



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, July 13, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
 Peck Park Community Center, San Pedro

**MINUTES**

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 11 board members**. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 45 stakeholders in attendance.

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

2. **Announcement of Selection of NWSPNC Vacant Board Seat #2970** – There is one vacant Board seat for a term ending June 20, 2016. The deadline to file to be considered for the seat is Thursday, August 6, 2015. More information is posted at Peck Park in the lobby and on the Neighborhood Council website.
3. **Public Official Reports**
  - a. Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
    - i. The assembly session is ending for summer recess, back in session mid-August.
    - ii. The inaugural Career and Resources Fair for Veterans will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Pacific Battleship Center (on the USS Iowa), sponsored in by the South Bay Veterans Employment Committee, in collaboration with; Senator Isador Hall, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, and Assemblymember Mike Gipson.
4. **First Responder's Report:**
  - a. **LAFD: Capt. Tyler Dixon Capt. of Operations South Bureau**
    - i. In January of this year LAFD changed their deployment model. They divided the City into four bureaus that are in line with LAPD's bureaus. They opened a new office in the old San Pedro city hall building.
    - ii. One of their missions is to do more community outreach.

LAFD: Capt. Tyler Dixon Capt. of Operations South Bureau – continued

- iii. There were approximately sixteen 911 calls this morning about a gas smell/rotten egg smell. The LAFD sent out multiple resources including the hazmat task force. After taking air samples and checking with all possible local sources, no cause or location was determined before the smell dissipated.
  - iv. In August the LAFD is launching a Pool Safety campaign. Capt. Dixon brought some flyers on pool safety.
  - v. President Ray Regalado asked if there were any major incidents on the Fourth of July. Capt. Dixon said there were no major incidents.
  - vi. Board member Bob Bryant thanked the LAFD for the job they did for a recent fire he experienced. He also requested that more information related to emergency preparedness be disseminated by the LAFD.
  - vii. They now use tiered dispatch system, which has made dispatching fire engines about 20 seconds quicker.
- b. **LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua, filling in for Senior Lead Officer Adriana Bravo**
- i. Officer Nua was accompanied by City Attorney Lauren Halligan to discuss the marijuana dispensary issue.
  - ii. Crime stats for the period from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>; Monday, Wednesday and Friday were the top days for reports of part one crimes. There were 6 grand theft autos and 10 thefts from motor vehicles, the majority of which took place between midnight and 6:00am.
  - iii. From January 10<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup> this year Harbor Division made 137 narcotics arrests.
  - iv. President Ray Regalado commented that the fireworks this year were very numerous. Officer Nua also thought it was particularly bad this year. Even with extra officers from outside the district, they were still a bit overwhelmed.
  - v. Board member Laurie Jacobs commented that there have been several Face Book posts saying that there is increased drug use and dealing at the bottom of the Canyon near Mira Flores. She also commented that Atomic Boxing and Ralphs are having major problems with skateboarders. Officer Nua stated LAPD gave some citations to skateboarders last week. Board member Bob Bryant said there is a skateboarding organization that had a program at the skate park under the freeway. Perhaps they could be contacted about doing something at the Peck Park skate park.
  - vi. The web site Crimemapping.com has detailed crime statistics.
  - vii. August 4<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out. There are several events in the Harbor Area.
- c. **City Attorney: Lauren Halligan**
- i. Ms. Halligan distributed a list of marijuana dispensaries; there are only four legal locations in the Harbor Area, all the other locations listed are illegal and they are working to shut them down. To report locations email Ms. Halligan at [lauren.halligan@lacity.org](mailto:lauren.halligan@lacity.org), and she will forward the information, or go to the Los Angeles City Attorney web site to the FAQ medical marijuana businesses tab, which has all the information and a link to contact the Medical Marijuana Unit directly.
  - ii. Ms. Halligan distributed a list of changes due to Prop 47.

## 5. Presentations:

- a. **Overview of the USS Iowa** by Johnathan Williams, President and CEO of the Pacific Battleship Center
  - i. The Battleship Iowa Museum is operated by Pacific Battleship Center, which is a 501c3. The Iowa is an approximately 4 million dollar annual operation.
  - ii. Thank you for your support and continued support, without which the IOWA would not be here today.
  - iii. In three years they have had 700,000 visitors to the Iowa, the goal is 1 million. They estimate that approximately 70% of the visitors are tourists.
  - iv. They have accrued 225,000 plus volunteer hours, 90% of their crew are volunteers. They have only 45 employees who operate the ship.

*Overview of the USS Iowa by Johnathan Williams - continued*

- v. They estimate that the Iowa generate approximately 11 million dollars of economic impact to the area.
- vi. Their revenue sources are:
  - 1. Fundraising
  - 2. Memberships
  - 3. Admission
  - 4. Private event rentals
  - 5. Camp battleship (youth overnight program)
  - 6. The ship's store
  - 7. Filming
- vii. They have:
  - 1. Visitor & museum programs
  - 2. STEM based youth education, in partnership with LAUSD
  - 3. Volunteerism & career development
  - 4. Veterans training and rehabilitation
  - 5. Community platform:
    - a. Support area non-profits
    - b. Provide low to no-cost opportunities for families
    - c. Provide STEM Learning
    - d. Provide a community gathering location
    - e. Establish and manage LA Waterfront Passport
    - f. Public & Youth education programs
    - g. Tour & Museum improvements
    - h. Ship Maintenance, Preservation, and Refurbishment
    - i. Data stabilization
    - j. Public / community events
  - 6. Economic development.

**b. Overview of Western Avenue Design Implementation Guidelines** by Esther Amaya, Los Angeles Dept. of City Planning, Policy Planner for San Pedro, additionally she works on the San Pedro Community Plan update.

- i. In October 2011, Rancho Palos Verdes received a grant from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to develop a Vision Plan for Western Avenue. The Western Avenue Corridor Vision Plan was completed in 2013.
- ii. In 2014, with the help of another SCAP grant, Rancho Palos Verdes has partnered with the City of Los Angeles to develop implementation guidelines for Western Avenue.
- iii. Western Avenue crosses many jurisdictions, making collaboration crucial in being able to create a cohesive corridor.
  - 1. Agencies involved are the City of Rancho Palos Verdes; City of Los Angeles; Caltrans; and Southern California Association of Governments
  - 2. Advisory Groups: Vision Committee (2011 – 2013); Steering Committee (2015 – 2015)
- iv. Key recommendations from the vision plan are:
  - 1. Evolve the corridor into a Complete Street, usable by everyone and providing safe access and experiences for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders.
  - 2. Shape future development along the corridor to contribute to and complement Complete Streets improvements.
- v. What are design implementation guidelines?
  - 1. Framework document to help implement the Vision Plan recommendations
  - 2. Set of easy to understand rules and best practices
- vi. Future steps, before the vision becomes a reality, we need to:
  - 1. Seek additional funding
  - 2. Complete traffic studies
  - 3. Develop a streetscape plan
  - 4. Develop design guidelines or standards
  - 5. Additional public outreach
  - 6. Separate adoption processes
- vii. Ms. Amaya presented 4 options (A – D):
  - 1. Option A: no bikeway

*Overview of Western Avenue Design Implementation Guidelines by Esther Amaya - continued*

2. Option B: with class II bike lane
  3. Option C: protected cycle track
  4. Option D: two-way cycle track (created in response to feedback from the RPV Planning Commission and public comments at the April 28, 2015, City of RPV meeting.
- viii. Guidelines for private development:
    1. Building Design and Programming
    2. Open Space
    3. Access and Parking
    4. Service and Loading
    5. Signage
  - ix. Public feedback to date from the March 2015 open house, in general, feedback was mixed and participants had very diverse comments, design goals, vision, and preferences on how Western Avenue should be improved. No clear preference for one specific streetscape option emerged from feedback.
  - x. Next steps:
    1. Ongoing: Receive community feedback for preferred option.
    2. Tentative August 4: Receive feedback from LA Harbor Area Planning Commission.
    3. Tentative August 11: Return to RPV Planning Commission.
    4. Fall 2015: Receive feedback from RPV City Council.
    5. Fall 2015: Consultant team to make refinements based on feedback by Planning Commission, City Council, and staff and package final design implementation guidelines document.
  - xi. Resources for more information:
    1. <http://www.rpvca.gov/403/Western-Avenue-Vision-Plan>
    2. <https://sites.google.com/site/sanpedrocommunityplan/otherplanning-efforts/western-avenue-design-guidelines>
    3. Esther Amaya, LA Department of City Planning, (213) 978-1211, Esther.Amaya@lacity.org
  - xii. Stakeholder Christy Estes asked, what about when Ponte Vista is complete? Has that been taken into consideration?
- c. Presentation of Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Annual Community Service Recognition Award, in partnership with Phillips 66, to Sayra Valdez for \$500.00.

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

- a. **Chris Valle** regarding the Western Avenue improvements. He commented that this corridor is primarily a transportation corridor.
- b. **Bob Bryant** gave an update on the status of the Red Car from the Port.
  - i. The port is not funding the red car in the current fiscal year budget.
  - ii. This year it would cost \$60 - \$65 million to start the Red Car back up.
  - iii. The Port stated they would consider restarting the Red Car in 10 years at which time the cost would be approximately \$100 - \$140 million.
- c. **Mr. Washington** made comments in support of the Red Car and of expanding the Red Car service.
- d. **John Ulloth** has a Save the Red Car petition and is asking Board members and Stakeholders to go directly to Joe Buscaino requesting his support for keeping the Red Car.
- e. **Chuck Hart** made comments related to the unraveling of public trust in the safety of facilities like the Rancho Natural Gas facility.
- f. **Janet Grothe** from Phillips 66 announced a job posting (see their web site for more information) and invited everyone to the COPE Preparedness, Map Your Neighborhood event on August 1, 2015, at Providence Little Company of Mary.
- g. **Ron Conrow**, District Manager of Rancho LPG facility rebutted Chuck Hart's comments.
- h. **Maria Valdez** asked if Ron Conrow of Rancho LPG is a resident.
- i. **Bob Bryant** stated that the deadline for submissions for the newsletter is August 15, 2015.

## 7. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of June 2015 Board and Stakeholder Minutes
- b. Consider selection of Sarah Valdez as approved CIS submitter for NWSPNC.
- c. Consider approving the use of the Funding Request Form developed by Youth and Outreach Committee.
- d. Consider approving 2015/16 Strategic Plan as discussed at June 20<sup>th</sup> retreat.  
**Motion by Bob Bryant to approve consent calendar, seconded by Barbara Schach, and passed 10 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Williams), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allman)**

## 8. Committee Reports and Motions

- a. **Community Vision Committee** – Dan Dixon
  - i. They did not have a quorum at last meeting. The committee has several issues they are working on to be presented in the future.
- b. **Port Committee** – Phil Nicolay
  - i. They will be bringing a motion next month on the Red Car.Port Committee - *continued*
  - ii. An update on where the Port Committee is at in its relationship with Port:
    1. They have asked very pointed questions about the Ports finances, particularly the reserve fund. This year’s budget is \$280 million dollars of which only \$256 million has been budgeted.
    2. Mr. Nicolay discussed The Port’s Presidents meeting and stated that the Northwest NC has been having three people attend including the President and they are only supposed to have two people including the President. Also, that the Port tends to cancel the meeting with very short notice.
  - iii. The Port is scaling back the Ports O’ Call renovation significantly. The Port is still working on the feasibility study and negotiating about the term of the lease.
  - iv. Mr. Nicolay discussed port operations and dollars generated by those operations as it relates to the amount of money the Port is required to use for community projects for the San Pedro and Wilmington waterfront.
- c. **Green Committee** – Report – Sarah Valdez
  - i. Discuss and consider motion to change Green Committee name to Sustainability Committee. **Motion from committee, and passed 9 yes (Bryant, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Williams); 1 no (Cuevas), 1 abstention (Allman)**
  - ii. Discuss and consider resolution in support of City Council File 12-0785 **Motion by Lee Williams to approve , seconded by Laurie Jacobs and passed 9 yes (Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Williams); 1 no (Bryant), 1 abstention (Allman)**
- d. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney
  - i. They awarded the Youth Community Service Awards.
  - ii. They adopted a mission statement and discussed their goals.

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- iii. They created a Funding Request Form for future funding inquiries; it will be posted on the web site.
  - iv. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween Movie in the Park will be screening Hocus Pocus. They plan to start earlier this year and have kid activities, and a costume parade.
  - v. They are talking about having a photo contest to have submissions be considered for a calendar.
- e. **Planning and Land Use Committee** –
    - i. They discussed the reduction of bus service in San Pedro. The LADOT is considering eliminating the 205 line. They encourage people to call the LADOT suggestion hot line at 213-995-4545 to leave any comments they may have on the matter.
    - ii. They discussed a proposed Los Angeles Zoning Code amendment to allow live work highbred uses. They concluded that there are no such properties in the Northwest San Pedro community.

- iii. They discussed the San Pedro Greening conceptual plan and intend to continue discussing it at the September meeting.
  - f. **Public Safety Committee** – Report – Roger Cuevas – no meeting
    - i. Meeting next month: They need to encourage people to come and work hand in hand more with LAPD, LAFD, and Neighborhood watches.
  - g. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez
    - i. Discuss and consider approval of June Expenditure Report. **Motion by Bob Bryant to approve June 2015 Expenditure Report, seconded by Roger Cuevas and passed 10 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Williams); 0 no, 1 abstention (Allman)**
    - ii. Discuss and consider approval of June Budget. **Motion by Bob Bryant to approve June 2015 Budget, seconded by George Thompson and passed 10 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Williams); 0 no, 1 abstention (Allman)**
    - iii. Discuss updated 2015-2016 Budget and consider motion to approve. **Motion by Bob Bryant to approve June 2015 - 2016 Budget, seconded by George Thompson and passed 10 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Williams); 0 no, 1 abstention (Allman)**
    - iv. Appoint Second Signer for 2015-2016 fiscal year. **Motion by Bob Bryant to approve appointment of Lee Williams as second signer, seconded by Daniel Dixon and passed 9 yes (Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, and Valdez); 0 no, 2 abstention (Allman and Williams)**
  - h. **Executive Committee** – Ray Regalado
    - i. Discuss June 20, 2015, NWSPNC Retreat highlights and 2015/16 goals.
      - 1. President Regalado thought the board had a good retreat and training.
      - 2. He wants to engage the Port in the spirit of civic engagement. He feels they are having a difficult time doing this. He is trying extremely hard to develop that relationship so that they can have a place at the table. Then, when decisions are made, like the Red Car and other issues, the NC would have an opportunity to sit at the table to help the Port craft something that makes sense to the Harbor community. Regalado will be meeting with the Deputy Mayor that is the liaison to the Port and talk about how we can improve our relationship with the Port. He wants the Neighborhood Council to be considered a resource to the Port, not an impediment.
9. **HANC Report** – Craig Ray Regalado
- a. LAPD was supposed to do a presentation that night, however, they did not attend.
  - b. There will be a new second in command at Harbor Division. Ray feels that having so many changes in such a short a time is an impediment to our community.
  - c. There was discussion of tiered energy rates.

10. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Laurie submitted the Newsletter to Empower LA for consideration of an award.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting will be August 10, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC