



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, June 9, 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 6:08 pm by Ray Regalado. Quorum of board members present. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 20 stakeholders in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Present
Bob Bryant -outgoing	Present until 7:12
Pete Burmeister	Present
Rogelio Cuevas	Present (arrived 6:30pm)
Dan Dixon	Present
Cassidy Feltenberger	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Carolyn Grayson	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Connie McOsker -outgoing	Present until 7:12
Diana Nave	Excused
Raymond Regalado Pres	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

6. **Swearing in of New and Re-elected NWSPNC Board Members:** The Mayor’s Representative, Octaviano Rios, swore in the new board members with the NC Oath.

Public Official Reports

7. **Mayor’s Office:** Octaviano Rios reported:
 - a. **Great Streets Initiative:** The goal is to focus city resources on major streets to improve them and create a ripple effect from the inside out. Gaffey Street has been chosen in San Pedro. Each council district gets one street.
 - b. **Nomination of Eugene Soroka:** The City Council will vote to appoint him as the next Executive Director of the Port.
 - c. **Police Commissioner:** The current Police Commissioner would like to serve another five years. Citizens can weigh in on his performance by attending the public events. Comments can be submitted on line: reappointments@lapd.lacity.org
 - d. **Veterans hiring initiative:** The goal for the City of LA is to hire 10,000 veterans in the private sector by 2017.
 - e. **Lamayor.org:** Stakeholders can sign up to get press releases.

8. **Council Office:** Ryan Ferguson provided a written report (posted on the NWSPNC website) and gave a few highlights as follows:
 - a. **Ponte Vista Update:** Information requests may be sent to Sarojini Lall at slall@marathono-com.com. LADBS Code Enforcement can be contacted in the San Pedro Office at 310-732-4545. Ponte Vista is reportedly in full compliance. Demolition will continue through July. A Ponte Vista Rep was introduced by CD15 Rep Ryan Ferguson and talked about the ground breaking event. They are in the process of demolishing the old homes. About a third are demolished so far, this will continue through August and then grading will be performed. A local hire program will be used for construction.
 - b. **Leland Park update:** A fence has been placed around the construction area. Construction should be completed by the end of October 2014. Neighbors and the Park Advisory Committee have created a website which provides up to date Leland Park info: <http://lelandpark.com>.
 - c. **Operation Splash** – Kaiser Permanente is offering a free program that teaches children and adults in low income areas how to swim.
 - d. **Legislative Update** – The Mayor’s Budget was unanimously approved by the City Council.
 - e. **Upcoming Hearing** – June 19th, 11:30am, the Zoning Administrator will consider a Conditional Use Permit for the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption at Philly B’s Pizza Restaurant, 347 W. 6th Street.
 - f. **Miraflores cut through:** Jacob Haik spoke on the Channel (Miraflores) Street cut through. He will attempt to get the Board of Engineering to a future committee meeting to give an overview of their plans. Also, the DOT will be invited to attend.
 - g. Board members brought up various traffic issues in the Northwest area.
9. **State Senate Office:** Bill Orton, representing the Office of the State Senate, was in attendance to hear about constituent issues.
10. **Swearing in of new board member:** President Ray Regalado swore in Roger Cuevas who was not in attendance at the time of the initial swearing in earlier in the meeting. Outgoing board members Bob Bryant and Connie McOsker were thanked for their service and then were excused from the board.
11. **First Responder’s Report:** None in attendance.
12. **Election of New Board Officers:**

Secretary: Cynthia Gonyea was nominated by Laurie Jacobs. The nomination was seconded by Darlene Zavalney and approved unanimously by the Board.

Treasurer: Sarah Valdez was nominated as Treasurer, seconded by Laurie Jacobs and approved unanimously by the Board.

Vice President: Laurie Jacobs was nominated by Darlene Zavalney, seconded by Carolyn Grayson and approved unanimously by the Board.

President: Scott Allman was nominated but declined. Ray Regalado was nominated by Darlene Zavalney, seconded by Dan and approved unanimously by the Board.

Presentations/Conversations:

13. **Terminal Island Renewable Energy (TIRE) Project** – Christina Bacerra-Jones, a representative from the Bureau of Sanitation, was introduced. She gave a short presentation on the TIRE project. She attended Northwest SPNC in 2012 and reported that since that time the project has continued to demonstrate innovative technology. They have been injecting the bio-solid material below Terminal Island. 160,000 tons of the material has been diverted which means no trucks across LA County. Eventually energy will produced by the process. More information is available on the website: http://www.lacitysan.org/biosolidsems/managing_biosolids/deep_well.htm

14. Leland Park Advisory Board –

- a. Debbie Rouser introduced Larry Smith from LA Conservation Corps who talked about the Urban Greening Project and how the Leland Park upgrades fit into the Project. A handout was available with the overall goals of the project.
- b. A PowerPoint presentation was shown on the proposed upgrades to the area along North Gaffey that runs along the side of Leland Park.
- c. Smith also showed a timeline of upcoming workshops for the San Pedro Urban Greening Project.

15. **Annual Army Fuel Training Exercise** – David Ray gave an update on the upcoming Army Fuel Training Exercise which utilizes the Fuel Depot on North Gaffey. The exercise starts tomorrow and will utilize 30-40 army trucks per day just after midnight. There will be convoys of five trucks. The exercise is scheduled for this week through Friday and Monday & Tuesday of next week. This exercise has been going on annually for ten years. The Navy is the landlord for that facility.

16. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Mike Puliselich: Holy Trinity Neighborhood Watch has concerns with street lighting. Mike spoke with Ryan Ferguson who will work with him on this issue.
- b. Michael Stumpf: Resident of the Whitecliff Street area commented on the problems with the no right turn on red at S. Weymouth Avenue and Western Ave.
- c. Andree Joseph-Conley commented on the signal at Western & Weymouth.

17. **Consent Calendar** – Motion by George Thompson to approve the consent calendar as presented. The board approved the motion with 13 yes, (Burmeister, Grayson, Thompson, Goldfarb, Allman, Gonyea, Regalado, Jacobs, Dixon, Valdez, Zavalney, Schach and Cuevas), 0 no, 1 abstention (Cassidy Feltenberger). Items on the calendar were:

- a. Approval of May 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes.
- b. Appointment of Sarah Valdez to Budget & Finance Committee

Committee Reports and Motions

18. Budget & Finance – Scott Allman reported:

- a. **Consider Approval of May Expenditure Report.** Motion by George Thompson, seconded by Dan Dixon to approve the May 2014 Expenditure Report as presented. Motion passed by the Board with 12 yes votes (Burmeister, Grayson, Thompson, Goldfarb, Allman, Gonyea, Regalado, Jacobs, Dixon, Valdez, Zavalney, Schach), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Cuevas & Feltenberger).
- b. **Consider Approval of May Budget** (Moved by Goldfarb, second Grayson). Motion passed by the Board with 12 yes votes (Burmeister, Grayson, Thompson, Goldfarb, Allman, Gonyea, Regalado, Jacobs, Dixon, Valdez, Zavalney, Schach), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Cuevas & Feltenberger).
- c. **Motion to spend up to \$700 for Magnets for Outreach.** Moved by George, seconded by Dan). Motion to amend by Goldfarb to change from magnets to tote bags, seconded by Cynthia Gonyea. Motion to amend failed with 2 yes votes (Goldfarb & Gonyea) 11 no (Schack, Zavalney, Valdez, Dixon, Jacobs, Regalado, Allman, Thompson, Grayson, Burmeister). Original motion as presented passed with 12 yes votes (Burmeister, Grayson, Thompson, Goldfarb, Allman, Gonyea, Regalado, Jacobs, Dixon, Valdez, Zavalney, Schach), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Cuevas & Feltenberger).
- d. **Motion to sponsor Cabrillo Beach Boosters July 4th Fireworks Show, \$1,000.** (Motion from Finance Committee). Motion failed with a tie vote: 6 yes (Zavalney, Dixon, Jacobs, Regalado, Allman and Grayson); 6 no (Burmeister, Thompson, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Schach, Valdez); 0 abstentions, 2 Ineligible (Cuevas & Feltenberger).
- e. **Deadline for Booth Space for Tall Ships Event is Aug. 1st:** Scott Allman gave a short update. The payment can be made using the NWSPNC purchase card.

- f. **Unable to Support Julian Szieff Sign Project at Averill Park.** Scott Allman gave an explanation of the reason that the NWSPNC is unable to support this Boy Scout project.
- g. **Budget Advocates White Paper:** Craig will discuss this at the next meeting.
- h. **Issue Committee:** No report. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25th.
- i. **Port Committee:** No report.
- j. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Barbara Schach gave a short report.
- k. **Executive Committee** – Ray Regalado
 - i. **NCPAC Motion:** Motion to Appoint Phil Nicolay and Cynthia Gonyea as representative to the NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee) passed with 13 yes votes: (Burmeister, Grayson, Thompson, Goldfarb, Allman, Gonyea, Regalado, Jacobs, Dixon, Valdez, Zavalney, Schach, C), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 1 Ineligible (new board member, Cuevas). An alternate for this committee has not yet been appointed.
 - ii. **Leland Park Advisory Board.** Motion related to support of grants submitted by Larry Smith, LA Conservation Corps for upgrades to the area of Leland Park that connects to North Gaffey. Motion by Craig Goldfarb, seconded by George Thompson to approve the draft letters as presented (attached to these minutes) subject to review by the Issues Committee. Motion carried with 13 yes votes: (Burmeister, Grayson, Thompson, Goldfarb, Allman, Gonyea, Regalado, Jacobs, Dixon, Valdez, Zavalney, Schach, C), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 1 Ineligible (new board member, Cuevas).
 - iii. **Retreat Update** – Request from President Ray that all members fill out the survey which will help establish the agenda.

19. **HANC Report** – Ray Regalado reported on the HANC meeting which focused on a presentation by Seismologist Lucy Jones regarding potential earthquakes in our area and how to adequately prepare for such a disaster.

20. **Other Reports:** Due to time constraints, no additional reports were heard.

21. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristina Smith for NWSPNC



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

June 24, 2014

Natural Resources Agency
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Subject: LA Conservation Corps "Gaffey Street Pedestrian Path & Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Project"

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To Whom This May Concern:

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council joins with Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to support the LA Conservation Corps (LA Corps) "Gaffey Street Pedestrian Path & Environmental Enhancement Project" EEMP Grant Application. Currently, there is no pedestrian access from Gaffey Street into Leland Park. The sidewalk along the west side of Gaffey Street ends at Elberon Bridge just south of Leland Park. Pedestrians who wish to access the Park from the San Pedro neighborhoods south of the Bridge have no way to access Leland Park, nor to traverse safely along the west side (and east side of Gaffey Street for that matter) towards the Park and into the Park or even beyond the Park to the north.

Leland Park is a wonderful community resource that until very recently had been neglected for many years, and allowed to deteriorate into an extreme derelict condition. Recent actions by the Los Angeles City Dept. of Recreation and Parks to allocate funding to restore a four (4) acre portion of the Park with an enhanced softball/baseball field, children's playground, and adjacent pathways and community center is an important step towards restoring the landscape, habitat and water conservation functionality of the 21 acre Leland Park property.

We view the LA Corps "Gaffey Street Pedestrian Path & Environmental Enhancement Project" as a critical next step in the Leland Park restoration effort. We feel that this Project will accomplish the following objectives:

1. Restore native hillside habitat and increase species diversity – currently the area of the proposed Project is covered with weeds and non-native palm trees. These will be replaced with native hillside appropriate plants that will provide much needed erosion control, while conserving precious water resources
2. Protect resource lands that have fallen into a derelict condition – the proposed new plantings will provide much needed native habitat appropriate for hillside areas adjacent to the Pacific Ocean
3. Provide enhanced hillside erosion protection and soil stabilization – new hillside plantings of deep rooted native plants will stabilize hillside soils and provide enhanced erosion control

4. Improve water quality and recharge groundwater supplies by intercepting stormwater runoff from Gaffey Street and the adjacent hillside – runoff from Gaffey Street and the hillside adjacent to the proposed Project site will be intercepted in constructed bioswales behind the curb along the west side of Gaffey Street. This bioswale will utilize Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMP) techniques appropriate for the soils and microclimate of the San Pedro Community to clean this stormwater runoff and redirect the runoff for groundwater recharge.
5. Improve air quality, provide pedestrian transportation alternatives, and reduce greenhouse emissions – the proposed pedestrian pathway along Gaffey Street and into Leland Park will provide bicycle and pedestrian walkway access from the Leland Park neighborhood to the existing bike lane along the west side of Gaffey Street. This will provide alternative transportation routes to nearby schools for students, and alternative transportation routes to the downtown business community, the Port of Los Angeles, and the downtown business community
6. Enhance the scenic vista along Gaffey Street and create access to Leland Park from Gaffey Street for recreational purposes – the proposed Project will provide access from Gaffey Street, a major transportation route in the San Pedro Community, into Leland Park that does not currently exist. In addition, the newly proposed native landscape enhancements along the west side of Gaffey Street will greatly enhance the scenic vista to travelers along Gaffey Street
7. Protection and preservation of existing open space – the proposed Project will protect and preserve the existing open space in the western section of Leland Park through the proposed native landscaping enhancements of the Project. The current condition of the proposed Project site is currently an eyesore and covered in weeds

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important San Pedro environmental enhancement project.

Sincerely,



Ray Regalado, President
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council



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Subject: LA Conservation Corps "Gaffey Safe Street Pedestrian Path & Beautification Project"

To Whom This May Concern:

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council joins with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, to express our support for the LA Conservation Corps (LA Corps) "Gaffey Safe Street Pedestrian Path & Beautification Project" Harbor Community Benefit Foundation (HCBF) Grant Application. Currently, there is no pedestrian access from Gaffey Street into Leland Park. The sidewalk along the west side of Gaffey Street ends at Elberon Bridge just south of Leland Park. Pedestrians who wish to access the Park from the San Pedro neighborhoods south of the Bridge have no way to access Leland Park, nor to traverse safely along the west side (and east side of Gaffey Street for that matter) towards the Park and into the Park or even beyond the Park to the north.

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We view the LA Corps "Gaffey Safe Street Pedestrian Path Beautification Project" as a critical next step in the Leland Park restoration effort. One major benefit is the fact that this Project will address a Community Safety problem along Gaffey Street. As there is no sidewalk along either the east or west side of Gaffey Street, people currently walk or skateboard in the street. Obviously, this is very dangerous. By extending the sidewalk on the west side of Gaffey Street from where it ends at the Elberon Street Bridge north and into the Park at the driveway to the old Park maintenance service road, and then up into the Park and along the lower terrace until it connects to the existing sidewalk just south of Cabrillo Street, this Project will correct this Safety problem while providing a link into Leland Park from the portion of the San Pedro Community that lies south of Summerland Avenue.

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This pedestrian link will increase the access to the recreational resources at Leland Park, and is consistent with the "Green Pathways" that have been identified by the San Pedro Urban Greening Project. These Green Pathways are intended to allow residents of all ages to safely traverse from the various neighborhoods in San Pedro with non-motorized means to access local schools, landmarks and parks. Moreover, such Pathways make important improvements to our air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, another much needed benefit in our community.

The Project will also provide a significant Beautification benefit because the existing weed covered hillside portion of Leland Park along the west side of Gaffey will be converted to a vibrant native/drought tolerant landscape complete with a water conserving irrigation system. The existing non-native palm trees will be replaced with native/drought tolerant trees suitable for this coastal microclimate.

Finally, we feel that the LA Conservation Corps' ability to provide landscape construction jobs to local economically disadvantaged youth that also provide skills training that assists these same youth to gain living wage employment is a tremendous Community Resource benefit to our local Community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important San Pedro Community Benefit Project.

Sincerely,



Ray Regalado, President
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