



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

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum with 12 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 22 stakeholders in attendance

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Absent
Rogelio Cuevas	Absent
Matthew DiMeglao	Present
Dan Dixon	Absent
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Excused
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Excused
Michael Puliselich	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Present left at 8:30 pm
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present arrived at 6:10 pm
Christian Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. Public Official Reports:

- a. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Valdivia's Director of Communications John Larson**
 - i. Mr. Larson, announced that LAUSD has a Promise Agreement with Cal State Dominguez Hills for all eligible students who matriculate or graduate from LAUSD local district south schools.
- b. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office.** San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided a written report. To view the full report please go to centralsanpedro.org or use the following link: <http://nwsanpedro.org/council-district-15-reports>. Some of the highlights are as follows:
 - i. High Park (formerly Ponte Vista) received their grading permits last week. Grading is scheduled to start this week.
 - ii. Mr. Ferguson covered legislative updates included in his written report. Including AB 1900, which authorizes the Judicial Council of California to manage the sale of the San Pedro Courthouse, at fair market value, and to give the County of Los Angeles the option to first purchase the property prior to it being offered to others. For a full list of legislative updates please see the report at the above link.
 - iii. Details of the sidewalk repair plan proposed by Buscaino and Krekorian can be viewed at the above link.
 - iv. The All Fit grand opening is Saturday, April 16, 2016 from, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.
 - v. Saturday April 30, 2016 is the Sharefest workday. To see a list of items the Councilman is involved in please see the written report at the above link.

- vi. The annual San Pedro Shred: Festival of Skate will be on Sunday, June 5, 2016. Save the date.

3. First Responder's Report

- a. New Harbor Area Station Commander, Capt. Oreb, was not able to attend.
- b. **LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Bravo**
 - i. Knock, knock or distraction burglaries continue to be a problem.
 - ii. While passing out flyers along Gaffey LAPD checked vehicles and found 16 unlocked vehicles. LAPD sells the Club anti-theft device at the station for \$25.
- c. **CPAB report – Craig Goldfarb** – No report.

4. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. Garrick Monaghan, Campaign Organizer for the organization Environment California
 - i. They are a statewide citizen funded advocacy group.
 - ii. They want Los Angeles to be a leader in use of solar power.
 - iii. The three primary reasons they believe solar power makes sense for Los Angeles are; it's better for our environment, it's better for our health and it's better for our economy.
 - iv. Also the use of fossil fuels contributes to climate change and poor air quality.
- b. Discuss Mayor's DWP Reform Principles
 - i. Neighborhood Councils were asked by the Mayor's office to have discuss the Mayor's DWP Reform Principles.
 - ii. The representative from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was not present.

5. Presidents Report – Ray Regalado

- a. Homeless Task Force Overview
 - i. The task force is due to hold their last meeting in a few weeks.
 - ii. They are looking at options of how to address the number of homeless people on the streets, and to have resources available to them.
 - iii. One of the options being considered is to find a property for storage. Perhaps in the future have hygiene available, such as showers and laundry facilities.
 - iv. They are looking at best practices that are working in other areas.
 - v. Task force member John Larson commented that the Mayor's plan wants to centralize the way the City deals with homeless people, to get everyone who works with the homeless to communicate with each other. The Coordinated Entry System is key to this goal.
- b. Senator Hall Community Forum Overview
 - i. The Senator wanted to find how emergency issues would be addressed and how the community would be able to recover.
 - ii. Neighborhood Councils were asked to address community concerns related to Rancho LPG.
 - iii. How would first responders address any emergency issues in and around the port, including Rancho LPG.
 - iv. There are resources and safety plans in place, including coordination between first responders, to make sure all safety issues are looked at and considered.
 - v. Senator Hall requested that first responders share the information on the plans with the community.
 - vi. Three possible scenarios considered to address the tanks at Rancho LPG are:
 - I. Bury the tanks.
 - II. Build a blast wall on the Gaffey Street side.
 - III. Consider moving the tanks out of the area.
 - vii. The Senator wants to have continued dialogue on the issue.
 - viii. Ron Conrow, Western District Manager at Plains LPG Services, made the following comments:
 - I. The meeting was not supposed to be a hearing on Rancho LPG per the original posting.
 - II. The posting was amended the day before the event.

- III. He did answer the issue of burying the tanks at the meeting. The mean sea level is too low.
- IV. A blast wall would also be impractical.
- V. Moving the facility as it relates to transporting the materials instead of storing them would, by his calculations, add 18,000 rail cars.
- ix. Some board member and stakeholder concerns are as follows:
 - I. Board member Darlene Zavalney asked if the facility has been earthquake retro fitted.
 - II. Board member Laurie Jacobs commented that she believes that the facility is in compliance with current regulations, however, current regulations are not sufficient. They are asking that regulations be brought up to current needs and conditions.
 - III. Board member Craig Goldfarb commented that there are other tanks and refineries in the area and no one seems to talk about those.
 - IV. A stakeholder asked if insurance for recovery from an accident has been addressed at the state level.
 - V. Stakeholder Chuck Hart ask if it would be possible to conduct a real life exercise to see if the plans in place will actually work.

6. Other Reports

- a. Science Center Report – Chris Valle
 - i. They have had a number of focus group meetings with NC and LAUSD representatives to discuss the current status, the near future, and the potential for the center.
 - ii. The property is not being sold.
 - iii. LAUSD has said that a charter school is not an option. They are not interested in privatizing the site in any way.
 - iv. There is a \$400,000 budget line item for the facility and LAUSD is not interested in funding the center anymore in its current form.
 - v. They want to reconfigure the site so that it contributes revenue to it's up keep.
 - vi. At the second meeting LAUSD presented options.
 - vii. One option is to have a STEAM/STEM magnet school for grades six through eight.
 - viii. Board member Lee Williams commented that for the next focus group they still need one teacher for each grade level.
 - ix. The next meeting is likely to be Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 3:30 pm Olguin campus.

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Cyndy Zuzga commented that she is running for superior court judgeship #42. She gave a brief overview of her experience.
- b. Michael Stumpf commented that the left turn red arrow from Western Avenue south onto Weymouth is timed very badly causing traffic to back up.
- c. Tony Mercadaunte commented that property owners need more high definition security cameras. He requested additional security cameras from the HOA at his condo complex. The HOA was not responsive to his request.

8. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of March minutes.
- b. Add Jeri Hawkins as the Vice Chair of Youth & Outreach.
- c. Consider motion to draft a letter to the Port requesting that once the Public Market is built and the Sampson Way Realignment completed, the red car be extended at least to the fanfare fountain and that a plan be developed for further expansion after that.

Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the consent calendar, seconded by George Thompson, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, DeMeglao, Goldfarb, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

9. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. Community Vision Committee – Report – Dan Dixon – not present.

- b. Port Committee – Report – Phil Nicolay
 - i. The Port lost in court related to the proposed rail yard. The court ruled that the EIR was insufficient.
 - ii. The Port’s 2016/2017 budget will be published this week.
- c. Elections and By-laws Committee – Dave Rivera/Kristina Smith, IEA
 - i. The deadline for candidate applications is April 12, 2016. The deadline to submit documentation is April 15, 2016.
 - ii. The selection is, Saturday, June 11, 2016, at Peck Park, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- d. Sustainability Committee – Report – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Please see the full written report at <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Green-Committee-Report-3-15-16.pdf>.
 - ii. Discuss and consider motion affirming that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will no longer supply single-use plastic water bottles at its meetings and events whenever possible.

In an effort to be responsible to the environment, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will, *whenever possible*, no longer supply single-use, plastic water bottles at its meetings and events.

Motion by Laurie Jacobs to amend the motion as noted above, seconded by Chris Valle, and passed with 11 yes (Bryant, DeMeglao, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Goldfarb).

Motion from committee as amended, and passed with 10 yes (DeMeglao, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 2 no (Bryant and Goldfarb), 0 abstention(s).

- e. Youth and Outreach Committee – Report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. Please see the full written report at <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Meeting-Minutes-April-5-2016-1.pdf>.
- f. Planning and Land Use Committee report – Lee Williams
 - i. Please see the full written report at <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/NWSPNC-PLUM-Committee-Rpt-march.pdf>.
 - ii. Consider Motion to set aside \$500 from the Beautification funds in a drawn down account for Beacon House for Community Clean up. *Allocate \$500 maximum to be spent towards Beacon House to provide for clean up between Channel and Anaheim on Gaffey.*

Motion by Lee Williams to amend the motion as noted above, seconded by Laurie Jacobs, and passed with 10 yes (Goldfarb, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Bryant), and 1 not eligible (DeMeglao).

Motion from committee as amended, and passed with 10 yes (Goldfarb, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Bryant), and 1 not eligible (DeMeglao).

- g. Public Safety Committee Report – Bob Garcia
 - i. Discuss upcoming Neighborhood Watch and promote establishing new groups.
 - I. Mr. Garcia gave a brief overview of the history of the neighborhood watch movement.
 - II. He discussed neighborhood watch meetings and some of the subjects he covers at his meetings.
 - ii. CPAB – Craig Goldfarb – no report.

- h. Budget and Finance – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Consider approval of expenditure report for the month of March. **Motion by George Thompson to approve the expenditure report for the month of March, seconded by Lee Williams, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 not eligible (DeMeglao), and 1 left meeting early (Schach).**
 - ii. Consider approval of budget as updated through the month of March. **Motion by George Thompson to approve the budget as updated through the month of March, seconded by Lee Williams, and passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Goldfarb, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 not eligible (DeMeglao), and 1 left meeting early (Schach).**
 - iii. Review and discuss unallocated funds for the remainder of the 2015-2016 budget year.

10. HANC Report – Diana Nave – no present.

- a. Please see the full written report at <http://nwsanpedro.org/harbor-alliance-of-neighborhood-councils/>.

11. Other Reports

- a. Pathways to Employment update – Laurie Jacobs - Item skipped due to time constraints.

12. Announcements/Future Agenda Items: None

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be May 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC