings and also announced the name of a new Harbor Commissioner from San Pedro named Patricia Castellanos.
- ii. Reminder of the Paper Yacht Race scheduled for Thursday at 4:30pm and the Lobster festival this weekend.
- iii. Announcement that the Harbor Dept and POLA is making \$50,000 in grant money available, and the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation also has \$500,000 in grant money.
- iv. Announcement of the Annual Waterfront Update meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6pm at Crowne Plaza.
- v. Cirque de Soleil will also be in San Pedro in the outer harbor beginning October 11th.

c. LAUSD: Lanny Nelms reported:

- i. Update on Harbor College Program for High School students
- ii. Science Center update. 179 people came out to help with the clean up.
- iii. December 1st is the scheduled date for the San Pedro Christmas Parade.
- iv. Joseph Martinez with Dr. Vladovic's office introduced himself. His contact information is 323-868-7994. Joseph.j.partinez@lausd.net

5. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. **Green Education Inc:** Stella Ursua spoke briefly about an LADWP program for Small Businesses to provide free efficiency upgrades. Green Education Inc. links underserved communities to green job opportunities within existing and burgeoning green industries/organizations. They send out inspectors to check lighting fixtures, toilets and plumbing fixtures who then install low energy fixtures.

- 6. Youth Empowerment Event, Consider partnership with Rotary in applying for HCBF Grant.** Diana Nave made a motion to submit a grant application to the HCBF for \$1,000 to go to Rotary and be spent for the Employment Event. The motion was seconded by Robert Bryant and passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.

- 7. Consider NWSPNC Board meeting locations during months of October (Columbus Day) and November (Veterans Day).** Motion to give the President the power to make the decision on location of the meeting, seconded by Scott Allman. Diana Nave moved to amend the motion that we keep our regular Monday meeting dates for October and November, seconded by Katie Marrie. Motion to amend carried unanimously. Main motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Status Report Regarding Training:** Laurie Jacobs reported that almost all board members have completed the training.

9. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by George Thompson, seconded by Bob Bryant to approve the minutes of the August 12, 013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

10. **Planning and Land Use** -

- a. **Ponte Vista Update:** Ray Regalado reported that the September 12 meeting has been postponed. He hopes to contact I-Star and ask them to share their updated Site Plan and Specific Plan when they are available. They are re-evaluating the current number of units. The NWSPNC will continue to engage I-Star in conversation in hopes that they stay responsive to the community.
- b. **Motion to renew contract with Kaizer Rangwala, Consultant:** Motion by Diana Nave, seconded by Pete Burmeister to approve the following motion:
Whereas there is a proposal from a developer for the property currently known as Ponte Vista to change the zoning through a specific plan for 830 units thereby significantly increasing the density; and
Whereas the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) desires advice regarding this proposal; and
Whereas the NWSPNC issued a Request for Qualifications in October 2012 for such consulting services from which it received two proposals; and
Whereas after reviewing the proposals and interviewing both applicants, the NWSPNC selected Rangwala Associates and proceeded to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for such services for the period ending June 30, 2013; and
Whereas said agreement contemplated an extension for one additional twelve month period at the City's sole discretion; and
Whereas the developer's application is still pending before the City, the NWSPNC desires such an extension and has allocated up to \$5,400 in its current year budget for such a purpose;
Now therefore be it resolved that the NWSPNC requests that the contract with Rangwala Associates be amended or that a new contract be executed effective July 1, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$5,400 and authorizes the President of NWSPNC to further negotiate and sign such an agreement.
Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. (Connie McOsker not in attendance for vote).

11. **Budget & Finance** –

- a. Approval of August Expenditure Report: Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by Pete Burmeister to accept the August Expenses as presented in the agenda packet. Motion carried with 11 yes, 0 no; 2 abstentions.
- b. Approval of Adjusted Budget. Motion by Katie Marrie, second by George Thompson. Motion carried with 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention.

12. **Issues Committee:**

- a. **Motion: Restrict Access onto Harbor Highlands Park.** Motion to table by Diana Nave, seconded by George in order to have the City Attorney determine whether board members living within 500 feet can be involved with this issue. Motion to table carried unanimously.
- b. **Miraflores Cut-Through:** Report by Jacob Haik. Jacob will forward information to Craig Goldfarb.
- c. **John Greenwood Walkway:** Issues committee will be looking into this further.

13. **Youth and Outreach Committee:** Bob Bryant gave a brief update.
- a. The committee has concerns about the Science Center and would like to establish an ad hoc committee. Also, Bob urges the finance committee to determine what our NC funding should be used for. He suggests that funds be utilized as seed money.
 - b. Newsletter, Bob is shooting for a November newsletter.
 - c. Pathways to Employment event is already being planned for March 2014.
 - d. The Youth committee is working on a skateboard bombing campaign.
 - e. Youth Representative applications will be coming soon.

14. **President's Report** – Ray spoke earlier on Ponte Vista. No other report.

11. **HANC Report** – Diana Nave gave highlights from the written HANC report.

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.- Next Meeting - Monday, October 14, 2013 at 6:00 pm, location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
for NWSPNC