



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Board & Stakeholder Meeting – August 8, 2016
Peck Park Community Room
560 N. Western Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90731

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum with 17 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 28 stakeholders in attendance

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present arrived at 6:30 pm
Bron D’Angelo	Present
Matthew DiMeglao	Present
Carlos Garcia	Present
Dan Dixon	Present left at 7:15 pm
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Gwendolyn Henry	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Melanie Labrecque	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Steven Skrumbis	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Christian Valle	Present arrived 6:10 pm
Lee Williams	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. Public Official Reports:

- a. **Assemblyman Patrick O’Donnell** Field Representative Sarah Patterson
 - i. Ms. Patterson introduced herself and gave an overview of the Assemblyman and his background.
 - ii. She gave an overview of entities the Assemblyman’s staff can assist stakeholders with.
 - iii. President Ray Regalado commented that he would like to meet with her about getting the freeways in and around San Pedro cleaned up.
 - iv. Board member Bob Bryant wants Ms. Patterson to have regular hours at the office in San Pedro.
- b. **Port of Los Angeles** - unscheduled presentation on Fleet Week by Port of LA Senior Director of Communications, Arley Baker
 - i. Fleet Weeks are nationwide events.
 - ii. It will be a four day event from Friday September 2 through Labor Day Monday, September 5. The first ships are expected to start arriving August 30.
 - iii. The public may tour the visiting military ships. Reservations are required.
 - iv. There will be an Expo area in the temporary cruise baggage area.
 - v. PBID and the Chamber are planning a big First Thursday & Welcome Party event, including rolling out the blue carpet to the sailors.
 - vi. There will be a small scale air show with fly overs on a schedule.

- vii. There will be parking and shuttle service at the outer harbor, and PBID will have the trolleys working.
- viii. To view a video by the Port about the event go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnX8itwty_Q&index=1&list=PLnlXI2uQ2oImlSX5joduf479u9_IDmXZ2.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich
 - i. The next meetings of the Harbor Commissioners are Thursday, August 18, and September 1, at 8:30 am the Port Administration building.
 - ii. As the Port Community Affairs Advocate, if you have any issues related to the port you can bring them to him. He can help navigate the bureaucracy of the Port.
 - iii. The Port is actively negotiating with the Boy Scouts for a new lease for the Boy Scout Camp.
 - iv. There was a scoping meeting for the NOP the draft Valero MOTEM's EIR on August 3, at the Port Administration building, at 6pm. The draft EIR should be completed by the end of 2016.
 - v. At John S. and N. Gaffey at Channel Street on the China Shipping side there is a test well being drilled. If the water is found not to be good enough they will cap the well, if it is good they are planning to hook it to the municipal water supply.
 - vi. Front Street construction is still awaiting a start date.
 - vii. North Gaffey Street beautification is due to start in May of next year.
 - viii. Stakeholder Diana Nave asked if during Fleet Week there could be a shuttle running from Peck Park to the event.
 - ix. Board member Craig Goldfarb invited Mr. Bezmalinovich to come to the Port Committee meetings.
- d. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Valdovic:** John Larson, Director of Communication
 - i. The school year is about to start, Mr. Larson reminded everyone to drive carefully, particularly around schools,
 - ii. Superintendent Christopher Downing would like to be on the agenda for the September meeting to give an update on the future of Science Center.
 - iii. Board member Bob Bryant asked for clarification on the status of the Science Center. Mr. Larson responded that the LAUSD Board authorized bridge funding for this fiscal year. This means the site will be maintained in its current state and not shuttered.
 - iv. Any further questions should be held for Superintendent Downing at next month's meeting.

3. First Responder's Report

- a. **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Nua, filling in for Officer Bravo who is on vacation
 - i. Officer Nua gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the Northwest San Pedro area and reminded people not to leave valuables in your car and lock your car.
 - ii. Violent crime is up, mostly due to reclassification of crimes to part one crimes.
 - iii. LAPD is doing foot beats in Peck Park down in the brush after park closure related too homeless.
 - iv. Board member Bob Brant would like to have statistics on where the criminals are coming from.
- b. **CPAB:** Craig Goldfarb – There was no meeting last month.

4. Presentations/Conversations: No Presentations Have Been Scheduled This Month.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Christian Guzman, Central SP NC Board member is trying to create a Sustainability Committee and he would appreciate support for his motion.
- b. Mike Puliselich requested support from the Council for neighborhood watch signs and stickers as follows: 20 signs @ \$25 each and 80 stickers, for about \$580.
- c. Diana Nave commented on the Mayors Welcome Home Project. People can contribute to a basket that goes to a homeless person when they get into housing. The Mayor wants people to host parties to fill baskets. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a party at Ms. Nave's house at 1064 Via La Paz on Sunday August 28, from 2 – 4 pm.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of July minutes.
- b. Appoint Gwen Henry to the Sustainability Committee.
- c. Consider letter regarding condition of old Coco's on Western.

Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Sarah Valdez, and passed with 11 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Goldfarb, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Valdez, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Jacobs and Zavalney), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumis), 1 out of room (Gonyea), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).

7. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. Community Vision Committee – Report – Dan Dixon had to leave early.
- b. Port Committee – Report – Phil Nicolay
 - i. Discussion with the Port as to what is a relevant constructive comment.
 - ii. Discussion related to Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and how funds are allocated.
 - iii. Mr. Nicolay gave a brief overview of the China Shipping Settlement.
- c. Elections and By-laws Committee – Diana Nave – All Items postponed
 - i. Consider adding an Operating Rule related to speaking on behalf of the Neighborhood Council
 - ii. Consider a motion to amend the Bylaws as follows:
Amend Section 6.C “Other Election Related Language”: Youth Seat Appointment to read as follows:
 - I. Youth Seat Appointment. The Youth Seat shall be filled using the following procedures:
 - a. Eligibility requirements, application process, and deadline for application will be announced.
 - b. All applications received by the deadline shall be reviewed to determine if the candidates meet the youth seat requirements.
 - c. All qualified candidates shall be invited to give a brief presentation at the next Board Meeting.
 - d. Board members will select from among the qualified candidates by voice vote in accordance with Section 6E of these bylaws.
 - e. The term of office will be established in the standing rules.
 - II. Consider Amending the Standing Rules to Add a Rule regarding the term of office for the youth seat as follows:
 - a. “7. Youth Seat Term of Office. The term of office for the youth seat shall be from July 1 through June 30. In the event that the seat is not filled by June 30, the incumbent may continue until such time as the seat is filled.”
 - III. Consider Amending the Standing Rules to Add a rule regarding who can speak at City Council and Commission Meetings as follows:
 - a. “8. Speaking at City Council, City Commission, and City Committee Meetings. The President is authorized to speak at any City Council, City Commission, or City Committee Meeting on issues on which the Board has adopted a formal position. In the absence of the President, the Vice President or the Chair of the Committee that has developed the position, is authorized to speak. In the event that none of the above are available or want to speak, the President authorize someone else to make the presentation.
- d. Sustainability Committee – Report – Sarah Valdez
 - i. To view the full written report of the July 19 meeting please go to http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/SC_Minutes_July2016.pdf

- ii. They had a presentation by Nancy Shrodes from Heal the Bay on the water cycle in Los Angeles.
- iii. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 16, at 6pm, at San Pedro City Hall.
- e. Youth and Outreach Committee – Report – Chris Valle
 - i. Presentation of the Youth Community Service Award to Omar Bojorquez.
 - ii. Board member Bob Bryant commented that newsletter items are due by the end of August, but he would like to have items around the 15th to 20th.
 - iii. To view the full written report of the August 2 meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Meeting-Minutes-August-2-2016.pdf>
- f. Planning and Land Use Committee report – Diana Nave/Lee Williams – Report on meeting
 - i. Consider amending CIS on proposed billboard ordinance

NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Community Impact Statement

Proposed Ordinance Revising the Citywide Sign Regulations /Related Council Files, 11-1705, 08-2020, 11-0724, 12-1611

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports version B+ of the proposed sign ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015 if amended to remove the Port of Los Angeles and downtown San Pedro as potential sign districts. We commend the Planning Department and the Planning Commission for their continued efforts to reduce sign pollution in Los Angeles and respectfully request the removal of the Port of Los Angeles Plan and the San Pedro Regional Center from the designations at Tier I Sign Districts.

1. The removal of the Port of Los Angeles Plan from the designation as a Tier 1 Sign District

The Port of Los Angeles is very different from the Los Angeles International Airport and should not be treated in the same manner. The Port has worked diligently with the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington to beautify the waterfront and increase its attractiveness as a tourist designation. The primary drawing card for the Port is the view of the water not found elsewhere in Los Angeles. In fact, the Port has bought out billboards in order to take them down. The Port has committed \$200 million over the next ten years to the infrastructure improvements needed to make this a world-class waterfront and is in negotiations currently for the redevelopment of Ports O Call. Allowing the development of a sign district within the Port Plan area would be detrimental to these goals.

2. The development of a process whereby Communities with small “Regional Centers”, such as San Pedro and Wilmington, could be exempted from consideration as Tier 1 Districts.

The San Pedro “Regional Center” is a small historic downtown that could easily be overwhelmed by any sign district. For the most part its buildings are one and two stories tall. The Community Redevelopment Agency and the City Planning Department worked diligently to restore the historic elements and develop planning guidelines consistent with this vision. The resulting Downtown San Pedro Community Design Overlay District (ordinance 129,935) explicitly prohibits billboards:

Standard 14c: The following signs are prohibited: billboards, free-standing pole signs, banners, illuminated architectural canopy signs, inflatable devices, blinking or scrolling signs, canister wall or canister blade signs, and signs with vinyl letters.

Furthermore, a Greening Plan is currently underdevelopment to improve the aesthetics of downtown San Pedro. Billboards would be contrary to that plan.

3. Specifically, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the following:

- a) Disapprove any amnesty for billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.
- b) Disapprove the “grandfathering” of any sign districts that have been added to the ordinance since it was reviewed by CPC in 2009. Grandfathering weakens the City’s off-site sign ban and creates a confusing and unmanageable patchwork for enforcement.

- c) Disapprove any new process, including a Conditional Use Permit process to authorize construction or operation of digital off-site signs outside of sign districts. There should be no digital signs outside of sign districts. Restrict digital signs to areas zoned for high intensity commercial use and specifically exclude the Port of Los Angeles.
- d) Increase the takedown ratio of existing billboards in exchange for any new off-site signs in sign districts. Takedown should be no less than 5 square feet removed for every 1 square foot of traditional billboards erected and no less than 10 square foot removed of traditional billboards for every 1 square provided in addition to required takedowns, not instead of sign removal. foot of new digital billboards. Community benefits should be
- e) Only allow Billboard companies credit for removing permitted signs.
- f) Request that the City Attorney review all signs without permits and those altered in violation of their permits for enforcement action and compliance.
- g) Prohibit off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities and the Port of Los Angeles.
- h) Set administrative civil penalties for sign violators that will act as a real deterrent to illegal billboards and other signage.

In addition, billboard companies should be required to remove all of their unpermitted signs prior to erecting any new signs.

Finally, the City Council should increase funding to the Department of Building and Safety for the enforcement of the sign ordinance.

Substantive changes made to the ordinance since public hearings were held in 2009 have significantly weakened the ordinance as the outdoor advertising industry continues to lobby to further weaken the City's ability to reign in signage in Los Angeles. The changes approved by the Planning Commission in version B+ would assist in strengthening it.

Once billboards are erected it is very difficult to get them removed and communities cannot stop or attempt to regulate offensive, or unhealthful messages from being posted. Billboards are protected by First Amendment Free Speech rights. Messages for junk food, alcoholic beverages, violent images from films or television programs, etc. are all protected.

It is important that communities are able to have a voice in determining how any Sign Districts in their area are operated/regulated.

Motion from committee, and passed with 13 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Henry), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).

- ii. Consider amending CIS on Second Dwelling Units

**NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECOND DWELLING
UNIT (CF 14-0057-S8 and CF 16-0348)**

The NWSPNC opposes the proposed Second Dwelling Unit Ordinance.–We support the need to legitimize the second dwelling units already constructed or under construction however, it is our understanding that this can be done without repealing the existing standards. As written, the proposed ordinance would unilaterally override existing zoning and double the potential density of every single-family area in the City without regard to potential impacts on the environment, parking, public safety, traffic, infrastructure, and possible use as temporary rentals.

Furthermore, the draft Ordinance avoids the environmental considerations and planning steps that the City is entitled to do under the government code 65852.2 which allows 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 systems 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 the General Plan: Preservation of the City's stable single-family residential neighborhoods.

While the grandfathering portions 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 rejected. In the event that the City wants to make changes to the 1985 ordinance and 2003 Second Dwelling Unit Standards, significant opportunities for public discussion and input should be scheduled throughout the City. As part of this process a matrix should be prepared that shows the proposed exceptions to zoning and building and safety requirements.

Motion by Lee Williams to approve amending CIS on Second Dwelling Units, seconded by Bob Bryant, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Goldfarb, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Gonyea and Henry), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).

- iii. Consider motion to support the proposed development at 5th and Palos Verdes St. – concerns – parking, rental rates,

Motion by Craig Goldfarb to table motion, seconded by Bob Bryant, and failed with 2 yes (Goldfarb and Gonyea), 12 no (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 abstention(s), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).

Motion from committee, and passed with 9 yes (D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Williams, and Zavalney), 4 no (Bryant, Goldfarb, Gonyea, and Valle), 1 abstention(s) (Valdez), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).

Meeting recessed at 8:40 for Special Meeting and resumed at 8:45.

- g. Public Safety Committee Report – Bob Garcia – Not present.
- i. Stakeholders Charlie and Lynnette Shipp commented about graffiti on the exercise equipment at Harbor Highlands Park. They thought having a restroom in the park would be useful.
- h. Budget and Finance – Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer
- i. Consider approval of July 2016 expenditure report. Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve July 2016 expenditure report, second by Bob Bryant, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Valdez), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), 1 out of room (Goldfarb), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).
- ii. Consider approval of budget as updated through the month of July 2016. Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve budget as updated through the month of July 2016, second by Darlene Zavalney, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Valdez), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), 1 out of room (Goldfarb), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).
- iii. Consider motion to approve Budget for 2016-2017 Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve budget for 2016-2017, second by Lee Williams, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Valdez), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), 1 out of room (Goldfarb), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).
- iv. Consider motion for Name badges and plates expenditure for \$450 Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve the purchase of Badges and Name plates expenditure for \$450, second by Darlene Zavalney, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle,

Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Valdez), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), 1 out of room (Goldfarb), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).

- v. Consider motion to pay Invoice for Name badges Invoice #27569-6081 to Johns Graphics for \$389.39 Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve paying Invoice for name badges Invoice #27569-6081 to Johns Graphics for \$389.39, second by Bron D'Angelo, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Valdez), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), 1 out of room (Goldfarb), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).
- vi. Consider motion for \$500 for Board Retreat expenditures. See Item 7h.vii. for vote on the specific amount.
- vii. Consider motion to pay Invoice #none to Jacaranda Gourmet Shop for \$468.70 and reimburse Laurie Jacobs \$25.91 for out of pocket expenses for NWSPNC retreat for a total of \$494.61 Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve paying Invoice #none to Jacaranda Gourmet Shop for \$468.70 and reimburse Laurie Jacobs \$25.91 for out of pocket expenses for NWSPNC retreat for a total of \$494.61, second by Gwen Henry, and passed with 12 yes (Bryant, D'Angelo, DiMeglao, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Valdez), 2 not eligible (Burmeister and Skrumbis), 1 out of room (Goldfarb), and 1 left meeting early (Dixon).
- i. Executive Committee – Report – Ray Regalado
 - i. August 6, 2016 Retreat from 10am until 2pm.
 - i. The retreat went very well.

8. HANC Report – Ray Regalado – HANC Meeting Consisted of Empower LA Town hall Conducted by Grayce Liu and Octaviano Rios.

- a. DONE conducted a survey and quality assessment of DONE.
- b. The issues with this year's election/selection process was discussed.
- c. The DONE newsletter included an article related to voter turnout at another San Pedro NC.

9. Other Reports

- a. Budget Representative's Report – Craig Goldfarb
 - i. Budget Advocate Craig Goldfarb requested more time to report on the annual Budget Day at next month's meeting as the event covered a lot of information.
 - ii. Board member Sarah Valdez commented that the presentations were very informative. One in particular was that METRO wants voters to approve a ½ cent increase in the sales tax that would take effect in 2040, which is when the current approved ½ cent tax expires. They say this will give them the ability to plan long term.
 - iii. Board member Melanie Labrecque commented that she found the event very informative. She commented that it would be good if they could have someone come to the October meeting to speak about November ballot issues.

10. Announcements/Future Agenda Items: None

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting will be September 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC