



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, October 13, 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 6:00pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum of 16 board members at the Call to Order. 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
Rogelio Cuevas	Present
Dan Dixon	Excused
Craig Goldfarb	Arrived at 6:30pm
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	Appointed and Seated
Joe Zaarour	Appointed and Seated

2. **Selection of new board member to fill vacant seat:** Yvette Thomas, candidate for the vacant board seat, gave a short statement. **Motion by Diana Nave to appoint Yvette Thomas to fill the business seat until the next regular election, seconded by Laurie Jacobs. Approved by 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.**
3. **Consider Board appointment of Joe Zaarour as new NWSPNC Youth Representative:** Joe Zaarour, candidate for the Youth Seat gave a statement. Joe is a student at San Pedro High School. **The motion to approve Joe Zaarour came from the Outreach Committee. Motion approved by 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.**
4. **Swearing in of new board members.** The two new board members, Yvette Thomas and Joe Zaarour, were sworn in and seated.

5. **Public Official Reports:**

- a. **CD15 Report:** A written report was submitted by Ryan Ferguson who was not able to attend the meeting. (The report will be made available on the NWSanPedro.org website.

6. **First Responder's Report:**

- a. **Fire Department:** Representatives from Fire Station 36 were in attendance. Fire Captain Carbajal responded to questions from board members. Questions included concerns on evacuation plans in the event of a disaster related to the Rancho LPG tanks.
- b. **LAPD:** Officers Bravo and Lee were in attendance to provide reports and answer questions. SLO Bravo reported on the following:
 - i. **Marijuana dispensaries:** There are a total of 37 known dispensaries in San Pedro. Six of them are in the Northwest area. The city is working on the 5th & Gaffey location and would like residents in that area to consider attending the hearing to voice their complaints.
 - ii. **Burglaries from Motor Vehicles:** Out of 13 incidents, 10 of the vehicles were unlocked. Christmas shopping tips were provided. No walking alone at night time hours, don't leave bags visible in cars.
 - iii. **Halloween:** Tips included utilizing flash lights and wearing light colored costumes.
 - iv. **Comment on domestic violence incidents:** Resources include Rainbow Services on Pacific.
 - v. **Year to date comparisons show a decrease in crime from 2013.**
 - vi. **Short discussion on homeless encampments across from the fire station on Gaffey and Miraflores.**
 - vii. **Officer Lee from Traffic Division out of South Bureau was introduced. He reported that more traffic officers are being assigned to the Harbor Area to deal with traffic concerns. This year so far there have been 256 reported traffic accidents in the Northwest area. Officer Lee can be reached at 323-421-2589 where a message can be left for him.**

7. **Presentations/Conversations:** Due to holiday, no presentations scheduled

8. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. **John Goya:** Running for State Assembly (including San Pedro) spoke about his platform. www.JohnGoya.com.
- b. **Sea Grant Program.** Open House in Wilmington, October 28 to focus on Sea Level Rise and Coastal erosion.
- c. **Chuck Hart:** Sierra Club has joined the fight against Rancho LPG.
- d. **Tony Mercandante** voiced several concerns including traffic speed on Western from Westmont to PV Drive North; poor communication from the authorities during the recent toxic fire in the Port; would like to see better Amtrak Service to Las Vegas to lower the amount of cars; and, lastly, he would like to see the age limit for Port Police applicants to be raised to get more qualified people.
- e. **Sarah Valdez.** Presented the Mayor's Budget Priorities Survey and asked those in attendance to consider filling out the survey.

9. **Consent Calendar:** Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by George Thompson to accept items A through G (see below) by consent. Motion passed with 14 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zaarour and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. , 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Yvette Thomas):
- a. Approval of September 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes as presented.
 - b. Approval of motion from HANC regarding Neighborhood Councils should be able to carry-over funds from one year to the next.
 - c. Approval of motion from HANC regarding City Departments should have designated Liaisons with Neighborhood Councils
 - d. Approval of appointment of Alexis Geich as a member of the Youth and Outreach Committee and Green Committee.
 - e. Approval of appointment of Jeri Hawkins to the Youth and Outreach Committee
 - f. Remove Andree Conley from Youth and Outreach Committee
 - g. Approval of holding meeting at LAPD's Harbor Area Station for November Stakeholder meeting

10. **Committee Reports and Motions**

- a. Issues Committee – Report
 - i. **Motion from Issues Committee modifying 2009 resolution regarding sidewalk repairs and responsibility:**
***NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
 RESOLUTION RELATED TO SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE CF#***
Whereas, nearly half of all sidewalks in the City of Los Angeles are in need of repair, and these sidewalks cause injury to those who walk on the sidewalks and subject the City to liability, and
Whereas, the City does not allow the adjoining property owners to remove the root cause of the sidewalk damage, i.e., the offending trees, and
Whereas, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is desirous of promoting both tree-lined streets and safe sidewalks,
Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council:
 1. *Strongly opposes any transfer of responsibility for sidewalk repair to private property owners.*
 2. *Opposes any transfer of liability for slip-and-fall on the sidewalk to the adjoining property owner.*
 3. *Recommends that the City explore the idea of sidewalk and alley maintenance districts, much like Street Lighting Districts.*
 4. *Requests that the full array of options under consideration by presented to the community for comment and input through a series of workshops throughout the City.*
 5. *Requests that there be adequate time for Neighborhood Councils to review and comment on any proposals.*
 6. *Requests that the city address the issue of trees that are causing sidewalk damage.**Furthermore, this position should be conveyed to the City via a Community Impact Statement and to the members of the Public Works Committee*
Passed by Community Vision (Issues) Committee, Sept. 24, 2014
Motion passed by full board with 15 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Gonyea, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Thomas, Zaarour and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions (Peter Burmeister not present at vote).

- ii. **Motion from Issues Committee:** The Northwest San Pedro Council requests that the curb at the end of Via Cordova where it connects to the pass through to Via Francesca be painted red. Currently cars parking in this area prevent wheelchair access to the sidewalk. **Motion to approve passed with 15 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Gonyea, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Thomas, Zaarour and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions (Peter Burmeister not present during vote).**
 - iii. **Motion from Issues Committee:** Motion from Issues Committee requesting that the curb on Gatun in front of the fire hydrant by Harbor Highlands be painted red due to the high volume of visitors to the park and the new development. **Motion to approve passed with 15 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Gonyea, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Thomas, Zaarour and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions (Peter Burmeister not present during vote).**
 - b. **Port Committee** – Report from Pat Nave. (Bob Bryant left room during the Red Car Motion).
 - i. Motion by Scott Allman, seconded by Barbara Schach. Wording of motion follows:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RED CAR

WHEREAS, the Red Car and the Fanfare Fountains are the iconic images representing visitor attractions and potential redevelopment of the San Pedro waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the Waterfront Redevelopment EIR approved in 2009 promised expansion of the Red Car to Cabrillo Beach and also included adjusting the Red Car line to accommodate the other improvements included in the EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Port has anticipated expansion of the Red Car service to Wilmington by providing space for the necessary rails along Harry Bridges Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Harbor Commissioners will likely consider cutting and possibly eliminating the Red Car at its first November meeting; and

WHEREAS, the potential cuts in service to 10 hours per week means that access by Red Car from the cruise lines to downtown San Pedro will be lost, dinnertime access to downtown and to Ports O'Call will be lost, weekend after-five access to overflow parking at 22nd street will be lost, Friday access for school groups and also special needs children groups will be lost, and rides to and from the Fanfare Fountains in the evening will be lost; and

WHEREAS, the Port has decided or may soon decide not to expand to the downtown business district, to Cabrillo Beach, and to Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, there has only been one company that has ever bid on operating the Red Car for the Port and it seems unlikely that the company will operate it on a reduced schedule, especially considering that the only mechanic whose work is vital to the operation of the Red Car would not remain, especially with no prospect of service to Cabrillo Beach or to the downtown business district;

NOW THEREFOR, the NWSPNC requests the Port to not cut Red Car service along the waterfront, follow through with its proposed plan to expand Red Car services, and revise its 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program to include this and related infrastructure projects as envisioned, for example, in the Red Car Line Feasibility Study and waterfront development plan, and further requests that the Port place the administration of the Red Car service under its community relations department so as to better coordinate visitor serving attractions at the waterfront.

Motion approved with 14 yes votes (Allman, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Thomas, Zaarour and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. (Not in room during vote, Nave and Bryant)
- c. **Youth and Outreach Committee**
 - i. **Weymouth Corners Holiday Event Motion:**
Consider approval of up to \$1,000 for the Weymouth Corners Holiday Event provided the following stipulations are met: 1) Resolve issue of insurance coverage; 2) Provide more recognition for the NWSPNC with larger recognition on the flyers, banner space on the stage

and thank you announcement from the stage; 3) Determine if there is a 501 c3 we can pay if we are not allowed to pay their association. **Motion from committee approved by board with 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Gonyea, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 3 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour & Burmeister)**

- ii. **Neighborhood Purposes Grants Motion:** Motion to provide up to \$5,000.00 in Neighborhood Purpose Grants with the total amount per grant not to exceed \$1,000.00. Grants will be designated for youth based projects benefiting health, environment, humanity or the arts in San Pedro. Applicants must have or partner with a 501 c3 non-profit or be part of LAUSD. Priority will be given to youth initiated/youth led projects and projects within Northwest San Pedro. **Application time period will be November 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015.**

Motion to Amend by Scott Allman to add after youth based the words “or others”, seconded by Pete Burmeister. Motion to amend failed with 6 yes (Allman, Burmeister, Goldfarb, Grayson, Thompson, Valdez); 8 no votes (Bryant, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Zavalney); 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).

Motion to Amend to add a final sentence: “Application time period will be November 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015 as shown in bold type above. Motion to amend passed with 14 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).

Motion as amended passed with 14 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).

- d. **Planning and Land Use Committee** – Diana Nave reported:
 - i. Update regarding Gaffey Vision Project: Diana Nave gave a brief update on the Gaffey Vision Project. 5th to 13th Streets will be the primary area for beautification. The next step is the public meeting on October 25, 2014 at the San Pedro Public Library. Channel Street grading to put in sewer connections. Next LP meeting wed, 6pm city hall.
 - ii. Update on Planning and Land Use Committee priorities: Diana Nave’s written report can be viewed on the www.nwsanpedro.org website.
- e. **Public Safety Committee** – Carolyn Grayson provided highlights from her two written reports (available for viewing online at www.nwsanpedro.org) from the September 22 and Oct 1 meetings which included the following topics:
 - i. **Neighborhood Watch participation.** LAPD is encouraging attendance at the current neighborhood watch groups.
 - ii. **Crimemapping.com.** Information available online to show what crimes occurred in specific areas.
 - iii. **Organizing preparedness events in January.** Officer Bravo would like the council to assist in presenting two events. One for school administrators and one for the public.
 - iv. Ray has spoken with the other SP NC’s regarding Rancho Holdings meetings.
- f. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez reported.
 - i. **Approval of September Expenditure Report.** Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by Scott Allman to approve the Expenditure Report. **Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).** Laurie Jacobs not in room during vote.

- ii. **Motion to create an additional line item in the annual budget, which will allocate \$1,056 to the payment of Lloyd Staffing for the note-taking services provided by Kristina Smith.** This money will be moved from the funds currently allocated to Virtual Office. (Motion approved with 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).
 - iii. **Motion to move \$500 from Social Media to Outreach Events, as outlined by the 2014-2015 annual budget.** . Motion approved with 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).
 - iv. **Motion from Executive Committee to approve \$500 to Chamber of Commerce for the San Pedro Holiday Parade.** Motion approved with 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).
 - v. **Approval of September Budget** (Moved by Bob Bryant, seconded by Scott Allman). Motion approved with 13 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Thomas, Zaarour).
- g. **Executive Committee – Ray Regalado**
- i. **Motion to pursue a co-sponsored Rancho Holdings informational series of discussions with other harbor area Neighborhood Councils:**

RESOLUTION PROPOSING A PUBLIC HEARING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HARBOR AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS REGARDING RANCH HOLDINGS

*Whereas, Ranch Holdings have been a source of concern for the residents and stakeholders of the Northwest San Pedro community and the larger harbor area, and
 Whereas, recent attempts have occurred to inform the community of Rancho Holdings' compliance regarding federal mandates and security and safety oversight, and
 Whereas, these attempts have created more questions than can be answered by federal regulators alone, and
 Whereas, the community has a reasonable right to expect all questions to be aired and answered,*

Thereby, Be It Resolved that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will explore the possibility of organizing a community informational hearing in partnership with other harbor area Neighborhood Councils to:

- 1. Bring representatives from the federal, state, county, city and Rancho Holdings to sit on a panel.*
- 2. To organize three community meetings for the purpose informing the residents and other interested stakeholders of all elements of safety, crisis preparedness, history, zoning and other items of information.*
- 3. The meetings will be in three parts consisting of a Listening Session, where community asks their questions, questions are documented and representatives have 30 days to reconvene with responses to questions. This constitutes session two, where the community would be able to ask limited clarifying questions to the responses given by panel members. Session three would occur within 30 days to for community to determine any strategies for further action.*

The Executive Committee will ask the appropriate NWSPNC committee to assist in organizing this event.

Passed by the Executive Committee on September 30, 2014

Passed by NWSPNC Board with 14 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thomas, Thompson, Valdez, Zaarour and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Goldfarb).

- ii. **Motion for a community block party in partnership with CD 15.** Motion by Scott, seconded by George

RESOLUTION PROPOSING A COMMUNITY EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES CITY COUCIL DISTRICT 15

*Whereas, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) represents the residents and stakeholders within the community of Northwest San Pedro, and
Whereas, the NWSPNC can best represent the community by continuing to stay in touch with all community members, and*

*Whereas, the NWSPNC's 2014 strategic plan includes outreach opportunities,
Thereby, Be It Resolved that the NWSPNC explore the possibility of organizing a Community Block Party in partnership with CD 15 in 2015.*

This effort will be assigned to the Youth and Outreach Committee and any other appropriate committee to explore partnership possibilities with CD 15 staff.

Passed by the Executive Committee on September 30, 2014.

Passed by NWSPNC Board with 15 yes votes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thomas, Thompson, Valdez, Zaarour and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.

Ray Regalado reported that the Councilman has been invited to attend the November 10, 2014 NWSPNC Board and Stakeholder to respond to question submissions.

- 11. **HANC Report** – Diana Nave provided highlights from the HANC reports for September and October which can be viewed on the NWSPNC website.
- 12. **Greening Report** – Diana Nave referred the Board to the Greening Survey included in the agenda packet.
- 13. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items**
 - a. Darlene Zavalney announced details of the Movie In The Park event scheduled for October 25, 2014.
 - b. State Land Use Meeting – Darlene, Cynthia and Diana are attending the meeting in Santa Monica.
- 14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith for NWSPNC