



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Board & Stakeholder Meeting – January 9, 2017
Peck Park Community Room
560 N. Western Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90731

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum with 15 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 Left at 7:30 pm
Craig Goldfarb	Absent
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Gwendolyn Henry	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Melanie Labrecque	Excused
Raymond Regalado	Present
Steven Skrumbis	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Christian Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. **Public Official Reports:**

- a. **Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell's Office** – Field Deputy Sarah Patterson

- i. The Port of Long Beach will be holding two community meetings for the proposed rail yard on January 11th at Silverado Park at 6:00 pm, and January 18th, at the Port administration building also at 6:00 pm.
 - ii. Assemblyman O'Donnell was reappointed chair of the Education Committee.
 - iii. The BOE and State Tax Board can do a no cost tax preparation event at Peck Park. She wants to know if it is something the board thinks would be useful for the community. It would be held near the end of February or beginning of March. It would be available to people from anywhere. The Assemblyman's office would manage the logistics and appointment scheduling. The board referred the idea to the youth and outreach committee.
 - iv. Ms. Patterson answered question from the board and stakeholders.

- b. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson

- i. Mr. 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 highlights follow.
 - ii. High Park update – The site grading and perimeter retaining walls are due to be complete in the next few weeks.
 - iii. The Peck Park Pool will be closed for at least a year for major repairs and renovation. The San Pedro High School Olguin campus pool open on weekends from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The

Dept. of Rec. and Parks will be holding a public meeting at the end of January or early February to discuss the renovations.

- iv. Harbor Highlands Park restroom update – The Dept. of Rec. and Parks will be holding a public meeting at the end of January or early February to discuss the new restroom building.
- v. The Lilyan Fierman Walkway ribbon cutting on will be at First Thursday, on February 2nd, at 5:00 pm.
- vi. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **LAUSD** – Local District, South, Superintendent Chris Downing – Christensen Science Center
 - i. The Focus group met again. The two organizations that had proposed to use the facility were unable to provide proof of the ability to fund their programs for a full five years.
 - ii. Accordingly, LAUSD has returned to the idea of having a STEAM magnet at the site.
 - iii. Mr. Downing would like a letter of support from all the area NCs to strengthen their position on the STEAM magnet proposal. He has a draft letter the council can use.
 - iv. Mr. Downing answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- d. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich – Not present
- e. **Mayor Garcetti** Field Representative Manny Lopez – Not present

3. First Responder's Report

- a. **CHP** Public Information Officer Simeon Yarbrough
 - i. Office Yarbrough discussed the jurisdiction of the California Highway Patrol in the area.
 - ii. Regarding homeless encampments, CHP refers the locations to CalTrans, then they go out with CalTrans after 72 hour notice and offer services to any individuals remaining in encampments. They also work with LAPD.
- b. **LAUSD** Detective Joseph Camello, LAUSD PD, Hate Crimes Coordinator
 - i. There have not been any incidents here in San Pedro.
 - ii. There have been a couple in San Fernando Valley, mostly phone calls with hate speak and threats, and vandalism.
- c. **LAPD** Senior Lead Officer Bravo – Had to respond to a call.
- d. **CPAB** – Craig Goldfarb – Not present

4. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. Port of Los Angeles Clean Air Action Plan – Tim DeMoss, Air Quality Supervisor
 - i. They have released a discussion document to solicit public comment. Public comments are due by February 24th, though they may extend the comment period.
 - ii. His presentation gave an overview of where the Port has been, where it is at, and where it is going.
 - iii. There is a public meeting on Tuesday, January 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Bannings Landing in Wilmington.
 - iv. Mr. DeMoss answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Allen Franz, from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy announced the following upcoming events:
 - i. On Sunday, January 22nd, the Warner Grand Theatre is screening the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, advance tickets are \$10, and \$15 at the door.
 - ii. On Saturday, February 18th, at the White Point Nature Preserve they are presenting a free presentation, 'Why Native Plants?', at 1:30 pm.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of December minutes.

Motion by **Laurie Jacobs** to approve the consent calendar, seconded by **Chris Valle**, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D'Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left early (Dixon).

7. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. Community Vision Committee – Report – Dan Dixon
 - i. LADWP Customer Bill of Rights. Also, sent to Craig Goldfarb and Sarah Valdez for input.

LADWP Customer “Bill of Rights”

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power rolled out a Customer “Bill of Rights”, presented by Mayor Garcetti, on Tuesday, January 3.

The document contains some laudable goals with respect to customer service, review of service bills which seem excessive, and apparently promises to reduce service outages during any calendar year.

On the other hand, the laudable customer service improvements seem like practices which should have been in place for years, the bills which will receive review must be at least **three times** the bill for a comparable previous period, and the promise to reduce service outages is not accompanied by any explanation of capital expenditure commitments.

In other words, the entire document seems quite specific but is not specific in the least about how the goals will be achieved, let alone how they will be paid for.

The Department’s intention was to champion the proposal on a Tuesday and have it approved by the Water and Power Board by the end of the week. Questions and complaints meant that cooler heads prevailed and extended the comment period from 48 hours to 14 days.

It is important for neighborhood councils to weigh in on this document because this is not like improving customer service at WalMart or Macy’s. many of the residential and business customers of the DWP are also its owner, as taxpayers. One of the main functions of neighborhood councils is to present to the departments of government in this city the opinions and input of the NCs’ stakeholders, in this case representing and made up of DWP’s customers and owners.

The attempt by the City to formalize corrections to the disastrous DWP missteps and self-inflicted wounds of recent years is a matter of fundamental public interest. The Neighborhood Councils need an opportunity to read, digest, and comment on the “Bill of Rights” in an orderly manner, which will inform their constituents, and perhaps improve the quality of the new commitment to service.

The DWP may find that its owners/customers are less interested in a “Bill of Rights”, than in having their “Bills Done Right”.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood council respectfully but urgently requests an additional forty-five 45 days for deliberation on this important issue as the DWP moves forward.

Motion by Dan Dixon to approve the above letter, seconded by Pete Burmeister, and passed with 15 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Dixon, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

- b. Port Committee – Report – Phil Nicolay – view the full [text](#) of the motions.
 - i. Discuss and consider motion suggesting two additional waterfront public access projects. **Motion by Dan Dixon to approve suggesting two additional waterfront public access projects, seconded by Pete Burmeister, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left early (Dixon).**
 - ii. Discuss and consider motion suggesting a public observation deck in the area of the Maritime Museum. **Motion by Dan Dixon to approve suggesting a public observation deck in the area of the Maritime Museum, seconded by Pete Burmeister, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left early (Dixon).**
- c. Elections and By-laws Committee – No Report
- d. Sustainability Committee – Report – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Last month’s meeting was held jointly with Central San Pedro NC Sustainability Committee.
 - ii. The rain barrel give away event was discussed.
 - iii. Discuss and consider motion to allocate no more than \$150 for native plants lecture to be held on February 18th, in conjunction with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s Sustainability Committee. Please see item 7.h.iii. for vote.
 - iv. Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach’s Clean Air Action Plan was discussed.
 - v. 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. Holiday Events Review. Candy Cane Lane was very successful. Thank you to everyone who came out. The Holiday Parade also went really well, though only 5 people could ride in the car.

- ii. June 2017 Movie in the Park. They are discussing having it at Bogdanovich Park. Perhaps have a daytime event like a softball game first.
- iii. NPG applications are now open for submission.
- iv. Pathways to Employment event update – Laurie Jacobs
 - i. Pathways will be on Saturday, April 1, 2017, Joleen Deatherage with LAMI will chair the event.

ITEMIZED BUDGET

Big Nicks	Food	\$	660.00
Printed Materials	Partner Printing	\$	200.00
Copying Documents	Priority One Printing	\$	100.00
Paper Goods & Water	Smart and Final/Costco	\$	150.00
School Permit Application	LAUSD	\$	40.00
Coffee	Sirens	\$	100.00
Office Supplies	Office Depot	\$	250.00
		<u>\$</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>

Motion by **Darlene Zavalney** to approve \$1,500 itemized budget for Pathways to Employment, seconded by **Gwen Henry**, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left early (Dixon).

- v. 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 – Dark in December
 - i. To view the full written report of the latest meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes>.
- g. Public Safety Committee – Ray Regalado
 - i. LAPD questions regarding criminal activity and Target/Vandalism incident. This may include a concern regarding 911. Because we do not have a PS Committee in place at this time, we may want to refer this issue to Community Issues. Ray commented that he wants to have further discussion of this situation with LAPD captain and SLO’s.
- h. Budget and Finance – Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer – Not present – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Consider approval of expenditure report (MER) for the month of December 2016. Motion by **Bob Bryant** to approve the expenditure report (MER) for the month of December 2016, seconded by **Gwen Henry**, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left early (Dixon).
 - ii. Consider approval of budget as updated through the month of November 2016. Motion by **Bob Bryant** to approve the budget as updated through the month of November 2016, seconded by **Bron D’Angelo**, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left early (Dixon).
 - iii. Discuss and consider motion to approve \$150.00 for Sustainability Committee from NWSPNC to Co-Sponsor an Event on Feb 18, 2017 with CSPNC’s Sustainability Committee. This will be for printing and beverages. CSPNC is providing food from Nuda. Motion by **Darlene Zavalney** to approve \$150.00 for Sustainability Committee from NWSPNC to Co-Sponsor an event on February 18, 2017 with Central San Pedro’s (CeSPNC’s) Sustainability Committee. This will be for printing and beverages. CeSPNC is providing food from Nuda, seconded by **Gwen Henry**, and passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left early (Dixon).
 - iv. Review and discuss Andrew Menzes invoice for audio services. Motion by **Laurie Jacobs** to approve Andrew Menzes invoice for audio services in the amount of \$745.00, seconded by **Chris Valle**, and passed with 10 yes (D’Angelo, Dimeglio, Garcia, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valdez, Valle, and Zavalney), 3 no (Bryant, Burmeister, and Gonyea), 1 abstention(s) (Williams), and 1 left early (Dixon).
 - v. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate Report – Craig Goldfarb – Not present
- i. Executive Committee and Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) Report – Ray Regalado
 - i. Discuss additional AV fees. Please see item 7.h.iv. above.

8. HANC Report – Ray Regalado

- a. Neighborhood Council Civic University 1.0, January 17, 24, and 31, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Ron Deaton Auditorium, 100 Main Street in Downtown LA, Gwen Henry and Chris Valle will attend.
- b. Lee Williams will be the Film Liaison.

9. Other Reports

- a. Homelessness Liaison Meeting – Laurie Jacobs – Postponed due to time constraints.
- b. Animal Shelter Liaison report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. Discuss and consider motion regarding the misuse of wild and exotic animals for personal and/or public entertainment.

Whereas the misuse of wild and exotic animals for personal or public entertainment and financial gain in circuses has desensitized humankind to treat wild and exotic animals as objects or toys and

Whereas wild and exotic animals old instinctive social and physical needs indicative to their species and

Whereas often times these animals are treated inhumanely in an effort to coax tricks and human interaction causing physical and mental trauma putting the animal and public at potential risk and

Whereas Los Angeles continues to be a leader in the protection of wild and exotic animals

Therefore Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council moves to support the City Council’s request that the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to prohibit the exhibition of wild or exotic animals for entertainment or amusement, including circuses, other wild or exotic animal shows, and rentals for house parties, with the exception for accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, legitimate filming purposes, research facilities and legitimate conservation/education related programs or presentations.

Motion by Darlene Zavalney to approve the above motion, seconded by Pete Burmeister, and passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Burmeister, Dimeglio, Garcia, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Regalado, Skrubis, Valdez, Valle, Williams, and Zavalney), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (D’Angelo.), and 1 left early (Dixon).

10. Announcements/Future Agenda Items – None

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting will be February 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC