



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
 Harbor Division Station Community Room, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum of 17 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

| Board Members | Roll Call/Attendance |
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| Scott Allman | Present |
| Bob Bryant | Present |
| Pete Burmeister | Present |
| Rogelio Cuevas | Present |
| Dan Dixon | Present |
| Craig Goldfarb | Present |
| Cynthia Gonyea | Present |
| Carolyn Grayson | Present |
| Laurie Jacobs | Present |
| Diana Nave | Present |
| Raymond Regalado | Present |
| Barbara Schach | Present |
| George Thompson | Present |
| Sarah Valdez | Present |
| Darlene Zavalney | Present |
| Yvette Thomas | Present |
| Joe Zaarour | Present |

2. **Announcement:** Diana Nave announced that through the Youth and Outreach program five \$1,000 grants are being offered for youth related projects. The NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) Application is available on the website and the deadline to apply is January 31, 2015.
3. **Public Official Reports**
 - a. CD 15: Ryan Ferguson, Deputy Field Officer for Councilman Joe Buscaino, left word that he would not be able to attend the meeting.
4. **LAPD:** Capt. Gerald Woodyard, LAPD, Harbor Area Station was introduced and talked briefly about his background. One of his priorities is to build relationships in the community. The Captain reviewed crime statistics and was happy to announce that crime is going down significantly. An interesting statistic related to burglaries from motor vehicles was that out of 28 burglaries from motor vehicles, 14 of the cars were left unlocked. Although crime is down in some categories, there has been an increase in sexual related crimes and assault with deadly weapon crimes which are primarily domestic violence cases. The good news is that violent crime such as homicides is down. Captain Woodyard answered questions from the board and stakeholders. Literature was provided for an upcoming program to educate young women on the importance of building healthy relationships.

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- a. **Diana Nave** announced that the Bureau of Street Services has extended the deadline to fill out a survey on how the City should pay for sidewalk repair. New deadline is November 30, 2014. The link to the survey can be found on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Facebook page is also available on the nwsanpedro.org website.
- b. **Louis Domingez** announced his candidacy for the 35th Senate District and urged everyone to Corporate Constitutional rights issue.
- c. **Tony Mercandante**, stakeholder, spoke on several issues including port congestion; traffic on Western Avenue (he would like to see more citations given out for speeding vehicles), and identity theft.
- d. **Yvette Thomas** announced upcoming Home Buyer Education Seminar specifically for military veterans. Saturday 11am-1pm at Keller Williams on Western.
- e. **Leah Hernandez**: Senior from San Pedro High School who resides in Wilmington. She has issues with all the construction in the area that is causing excessive congestion on the highways. She is concerned with how the city is spending money.
- f. **Ann Porter**, talked about her group "Move to Amend", a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to social and economic justice, ending corporate rule and building a democracy that is accountable to the people, not corporate interests. They have created a short video to raise awareness. It is called "A Question of Personhood" and can be found on You Tube.

6. Consent Calendar: Bob Bryant moved to approve items "a" through "d" on the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Darlene Zavalney and passed with 17 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Zaarour, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach,Thompson,Valdez, Zavalney and Thomas), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. Items approved are:

- a. Approval of October 2014 Minutes
- b. Appointment of Lee Williams and Jason Herring to Planning and Land Use Committee
- c. Removal of Pat Nave from Planning and Land Use Committee
- d. Adoption of Statement of Support for Port Tech LA Motion from Planning and Land Use. Wording of Statements follows:

Proposed Statement of Support for Port Tech LA

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports PortTech Los Angeles, which brings together entrepreneurs, strategic partners, and investors to accelerate innovation, advance clean technologies, and create economic opportunities. PortTech promotes and develops technologies that enable enterprises to meet their environmental, energy, security/safety, and transportation goals.

Since 2009, PortTech's collaborative efforts have brought economic and community development to the region adjacent to the San Pedro Bay port complex. This crucial effort creates jobs and builds thriving businesses. We encourage PortTech Los Angeles to seek additional funds needed for expansion.

Committee Reports and Motions

7. **Issues Committee** – Dan Dixon presented a motion brought forth by the Issues Committee to support a City Council motion to further study city-wide minimum wage increases before implementation of such a policy, and in particular to actively seek input from small business owners during the process.
 - a. Diana Nave proposed an amendment to the motion adding to the end of the first sentence in the last paragraph the following words, "including considering simultaneous reduction in business taxes or other costs of doing business in Los Angeles." Craig Goldfarb seconded the amendment which passed with 16 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Zaarour, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach,Thompson,Valdez, Zavalney; 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Yvette Thomas)
 - b. Motion by Craig Goldfarb to strike the first sentence of the motion. Motion seconded by Dan Dixon and passed with 12 yes votes (Allman, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Zaarour, Goldfarb,

Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez); 3 no votes (Bryant, Nave, Thompson); and 2 abstentions (Zavalney & Thomas).

- c. Motion to amend by Sarah Valdez, seconded by Diana Nave. Take the sentence that was removed and place it after the word involved in the last paragraph, also begin the new sentence with “Although”. Motion failed with 4 yes votes (Allman, Nave, Valdez, Zavalney); 12 no votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Zaarour, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson); 1 abstention (Thomas).
- d. Motion as amended without the first sentence passed with 15 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Dixon, Zaarour, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney); 1 no vote (Cuevas), 1 abstention (Yvette Thomas). Wording of motion as approved follows:

Motion Pertaining to Minimum Wage Study

Within the context of a conversation about the minimum wage, the NWSPNC strongly supports the motion (Council File 14-1371-S2) by Councilman Mitch O’Farrell (seconded by four of his colleagues), attached to his letter to Council President Wesson of Oct. 28, 2014. The motion calls on the City Administrative Office “to procure analysis of the minimum wage proposal, as referenced by Council Files: 14-1371 and 14-1371-S1”. The substance of the October 28 action is to study the short and long-term implications of such a dramatic city-wide economic decision as taken by the City Council on October 7, 2014 (Council File 14-1371), mandating an increase to \$13.25 per hour by 2017, with subsequent additional increases to \$15.25 per hour by 2019.

The NWSPNC further urges that the Council seek community input, specifically from local employers operating in the City as well as representatives of labor, NGOs and non-profits, taxpayers and other stakeholders within Los Angeles. The decision whether or not to increase the minimum wage, and if so, by what amount, goes far beyond the usual political talking points, and points to the heart of government’s relationship with ALL of its constituencies. It also goes far beyond the amount of wages received by employees and must include considering increased employer payroll taxes, the cost of insurance and other payroll costs. Another consideration is whether a “one size fits all” approach to compensation is appropriate, fair or constructive. The “law of unintended consequences” cannot be overlooked, and must not be allowed to diminish worker wages, destroy the ability of businesses to thrive fairly and competitively in the region, or depress the viability of the economy of the City of Los Angeles. The NWSPNC appreciates the City Council standing back to look at the minimum wage carefully, and asks for a full vetting of all the associated issues involved. Haste in this decision serves none of us well.

8. **Port Committee** – No report

9. **Green Committee** – Sarah Valdez reported. She asked for members to join the Green Committee and gave an overview of the types of issues that the committee is considering:

- a. Projects with youth such as implementation of recycling bins and composting bins in public spaces throughout the NWSPNC area.
- b. Implementing a hydration station.
- c. Composting at school sites.
- d. Re-usable water bottles distributed at meetings with NWSPNC logo.

10. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report

- a. Motion from Committee to approve spending \$187.00 from outreach events for items related to the Candy Cane Lane event (\$100 at Priority Printing, \$87 for tape, glue, scissors and paper). Motion passed with 15 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney); 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 2 ineligible (Zaarour/Thomas).

- b. Bob Bryant provided an update on the Candy Cane event and put out a request for volunteers for the event.
- c. Update on the San Pedro Holiday Parade. President Ray will be riding in the parade and Bob would like to see other board members alongside the President's vehicles.
- d. Laurie Jacobs gave an update on the Pathways to Employment event. They have chosen a date of April 25, 2015.
- e. Darlene Zavalney reported that the Hocus Pocus Movie Night event at Peck Park was very well received. There were about 200 people in attendance which included Octaviano Rios, the Mayor's representative who brought son. About 16 new stakeholder email addresses were gathered for the Outreach Committee.

11. **Planning and Land Use Committee** –Diana Nave provided highlights from her written report which included:

- a. An update on the plans for further beautification of the east side of Harbor Blvd/Front Street/N. Pacific Ave from the Fanfare Fountain to the existing improvements on N. Pacific.
- b. Support for Port Tech Los Angeles (Statement of support passed above in Consent Calendar)
- c. Comments on SB743 regarding use of Vehicle Miles Traveled. The following motion was brought from the committee for approval:

RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF TRAFFIC IMPACT MEASUREMENTS

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act requires agencies to consider the potential harmful impacts of their projects, including traffic impacts; and WHEREAS, traffic impacts are usually measured by evaluating the changes, if any, to the Level of Service [LOS] at intersections; and WHEREAS, traffic impacts are also sometimes measured by estimating changes in the Vehicle Miles Traveled [VMT] that may be generated by the project, although VMT is mainly used to estimate changes in air emissions; and WHEREAS, SB 743 provides that traffic impacts should be measured by VMT, but does not prohibit the use of LOS; and WHEREAS, VMT does not always measure the local congestion impacts of projects, especially those that are outside of transit oriented development districts, but is a valuable tool which is already required to calculate greenhouse gases; NOW THEREFORE, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the State of California and the City of Los Angeles require the use of both VMT and LOS for at least two years, at the end of which time the comparative results should be reviewed and a determination made that whatever traffic impact measuring methods that most accurately reflect actual impacts, whether VMT, LOS, or a combination of those methods and others.

Motion from Committee passed by Board with 16 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Zaarour, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Thomas), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions (Jacobs not in room during voting).

12. **Public Safety Committee** – Carolyn Grayson reported highlights from her written report:

- a. The Committee is trying to reach out to the block captains of the neighborhood watch groups. Senior Lead Officer Bravo would like to start a business watch program.
- b. Emergency Preparedness: The Committee decided that January would be too soon for a public event, and is considering pushing it to February.
- c. There has been some discussion on joining with the Outreach Committee to offer bicycle safety classes sometime in the spring.
- d. There is also a an idea forming to sponsor a skateboarder safety class with the help of LAPD.

13. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez reported.
- a. The October Expenditure Report was presented for approval by the Board. **Approved with 16 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention (Thomas); 1 ineligible (Zaarour – youth member).**
 - b. The October Budget was presented for approval by the Board. **Approved with 16 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention (Thomas); 1 ineligible (Zaarour – youth member).**
14. **Executive Committee** – Ray Regalado reported.
- a. Meeting with Capt. Woodyard: Ray had a breakfast meeting with the Captain and the President of the Central San Pedro NC. They are planning to continue meeting on a regular basis with the Captain and hope to bring in the presidents of the other Harbor Area neighborhood councils. President Ray talked about some of the issues discussed with the Captain which included emergency preparedness and the Harbor Division jail.
 - b. An invitation has been extended to the new Port of LA Director, Gene Seroka. It is hoped that he will attend in December.
 - c. There are also plans to have Councilman Buscaino and the City Controller Ron Galperin attend a future meeting.
15. **HANC Report** – Diana Nave gave highlights from the written HANC Report. Items that were discussed at the November meeting included:
- a. **Re:CodeLA:** A representative from the Planning Department discussed key elements of the overhaul of the City’s zoning code.
 - b. **BONC:** There was a discussion on the proposal to allow Neighborhood Councils to have five minutes to address the City Council on issues instead of the current two minute limit. There was also a hand out provided at the meeting on how to file Community Impact Statements. New options have been implemented allowing NC’s to go beyond just being for or against an issue.
 - c. **Quorum:** The issue of “a quorum of a quorum” continues to be researched as it relates to Board Members serving on NC Committees.
 - d. **Cell Towers:** Powerful cell towers are being proposed for installation at Fire Stations. United Firefighters Local 112 is protesting due to the proximity of the proposed towers and equipment near the firefighters living quarters.
 - e. **Lawn Rebate Program:** The DWP rebate for turf removal has been raised to \$3.75 per square foot.
 - f. There will be no HANC meeting in December.
16. **Other Reports**
- a. **Community meeting regarding Port of LA RFP, Cabrillo Youth Sports Facility.** Laurie Jacobs gave an update on the meeting that was held for the public. She presented a copy of a motion passed by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council for the board to consider. After making several adjustments to the motion, Laurie Jacobs moved to approve the following motion, seconded by Dan Dixon:

Motion Re: Future of Boy Scout Property at Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Complex:
Whereas, the community of San Pedro has for years made clear its interest in opening to the public the area known as the Cabrillo Beach Youth Watersports Center, at 3000 Shoshonean Road,

Whereas, the Port of Los Angeles released (Oct. 8, 2014) a Request for Proposal for the property without previous announcement or a public discussion of what the land’s future use should be,

Whereas, the Northwest San Pedro NC asks the port to rescind the RFP and provide the community an opportunity to give input prior to the issuance of a new RFP.

Resolved, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the port to open the pre-proposal meeting to the public,

Resolved, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council asks for a community representative on the evaluation committee, who would be selected by the neighborhood councils via the Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee,

Further Resolved, the Central SPNC calls on Councilmember Joe Buscaino and the Harbor Commissioners to assist the Neighborhood Councils in securing port cooperation with this community initiative.

Motion passed unanimously by all 17 members of the NWSPNC Board.

- b. **Community Impact Statements:** Two impact statements were submitted. Craig Goldfarb asked that the board be given more specific information related to what impact statements were filed.
- c. **Urban Greening Update:** Diana Nave reported that on the first Thursday in December at the Warner Grand there will be a final opportunity for the public to provide input on the Urban Greening Plan.

17. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items:** No further announcements.

18. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith for NWSPNC