



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, August 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 11 board members**. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 30 stakeholders in attendance.

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Scott Allman	Present left at 7:20 pm
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Rogelio Cuevas	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Excused
Christopher Valle	Seated as new board member
Lee Williams	Present
Joe Zaarour	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. **Selection of NWSPNC Vacant Board Seat #2970:**

- a. Chris Valle gave a statement about being on the board. He moved to San Pedro from Long Beach two and a half years ago and immediately felt at home. His wife is a teacher at Taper Elementary.

Motion by Craig Goldfarb to table the vote as the candidate was not present, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 11 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Nave, Regalado, Schach and Williams), 2 no (Jacobs and Zavalney), 0 abstention(s)

Motion by Diana Nave to take item off table and vote as the candidate was now present, seconded by Roger Cuevas, and passed with 13 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

Christopher Valle was unanimously elected with 13 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

### 3. Public Official Reports

- a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office, San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson** provided highlights from his written report (please go to [nwsanpedro.org](http://nwsanpedro.org) for the full report):
  - i. The demolition phase at Ponte Vista is complete. They are close to obtaining permits from the City of Los Angeles for the onsite grading operations. Work should begin within the next couple of months.
  - ii. Downtown San Pedro is in the current draft sign ordinance as proposed for sign district eligibility.
  - iii. Rancho San Pedro feasibility study: The contractor for the study, Economic Planning Systems (EPS), is on schedule with their scope of work. They are roughly 85-90% through the process, and remain on schedule to complete the study by the end of August. They will have a final report within the next few weeks.
  - iv. The billboard property at 427 N. Gaffey (at the end of the freeway) is now owned by the City. However, the current billboard lease holder has the option to renew the lease into 2019. The City is working with the lease holder to find another location for the billboard.
  - v. Dr. Vladovic's representative John Larson included a report with the following items:
    1. The Olguin Campus Pool will be closing to the public on August 16<sup>th</sup> as school will be back in session on August 18<sup>th</sup>.
    2. Dr. Vladovic's term as LAUSD Board President ended in July. Board Member Steve Zimmer is now the President.
    3. Dr. Vladovic is currently working with LAUSD staff to address pushing the start date of the school year back to a reasonable date.
    4. Currently a search is underway for a permanent LAUSD Superintendent.
  - vi. Upcoming events:
    1. RPV Planning Commission Meeting on the Western Avenue Design Guidelines is Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, at Fred Hasse Junior Community Park.
    2. Alma Park Summer BBQ and Emergency Preparedness is Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am.
    3. Light at the Lighthouse Music Festival is Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at Point Fermin Park.
  - vii. Board Member Bob Bryant commented that the Red Car closing at the end of September is needless as construction has been delayed until the middle of next year or later. Further that the only reason that the Port is not going to continue operation is that they did not put it in this year's budget.
  - viii. Board Member Darlene Zavalney thanked Joe Buscaino for getting our Animal Control officers back.
  - ix. Board Member Roger Cuevas asked about the homeless 'tiny houses' on Beacon Street. Councilman Buscaino is working with LAPD, LAHSA, the City Attorney and others to provide services to the homeless as well as exploring options to remove the 'tiny houses' from the public right of way.
- b. **Major Garcetti office, Field Representative, Emmanuelle Lopez**
  - i. Mayor Eric Garcetti announced Monday that \$50 million in private funding is available to help developers build or maintain affordable housing units in Los Angeles.
  - ii. Mayor Eric Garcetti signed into law a gun safety measure that bans the possession of large-capacity magazines inside of city limits. This ordinance prohibits the ownership of magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. The measure was introduced by Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Krekorian and passed on July 28th, 2015. Board Member Diana Nave asked why retired peace officers are exempt from this ordinance.
- c. **Augie Bezmalinovich, Community Affairs Advocate at Port of Los Angeles** reported the following:
  - i. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings are Thursday, August 20th and September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am in the Port administration building.

Augie Bezmalinovich, Community Affairs Advocate at Port of Los Angeles - *continued*

- ii. LA Waterfront Alliance negotiations continue with the Port of LA and the LA Waterfront Alliance. On July 13, 2015 the Board approved a non-binding term sheet for redevelopment of the Ports O' Call site and extended the existing Letter of Intent to continue negotiations until the end of 2015. Negotiations continue with the Port of LA and the LA Waterfront Alliance to finalize a ground lease by the end of 2015. The Developer intends to make a public presentation of their revised development concept within 90 days.
- iii. Port of Los Angeles is moving forward with the design of Sampson Way. Construction is expected to start next year.
- iv. Populous Inc. was awarded a contract at the August 6th BOHC meeting for the engineering, architectural and landscaping design services for the San Pedro Waterfront Town Square and Ports O' Call Promenade.
- v. RFP for Boys Scout Property, there is nothing new to report. The RFP's are still under review by the City attorney.
- vi. John S. Gibson/I-110/SR-47 Connector widening;
  1. The on-ramp will be closed till August 30th and then opened to south bound traffic. John S. Gibson Blvd North bound access to on-ramp is expected to be open on October 20th.
  2. Bridge widening work for Channel Street widening is in progress and the Pacific Ave widening will follow in next 2-3 weeks.
  3. Construction work on the sound walls along Gaffey Street to the Vincent Thomas Bridge to commence in 3-4 weeks.
  4. The project completion date is on schedule for March 30, 2016, it could be earlier.
- vii. I-110/C Street Interchange;
  1. Constructing realigned roadway of the Harry Bridges northbound off-ramp bridge.
  2. Constructing the John S. Gibson Blvd and Harry Bridges Boulevard realignments.
  3. Constructing storm drain lines under the John S. Gibson realignment.
  4. Concrete barriers to build in the next couple of weeks.
  5. 60-Day closure of the C Street on/off-ramp scheduled for October 5, 2015.
  6. Project Completion date is scheduled for September 2016.
- viii. Navy Days LA 2015 was last Friday - Sunday, August 7, 8, 9, 10am to 3pm at the World Cruise Center, 600 N. Harbor Blvd., San Pedro. There were 3 US Navy Vessels (1 Cruiser and 2 destroyers). In the future they are looking at doing a Fleet Week around Labor Day.
- ix. Upcoming events include:
  1. Red Bull Global Rally Cross, September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, race times vary, at the Outer Harbor (Berth 46), 3011 Miner Street, San Pedro. Watch rally cross racing on the LA Waterfront at this back-by-popular-demand event taking place at the Port of Los Angeles Outer Harbor. Visit [redbullglobalrallycross.com](http://redbullglobalrallycross.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.
  2. Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://lobsterfest.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.
- x. For updated information and newly added events, visit [lawaterfront.org](http://lawaterfront.org), check the LA Waterfront Facebook page at [facebook.com/lawaterfront](https://www.facebook.com/lawaterfront), or follow @lawaterfront on Twitter and Instagram.

#### 4. First Responders:

##### a. LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Adriana Bravo:

- i. Discussed roll out of programs to reduce the crime rate.
- ii. Crime statistics from July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup> show that property crimes continue to be high, with most occurring on Wednesdays.
- iii. There have been 137 narcotic arrests in Northwest San Pedro, however, now that most narcotic offenses are only misdemeanors, the people don't go to jail so crime does not go down.

#### 5. Presentations/Conversations:

##### LAX safety, security and modernization: Chief Patrick M. Gannon, Deputy Executive Director, Chief of Airport Police gave a presentation.

- a. He briefly reviewed his background, experience, and Airport Police Responsibilities. He is in charge of Van Nuys Airport, Ontario Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, and Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies at LAX.
- b. He is Responsible for providing safety and security at all three airports. He has 540 police officers, 400 security, and 150 professional staff.
- c. LAX is the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest airport in US, and the 5<sup>th</sup> busiest in world.
- d. He discussed LAX as it relates to the economy and jobs. In 2013 there was 1.9 million tons of cargo processed through LAX.
- e. His presentation included renderings of ongoing and future renovations at the airport. As well as photos of some of the currently completed projects.

#### 6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Michael Stumpf commented that at the intersection of Weymouth and Western Ave. it is not legal to make a right turn on the red light. He stated that on a daily basis he witnesses people making right turns on the red light regardless. He suggested that there be a sign posted with the amount of the fine for the violation.

#### 7. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of July Minutes. **Motion by Laurie Jacobs to approve the July 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes, with the correction that Craig Goldfarb was "excused" not "absent," seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 9 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, and Williams), 0 no, 3 abstention(s) (Goldfarb, Nave, and Zavalney)**

#### 8. Committee Reports and Motions

##### a. Community Vision Committee – Dan Dixon

- i. The August meeting was cancelled. At the next meeting he has 5 items to be discussed, including the sign ordinance, the Red Car, the Weymouth and Western traffic situation, and the Mayor's pledge to commit Los Angeles to host the 2024 Olympics, including absorbing any deficits incurred.

##### b. Port Committee – Phil Nicolay

- i. Discuss and consider resolution concerning Los Angeles Waterfront and other project funding.

**Motion by Craig Goldfarb to amend the motion to remove the last paragraph and develop it as a separate motion in the future, seconded by Dan Dixon, and failed with 4 yes (Burmeister, Dixon, Goldfarb, and Williams), 7 no (Bryant, Cuevas, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, and Zavalney), 1 abstention(s) (Schach)**

**Motion by Diana Nave to amend the motion by removing 'and the newly formed alliance of local realtors.' from the last sentence, seconded by Lee Williams, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)**

Port Committee - *continued*

Motion from committee as amended, passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s)

**RESOLUTION**  
**CONCERNING LOS ANGELES WATERFRONT AND OTHER PROJECT FUNDING**  
**August 10, 2015**

*Whereas the Los Angeles Harbor Department has committed to \$100 million in funding for six Los Angeles Waterfront projects in its Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) published in June 2015, Whereas the Harbor Department policy is to invest 10 percent of its net operating income before depreciation in future waterfront development projects, Whereas the Harbor Department has stated that this 10 percent commitment of funding based on net revenue would be considered a floor and not a funding ceiling, Whereas the Department has underrun planned CIP funding recently, and obtains Board of Harbor Commissioner approval to reprogram CIP funds for other purposes but still has unused CIP funding. For example, this year the Board approved the reprogramming of \$30 million in 2105 CIP funds, and the Director reported to the Board in July that the Department estimated that \$56 million 2015 CIP funds would not be spent, which would have been funded by borrowing and/or income from revenues., Whereas the "cash and cash equivalents" provided in the Harbor Departments Financial summary as of March 31, 2015 increased from \$289 million as of March 31, 2014 to \$413 million as of March 31, 2015, while operating expenses increased from \$167 million to \$180 million for the same period, Whereas, the reserve maintained by the Port to ensure a AA bond rating, equivalent to 500 days operating expenses, is estimated to be about \$247 million, Whereas the Port's "cash and cash equivalents," as of March 31, 2015, appears to exceed the required reserve amount by approximately \$167 million, Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) requests that the Harbor Department explain:*

- 1. Why underutilized CIP funds cannot be reprogrammed to Los Angeles Waterfront development projects,*
- 2. Why "cash and cash equivalents" exceeding the 500 day reserve amount cannot be considered as a funding source for future Waterfront Development or other projects included in approved EIRs for San Pedro and Wilmington.*
- 3. What additional funding sources, aside from grant funding, would the Port consider to augment the 10 percent net revenue commitment?*

*The NWSPNC also requests that once the design concept has been agreed to by the Port and the developer of Ports O' Call, that the Port develop a Master Plan, budget and schedule for future Los Angeles Waterfront projects and that this planning and reprogramming of projects outlined in the approved EIRs include representatives from the Harbor area neighborhood councils.*

- ii. Discuss and consider resolution concerning Red Car funding and future operations.

Motion by Diana Nave to amend the motion by removing '*If possible*' from item number 1., seconded by Laurie Jacobs, and passed with 11 yes (Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 recused (Bryant).

Motion by Diana Nave to amend the motion by inserting a new item number 1 to read 'We urge your support to continue to operate the Red Car until such time as construction actually begins on the Sampson Way Realignment Project'. seconded by Lee Williams, and passed with 11 yes (Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 recused (Bryant).

Motion from committee to approve the motion as amended passed with 11 yes (Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 recused (Bryant).

RESOLUTION  
CONCERNING RED CAR FUNDING AND FUTURE OPERATIONS  
August 10, 2015

*WHEREAS the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) has supported the Red Car development and operation and believe it is integral to the future success of visitor serving facilities along Los Angeles Harbor's Waterfront. As part of the improvements to Harbor Boulevard and Sixth Street interchange the Red Car operation will be impacted and discontinued during this construction.*

*WHEREAS, an objective of the Interchange Project is to improve public access to the waterfront a consequence of this activity is visitors may will not be able to use the Red Car for access to the Waterfront during and following construction.*

*WHEREAS, the NWSPNC supports the proposed intersection improvements and continued operation of the Red Car;*

*THEREFORE, the NWSPNC urges the Port, to:*

- 1. Continue to operate the Red Car until such time as construction actually begins on the Sampson Way Realignment Project.*
- 2. Operate the Red Car in some form around the construction of the Sampson Way interchange.*
- 3. Ensure that the Red Car easement and track right of way are included in future drawings and plans for the Los Angeles Waterfront.*
- 4. That updates on the future of the Red Car be provided to the community on a regular basis.*
- 5. That the savings from the Red Car shut down, approximately \$1.7M, be committed to other community projects in San Pedro or Wilmington.*
- 6. Maintain the Red Car Fleet for community access.*
- 7. Utilize Trollies for community events while the Red Car is out of service.*
- 8. Provide the community with alternatives for the Red Car replacement and associated costs.*
- 9. As part of the future evaluation of the Red Car system evaluate linkages to the regional transit network.*

- c. **Sustainability Committee** – Sarah Valdez not in attendance report given by Darlene Zavalney
- i. Discuss and consider motion in support of “town hall” hearing to be convened by State Senator Isadore Hall regarding Rancho Holdings LPG tanks located on Gaffey Street.

*Motion by Diana Nave to approve the motion as amended below, seconded by Darlene Zavalney, and passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).*

*Motion from committee as amended, passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).*

MOTION

*Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council in conjunction with other local neighborhood Councils will co-sponsor Senator Isadore Hall's, October 3, 2015 community safety hearings at The Warner Grand Theater, regarding Rancho LPG/Plains All American Pipeline. Funding for this event not to exceed \$1,000 per Neighborhood Council. Funds to come from the Outreach, Events budget line item.*

Motion made in committee by Darlene Zavalney, Seconded by Chuck Hart. Vote was unanimous in favor with five committee members voting (Valdex, Hart, Lisk, Gunter, and Zavalney).

- d. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – This agenda item was tabled due to time constraints.



- e. **Planning and Land Use Committee** – Diana Nave
    - i. Please see the full report from the July 15, 2015 meeting at <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/NWSPNC-PLU-Comm-Report-Jul-2015.pdf>.
    - ii. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 6:00 pm, at San Pedro City Hall, 638 S. Beacon Street, Room 452. Some of the items that will be discussed are:
      - 1. The EIR for the closure of the DFSP. The draft EIR has been released and is posted on [nwsanpedro.org](http://nwsanpedro.org).
      - 2. LAUSD has been invited to come and discuss the future of the science center.
  - f. **Public Safety Committee** – Roger Cuevas - This agenda item was tabled due to time constraints.
  - g. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez not in attendance report given by Lee Williams:
    - i. Discuss and consider approval of July Expenditure Report. **Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the July Expenditure Report, seconded by Craig Goldfarb, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).**
    - ii. Discuss and consider approval of July Budget. **Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the July Expenditure Report, seconded by Roger Cuevas, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).**
  - h. **Executive Committee** – Ray Regalado
    - i. **Discuss the role of Neighborhood Councils when engaging City of Los Angeles departments:** Ray reported that he has been working hard with the Port to establish a process so that when there are issues that are of community benefit or community impact, we as Neighborhood Councils have the ability to identify and insert these items into their agenda. The Port has been very selective in the past to only include those things that were easily addressed at the Port meeting. It's become very frustrating for him when he has submitted items for their agenda and then they have not included them. At the last Port Presidents meeting they discussed with the Port that what they were doing was not fair to the Neighborhood Councils and the Port promised that next month that they will address the process.
9. **HANC Report** – No meeting scheduled for August
10. **Other Reports**
- a. Budget Representative's Report – Craig Goldfarb
    - i. The Pipeline Franchise Revenue funds that the City used to purchase the billboard property at 427 N. Gaffey (at the end of the freeway), are part of what they call the 'slush fund' that the Councilman oversees.
11. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items:**
- a. Laurie got an invitation for everyone from the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council to come to their next stakeholder meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 6:30 pm, at the Point Fermin Park Band Shell, 807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, to hear, Lt. Kent Smirl, from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, on the Wildlife Watch Program, regarding collective actions of communities and government agencies for coexistence of communities and wildlife. They will specifically be addressing the issue with the coyotes in the area.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting will be September 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC