



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Board & Stakeholder Meeting – May 9, 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 15 board members. See list below for board member attendance.
 Approximately 35 stakeholders in attendance

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Excused
Rogelio Cuevas	Absent
Matthew DiMeglao	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Michael Puliselich	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Christian Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
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 meetings are Thursday, May 19th, at the Port Administration building, at 8:30 am and Thursday, June 2nd, at Banning’s Landing at 6:00 pm.
- ii. The approval of the permit between the Port and San Pedro Public Market, LLC is expected to go before the Harbor Commissioners for approval at the May 19th meeting. If approved, it will then go to the City Council for approval.
- iii. Sampson way realignment project is due to start this summer.
- iv. The boat tenants in the San Pedro Marina in front of Acapulco restaurant have been given notice to vacate by the end of April so the area can be cleared for the future Promenade project.
- v. The Port has leased two additional rubber tire trolleys and the PBID will administrate the extended routes and schedules.
- vi. The Port is working with the Boy Scouts to develop a term sheet to begin negotiations on a new lease for the Boy Scout Camp.
- vii. The rail lines just north of Gaffey will have the lights and arms removed as these lines are no longer in use. The actual rails will remain.

viii. In 2008 there was an MOU with the State of California, The State Attorney's office, The Mayor's office and The Port, to reduce greenhouse gases in support of the Port's clean air action plan. Accordingly, they need to install solar panels around the Port. The Harbor Commissioners are concerned about the aesthetics of the panels. The issue will be considered at the May 19th Commissioners' meeting.

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](http://nwsanpedro.org/council-district-15-reports) or use the following link: <http://nwsanpedro.org/council-district-15-reports>. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- i. Mr. Ferguson thanked Janet Grothe from Phillips 66 for the 150 volunteers from all over the city that participated in the Sharefest workday.
- ii. High Park (formerly Ponte Vista) has begun grading.
- iii. 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. Mr. Ferguson was told that the County is proceeding with the purchasing the Courthouse from the state.
- iv. For a full list of legislative updates please see the report at the above link.
- v. The annual San Pedro Shred: Festival of Skate will be on Sunday, June 5, 2016. Save the date.

3. First Responder's Report

- a. **Port Police:** Officer Morales, Maritime Community Relations Officer
 - i. Officer Morales stressed water safety, for children in particular, as summer approaches.
 - ii. He gave a brief overview of crime statistics related to the Port and Harbor Department areas.

4. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. **New Harbor Area Station Commander Capt.** Mike Oreb introduced himself and talked about his goals for the area. –
 - i. Gave a brief overview of his history with LAPD.
 - ii. Discussed LAHSA homeless statistics for 2015 and the projected numbers for 2016.
 - iii. Why are homeless issues becoming so prevalent? Prison realignment is one reason and new laws and injunctions is another, for example Prop 47.
 - iv. What is he doing/changing? Bringing in systems to better monitor their deployment, having a daily crime meeting, and creating an accountability system in the division, mid and end of watch.
 - v. Some concerns of board members and stakeholders are as follows:
 - I. The still closed jail at Harbor Division.
 - II. Prop 47 statues and criteria.
 - III. Homeless population and issues in San Pedro.
- b. **Update on the Science Center by Superintendent Christopher Downing**
 - i. The focus group made several recommendations that Superintendent Downing incorporated into a PowerPoint presentation.
 - ii. The Science Center cost the district approximately \$400,000 annually. A school would generate income with attendance driven funding.
 - iii. The primary recommendation is to build a state of the art STEAM Magnet school for 450 students for grades 6 to 8.
 - iv. Superintendent Downing asked for the Board's support in the form of a letter, needed by the first week of June, and to attend LAUSD board meetings where this budget issue is on the agenda.
 - v. Responses to some concerns of board members and stakeholders included:
 - I. The facility would still function as a science center.

- II. The site would still be open to the community during non-school hours.
- III. They intend to keep the Community Gardens.
- IV. The feasibility of this proposed project would depend on whether the School Board approves it and then if the funds can be found in the LAUSD budget.
- V. A timeline has not yet been developed.
- VI. Bonnie Christensen announced that on June 4th, the first Saturday of the month, they are having a volunteer clean up day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the center.

5. Presidents Report – Ray Regalado

- a. Harbor Area, HANC/CD15 Retreat Overview
 - i. The focus of the retreat was how can neighborhood councils be more effective in working with city leadership and departments.
 - ii. All the NC's in CD15, with the exception of Watts, were represented.
 - iii. There is a high level of frustration when we try to get things done and it requires interacting with city leadership and departments. Particularly when trying to accomplish tasks in a timely manner.
 - iv. There were ten city departments invited and only four attended.
 - v. One of the outcomes is that HANC will do something like this, at the very least, once a year. To expand our relationship with city leadership and departments, so that each may be a recourse to each other.

6. Other Reports - None

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Janet Grothe of Phillips 66 got a call from Ray relaying concerns about a leak on tank 440 on Sunday at noon. It was not actually a leak, the facility was conducting the regular weekly test of the deluge system. Also, the dead trees on the fence line along Gaffey were scheduled to be cleaned up but this was delayed by illegally dumped yard waste. They hope to have it complete by the end of the month.
- b. Alice Sandoval, team captain, of the Holy Trinity neighborhood watch commented that they want to purchase neighborhood watch street signs and hope the council can provide funding to purchase them.

8. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of April 2016 minutes.
- b. Approve motion that NWSPNC send a letter to the Port requesting that the N. Gaffey Greenbelt be named in honor of John Greenwood.
- c. Appoint Pete Burmeister to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Motion by Bob Bryant to approve items B and C of the consent calendar, item A was removed, seconded by Laurie Jacobs, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

Motion by Craig Goldfarb to approve item A of the consent calendar, April 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 13 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Dixon and Nave).

9. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. Community Vision Committee – Report – Dan Dixon
 - i. Consider motion relative to Mayor's budget.

Motion Relating to City of Los Angeles 2016-2017 Budget

Whereas, the Mayor has called his 2016-2017 City Budget a “strong spending plan that is balanced and responsible”; and

Whereas, the \$5.6 billion plan includes \$138 million in spending to be dedicated to the homelessness crisis; and

Whereas, spending on the homelessness issue is tied to new tax proposals to be placed on the ballot by the City; and

Whereas, an assortment of additional taxes and fees are being contemplated at both the City and County level; and

Whereas, none of the contemplated “revenue enhancements” do anything to address the current budget shortfall or the looming and growing systemic shortfall in pension funding and other obligations; now

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls upon our elected representatives to take a breath, and resolve to fully inform citizens about the need for new taxes and fees, what they will be used for, and what steps we all need to be taking to prepare ourselves for looming future obligations with which the City has encumbered us. We can probably stand the truth, but we cannot stand not knowing the truth.

Motion from committee, and passed with 13 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Pulselich and Valle).

- ii. Consider motion relative to City support for Mental Health Reform Act.

Motion Relating to City Council Resolution Supporting the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016

Whereas, the Los Angeles City Council has placed itself on record through a resolution strongly supporting United States Senate Bill 2680, the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016, (Council File 15-0002-5163); and

Whereas, the resolution cites many issues facing the nation, states, and localities with reference to challenges of resources, availability of treatment and care, and the huge numbers of cases of mental illness, of which there is a full spectrum of type and severity; and

Whereas, the resolution posits that Senate Bill 2680 “would provide additional resources for states to meet the needs of those suffering from mental illness and would promote evidence-based practices to ensure that up-to-date approaches for treating mental illness are used”; and

*Whereas, “the bill would also establish a **new grant program** (emphasis added) to enhance coordination between emergency responders, health care providers, law enforcement, and courts to provide better care to patients in emergency situations”; and*

Whereas, the goals of the Senate Bill, now wending its way through Congress, are thoroughly laudable and worthy of support; now,

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to temper its enthusiasm with a close reading of any final bill that emerges. The City should seriously assess all offers of monies for moving forward with mental health care reform. This seems particularly important with respect to grant monies for programs or sub-programs that are ill-defined or restrictive in their usefulness to us at the City level, or whose lifespan is limited but may ensnare the city in financial responsibilities which may not be sustainable. We ask that the City Council and departments always remember their duty as good shepherds of the public coffers, and not “over-promise” ourselves based exclusively on Federal funds which may well have a limited lifespan.

The bill as currently written is more than 100 pages long. We all need to seriously inform ourselves as to its consequences, however it emerges from Congress.

Motion from committee, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

- b. **Port Committee** – Report – Phil Nicolay/Carlos Garcia
 - i. Responses from the Port on the August and February resolutions regarding funding were not in packet for review. They will be considered next month.
- c. **Elections and By-laws Committee** – Dave Rivera/ Diana Nave
 - i. Update and discuss this year's election.
 - ii. The selection is Saturday, June 11th, at Peck Park, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 - iii. There will be candidate forums at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm.
 - iv. They are looking for volunteers to pass out NW SP NC voter information and selection flyers at National Election polling sites on June 7th.
 - v. Consider support of CF 15-1022 re Stakeholder Definition.

Proposed Ordinance Regarding Stakeholder Definition

Position: Support If Amended

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is aware of the many challenges in the current community interest stakeholder definition and supports the proposed ordinance that would authorize the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to define the types and duration of contacts that constitute “substantial and ongoing participation”. The NWSPNC further requests that the proposed ordinance be amended to require the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to have significant consultation with the Neighborhood councils in the development of the definition.

Motion by Diana Nave to approve support of CF 15-1022 re Stakeholder Definition, seconded by George Thompson, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

- d. **Sustainability Committee** – Report – Sarah Valdez - No report.
- e. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. Consider motion to purchase promotional items, reusable plastic water bottles, with unallocated budget funds. Motion was initiated by Chris Valle and seconded by Laurie Jacobs. Motion passed unanimously. Motion from committee, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 1 no (Goldfarb), 0 abstention(s).
 - ii. Consider motion to fund NWSPNC Election Day community event in the sum of up to \$3,500. Motion was initiated by Bob Bryant and seconded by Chris Valle. The vote was unanimous. The budget comprises of:
 - I. City Stage Rental \$700.00
 - II. Band 400.00
 - III. P.A, System/Sound Person 300.00
 - IV. Food (Peck Park) 500.00
 - V. Printed Marketing Material 300.00
 - VI. Craft Supplies 200.00
 - VII. 144 Water Bottles 420.00
 - VIII. 150 Soft Flyers (Frisbee) 185.00
 - IX. Yard Signs 500.00

Motion by Diana Nave to amend the motion to state specifically that the funds are being reallocated to Elections as follows: \$1,593 from Outreach Events, \$630 from Outreach Promotional Items, \$600 from Outreach-Rain Barrel Giveaway Event, and

any remaining funds, seconded by Craig Goldfarb, and passed with 12 yes (Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Bryant and Schach) and 1 not eligible (DiMeglao).

Motion from committee as amended, and passed with 12 yes (Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Bryant and Schach) and 1 not eligible (DiMeglao).

- iii. Please see the full written report at <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Minutes-Joint-Election-outreach-may-2016.pdf>.

f. **Planning and Land Use Committee report** – Lee Williams

- i. Consider motion relative to proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance – CPC-2016-1245-CA.

Community Impact Statement: Second Dwelling Unit Ordinance

The NWSPNC opposes the proposed Second Dwelling Unit Ordinance unless amended.

We support the need to legitimize the units already constructed or under construction however, the ordinance should only apply to those units and not to future construction.

The draft Ordinance avoids the environmental considerations and planning steps that the City is entitled to do under the government code 65852.2 which allow the City to designate areas where second units may be permitted based on criteria that may include water and sewage and traffic concerns, among other things.

Rather than thoughtful application of the State Law, the proposed Ordinance blindly permits second dwelling units wherever property owners desire to build them in residential zones, whether the local schools, streets, water supply, sewage system can accommodate them. This undercuts the community plan process that we have participated in for many years and is not consistent with Goal 3A of general Plan: Preservation of the City's stable single-family residential neighborhoods.

While the grandfathering portion of the proposed ordinance may be subject to the "common sense" exemption of CEQA Guidelines, the same cannot be said for future construction.

Therefore, the NWSPNC requests that the Ordinance be amended to only apply to those units that are constructed or already under construction. Furthermore, we request that a moratorium be placed on additional construction of second dwelling unit until a new ordinance is adopted that would take into consideration impacts on infrastructure and the environment.

Motion by Diana Nave to approve motion relative to proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance – CPC-2016-1245-CA, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, DiMeglao, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

- ii. Consider motion regarding proposed cell tower at 1016 Via La Paz and Park Western Drive. Motion withdrawn.
- iii. The roses purchased by the council for Avril Park are being planted this week.
- iv. The next meeting is the third Wednesday of the month.
- v. Please see the full written report at <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/>.

- g. **Public Safety Committee Report** – Bob Garcia – Not present.
 - i. CPAB – Craig Goldfarb – No report.
- h. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Consider approval of expenditure report for the month of April. **Motion by Craig Goldfarb to approve the expenditure report for the month of April, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s) and 1 not eligible (DiMeglao).**
 - ii. Consider approval of budget as updated through the month of April. **Motion by Craig Goldfarb to approve the budget as updated through the month of April, and reallocations in item 9.e.ii, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Puliselich, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s) and 1 not eligible (DiMeglao).**
 - iii. Discuss status of \$3000 allocated for Mira Flores cleanup. If monies are not scheduled to be utilized, consider options for reallocation. Item postponed to next meeting.

10. HANC Report – Diana Nave

- a. The main topic of the meeting was training in how to file Community Impact Statements (CIS).
- b. The next HANC meeting is the first Wednesday in June. The main topic will be a follow up on the retreat.
- c. Please see the full written report at <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/>.

11. Other Reports

- a. Budget Representative's Report – Craig Goldfarb – None.
- b. Pathways to Employment update – Laurie Jacobs
 - i. The event is this Saturday, May 14, 2016. Please promote the event as much as possible.
 - ii. They still need volunteers.

12. Announcements/Future Agenda Items: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC