



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, May 12, 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 6:06 pm by Ray Regalado. Quorum of 14 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	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Gary Buss	Resigned
Dan Dixon	Excused
Cassidy Feltenberger	Absent
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Carolyn Grayson	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Connie McOsker	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado Pres	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

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

- a. Tony Mercadante, a stakeholder, commented on the economic effects of Obama’s visit to the LA area and feels they should utilize an airport other than LAX.
- b. Alan Johnson chief financial officer of the Cabrillo Beach Boosters and Gary Dwight, talked about the upcoming Fourth of July event at Cabrillo Beach and would like the NWSPNC to consider funding for the event.

3. **Reports from First Responders**

- a. **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Bravo was not able to attend but provided a short written report that was read by Laurie Jacobs. LAPD’s major concern continues to be property crimes with recent burglaries in the Northwest San Pedro area occurring during the day. Most of these homes had open windows or unlocked doors. On the issue of DUI’s, a recent check point at Gaffey and Santa Cruz resulted in seven arrests.

4. **Reports from Public Officials**

- a. **Council District 15 Office.** Nicole Wells from CD15 reported for Ryan Ferguson. Highlights from his written report included:
 - i. An update on the demolition at Ponte Vista and their efforts to address stakeholder concerns of dust/asbestos, as well as issues with rodents and other animals being displaced. Signage will be posted with the contact information so that stakeholders can report problems as they occur. Complaints about Ponte Vista construction should be

addressed to the Community Outreach Team, Elizabeth Brazil or Sarojini Lall at 310-241-0699 or by email at slall@marathan-com.com.

- ii. Board members requested monthly updates on Ponte Vista as the project moves forward.
 - iii. Harbor Highlands Park Restroom update. Nicole will be reaching out to LARAP regarding the feasibility of implementing automated toilet facilities in the park.
 - iv. Westmont/Western improvements will commence in July 2014.
 - v. Peck Park Skate Park should be completed by the end of June 2014 with a grand opening sometime in July.
 - vi. Leland Park Recreation Center Groundbreaking is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2014 at 3pm.
 - vii. There was also a comment about 18 wheel trucks utilizing Westmont to access Rite Aid. The truck driver stated that he refused to go any other way.
 - viii. Craig Goldfarb asked for a status update on the Miraflores cut through and expressed his frustration at the lack of information available.
 - ix. The full report for May from the Councilman's representative can be found on the NWSPNC.org website.
- b. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
- i. Next Board of Harbor Commissioner meetings are May 17th and June 5th at 8:30 am in admin bldg.
 - ii. The port is offering one million in non-taxpayer funded grants. The applications are due June 2, 2014 and can be found at the www.portofla.org website.
 - iii. Harbor Community Benefits Foundation is also awarding half a million dollars for port related projects (deadline 6/27/14) and will be holding a workshop on May 28, more info at www.hcbf.org
 - iv. Ports O'Call: Negotiations continue. An additional 180 days extension has been granted to the Waterfront Alliance group (in 30 day increments)
 - v. Executive Director Position at the Port: Interviews continue, an announcement should be coming soon.
 - vi. Upcoming events were announced including the Grand Opening of the Downtown Harbor Cut on June 20, 5-8pm; Cars & Stripes on June 27 from 5-10pm.

5. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. **Youth Source Center, Harbor College:** Lisa Blod, the Community Services Outreach & Recruitment representative spoke about the Youth Source Center which is located at Los Angeles Harbor College. The center is funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and is dedicated to working with income eligible youth ages 17 to 21 in the surrounding communities. Services include: Academic Counseling, Academic Tutoring, College Preparation, Job Readiness/Training Workshops, Financial Assistance Provided, Financial Literacy Training, Personal Mentoring, Truancy Diversion and other resources and referrals as needed.
- b. **LA Conservation Corps:** Larry Smith, Community Development Director for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, talked about the program that employs youth. He also spoke about the San Pedro Urban Greening Project. A map was distributed showing some of the green pathways that could be part of the Urban Greening Plan in San Pedro. Smith announced an upcoming open house and other events which will be held related to the project. The events begin with an Open House on First Thursdays at People's Place, 365 6th Street on June 5th, 5:30pm-8:00pm. Three workshops and two public events will be presented between June 21 and October 18, 2014.
- c. **Annual Army Fuel Training Exercise** – No representative was available to provide the presentation.

6. **Consent Calendar** – Items “a” and “c” on the consent calendar were approved by unanimous vote of the Board (Motion by Diana Nave, seconded by Bob Bryant).
- a. *Approval of April 14, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes*
 - c. *Approval to Appoint Joe Zaarour to Youth and Outreach Committee*
- b. **Port Advisory Committee - Appointment of member to new Port Advisory Committee:** It was explained that this will be a two part process for the NWSPNC. First to send one or two reps to the next meeting to decide if NWSPNC wants to be on the committee. It was recommended that two people representing NWSPNC be sent to the upcoming meeting to determine if the NWSPNC should officially endorse the NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee) and appoint two members.
7. **Committee Reports and Motions**
- a. **Executive Committee** – Ray Ragalado
 - i. **Consider Motion to not allow parking on the south side of Channel between Cabrillo and Paraiso:** *Laurie Jacobs presented the motion which relates to the Mira Flores cut through. The motion is to not allow parking on the South Side of Channel between Cabrillo Paraiso due to concerns about safety and the need for better visibility. Motion seconded by Diana Nave and passed with 12 yes votes , 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Ray Regalado), Craig Goldfarb not present at time of voting.*
 - ii. **Retreat Update:** President Ray asked the board members to let him know their choices of food (chicken or fish) for the retreat lunch which is scheduled for June 21st.
 - b. **Election Committee:** President Ray thanked David Rivera for his hard work on the Board Elections. DONE was also thanked for their assistance. David gave a short update on the overall Elections. There was a low turnout with only 62 people who came out to vote. Diana spoke to Steven Box and the election is certified and there is a tie. The board will need to vote on which candidate would receive a 2 year terms and which would receive a 4 year term. Laurie suggested that they speak to the candidates and maybe they can weigh in on which would be willing to accept a 2 year term and which would accept a 4 year term.
 - c. **Budget & Finance** – Scott Allman reported:
 - i. **Presentation of April Expenditure Report:** *Motion by George Thompson, seconded by Laurie Jacobs to approve the Expenditure Report for April 2014 as presented. Motion passed with 14 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.*
 - ii. **Presentation of April Budget for approval:** *Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by George Thompson to approve the April Budget as presented. Motion passed with 14 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions).*
 - iii. **Approval of \$300 for Sponsorship to the Boy Scouts of America “Eagle Project” for signs that will be used at Averill Park:** *Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by Diana Nave to approve \$300 for Sponsorship to the Boy Scouts of America for signs that will be used at Averill Park for an “Eagle Project”. Motion passed with 14 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions).* Public Comment: Roger Chevias asking that the item not be approved due to discrimination issues with the Boy Scouts of America. In response, Chevias was assured that the funding does not go directly to the Boy Scouts of America but pays for signs at the park which are through an individual Eagle Scout Project.
 - iv. **Approval of \$870 for Neighborhood Watch signs, which is 50% of the cost of the signs (8th St. N/W):** The balance of the funding of these signs will be provided by the neighborhood watch group. *Laurie Jacobs commented that she wants to be sure*

NWSPNC does not support just one neighborhood watch but considers others for funding as well if they should come forward. *Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by Darlene Zavalney to approve \$870 for the Neighborhood Watch Signs at 8th Street N/W. Motion passed with 10 yes (Allman, Bryant, Goldfarb, McOsker, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 3 no (Burmeister, Gonyea, Grayson). (Laurie Jacobs not present at time of voting), 0 abstentions.*

- v. **Approval of up to \$250 for a table cover with NC logo on it:** There was a short discussion on the need for a second logo table cloth for use at events. *Motion by Carolyn Grayson, seconded by Bob Bryant to approve \$250 for a second table cover with the NWSPNC logo on it. Motion passed with 12 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney, 2 no (Goldfarb/McOsker), 0 abstentions.*
- vi. **Approval of \$575 for note pads with NC logo on them. To be used at outreach events:** (*Moved by Darlene, seconded by Bob Bryant*). There was a short discussion on the value of note pads versus the shopping bags. There was also a desire by the committee to come up with new ideas for outreach items. **Craig Goldfarb moved to amend the motion to utilize the \$575 for shopping bags instead of note pads. Motion to amend seconded by Carolyn Grayson. The motion to amend failed with 6 yes, 8 no. The original motion also failed with 7 yes votes and 7 no votes, 0 abstentions.**
- vii. **Approval of \$75 for a folding easel:** *Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by Laurie Jacobs to approve \$75 for a folding easel to be used for the presentation of boards, signs etc., at meetings and events. Motion passed with 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Gonyea)*
- viii. **Approval to revise the amount of \$500 to up to \$1500 for a “wire” mic system to be used at board meetings:** (*Moved by Bob Bryant, seconded by Laurie Jacobs*). *Craig Goldfarb moved to amend the motion to approve up to \$1800 for a wireless and not a wired mic system. The motion to amend was seconded by Bob Bryant. The amendment and motion as amended were both passed with 12 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney) 1 no vote (McOsker) and 1 abstention (Nave).*
- ix. **Approval of purchasing booth space at a cost of \$500 at the Tall Ships event for Outreach:** Diana said Steven Box agreed with her that the city should be involved in promoting the NC’s at this event. Ray Regalado said he has tried to work with DONE on this issue. *Craig Goldfarb moved that the item be tabled until the next meeting. The motion to table was seconded by George Thompson and approved by Unanimous vote.*
- x. **Approval to revise the amount from \$250 to \$500 for the support of the Congress of Neighborhoods event:** *Motion to approve by Laurie Jacobs, seconded by Ray Regalado and passed with 14 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstentions.*
- xi. **Approval of the purchase of four flag banners at a cost of up to \$900.** Two of the banners will have just the name of the NWSPNC on them and the other two will have the name plus the words “Meeting Tonight – 6 PM”. Motion by George Thompson, seconded by Laurie Jacobs to approve the purchase of four flag banners at a cost of up to \$900. Motion passed with 13 yes votes (*Allman, Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney*) 1 no vote (*Burmeister*) and 0 abstentions.
- xii. **Approval of up \$250 for the purchase of art work and signs that will be used at bus stop benches in the NWSPNC area:** *Motion by Laurie Jacobs, seconded by Craig Goldfarb to table the item. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*
- xiii. **Approval to increase the amount for Deanna Cherry, the retreat facilitator, from \$1500 to up to \$2500 to pay for additional time to speak with board members before the board retreat.** President Ray spoke with Deanna about the

need for hiring her for additional time to create a sound agenda and provide more preparation time before the retreat. The current contract only allows her to do about an hour of pre prep work and it's thought that more time given for preparation would be better for the overall retreat. *Motion by Scott Allman, seconded by Barbara Schach to approve increasing the amount for Deanna Cherry from \$1500 to up to \$2500 for additional time to speak with board members before the board retreat.* Craig Goldfarb suggested a committee should have been formed to create a retreat agenda instead of paying the facilitator. He doesn't feel that the retreats are that effective and a committee should look into this. Ray and Laurie explained that the Executive Committee has been discussing a focus for the retreat. Strategic goals are required by DONE. *Motion approved with 9 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, and Zavalney), 3 no votes (McOsker/Burmeister/Gonyea) and 2 abstentions (Goldfarb/Valdez)*

- d. Other Committee Reports: Due to time constraints, no additional reported were given. Diana Nave announced that there will be a special speaker at the June HANC Meeting. Seismologist Lucy Jones will speak on earthquakes.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith for NWSPNC