



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, September 8, 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 6:00 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum of 13 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 35 stakeholders in attendance. The Newton Station Cadet Color Guard provided the Presentation of Colors.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Excused
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Rogelio Cuevas	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Vacant youth seat	
Craig Goldfarb	Left early before voting
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Carolyn Grayson	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Excused
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present
Vacant Seat	

**Public Official Reports**

2. **Council District 15:** Ryan Ferguson reported:
  - a. Street Resurfacing: Bardale Ave from Millmark Grove to Werbel Place; Bejay Place from Taper Ave to Barrywood; and Barrywood from Bejay Pl to Capitol will be resurfaced during September.
  - b. Ponte Vista: For the remainder of 2014, iStar Financial will be completing on-site demolition and completing geological survey work. Grading will commence the first quarter of 2015. Infrastructure will begin the second quarter of 2015.
  - c. Western/Westmont Traffic Signal: Bids opened 7/29/14. Pre-construction meeting held on 8/27/14.
  - d. Legislative Updates were also provided. Full written report from CD15 office can be found on the nwsanpedro.org website.
  
3. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
  - a. BOHC Meeting: September 18 night meeting at Bannings Landing
  - b. Mock ups of billboards on 110 and 710 Freeway.
  - c. Tall Ships and World's Largest Rubber Duck were successful in bringing 277,000 people to our area.
  - d. Road Closures

- e. Lobster Festival, Fri, September 12 through Sun, September 14.
- f. Red Bull Global Rally Cross. Free to the public on Friday. Sat and Sun, Sept. 19-21, tickets on website. Check nwsanpedro.org for more details.
- g. Steamcarnival.com coming in October at Crafted at the Port of LA.

4. **First Responder's Report:** None in attendance.

**Presentations/Conversations:**

- a. Fracking Discussion –
  - b. Alexandra Nagy from Food and Water Watch gave a 10 minute presentation on fracking. Fracking uses an extensive amount of water laced with sand and toxic chemicals is injected thousands of feet below ground at enormous pressure to break apart shale formations to release oil or natural gas. Unconventional oil drilling is on the rise. The Food and Water Watch is opposed to the process which results in contaminated water and public health issues. Contact info: Alexandra Nagy, Food and Water Watch, [anagy@fwwatch.org](mailto:anagy@fwwatch.org) 323-843-6451
  - c. Glen Swanson, an Independent Professional Petroleum Engineer began his 10 minute presentation with information on his background and qualifications followed by information on oil production. 41 active oil fields in the LA basin.
  - d. Comments/Questions for the speakers by Dr. Tom Williams, Sierra Club; Rachel Bruhnke, Climate Reality Leadership program; Tommy Fa'avae, of IBEW Local II; Pat Nave; Dan Dixon, Darlene Zavalney, Laureen Vivian and Pete Burmeister.
  - e. Electrical Union.
- Note: Each side will give a ten minute presentation with 15 minute question and answer period after reports.
- f. PortTech LA – Ann Lee Carpenter gave an overview of Port Tech LA (see website)

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Dr. Tom Williams, Sierra Club, talked about the Flood Plain Management Plan for the City of Los Angeles. He is the Vice Chair of the sub committee. A report will be completed by May of next year.
- b. Chuck Hart: Invited everyone to the upcoming presentation by the Department of Homeland Security at Peck Park on Wednesday at 4pm. Sponsored by Congressman Waxman.
- c. Carlos Trevino: Concerns with bike lanes and manhole covers on North Gaffey Street.
- d. Laureen Vivian: Spoke about Next Door community group. Monitor speed, petition.
- e. Adel Hodge: LA Harbor Boys and Girls Club, September 11 event at Battleship Iowa. Flyer provided about LA Lakers funding a new gym floor.

6. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of August 11, 2014 Minutes
- b. **Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded by George Thompson to approve the August 11, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.**

7. Committee Reports and Motions

- a. Issues Committee – Report
- b. Port Committee – Motions
  - i. Discuss and consider motion regarding Port spending on Community Infrastructure Projects. Pat Nave gave some background on the issue. Motion by Bob Bryant, seconded Pete Burmeister. Motion passed with **11 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 1 abstentions (Dixon). Put motion here**
  - ii. Discuss and consider motion regarding the ongoing discussion between the Port and proposed developer to secure a master lease agreement on Ports O'Call. Pat gave

some history on the issue. Moved by Bob Bryant, Seconded by George. **Motion passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. Put motion here.**

- c. Youth and Outreach Committee
  - i. **Newsletter reminder** – Bob asked for all articles to be submitted by the end of the week.
  - ii. **Discuss and consider motion regarding expenditure not exceeding \$1,100 for Halloween theme movie night.** (Discussed in the Budget and Finance Report below, item E5)
  - iii. **Discuss and consider motion regarding no more than five Neighborhood Purpose Grants of no more than \$1,000 each.** (Will be addressed at next month's meeting)
  - iv. Laurie Jacobs gave an update on the Pathways to Employment Youth Project.
  
- d. **Planning and Land Use Committee – Motions – Diana Nave**
  - i. Discuss and consider motion regarding recommended conditions for proposed 30 unit mixed project at 335 N. Gaffey. Diana Nave gave an update on the motion. Motion from committee seconded by Bob Bryant. **Motion passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Grayson and Burmeister) 1 no votes (Thompson), 0 abstentions. Put motion here.**
  - ii. Discuss and consider letter requesting information regarding soil testing required under the Ponte Vista EIR. Motion to submitting the letter to the planning department, motion from Planning committee, seconded by Dixon. **Motion passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. Put motion here.**
  - iii. Discuss and consider Planning and Land Use Committee monitor the Ponte Vista EIR and related approvals and to submit appropriate follow-up letters. Motion from Committee to have the Planning , seconded by George Thomas. **Motion passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. Put motion here**
  
- e. Budget and Finance – Report from Sarah Valdez
  - i. Report
  - ii. Consider Approval of August Expenditure Report: Motion by George, seconded by Diana Nave. **Motion passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.**
  - iii. Motion to approve August Budget. Moved by George, Seconded by Bob Bryant. **Motion passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.**
  - iv. Discuss and consider payment to Epperhart Communications of \$600 for invoice #2014-10, for the layout of the May 2014 newsletter. Motion by George Thompson, seconded by Roger Cuevas. Motion to amend by Diana, seconded by Laurie Jacobs with letter to DONE that this should be paid from last year's funds as it was submitted before 2013-2014 deadline. **Motion to amend passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. Motion as amended passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.**
  - v. Discuss and consider motion regarding expenditure not exceeding \$1,100.00 for Halloween theme movie night. Items and cost of purchase are as follows:
    - 1. Movie Licensing Fees \$400.00

2. Purchase DVD \$25.00
3. 2 Re-useable Banners \$175.00
4. 100 11"x17" Posters \$129.00
5. Park Employees \$160.00
6. Printing for Drawing Slips \$50.00
7. Treats and Misc \$161.00

Motion to approve by Darlene Zavalney, seconded by Laurie Jacobs. Motion to amend by Carolyn Grayson that the expenditures be limited to \$1,000, seconded by Pete Burmeister. Motion to amend passed with (5 yes, 6 no) motion failed. **Original motion passed with 8 yes (Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson) votes (2 no (Bryant, Burmeister), 2 abstentions (Gonyea, Grayson)**

**Motion passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Zavalney, Dixon, Nave, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Valdez, Thompson, Grayson and Burmeister) 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.**

- f. Executive Committee – Ray Regalado (Listen to tape)
  - i. October NC Board meeting date, Columbus Day
  - ii. Committee meeting dates
  - iii. Report and motion language for NC agendas
  - iv. November 10, 2014, announce invited guest. Buscaino will be the guest and will talk about Northwest issues as well as issues affecting all of LA.

8. HANC Report – Diana Nave reported:

- a. Bureau of Street Services announced their Pothole Blitz, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to fill potholes and do some minor sidewalk repair.
- b. Neighborhood Prosecutor
- c. Gang Prosecutor. Gang injunction for all of San Pedro is in place. 40-50% reduction in gang crime in our area.
- d. Community Courts. Mike Feuer wants a system of Community Courts. One of the five will be here in San Pedro. They come before a panel of community members and the panel comes up with a sentence. They are looking for community members. 4 hours per month commitment plus training.
- e. Five Steps to Preparedness. Workshop on how to prepare your neighborhood.
- f. Dr. Tom Williams offered to do a presentation at HANC on Flood Plain Management Plan.

9. Other Reports: President Regalado gave the following updates:

- a. Congress of Neighborhood Councils, Sept. 20, 2014, Reserve the Day.
- b. Workshop with County on Volatile Work Situations, also Bullying with relationship to Power.
- c. BONC meeting. They have modified the training on Sexual Harrassment and Bullying to be just a one page document that each board member reads and signs.
- d. Peck Park Skate Park Grand Opening brought out a lot of young people.
- e. Luncheon with Garcetti and Buscaino. A question was asked: "Mr. Garcetti, what exactly are you expecting from the new port director. We hear it is all about money and less about the community." Response was positive. On 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Port meeting with the NC Presidents and Garcetti will report back.
- f. Meeting with James Allen, President of Central SPNC and Olive Reed, President of Harbor City Neighborhood Council. The Presidents talked about how they can work together on issues that are common to the area.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith for NWSPNC