



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, March 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 6:04pm by Vice-President Laurie Jacobs. Quorum of 13 board members present at roll call. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

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

2. Reports from First Responders
- **Port Police:** Officer Morales, whose title is Community Relations Maritime for the Los Angeles Port Police introduced himself and spoke about security, parking issues and the red car in the Ports O’Call area. Dispatch for the Port Police is 310-732-3500.
 - **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Bravo was not available to report at the meeting but sent the board an email an announcement about the Police Commission meeting scheduled for April 1st at Peck Park. The San Pedro community is encouraged to attend.

Public Official Reports:

3. **Port of Los Angeles.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
- Announced upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioner meetings: March 20 and April 3, 8:30am at the Port Admin Bldg.
 - Negotiations continue with the LA Waterfront Alliance on the Ports O’Call Redevelopment.
 - Downtown Harbor: Completion scheduled for June 2014 and a small Opening Ceremony will be planned.
 - Tall Ships 2014 will be held from August 20-24 and the Port is expecting hundreds of thousands of people to visit over the five day period. Booths are available and also volunteers are needed. Email Craig@Drawevents.com for more information.

- Executive Director position. The Mayor launched a global executive search to fill the position of Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles. Applications are due by April 24th. Interim Director will be a candidate.
 - Free Public Boat Tours, Sat, May 17, in observance of World Trade Week. Hour-long tours will be held from 10am – 3pm every hour. The tours leave from two locations, the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and Bannings Landing, 100 E. Water Street in Wilmington.
 - Road Closures due to port projects were announced and can be found on the www.nwsanpedro.org website.
 - Summer Internship Program: College students can apply for these paid positions. The applications are due March 15th.
4. **Council District 15 Office.** Ryan Ferguson reported:
- The NWSPNC Board members were thanked for their service on the Board
 - Ryan provided highlights from his written CD15 Report which can be found on the NWSPNC website. The report included an update on the status of the Bulk Storage Facility Motions. It was commented that the City’s responsibility is inspection, carried out by the Los Angeles Fire Department. The bulk of this responsibility is at the state and federal level of government.
 - The CD 15 Report also included legislative updates, upcoming events and touched on the issue of “Sharrow Lane” and traffic flow at Mary Star High School
 - Board members would like to see more bike racks provided since the city is marking the “Sharrow Lanes” and encouraging bicycle use.
 - There was also a request that the CD15 Office attempt to acquire a schedule of work at Ponte Vista as the project moves forward.
5. **LAUSD.** Joseph Martinez, a representative from Dr. Vladovic’s office thanked everyone for attending the neighborhood council meeting and supporting the Community. In his brief report he announced that funding of the Bonnie Christiansen Science Center has been approved for next year. Martinez also gave an overview of the Small Learning Communities within the LAUSD which provides a small community for students within the school that focuses on specific interests.
6. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.).** Tom Soong announced that he is now taking over Amber Meshak’s area and will be the DONE representative for the San Pedro Neighborhood Councils. He also reported on the following:
- A report will be coming out in a couple of weeks related to the issue of funding to NC’s based on population.
 - The Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee will be meeting on the first Saturday in April. Emails will be coming from Tom Soong to keep the board members informed. A survey will be sent out asking for input from board members. NC’s can assist with the funding of this event.
 - Soong encouraged stakeholders to go to the empowerla.org website to sign up for the DONE newsletters.
 - Tom’s email address is: Thomas.soong@lacity.org

Presentations/Conversations:

7. **Clearwater Program** – Steve Highter, Supervising Engineer at the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County gave a presentation on the Joint Outfall System which includes 6 water reclamation plants and Joint Pollution Control. Highlights from the presentation:
- Four primary objectives: System Capacity; System Reliability, Emerging Reuse Opportunities, and Water Quality Requirements.
 - Waste water treated in Carson is conveyed by two tunnels to Royal Palm Beach. The tunnels have not been inspected in over 50 years (they were built in 1937 and 1958).

- Four final alternatives for the new tunnel were originally presented. The fourth alternative at Royal Palms was chosen as it was deemed most cost effective and least environmentally damaging as well as safer to construct.
- There is a shaft site at Figueroa Street near Lomita Blvd in Carson.
- The new tunnel being created runs 7 miles underground
- 56 mitigation measures were identified as part of the project. Construction begins 2016 and lasts 6-1/2 years (ending in 2022).
- More information can be found at www.clearwaterprogram.org

8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- **Pete Burmeister** talked about the Restrooms at Highland Parks. He had done some research and would like to present options to the board members. Several stakeholders spoke in support of Pete's request for a new restroom at the park.
- **Chuck Hart** spoke about the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation and announced the Wilmington Health Fair, scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 10-2pm, "N" and Broad in Wilmington. Chuck also presented a check for \$1300 to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council from the San Pedro Rotary club to support the Pathways to Employment youth event.

9. Consent Calendar: The following items were brought forth for approval by consent:

- Approval of the February 10, 2014 Monthly Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Thank You Correspondence to CD 15 for the sidewalk fee action.
- Approval of Appointment of Darlene Zavalney as Chair of a Fracking Ad Hoc Committee.
Bob Bryant moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, seconded by Gary Buss. The motion was passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

Committee Reports and Motions:

10. Budget & Finance

- **Approval of February Expenditure Report:** Scott Allman reviewed the expenses for February 2014 which were presented in the Agenda Packet. **Bob Bryant moved to approve the Expense Report as presented, seconded by George Thompson and passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no, and 1 abstention (Feltenberger).**
- **Approval of Reimbursement:** Motion by Craig Goldfarb, seconded by George Thompson to approve reimbursement to the Treasurer Scott Allman in the amount of \$26.75 for the purchase of water, cookies, and veggie tray for the February 10, 2014 meeting. Motion passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions (Allman, Feltenberger). (The reason for the board member purchase was due to the Purchase Card being cancelled by US Bank because it was compromised.)
- **Approval of February Budget:** Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by George Thompson to approve the February 2014 Budget as presented in the agenda packet. Motion approved with 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)
- **Approval of the revised budget for the Pathways to Employment Event.** No action taken.
- Scott announced that the deadline for submitting demand warrants is April 15th and June 2nd is the last day for use of the purchase card.

11. **Issues Committee** – Dan Dixon was not in attendance. The Issues Report was postponed until next month.

12. **Port Committee** – No Report

13. Youth and Outreach Committee.

- Robert Bryant commented that the NWSPNC Board Election date is May 6 and board members running for re-election need to provide a bio for the newsletter.
- Pathways to Employment: Gary Buss reported that weekly meetings continue on Tuesdays. Gary asked for participation from all board members and urged them to attend one of the last three meetings. Very specific workshops are being planned.

14. **Election Committee** – George Thompson reported that a Timeline is available on the website. The Election Committee would like to hear from the board members as to whether they will be running for re-election. It is important to re-apply on the EmpowerLa website.

15. **Executive Committee** – Laurie Jacobs reported:

- Announcement: Upcoming Board Retreat scheduled for June 21, 2014.
- Newsletter: Bob Bryant was thanked for his hard work on the newsletter.
- Discussion Regarding NC Budget Amounts Based on Population: This item was discussed earlier in the meeting during Tom Soong's DONE report.

16. **HANC Report** – Laurie gave highlights from President Ray's written HANC report which can be found on the NWSPNC website.

17. Other Reports

- **Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness** – Connie McOsker announced that there is one more planning meeting before the event scheduled for April 2 at the Grand Annex.
- **Fracking Updates** – Darlene not in attendance to provide report.

18. **Announcements:** None

19. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith for NWSPNC