



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Board & Stakeholder Meeting – October 10, 2016
 LAPD Harbor Area Station, Community Room
 2175 John S Gibson Blvd.
 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 16 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Bron D'Angelo	Present
Matthew Dimeglio	Present
Carlos Garcia	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Excused
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Gwendolyn Henry	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present left at 9:00 pm
Melanie Labrecque	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Steven Skrumbis	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Christian Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. **Public Official Reports:**

- a. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Octoviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate
- i. After Neighborhood Council elections/selections a report was shared with the public, 43% of NC board members are women. On October 27, the Getty House Foundation (residence of the Mayor) is hosting a Women's Leadership Series.
 - ii. They want each NC to have homeless liaison. Laurie Jacobs is the homeless liaison for Northwest San Pedro NC.
 - iii. On October 25, at 6:00 pm, at Kaiser, DONE is having funding training.
 - iv. Mr. Rios thanked Laurie Jacobs and Sarah Valdez for volunteering at Wilmington NC selections.
 - v. He passed out copies of the Northwest San Pedro NC's monthly neighborhood profile from DONE.
 - vi. Board member Carlos Garcia asked Octaviano if we, as individual board members, have legal counsel. Mr. Rios responded that yes you do.
 - vii. Board member Laurie Jacobs commented that she was not able to attend last month's Congress of Neighborhoods and asked if they will post videos on line of the workshops?
- b. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Valdovic:** John Larson, Director of Communication

- i. A compromise for the start date of the school year was reached. The 2017/2018 school year will start on August 21, and the 2018-2019 school year will begin on August 28. First semester will end to coincide with the start of winter break.
- c. **Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell's Office** – Field Deputy Sarah Patterson
 - i. They are working on the bridge signage requested by President Regalado. CalTrans does not own the bridge or the construction on the bridge, so they do not have information on the construction. Also, the electronic signs are not able to give enough information. They did try them during the first six months and found it was not helpful.
 - ii. Board member Carlos Garcia asked for an update on cleanup along the 110 Freeway. Ms. Paterson said it has been submitted to CalTrans and is in their process, which is honestly a very long process. It is to be put in their periodic rotation for cleaning.
 - iii. Board member Melanie Labrecque stated that a lot of cleanup along the freeway is being done by community members.
- d. **Barton Hill Elementary School Principal** – Michael Pile
 - i. They need technology. Students need tablets to do better on testing, as they are required to type for testing. They also need tutoring.
 - ii. They are concerned about safety relative to the proposed Storage/Navigation Facility. They already dealing with violent crime and traffic. They have no off-street parking, so safety in the neighborhood is a concern. The corner O'Farrell and Pacific Avenue is very active with people doing who knows what.
 - iii. Board member Lee Williams asked for technology, do they need manpower or hardware? Principal Pile responded they need both.
 - iv. Board member Laurie Jacobs has a contact that may be able to help with tutoring.

3. First Responder's Report

- a. **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Bravo
 - i. Officer Bravo 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. Officer Bravo provided a map delineating what area each Senior Lead Officer for San Pedro, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City and Wilmington are responsible for.
 - iii. Board member Laurie Jacobs asked if they would do extra patrols of Peck Park the night of Movie at the Park.
 - iv. **Public Comment on Proposed Storage/Navigation Center**
 - I. Stakeholder Melanie Labrecque commented that an involuntary storage unit is being proposed at 1400 N. Gaffey. She checked zoning, and she noticed that the site is quite large, she wants clarification about exactly what part of the site is being proposed for use for storage. Chrysalis is involved and they will also be offering services. What will it do to the Harbor Highlands community across the street. She is concerned about the lack of transparency, why was this not brought to the neighborhood council.
 - II. Stakeholder Bob Bryant commented that they did not come to us, the community, at all. He finds it very offensive that the NC has not been approached for input or approval on such a project in our area. He is disappointed in the leadership from our Councilman, that he can go off on his own without using us as a resource. This is exactly the kind of thing that NC's are meant to be a resource for.
 - III. Stakeholder Pete Burmeister commented that the Harbor Highland community is against that location as there is a Park and an Elementary school close by. This should have come before the NC first and it did not.
- b. **CPAB** – Craig Goldfarb – Not Present

4. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. How well do you Know the Flow? Heal the Bay will present on the water cycle in Los Angeles, the current drought crisis, and what Angelenos can do to conserve water. – Nancy Shrodes
 - i. Ms. Shrodes provided a visual presentation on water literacy, so people know what's going on.
 - ii. Obviously, water is an extremely valuable resource, and in California it is literally a human right. In 2012 Governor Brown signed it into law that access to clean and healthy water is a human right for Californians.
 - iii. 97% of the water on earth is salt water, most of the remaining 3% is stored in ice. Water available for use is less than 1% and even less than that is potable.

- iv. There is only 2% ground water here in Los Angeles, and a lot of that is contaminated. 86% of our water comes from faraway through the aqueduct system.
- b. Measure M overview – Mark Derking, Metro
 - i. Mr. Derking provided a visual presentation on the details of Measure M.
 - ii. President Regalado commented that on the Map he did not see much that will benefit San Pedro in the transit plan.
 - iii. Board member Bob Bryant commented that when Metro built the Blue Line we were told that the harbor area would be getting lite rail in the next 20 years, that has gone by and now you are telling us that for the next 40 years we are still not going to get anything. Also, sales tax is a burden on the poor. He is disappointed that Metro has again not addressed the needs of the harbor area and there is still no service.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Janet Grothe from Phillips 66 announced the Smiling Jack event, on Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.
- b. Chuck Hart commented that the Northwest San Pedro NC has been silent on the Rancho LPG issue. He wrote a letter asking for any information and/or documentation for the reason for the board's silence on the Rancho issue. He has not received an answer from either the NC or the City Attorney.
- c. Michael Stump commented that the left turn from Western to Weymouth is regulated by a red arrow light. He is asking for a yellow yield or red flashing light instead.
- d. Maria Couch with Barton Hill Pride Achievement, commented she recently learned about the proposed Storage/Navigation Center. She had general comments related to lack of transparency and lack of outreach to the community.
- e. Rudy Caseres commented that today is World Mental Health Day. People don't understand a lot about mental illness, we need to get to the root of the problem or these things are going to keep happening.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of September minutes.
- b. Approve the removal of Bob Bryant from Youth and Outreach Committee and appointing Mr. Bryant to Community Issues Committee.

Motion by Laurie Jacobs to the Consent Calendar, seconded by Gwen Henry, and passed with 16 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

7. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. Community Vision Committee – Report – Dan Dixon
 - i. Discuss and consider motion to the name of committee to Community Issues Committee. **Motion from committee, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
- b. Port Committee – Report – Phil Nicolay – Not present
 - i. Board member Carlos Garcia commented that this is an opportunity for the board to take ownership of these proposed projects.
 - ii. Discuss and consider motion suggesting two additional waterfront public access projects. Postponed.
 - iii. Discuss and consider motion suggesting a public observation deck in the area of the Maritime Museum. Postponed.
- c. Elections and By-laws Committee – Diana Nave – Not present
- d. Sustainability Committee – Report – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Discuss and consider motion to join Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. Item postponed for more information.
 - ii. They have received thirty-five, 55-gallon rain barrels from the city to give away. However, they are responsible for transporting, storing and getting conversion kits for the barrels. These issues need to be resolved before they can organize a giveaway.
 - iii. Carlos asked if the committee has contacted AltaSea to come give a presentation on their development plans.
 - iv. To view a written report of the latest meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/>.

- e. Youth and Outreach Committee – Report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. Discuss and consider motion to re-appoint Matthew as youth representative. **Motion from committee, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
 - ii. This year’s Movie at the Park will be ET on Saturday, October 22. She hopes everyone will come and interact with stakeholder and please take flyers and posters.
 - iii. To view the full written report of the latest meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes>.
- f. Planning and Land Use Committee report – Lee Williams – Report on meetings. To view the full written report of the latest meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes>.
 - i. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) came and spoke about Phase 1 of the Gaffey Street Implementation Plan for the Gaffey Great Street Program.
 - ii. They wrote a letter to the Port regarding the Naming Policy for the Port of LA.
 - iii. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 19, at 6:00 pm.
 - iv. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - I. Michael Stump commented they sent a letter and you could say yes or no to having a tree planted on your common area in front of your property. He responded no and they still planted a tree on his common area last Wednesday.
 - II. Veronica Bard commented about the Northwest San Pedro NC trying to turn their yard into a public park. She discovered this, not by the council or the land use committee reaching out to her and talking to her about the situation, but by doing a random Goggle search. She found meeting minutes going back more than a year discussing their property at 941 N. Meyler. She passed out background information to the board.
 - III. David Bard also commented regarding he and his wife’s property being the topic of discussion at Planning and Land Use Committee meetings as described above in item 7.f.iv.II. When it was discovered that the property was not park property the topic of easements was discussed. However, a Proscriptive Easement cannot simply be declared. Our property rights are ours. He is astonished that the solution to not having included my wife and I in the conversation is to propose action in open session which could require litigation against us as stakeholders.
 - IV. Stakeholder Laurie Jacobs commented that she and the Bard’s were neighbors for ten years prior to them purchasing the property at 941 N. Meyler. She too was unaware that the Northwest SP NC Planning and Land Use Committee was discussing their property. She is disturbed that the committee never contacted the Bard’s to include them in the discussion and fact finding, which is what should have been done. Had the committee done so they would have learned that indeed it was private property, that Building and Safety had already been to the property, and that the police had actually suggested that they build a fence due to an incidence of violence that occurred in their yard prior to the fence being erected.
 - V. Board member, and Planning and Land Use Committee member, Lee Williams commented that back in 2015 the committee was not discussing the property being a park or the fence. They were discussing their request to Parks and Rec regarding who was responsible for that property, as while on a walkthrough of canyon below their property there was trash and a homeless encampment. They were trying to determine who would be responsible for cleanup of these issues. That is what the committee was initially working on. There was never any intention to violate anyone’s property rights. There was never any voted on action by the committee and nothing ever brought before the board for action on the issue.
 - VI. There was further conversation between the Bard’s and the Board.
 - VII. President Regalado asked that the Planning and Land Use committee formally agendize a motion to the closure of this issue and then bring the motion to that effect to the entire board for a vote.
- g. Public Safety Committee – Report – Bob Garcia
 - i. They are hoping in November, in conjunction with Senior Lead Officer Bravo, to hold a fight or flight training for businesses at Peck Park.
 - ii. At the October 20, Community Police Advisory Board meeting, there will be a fight of flight training for home take over.

- iii. Board member Carlos Garcia asked if they could discuss the Barton Hill safety issues at a future meeting.
 - iv. Board member Cynthia Gonyea encouraged people to take a CERT class.
 - v. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 12, at 1000 N. Western Avenue, above Opus Bank, at 6:00 pm.
- h. Budget and Finance – Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer
- i. Consider approval of expenditure report (MER) for the month of September 2016. **Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve the expenditure report (MER) for the month of September 2016, seconded by Sarah Valdez, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
 - ii. Consider approval of budget as updated through the month of September 2016. **Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve the budget as updated through the month of September 2016, seconded by Matthew DiMeglao, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
 - iii. Need to inventory all items purchased with NC funds. Ms. Labrecque needs everyone to tell her what and where items are.
 - iv. Discuss and consider motion to provide funds, not to exceed \$500, for T-shirts to be worn by NC members volunteering to represent NC at Candy Cane Lane and Holiday Parade events. **Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve providing funds, not to exceed \$500, for T-shirts to be worn by NC members volunteering to represent NC at Candy Cane Lane and Holiday Parade events, seconded by Matthew DiMeglao, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
 - v. Discuss and consider motion to allocate \$500 for the Holiday Parade event. **Motion from committee and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
 - vi. Discuss and consider motion to allocate \$1000 for Candy Cane Lane event. **Motion from committee and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
 - vii. Discuss and consider motion to allocate no more than \$300 for the printing of business cards for NWSPNC board members. **Motion by Gwen Henry to approve allocating no more than \$300 for the printing of business cards for NWSPNC board members, seconded by Dan Dixon, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Jacobs).**
 - viii. When you need funding, and need projects done, you need to send the Funding Request Form to Budget and Finance. Then Budget and Finance will find the money and then put it on the board agenda for a vote.
 - ix. The next Budget and Finance meeting is Wednesday, November 9.
- i. Executive Committee – Report – Ray Regalado – Item deferred due to time constraints.

8. HANC Report – Ray Regalado – Item deferred due to time constraints.

9. Other Reports

- a. Budget Advocate and Representative's Report – Craig Goldfarb – Not present

10. Announcements/Future Agenda Items:

- a. Board member Darlene Zavalney announced that she has signup sheets for the Candy Cane Lane event and the Christmas Parade.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm. The next meeting will be November 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC