



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, May 11, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
 Harbor Division Station Community Room, San Pedro

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a **quorum of 12 board members**. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

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

2. **Selection of new board member to fill vacant seat:** Lee Williams gave a brief overview of himself and was appointed to vacant Board and Business Seat. He was then sworn in. **Appointed with 11 yes (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions**
3. **Public Official Reports –**
  - a. **Ryan Ferguson** provided a written report, some of the highlights are as follows:
    - i. Animal Control Officers were reassigned from the Harbor area Shelter to the South LA shelter. Councilman Buscaino is frustrated with the lack of communication and is asking for there to be no change in the Officers assignment right now. He is asking that a representative from Animal Services visit all the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils.
    - ii. San Pedro is one of several host towns for teams participating in the Special Olympics in late July.
    - iii. Legislative updates:
      1. City Council considered a Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee Report relative to initiating the street name change process for N. Center Street between Viewland Place and Knoll Drive in San Pedro to be changed to Eastview Little League Drive.
      2. Council President Herb Wesson introduced a Motion requiring Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to 1)

report on city agendas having the full texts of NC's Community Impact Statements with background links and if it's removed, for the Clerk to notify the NC; 2) for additional public comment time for NC Boards or Alliances; 3) for NCs to be able to give money to City Departments via MOU, and for the CAO and CLA to report on a rollover budget policy for NCs; and 4) for DONE to analyze the job roles of DONE.

iv. Upcoming events:

1. There is a Project-Planning Community meeting for San Pedro High School on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6pm. The meeting is for the community to learn and participate in the next phase of the District-Wide Facilities Bond Program.
2. The Leland Park Spring Fling Fundraiser is Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 12pm – 6pm at 863 S. Herbert Ave., San Pedro.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual San Pedro Shred Festival is Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 10am – 4pm at the Gaffey Street Lookout.

b. **John Larson Director of Communications for Dr. Vladovic, LAUSD President:**

- i. LAUSD and UTLA have reached an agreement on pay increases and have approved a contract that avoids any labor action.
- ii. Starting on June 13, 2015 in collaboration with Rec & Parks and Councilman Buscaino's office funding has been secured to open the Olguin campus pool to the public through mid-August.
- iii. Darlene asked about when a decision on funding for the Science Center could be expected. She also asked if there was a plan if the funding is not secured.

c. **Avelino Valencia, III, Senior District Representative for Senator Hall**

- i. On Saturday, June 30, 2015, from 10am – 12pm Senator Hall is hosting an Informational Immigration Town Hall meeting at Lynwood High School.
- ii. The deadline for Bill submission is the end of May.
- iii. They are completely moved in to the office at 222 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 320, San Pedro (310) 514-8573.

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

a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Bravo** – provided a map with crime statistics

- i. From May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup> overall crime is down. Property crimes continue to be a problem, particularly auto related thefts.
- ii. There are people knocking on doors that seem to be using this method to case homes for possible burglary. They are driving a grey 1992 Honda Accord.
- iii. Dan Dixon asked about drug activity at both skate parks. Office Bravo stated that LAPD monitors both locations, but that there have been no arrests. Sarah Valdez also asked if LAPD monitors the skate parks for school age children during school hours that should be in school. Officer Bravo stated that they do and that they return any truant children to school.
- iv. Ray Regalado thanked Officer Bravo and LAPD in general for their effort in passing out flyers on the street to make people more aware of property crimes in the area.

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. **Mike Puliselich** – Commented about Congressional redistricting that removed Northwest San Pedro from the rest of San Pedro. He wants Northwest San Pedro returned to the Congressional District with the rest of San Pedro.
- b. **Ron Conrow** from Rancho LPG commented on a documentary that was in last month's issue of the Northwest Advocate Newsletter. Rancho hired a third party who sent written questions to the primary speaker in the documentary regarding how the types of problems that were out lined could actually happen. Mr. Conrow requested that the Board remove the link to the documentary from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council website.
- c. **Chuck Hart** - Rebuttal to Ron Conrow's comments related to documentary.

6. **Consent Calendar:**

- a. Approval of April 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
- b. Consider the appointment of Jaime Lorenzo to Green Committee.
- c. Consider the appointment of Roger Cuevas and Daisy Zaarour to Youth and Outreach Committee

Motion by Darlene Zavalney to approve items a, b, and c by Consent, seconded by Dan Dixon and passed 11 yes (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

**7. Committee Reports and Motions**

**a. Community Vision Committee – Report – Dan Dixon**

- i. Discuss and consider motion to prioritize and complete repair of water leaks on City of Los Angeles property before imposing mandatory water restrictions on residences and businesses and to provide a reporting mechanism to report city water waste. The following motion was brought from the Committee for approval:

*Whereas, the State of California is facing a drought crisis, and*

*Whereas, water districts and municipalities have had serious water supply restrictions imposed, and*

*Whereas, the response to the drought needs to be understood and borne by all citizens and their governments, and*

*Whereas, a large water user such as the City of Los Angeles needs to be constantly on alert to its own waste of water resources, now*

*Therefore, the northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the City to prioritize, address, and complete repair of water leaks, poorly scheduled watering timers, and non-essential use of potable water resources on its own properties on an ongoing basis, before it begins to impose mandatory water restrictions on residences and businesses, and further,*

*That the City provide a specific online and/or telephone mechanism for reporting of water leaks and waste on City property, and further,*

*That the City provide updated information to residents, to be disseminated through each council office, as repairs are made.*

**Original motion from Committee as presented above, passed with 10 yes (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 1 no (Thompson), 0 abstentions**

**b. Port Committee – Report – Phil Nicolay/Pat Nave – no report**

**c. Green Committee – Report – Sarah Valdez**

- i. Discuss and consider motion to express support of the ban against hydraulic fracturing in the City of Los Angeles. If approved they will attach an impact statement to the City Council File and seek support from the other Harbor Area Neighborhood Council's.

*WHEREAS the California Environmental Protection Agency found 2,500 cases in which California authorized wastewater injection into protected water aquifers (February 10, 2015), and injection of oil-filled fluids into such aquifers is especially alarming, as such injections compromise the safety of such aquifers as current or potential sources of drinking and agricultural water.*

*WHEREAS petroleum chemicals, heavy metals, and radioactive elements are among the pollutants found in fracking wastewater samples tested in California; and such pollutants have been found at levels much higher than the state's public health goals consider safe.*

*WHEREAS living near a gas well with such chemicals in the air may cause health problems from headaches and nausea to benign and malignant tumors.*

*WHEREAS the United States Geological Survey has determined that well stimulation activities cause earthquakes.*

*WHEREAS the community of San Pedro is home to two 12.5 million gallon above-ground, highly explosive butane gas storage tanks that were built 42 years ago to a seismic sub-standard of 5.5-6.0, and that sit in an earthquake rupture zone with a potential 7.3 magnitude.*

*WHEREAS fracking in the City of Los Angeles and the State of California, and municipalities must take every precaution necessary to protect existing water resources.*

*NEW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the motion made by Los Angeles City Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz (Council File: 13-1152-S1) to change the zoning code to prohibit all activity associated with well stimulation, including, but not limited to, hydraulic fracturing, gravel packing and acidizing, or any combination thereof, and the use of waste disposal injection wells in the City of Los Angeles, with such prohibition to remain in effect until:*

- The City Council is assured that companies conduction fracking within the City of Los Aneles, or in area providing drinking water to the City, can mitigate the effects on climate change, protect environmental quality and natural resources, promote community awareness, allow government access and testing of chemicals used, anticipate and include related older and emerging extraction*

*technologies such as hydraulic fracturing, acidizing, and gravel packing and all wastewater disposal, and require full disclosure of testing, sites, with adequate time for public input;*

- *The City Council is assured of long-term safety, security, and reliability of current and future Los Angeles water supplies, the overall health and safety of the peoples of Los Angeles and the safety of their property from seismic or subsidence concerns related to the exploration and production of oil, natural gas, or other hydrocarbons, and the maintenance of environmental quality'*
- *State and federal legislation and regulation are put in place that include protections from the adverse effects of hydraulic fracturing acidizing, gravel packing and all wastewater disposal and related activities, consistent with the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.*

Original motion from Committee as presented above, passed with 8 yes (Cuevas, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 3 abstentions (Allman, Dixon, and Goldfarb)

1. Public Comment – Ron Conrow of Rancho commented the he came to Peck Park for the Green Committee meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> and there was no one here. Sarah Valdez stated that the meeting is now held at San Pedro City Hall, room 452.

d. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney

- i. Discuss and consider motion to authorize \$900 in unutilized funds budgeted for Pathways to Employment to purchase water re-useable bottles for outreach purposes. **Motion by Scott Allman to approve \$900 to purchase re-useable water bottles, seconded by Dan Dixon and passed with 11 yes (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions**
- ii. Pathways to Employment Report – Laurie Jacobs/Darlene Zavalney – Ray Regalado commented that the Pathways to Employment Event was very successful. Joe Zaarour was one of the speakers.

e. **Planning and Land Use Committee** – Report – Sarah Valdez

- i. The San Pedro Urban Greening Project being headed by the LA Conservation Corps. Some of the items highlighted in the plan are as follows:
  1. It is proposed that 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets be made into one way street to present opportunities to create parklets.
  2. They are also considering parklets for Pacific Ave. in an effort to make it more pedestrian friendly.
  3. For North Gaffey from the Elberon Bridge to Channel Street they are considering a multiple use path to include pedestrian walk way and bike lane-extended sidewalk into the bike lane.
  4. The official draft implementation plan will be released to the public on June 4, 2015 for more public input/comment.
- ii. Next meeting is May 20, 2015.

f. **Public Safety Committee** – Report – Carolyn Grayson/Ray Regalado

- i. On May 20, 2015 there is an Emergency Preparedness Presentation by LAFD at Peck Park at 6:00pm.

g. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez

- i. Consider Approval of April 2015 Expenditure Report. **Motion by Craig Goldfarb to approve the April Expenditure Report and April Bank Statement, seconded by George Thompson and passed with 10 yes (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions**
- ii. Consider Approval of April Budget. **Motion by Scott Allman to approve the revised April budget 2015, seconded by Roger Cuevas and passed with 10 yes (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions.**

h. **Executive Committee** – Ray Regalado

- i. Discuss and consider motion to add LAPD Harbor Area Station to current list of agenda posting locations. He needs to get more information and he will give an update next month.
- ii. Code of conduct – update provided.
- iii. Appointment to South Bureau Public Safety Advisory Committee, LAFD. - Dan Dixon is interested in volunteering if there is no conflict of interest related to his son. Ray Regalado will circulate the information to the entire board and consider an appointment next month.
- iv. Discuss appointing a representative to attend June 2, 2015 LADOT Moving Los Angeles Forward presentation. Ray Regalado will circulate the information to the board about this event.
- v. By-Laws update request by DONE – George Thompson: DONE is requesting further clarification related as to whether the Council will have Elections or Selections. The Procedures Stipulation Worksheet was discussed and completed. Craig Goldfarb volunteered for the grievance panel. **Motion by Scott Allman to approve the Stipulation Worksheet without the on-line voting section, passed with 11 yes (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zaarour and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions. Motion by Sarah Valdez to approve the on-line voting section only of the Stipulation Worksheet, seconded by Roger Cuevas and failed with 2 yes (Valdez and Zaarour); 9 no (Allman, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Thompson and Zavalney), 0 abstentions.**

8. **HANC Report** – Craig Goldfarb

- a. The Director of Field Operations for Animal Control, Mark Salazar, gave an update at the meeting regarding animal control officers being moved from San Pedro to Central Los Angeles. Director Salazar stated that there are always 2 officers in the Harbor Area, that they are dispatched from Central Los Angeles. Ray Regalado commented that Director Salazar simply seemed to be trying to justify the decision to move the ACO's (Animal Control Officers) out of the Harbor Area.
- b. BONC representative Victor Medina spoke on several items. They are looking for nominations for the Empower LA Awards.

9. **Other Reports**

a. **Budget Representative's Report** – Craig Goldfarb

- i. Budget advocates are going before the City Council and are preparing a budget for presentation at Budget Day.
- ii. Craig Goldfarb suggested to HANC that the Harbor Area NC's not elect representatives for budget day, but just have people attend.
- iii. A representative from the USS Iowa also attended the HANC meeting.

10. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items**

- a. Ray Regalado suggested that a board retreat be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and that perhaps they have it on the USS Iowa.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting is June 8, 2015 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC