



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
 Peck Park Community Center, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice-President Laurie Jacobs. Quorum of 12 board members present at roll call. See list below for board member attendance.

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

2. **Vacant Seat Selection** – Census Tract 2964: Sarah Valdez was the only applicant eligible for the vacant board seat. Sarah introduced herself and briefly spoke on her desire to fill the vacant seat. The board approved her appointment by 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. After being sworn in, Sarah Valdez was seated.

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- **Lanny Nelms** spoke on behalf of LAUSD. His comments related to the District Budget for local schools. Items that were agreed upon included increases in Security, Summer School, and Psychiatric Counseling.
- **Sherry Lear** announced the March 1, 2014 Climate Action Fair which includes a 17 mile march from Wilmington to the USC campus where the fair takes place.
- **Lydia Gutierrez** announced her candidacy and spoke on her platform for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

4. **Reports from First Responders:**

- **LAPD:** Outgoing Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft (being transferred to the Harbor City area) introduced Adriana Bravo, the new Senior Lead Officer for the Northwest San Pedro area. She will have the same telephone number that Officer Ashcraft maintained. Officer Bravo is very familiar with San Pedro. She reported on current crime statistics. Aggravated assaults were up from last month. LAPD is citing unsafe skateboarders.

- 5. Presentation: BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) Overview and Vision:** BONC Commissioner, Victor Medina, applauded everyone in attendance for their participation in the neighborhood council system. He provided an overview of BONC which included:
- BONC Commissioners are all volunteers.
  - As a Commissioner, he wants to promote neighborhood councils to the public.
  - He represents 7 neighborhood councils in the Harbor Area.
  - He wants to repair the broken communication between DONE, BONC and the neighborhood councils.
  - He wants the BONC and the NC's to work together as a group to solve issues in the Harbor Area which he represents.
  - Dan Dixon asked for support from BONC to allow Northwest to address issues such as the dangerous Rancho LPG tanks.
  - Scott Allman talked about redundancy and lack of clarity with the forms that DONE requires. The system needs to be more streamlined. Funding needs to take place every quarter.
  - Diana Nave commented that the funding has been problematic since day one. The NC's were not involved in the planning process and their input would have been helpful.
  - Craig Goldfarb agreed that there are problems with the funding program and the proposed checkbook system. The rules are constantly changing which is a major problem. The Treasurer training is insufficient.
  - Laurie Jacobs informed Medina that the Northwest Board is 100% compliant in their Ethics and Funding training.
  - Victor Medina suggested that Treasurers from the Harbor Area could meet and put together a plan to present to DONE.

**Reports by Public Officials:**

- 6. CD15 Office:** Ryan Ferguson provided updates on accomplishments in 2013:
- Neighborhood Parks in the District were addressed which included the opening of Janet Shour Pock Park in Harbor Gateway, the Drum Barracks Park in Wilmington and the \$2.2 million renovation of the Harbor Sports Complex in Harbor City/Wilmington.
  - The City Council approved major job-creating projects in District 15: SCIG Project at the Port, Jordan Downs Redevelopment Project and the Alta Sea Urban Marine Research facility at the Port.
  - Announced the launch of the Save our Streets Los Angeles (SOSLA) ballot measure proposal.
  - In November 2013 the City acquired the Gaffey Street Exit Park. Other accomplishments in the San Pedro area included the repaving of Gaffey Street from Paseo Del Mar to Five Points; community input and recommendations for Paseo Del Mar Landslide area (including funding for the initial phase of the project); doubled the number of parking spaces at the Field of Dreams; renovation of the basketball courts at Harbor Highlands Park; new traffic signals at 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> streets.
  - Projects in the works include improvement of the San Pedro Bridge and the median beginning in 60 days; hiring of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) to draw up a concept for the beautification of Gaffey Street from the 110 Frwy to 13<sup>th</sup> Street; 675 units approved at Ponte Vista; and the new Peck Park Skate Park which the Council office reports should be completed by the end of March. (Rec and Parks believes the completion won't be until the summer).
  - Laurie Jacobs talked about looking at the feasibility of a monorail system on Western.
  - Scott Allman asked Ryan to report back on the Councilman's position of bringing back the full \$50,000 per year funding for neighborhood councils.
  - Diana Nave asked the Council office to provide the status of each of the 7 Bulk Storage Facility motions that NWSPNC submitted.

- She also had a request for the Council Office to look into having the Mary Star traffic exit back to Western and not Taper.
  - Diana has contacted Nicole at the Council office to report that there are issues on some of the newly paved streets in the neighborhood. The sewer covers are below the paved streets by six inches and need to be looked at.
  - The full CD15 written report can be found on the NWSPNC website ([www.nwsanpedro.org](http://www.nwsanpedro.org)).
7. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich announced the upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings (Feb. 20 & March 6) and also talked briefly about the Tall Ships Festival ([tallshipsfestival@portla.org](mailto:tallshipsfestival@portla.org)) which is scheduled for August 20-24. He also reported that the downtown Harbor project should be finished in June 2014.
8. **Approval of January Minutes:** Diana Nave moved to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes as presented, seconded by Bob Bryant and passed unanimously by the Board.
9. **Issue Committee** – Dan Dixon reported on the following:
- Connie McOsker has assisted with the program to provide clean-up of streets by Beacon House. She reported on the areas that have already received attention. Scott Allman commented that there is money in the budget for additional cleanup expenses.
  - John Greenwood Design Review Discussion: Dan Dixon read the inscription on the proposed monument that has been recommended by the Issues Committee. They are working with the Port to assist with placement of the monument on Port property. Diana Nave moved to approve the Project Design on the John Greenwood monument as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by George Thompson and passed unanimously by the Board.
10. **Youth and Outreach Committee:**
- Laurie Jacobs referred to the “Protocol for Meeting Minutes or Committee Reports” included in the agenda packet (Pgs. 9-10) by Scott Allman. The goal is for committee chairs to submit a report which will be posted on the website to inform stakeholders of the issues being discussed by the various committees.
  - Gary Buss gave an update on the Pathways to Employment event scheduled for April 5, 2014. Board members were emailed a list of current businesses involved and asked to assist in getting additional employers involved who are interested in hiring youth.
  - Bob Bryant asked for input/articles for the newsletter.
11. **Election Committee** – David Rivera provided an update on the upcoming Board Elections. Links to the applications, timeline, etc. are available on the Northwest website. There are 8 Board Seats that need to be filled. David announced the upcoming Information Sessions. Candidate Forums will be held prior to the election.
12. **Executive Committee** – Scott Allman talked about the process for Committees to have their items on the Monthly Meeting agenda. A sample of the form that Committee Chairs need to submit after their meetings was provided in the agenda packet. This was developed to assist in getting items and budget requests in front of the Executive and Budget Committees so that they can be placed on the Monthly Meeting Agenda.
13. **Budget & Finance Committee** –
- **Approval of January Expenses:** Scott Allman referred to the January Expenditure Report and reviewed the expenses with Board. He suggested that John of Big Nick’s Pizza be recognized for his service to the Northwest SPNC. Bob Bryant moved to approve the Expenditure Report as presented, seconded by Diana Nave and passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstentions (new board member ineligible to vote).

- Consider Approval of January Budget: Motion from Committee to approve the January Budget passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention (new board member ineligible to vote).
- Motion from Committee to approve expenses for Pathways to Employment event at a cost of no more than \$1,500 for the following items: \$400 – Pizza; \$300 – Fruit and Drinks; \$200 – Printing event agenda; \$300 – Janitorial; \$50 – PA system rental; \$250 – Misc. office supplies. Motion passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention (new board member ineligible to vote).
- Motion from Committee to approve spending no more than \$340 for the purchase of a hand cart, folding table and NWSPNC banner. \$250 will be moved from “Advertising into “Office Supplies” in order to cover expenditure. Motion passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention (new board member ineligible to vote).
- Motion from Committee to approve spending no more than \$500 on a new microphone system, replacing current wireless system. Motion passed with 10 yes votes, 1 no votes, 2 abstention (new board member ineligible to vote).

**14. HANC Report** – Diana Nave reported on the following:

- The Planning Department is going to be holding a session at Peck Park on April 12 from 10-1pm to discuss: 1) Plan for Healthy Los Angeles; 2) Mobility Plan; and 3) Re-code LA. The Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils are being asked to provide refreshments.
- Fracking continues to be an issue discussed at the HANC meetings.
- Amber Meshack has been reassigned and there will be a new DONE representative for the Harbor Area NC's.
- HANC is also not in favor of several DONE proposals such as standardized bylaws for all the NC's and having a DONE rep at all NC meetings. These issues will be discussed further.
- The BONC finally passed the motion to allow posting of agendas at one physical location and on the website.
- The new checking account system is not yet ready to be implemented.
- Diana also commented on a City Council Motion (copy included in Agenda Packet) related to a Drought Plan for Los Angeles.

**15. Other Reports:**

- **Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness** – Connie McOsker gave an update on the upcoming Forum scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 6pm at the Grand Annex. The purpose of the event is to create awareness and advocacy on the issue of homelessness.
- **Ponte Vista:** Diana Nave had a conversation with Alison Becker of CD15. The Council Office is working to make sure all the verbal commitments from Ponte Vista are dealt with and they are also working to put in the strongest possible language to prevent the use of the density bonus.

**16. Announcements/Future Agenda Item:** None.

**17. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith for NWSPNC