



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Board & Stakeholder Meeting – January 11, 2016
Peck Park Community Room
560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro, CA 90731

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Vice President Laurie Jacobs. President Ray Regalado chaired the meeting upon arrival at 6:25pm. There was a quorum with 12 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Excused
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Rogelio Cuevas	Absent
Matthew DiMeglao	Present
Dan Dixon	Absent
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Excused
Raymond Regalado	Present arrived at 6:25 pm
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Excused
Sarah Valdez	Present
Christian Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. **Public Official Reports:**

- a. **Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell's office.** San Pedro field representative Sarah Patterson:
 - i. Introduced herself as a new field representative for the Assembly member.
 - ii. The Assembly member's office staff can assist people with issues such as Covered California and the DMV.
- b. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office.** San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided a written report (to view the full report please go to nwsanpedro.org or use the following link: <http://nwsanpedro.org/council-district-15-reports> some of the highlights are as follows:
 - i. A brief overview of the 200 plus page CAO/CLA joint homeless report.
 - ii. Legislative updates on CF 15-135, CD 13-0068-S2, and CF 15-0989.

3. **First Responder's Report**

- a. **Port Police:** Officer Morales, Maritime Community Relations Officer, introduced two new officers:
 - i. Sergeant Jose Alvarez, who is in charge of special events in the Port area, and the New Chief of Port Police, Thomas (Tom) Gazsi.

- ii. Officer Morales commented that the Port Police actively do outreach to homeless in the Port area. Due to the cold weather people are taking advantage of services.
 - iii. There has been a decrease in violent crime and an increase in property crime in Port patrolled areas.
 - iv. The Port welcomed the “Benjamin Franklin”, the largest container ship to ever call in North America, to the Port on December 26, 2016. It was a test run for the Harbor to see if it can handle the vessel on a regular basis.
 - v. Chief Gazsi, commented that they are PORT police not LAPD. However, they work closely with LAPD.
 - vi. The Port police are hiring. The Port strategic plan calls for five officers to be hired this year, and three to five more in following years.
 - vii. The Port police are responsible for the Port waterways in and around the Port in conjunction with the Coast Guard. For the most part their operations are inside the breakwater.
 - viii. Board member Laurie Jacobs asked who is responsible for notifying the community in the case of a hazmat situation. They are part of the Notify LA alert system.
- b. **LAPD:** Report from Senior Lead Officer Lopez, filling in for vacationing Officer Bravo:
- i. Property crime in the area, particularly burglary from motor vehicles, is up. There were 16 reported incidents, of those 10 were from unlocked vehicles.
 - ii. Burglaries were also high in the last month.
 - iii. The Senior Lead Officers are going to start taking a couple of days per rotation for crime suppression. They are going to saturate a designated area to target property crime.
 - iv. Board member Pete Burmeister asked about dealing with the marijuana dispensaries. Officer Lopez suggested that perhaps the person in the City Attorney’s office who deals with the marijuana dispensaries could come to a meeting to give them more information on the issue.
 - v. Board member Chris Valle asked if there was any interest in the marijuana dispensaries at the Federal level. Officer Lopez did not know.
- c. CPAB report – Craig Goldfarb – no report.

4. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. Superintendent Chris Downing, subject: Christensen Science Center.
- i. It costs approximately \$400,000 annually to run the center. He commented that LAUSD is facing a deficit for the upcoming fiscal year budget and declining use. Accordingly, it is very likely that the center will be closed.
 - ii. The animals at the center were all relocated to other facilities for proper care. Some to New Life Animal Sanctuary in Lake Elsinore, and some to Carson and Narbonne High Schools.
 - iii. In December he met with some leaders in the community including, Diana Nave, Chuck Hart, Larry Nelms, LAUSD Board member, Nancy Ceballos, Dr. Richard Vladovic’s Deputy Chief of Staff, and Albert Grazioli, Director, Facilities Asset Development. They will be developing ideas for alternative uses for the property. They will seek input from the community during the process.
 - iv. Some of the comments expressed by Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
 - I. We feel that the community and NC’s are not being accessed for their input.
 - II. We want to be sure that at future planning meetings a representative from the neighborhood council be included.
 - III. It is a mistake to close such a valuable science resource.
 - IV. The community felt very powerless through the process to this point.
 - V. Has LAUSD reached out to other organizations to run the facility?
 - VI. LAUSD could find the funding if they wanted to.
 - VII. The RFP process was so overly onerous that it was basically impossible for another organization to come in.

- VIII. If LAUSD would actually allow the community to be activity involved it might make a difference.
- IX. The center is important as it is also used for teacher training in science.
- X. LAUSD came to the community AFTER the animals were already gone and it seems like the closure is a done deal.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Chuck Hart commented that there are trees that need trimming at Westmont and Amelia. There are four trees growing into the street and blocking the sidewalk. It is an unsafe situation. He asked Councilman Buscaino office, they visited the site, but were unable to get the trees trimmed. He passed around photos of the site.
- b. John Stammreich from the San Pedro Elks Lodge, commented that membership is down from 3,000 to 1,700. He thanked the board and community for its continued support. They are going to rebuild. They are working with the insurance company, the architect and the contractor, to get everything finalized.

6. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of December 2015 minutes.
- b. Remove Peter Burmeister from Planning and Land Use Committee. (This item removed from the consent calendar by President Ray Regalado for consideration).
- c. Approve letter composed by Planning and Land Use Committee to IStar asking that priority be given to completing the road to Mary Star. Letter reads as follows:

*iStar
Heather S. Pearce, Project Manager
4350 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 225
Newport Beach, CA 92660*

The NWSPNC has been told that iStar is still waiting for its grading permit for the Ponte Vista site but we have not been informed of the underlying issues that have delayed the permit.

Unfortunately the community continues to be impacted by the lack of progress. Of particular significance is the Mary Star ingress and egress traffic issue through the Taper Avenue neighborhood that was to be mitigated by the proposed road to that campus from Western Avenue.

As a temporary traffic mitigation, iStar committed to providing the much appreciated traffic control officer at the intersection of Taper Avenue and Westmont Drive. To reaffirm Ponte Vista's commitment to being a good neighbor, the NWSPNC respectfully requests that iStar prioritize the construction of the road to Mary Star High School as soon as feasibly possible within the grading and infrastructure process.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Motion by Bob Bryant to approve items a. and c. of the consent calendar (item b. was removed), seconded by Chris Valle, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 ineligible (Burmeister), 1 out of room (Valdez).

7. Committee Reports and Motions

- a. **Community Vision Committee** – No Report.
- b. **Port Committee** – Report – Phil Nicolay
 - i. Presentation and discussion of updated letter to Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles from prior meeting: The following letter was presented for approval:

We support the Port's effort to secure funding from additional sources to support community and infrastructure projects. The expansion of Sampson Way in San Pedro is part of the community projects and overall development of the Port's O Call area. The total project cost is estimated to be \$13.6 million with construction starting later this year. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority authorized \$4.9 million in funding for the Sampson Way Realignment Project. It is our interpretation of the Port's

waterfront investment policy that outside funding will not be considered as an offset to the \$100 million that the Port has committed for public access waterfront projects over the next five years. Accordingly, there is \$4.9 million in budgeted funds available for other community waterfront projects.

Our Neighborhood Council and Port Committee looks forward to working with the Port in identifying potential projects that could benefit from the additional \$4.9 million that is available.

Sincerely,

Motion by Craig Goldfarb to approve letter to Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles, seconded by Peter Burmeister, and passed with 11 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 ineligible (Burmeister).

- ii. Presentation and discussion of pending resolution regarding light issues at the Port: This item was held until next month.
- iii. Mr. Nicolay requested that Craig Goldfarb be formally added to the Port committee. This item will be added to next month's consent calendar.
- c. **Elections and By-laws Committee** – Scott Allman/Diana Nave
 - i. Kristina Smith, the Independent Election Administrator (IEA) for Region 12 talked about her position with Empower LA and the City Clerk's office. The IEA maintains authority and responsibility for the administration of the election.
 - ii. Northwest's election is June 11, 2016. Candidate registration begins on February 27, 2016 and closes on April 12, 2016. Candidate registration is done online, though it is possible to register manually. Candidates will be vetted by the City Clerk's office. There is a video on the Empower LA website explaining the responsibilities of being a neighborhood council board member.
 - iii. This year 35 councils will have on line voting, Northwest is not one of those 35.
 - iv. The community can volunteer to assist at the polls for the NC Elections.
- d. **Sustainability Committee** – Report – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Discuss and consider approval of line item budget for Rain Barrel Giveaway event to be hosted on February 28, 2016, in the Peck Park parking lot. There is a partnership between the Tree People and Rain Barrels International to sell barrels at a discount, and LADWP offers a rebate. The price will be \$85 and the DWP offers a rebate of up to \$100 on four rain barrels, so one barrel would end up being free. Through the give a way they are hoping to get at least 30 people signed up for a free training the Tree People offers. People must register, and purchase, for the give a way in advance. The following budget for the event was presented:

• Printing for FAQ flyers	\$100
• Promotional stickers with NWSPNC logo	\$300
• Post cards advertising the event	\$150
• Social media boosts	\$ 50
TOTAL not to exceed	\$600

Motion by Darlene Zavalney to approve Rain Barrel Giveaway event budget and move unspent \$385 from the Outreach Movie in the Park event to the Sustainability Rain Barrel Giveaway event, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 2 ineligible (Burmeister and DiMeglao).

- e. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. Board member Bob Bryant commented that the deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is the end of January. He asked that Committees please check their mission statements. He would also like to have a list from each committee of future projects.

- ii. Linda Alexander commented at the meeting that Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council had great success sending out post cards for election outreach.
- iii. Empower LA is having a training on the Nation Builder program at the San Pedro Public Library on January 28, 2016. Nation Builder can be used for outreach.
- iv. The committee also discussed possibly creating a new logo for the council.
- v. A reminder to all that the deadline for NPG's is the end of January. Please get the word out.

f. Planning and Land Use Committee report – Lee Williams

- i. The Planning and Land Use Committee discussed possible community beautification projects at several locations. To see the full written report please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/NWSPNC-PLUM-Committee-Rpt-dec.pdf>.
- ii. Consider letter requesting Target increase the cleaning of their property: The following letter was presented for approval:

*Manager, Target San Pedro
1701 N. Gaffey, San Pedro, CA 90731*

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council worked with Target's representatives to develop plans that we could support for the construction of the store at 1701 N. Gaffey. The store has been a good addition to our community.

One of the conditions (number 17) of the approval by the City stated: "The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control." We are writing to request that your store regularly clean the perimeter of your property along both Gaffey and Capitol. The edges are frequently filled with trash and other litter. Additionally, we are requesting that the entryway to the store itself be cleaned more frequently, at least daily. We often encounter gum on the ground along with various forms of litter as we enter and exit the store. Additionally the area has become stained from spilled beverages. This does not make for the pleasant shopping experience that Target prides itself on.

*Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,*

Motion from committee, passed with 11 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 ineligible (Burmeister).

- iii. Discuss and consider approval of letter to METRO requesting change to Net Toll Reinvestment Guidelines: The following letter was presented for approval.

Metropolitan Transit Authority

METRO EXPRESS LANES NET TOLL REVENUE REINVESTMENT GUIDELINES

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that the definition of the I-110 Corridor as discussed in the Net Toll Revenue Guidelines be expanded to include the 110 Freeway from its inception in San Pedro on the south to Adams Boulevard on the north.

The users of the freeway who have paid the tolls and thus contributed to the funds that are being distributed under these guidelines include the residents of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City and Harbor Gateway as well as the residents north of the Harbor Gateway Transit Center and thus deserve to benefit from the enhancements that will be funded .

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Motion from committee, passed with 11 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 ineligible (Burmeister).

- iv. Discuss and consider resolution regarding Unapproved Dwelling Units Ordinance. Motion by Craig Goldfarb to table the resolution regarding Unapproved Dwelling Units Ordinance, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 9 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, and Zavalney), 2 no (Jacobs and Williams), 0 abstention(s), 1 ineligible (Burmeister).
- g. **Public Safety Committee** – Report – Cynthia Gonyea
 - i. There will be a CERT class at Peck Park starting on March 2, 2016, for seven consecutive Wednesdays, to April 13, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
 - ii. For next month's agenda the committee will submit a funding request for \$250 with a detailed budget for water and snacks.
- h. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Discuss and consider approval of December, 2015 Expenditure Report. Motion from committee to approve the December 2015 Expenditure Report passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 2 ineligible (Burmeister and DiMeglao).
 - ii. Discuss and consider approval of 2015-2016 budget amendments through the month of December, 2015.
 - Motion by Bob Bryant to approve moving \$1,262 from the line item titled "Outreach Events," to the line item titled "Lloyd Staffing" in the 2016-2016 Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council budget, seconded by Lee Williams, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 2 ineligible (Burmeister and DiMeglao).
 - Motion by Lee Williams to approve moving \$250 from the line item titled "Outreach Events," to the line item titled "Sustainability Committee Outreach Materials" in the 2016-2016 Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council budget, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 2 ineligible (Burmeister and DiMeglao).
 - Motion by Lee Williams to approve moving \$100 from the line item titled "Office Equipment and Supplies," to the line item titled "Reed Printing" in the 2016-2016 Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council budget, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 2 ineligible (Burmeister and DiMeglao).
 - Motion by Lee Williams to approve reimbursing Board member Darlene Zavalney in the amount of \$148.09 for arts and crafts materials purchased for the 2015 Weymouth Corners' Candy Cane Lane Event, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 2 ineligible (Burmeister and DiMeglao).
 - Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the amended 2015-2016 budget, seconded by Lee Williams, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Regalado, Schach, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 2 ineligible (Burmeister and DiMeglao).

i. **Executive Committee** – Report – Ray Regalado

- i. Committees that are almost dormant need to revive. The board needs written reports from committee meetings. Committees need to meet, and stick to their designated dates and times. They need to be sure that their meeting schedule doesn't conflict with other committee meetings.

8. HANC Report – The written HANC report was included in the board's agenda packet and will be available on the NWSPNC website.

9. Other Reports

- a. **Budget Representative's Report** – Craig Goldfarb – no report.
- b. Board member Laurie Jacobs announced that there is a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, from 6:00 to 7:30pm, in room 426, at San Pedro City Hall. The Pathways event is on May 14, 2016 and they need volunteers.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be February 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC