



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, September 10, 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 13 board members**. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 22 stakeholders in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Excused
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Rogelio Cuevas	Present
Dan Dixon	Excused
Craig Goldfarb	Excused
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present left at 8:20pm
Sarah Valdez	Present
Christopher Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
Joe Zaarour	Excused
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. **Public Official Reports:**

- a. **Augie Bezmalinovich, Community Affairs Advocate at Port of Los Angeles** reported the following:
- i. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting is Thursday, September 17th, at Bannings landing in Wilmington, at 6pm.
 - ii. John S. Gibson/I-110/SR-47 Connector widening:
 - 1) The John S. Gibson Blvd on-ramp north bound access is expected to be open by October 5th.
 - 2) The C Street on and off ramps will be closed starting October 5th through December 3rd.
 - iii. Four Cruise Ship Day is Saturday, October 3rd, there will be four cruise ships docked at the same time on the same day, for the first time ever. On Sunday, November 1st there will be a Three Cruise Ship Day.
 - iv. The Clean Action Plan meeting has been postponed to Wednesday, October 14th, from 3pm – 5pm, at Bannings Landing in Wilmington.
 - v. The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival, September 25th – 27th, 5-11 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday, at Ports O' Call Village, 1200 Nagoya Way, San Pedro. Come to the world's largest lobster festival at Ports O' Call Village in

San Pedro! Feast on fresh Maine lobster and enjoy live music, food and activities. Visit lobsterfest.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

- vi. Movie Night is Friday, October 16th, at the downtown harbor, starting at 6:30pm, screening *The Book of Life*.

3. **First Responder's Report:** None present

4. **Presentation by the Harry Bridges Institute:** Annette McDonald of The Harry Bridges Institute Homeless gave a brief outline of the Strategy Overview and introduced Phillip S. Young, the Executive Director of Project Empire. Mr. Young narrated a Power Point presentation, some highlights are as follows:

- a. They want to build a health and human service center with:
 - i. Housing services
 - ii. Employment and educational assistance
 - iii. Health services
 - iv. Child Care services
 - v. Transportation assistance
 - vi. Emergency shelter for children, women, men and veterans
 - vii. Adult education, vocational training, apprenticeships
- b. Potential project partners:
 - i. Joe Buscaino's Homeless Task Force Committee
 - ii. Dept. of Public and Social Services (county service)
 - iii. L.A. County Jails, Parole, and Probation
 - iv. L.A.P.D. Quality of Life and Lead Officers
 - v. Harbor Interfaith Services
 - vi. San Pedro Mental Health Center (county service)
 - vii. Social Security Office
 - viii. United Way
 - ix. Salvation Army
 - x. Beacon House
 - xi. Other Non-Profits and Religious Organizations
- c. One of their mottos is 'Speaking in **Business** while acting in **Service**'
- d. They will put together a sound financial projection plan based on prior fiscal performance: 3-5 years of actual performance to project program effectiveness.

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

- a. **Anthony Kruzic** commented that Senator Hall introduced a bill that he thinks would amend the Tidelands Trust Act to allow the Port to sell off excess property to developers. Some of the properties under consideration are the parking lots at Cabrillo Beach, Cabrillo Marina, Ports O' Call, the Iowa, the Promenade and the Court House.
- b. **Janet Grothe**, Public Affairs Manager at Phillips 66 commented that they are committed to investing in the long term viability of their facilities, and in the future. One of the ways they do this is shutting down units periodically and making necessary repairs. Starting in late September, and running through late November they have a project that will bring approximately one thousand additional contractors to the facility. On October 29th and 30th they are having their annual Smiling Jack Halloween event.
- c. **Bob Bryant** commented that the Red Car ends in two more weekends. They now have 5,600 names on the Save the Red Car petition that they turned into the Mayor.
- d. **Rudy Caseres** commented that he wants to make Stakeholder meetings more welcoming to everyone and wants more people to get involved.
- e. **Frank O'Brian** commented that he feels the Navy Fuel Depot project is a very important quality of life project for San Pedro and urged the Council to monitor it carefully. If the groups interested in the site can come together with a common position they will have a stronger voice in negotiation.

6. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of August Minutes

b. Election Related Motions:

- i. Consider approval to submit request to DONE to Correct Bylaws Attachment B language to be consistent with Bylaws regarding eligibility to run and vote in census tract and at large seats.
- ii. Consider approval of comments on DONE Proposed Election Procedures to allow and additional method for candidate filing
- iii. Consider approval of comments on DONE Proposed Election Procedures to reduce the time frame for closing filing from 60 days to 45 days and the time frame for candidate certification from 45 days to 30 days.
- iv. Remove Joe Zaarour, Daisy Zaarour and Barbara Schach from Youth & Community Outreach Committee.
- v. Remove Jaime Lozano from Sustainability Committee.

Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the above items marked 1-5 (i-v) from the consent calendar, seconded by Barbara Schach, and passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar and addressed individually:

- vi. **Consider approval of request to DONE to change by-laws to show a Selection, rather than Election process.** This item was withdrawn as the change needed to be submitted to DONE by last May.
- vii. **Consider Approval of Elections Stipulation Worksheet for 2016 Elections.** Motion from committee for approval of Elections Stipulation Worksheet for 2016 Elections, passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)
- viii. **Appointment of liaisons to the Department of Public Works and the Department of Animal Services.** The Board appointed Chris Valle to be the Department of Public Works liaison and Darlene Zavalney be the Department of Animal Services liaisons. They also appointed Peter Burmeister to be a backup liaison for both.

7. Appointment of Chair and members for 2015-2016 Elections Committee:

- a. Board member Scott Allman was appointed to Chair the 2015/2016 Elections Committee with George Thompson, Diana Nave and David Rivera being re-appointed as committee members.

8. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. **Community Vision Committee** – No report.
- b. **Port Committee** – No report.
- c. **Sustainability Committee** – Report from Sarah Valdez
 - i. At the last committee meeting they discussed an outreach strategy for the state hearing on the Rancho LPG facility, scheduled for October 3rd, however, that hearing has been postponed.
 - ii. The next committee meeting is tomorrow, September 15th, at San Pedro City Hall, room 452.
- d. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. **Motion:** Motion from committee to spend no more than \$200.00 on art and craft supplies for the Joe Buscaino's spaghetti dinner event on October 11th, at Weymouth Corners.

Motion from committee to approve spending no more than \$200.00 on art and craft supplies for the Joe Buscaino's spaghetti dinner event on October 11th, at Weymouth Corners, passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

- ii. **Motion:** Motion from committee to spend no more than \$1,100.00 for expenses for the Movie in Peck Park event on October 24, 2015, and approve the movie selection of "Hotel Transylvania."

Breakdown of Budget:

Swank Film Royalties and film	\$400.00
Imprint 44 (2) banners	75.00
Priority One Printing, posters	65.00
Priority One Printing flyers	50.00
Rec & Park Employees	160.00
Oriental Trading trinkets	80.00
Michael's Craft - glow sticks	50.00
Target, water & candy	120.00

Total not to exceed: \$1,100.00

Motion from committee to approve spending no more than \$1,100.00 for expenses for the Movie in Peck Park event on October 24, 2015, and approve the movie selection be "Hotel Transylvania.", passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

- iii. **Motion:** Motion from committee to sponsor and have a booth at the Weymouth Corners Candy Cane Lane event on December 4, 2015 for the same sum as previous years of \$1,000.00.

Motion from committee to approve sponsoring and having a booth at the Weymouth Corners Candy Cane Lane event on December 4, 2015 for the same sum as previous years of \$1,000.00, passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

- iv. **Motion:** Motion from committee to sponsor the San Pedro Holiday Parade for \$500.00, same as previous year.

Motion from committee to approve sponsoring the San Pedro Holiday Parade for \$500.00, same as previous year, passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

e. Planning and Land Use Committee:

- i. **Motion:** The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the RPV Planning Commission that bicycle lanes be included on Western Avenue

- 1) **Original Motion from Committee as follows:** *The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the RPV Planning Commission that bicycle lanes be included on Western Avenue so long as there is no reduction in lane width and that the utilities be undergrounded. Further, due to safety concerns the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council reiterates its position that ALL parking be removed from Western where there is a bicycle lane added.*
- 2) Stakeholders and Board members expressed concerns related to bike lanes and parking on Western Avenue.
- 3) The following Substitute Motion was presented:
COMMENTS ON PROPOSED WESTERN AVENUE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the RPV Planning Commission that the utilities in the study area be placed underground and that a traffic study be conducted. Subject to a positive outcome from the traffic study, we also support the inclusion of bicycle lanes on Western from Trudie/Capitol Drive to Palos Verdes Drive North so long as there is no reduction in lane width or the width of the landscaped medians. Further, due to safety concerns the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council reiterates its position that ALL parking be removed from Western where a bicycle lane or bicycle route is added.

We request that the traffic study include: 1) the impact of 700 new homes at Ponte Vista, 2) the impact on both Western and cross street traffic of closing various Western Avenue entrances/exits to the shopping centers, and 3) the impact of eliminating parking. Furthermore, we are opposed at this time to any requirements that would move buildings to front directly onto Western Avenue.

We request that the proposed changes be incorporated into the drawing for the plan and made available to the community for review prior to being considered by Rancho Palos Verdes City Council.

Finally, we request that the two Cities move as quickly as possible with the work needed to finalize the design elements such as lighting, street furniture, and landscaping.

This motion should be sent with a cover letter to the RPV Mayor and City Council, RPV Planning Commission, Councilman Buscaino, David Roberts, and Esther Amaya and Conni Pallini-Tipton (LA City Planning Dept). A copy of our previous comments should be included with the letter.

- 4) Motion by Sarah Valdez to approve amending the substitute motion as follows showing the following (as reflected above): *We request that the traffic study include: 1) the impact of 700 new homes at Ponte Vista, 2) the impact on both Western and cross street traffic of closing various Western Avenue entrances/exits to the shopping centers, and 3) the impact of eliminating parking*, seconded by Lee Williams, and passed with 10 yes (Burmeister, Cuevas, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 3 no (Bryant, Gonyea, Schach), 0 abstention(s)
- 5) Motion by Lee Williams to approve substitute motion as amended, seconded by Diana Nave, and passed with 9 yes (Cuevas, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 4 no (Burmeister, Bryant, Gonyea, Schach), 0 abstention(s)

ii. Motion: The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is opposed to the relocation of the billboard at 327 N. Gaffey to any other location within San Pedro.

Motion by Diana Nave to approve that The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is opposed to the relocation of the billboard at 327 N. Gaffey to any other location within San Pedro, as clarified to include Coastal San Pedro NC, Central San Pedro NC and Councilman Buscaino, seconded by Darlene Zavalney, and passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

- iii. **Motion:** The Planning and Land Use Committee requests that funds be designated in the NWSPNC budget for community clean up and beautification and that the Board clarify which committee should be responsible for determining how the funds should be used. The Planning and Land Use Committee is willing to serve in this capacity if so designated. *Motion withdrawn as funds have already been designated, and for clarification the Planning and Land Use Committee will be responsible for use of the designated funds until such time as the Board may decide otherwise. Accordingly, the issue was sent back to the Planning and Land Use Committee.*

- iv. Board member Diana Nave gave a brief overview of her written report addressing the following (report available at <http://nwsanpedro.org>):
- 1) Update on the Urban Greening Plan
 - 2) Update on proposed Miraflores Condos
 - 3) Update on proposed Western Avenue Implementation Plan
 - 4) Update on the Defense Fuel Support Point (DESP)
 - 5) Discussion and adoption of Mission and Goals for 2015-16
 - 6) The next committee meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The two main agenda items they expect to discuss are 1) the vision for downtown San Pedro developed by a resident and 2) maintenance that needs to be done at Peck Park.

- f. Public Safety Committee – Report – Cynthia Gonyea
I. They did not have a quorum.

- II. They discussed having the Fire Department conduct CERT training early next year.
 - III. They discussed the possibility of approaching the City regarding Identification Badges for Neighborhood Council Members.
- g. Budget and Finance – Sarah Valdez
- i. Discuss and consider approval of August Expenditure Report. **Motion by Sarah Valdez to approve the August Expenditure Report, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)**
 - ii. Discuss and consider approval of August Budget. **Motion by Sarah Valdez to approve the August Budget, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)**
- h. Executive Committee – Report – Ray Regalado
- I. President Regalado commented that the community is experiencing the effect of the homelessness issue and he would like to request that there is respect for all ideas to deal with the issue. He would like people to consider how each of them would solve the issue of homelessness.
 - II. Regalado asked for volunteers who could arrive at the meetings early, 5pm – 5:30pm, to help to set up the room.
9. **HANC Report:** Diana Nave provided a written report that included the follow items (written report available at <http://nwsanpedro.org>):
- a. The Department of Water and Power gave a presentation on rate increases and infrastructure requirements.
 - b. Saturday, October 17th is the Harbor Area Budget Day at Port of Los Angeles High School, from 9am – 12pm.
 - c. The Sustainability Alliance is looking for Harbor Area participation.
10. **Other Reports**
- a. Budget Representative’s Report – Craig Goldfarb not present.
11. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items:**
- a. Board member Laurie Jacobs announce that the Bureau of Street Services notified the Council that during the first week of October they will be doing pothole repairs (mainly asphalt repairs) in the Northwest San Pedro area. Stakeholders may submit an address in need of repair.
 - b. Laurie also announced that there is a “correspondence” tab on the NWSPNC website which is updated as correspondence is received or mailed. Board members can visit the page to determine if they need to follow up on any correspondence.
 - c. Board member Darlene Zavalney announced the Board Youth seat is open. The deadline to submit an application is September 30th.
 - d. President Regalado commented that he starts putting the agenda together for the stakeholder meeting on the Wednesday before meeting. Accordingly, please get your agenda items to him by then.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be October 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC