



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Board & Stakeholder Meeting – September 12, 2018
Taper Elementary School
1824 N. Taper Avenue
Auditorium
San Pedro, CA 90731

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum with 12 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Armando Balderrama	Present
Monica Brandenburg	Present
Bob Bryant	Excused
Mary Chan	Present
Bron D'Angelo	Present
John DiMeglio	Present
Dan Dixon	Excused
Pete Garbowski	Absent
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Gwendolyn Henry	Excused
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Melanie Labrecque	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Steven Skrumbis	Present
Christian Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
Youth Seat	Vacant

2. **Executive Committee** – Report – Ray Regalado
- a. Reminder: Congress of Neighborhoods 2018 – is Saturday, September 22, 2018.
 - b. Discuss October 8, 2018 monthly meeting – Indigenous Peoples' Day (Columbus Day) – Peck Park will be closed new location to be announced.
 - c. Adhere to time limit for all speakers on agenda and non-agenda items. Time limits will be at the discretion of the President or designee based on agenda. Should a board member wish to speak beyond the set time limit, a motion may be entered for extra time and voted on by all voting board member.
 - d. Board member comment on non-agenda items will be limited to agenda item #9 'Board Member General Comment on Non-Agenda Items'.
3. **Public Official Reports:**
- a. Councilman Joe Buscaino – Ryan Ferguson
 - i. Alison Becker was not available to come to the meeting tonight as requested.
 - ii. Mr. Ferguson provided a report which included some of the following:
 - iii. Highpark Update; Harridge Development Group are the new owners of the project.
 - iv. Elks Lodge Update; Construction continues.

- v. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate
 - i. Neighborhood Council elections for the Harbor Area/Region 12 will be on Saturday, June 8th.
- c. Budget Representative/Advocate Report – Melanie Labrecque – No report
- d. Port of Los Angeles – Augie Bezmalinovich – Not present
- e. Office of the Mayor – Field Representative – Not present
- f. Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell's Office – Field Deputy Sarah Patterson – Not present
- g. Congress Woman Nanette Barragan – Field Representative, Morgan Roth – Not present
- h. Senator Steven Bradford – Field Representative Brenda Baker – Not present

4. First Responder's Report

- a. LAPD Acting Senior Lead Officer Dan Brown
 - i. He is the new acting Senior Lead Officer as Officer Helper has been reassigned.
 - ii. He gave a brief overview of his time with the department.
 - iii. Office Brown answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. CPAB – Lee Williams – No report

5. Presentations/Conversations

- a. Clearwater Project Status Update: Also known as the “Big Dig” – No one present
- b. South Coast Air Management District – Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Director
 - i. There will be a community meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Wilmington Middle School at which Modified Hydrofluoric Acid use will be discussed.
 - ii. Mr. Alatorre answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Rudy Caseres announced a show THIS IS MY BRAVE on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 7pm at the Warner Grand.
- b. Al Satler from the Torrance Refinery Action Alliance (TRAA) encouraged everyone to attend the South Coast Air Management District community meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

7. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of August 2018 minutes.
Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Chris Valle, and passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrubis, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

8. Committee Reports and Motions: Please go to nwsanpedro.org to view text for all motions.

- a. Planning and Land Use Report – Diana Nave/Lee Williams
 - i. Discuss and consider motion to support Creation of outdoor dining pilot program for Downtown San Pedro.

Support for Downtown San Pedro Dining

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council enthusiastically supports the pilot outdoor dining district as proposed by the Historic Downtown San Pedro Business Improvement District (BID) and encourages its prompt adoption. Downtown San Pedro is the heart and soul of our community. Over time it has lost much of its retail business and is being re-imagined as an Arts and Entertainment District.

The goal of the pilot will be to test and assess four different strategies for outdoor dining. All associated costs will be paid by the participating businesses. We anticipate that the proposed program will serve both residents and visitors and increase the economic vitality of our downtown.

We applaud the Business Improvement District for taking the lead and preparing this proposal and call upon Councilman Buscaino to introduce a motion to the City Council to create a pilot San Pedro outdoor dining district and upon the City Council to pass such a motion.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, D'Angelo, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrubis, Valle, and Williams), 1 no (DiMeglio), and 0 abstention.

- ii. Discuss and motion in support of Gaffey Street skate park.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the San Pedro Skate Park and urges you to approve its reopening as soon as possible.

The Skate Park, located in Northwest San Pedro, is unique in that it was designed and built by skaters themselves. At the time that the Port had to shut it down due to construction, the Port promised the skaters and the community that it would be

reopened in about a year. Although another skate park was built by the city at Peck Park, it was never meant to be a replacement for the San Pedro Skate Park. Rather, it was meant to supplement it due to the level of demand in our community for such facilities.

The skaters and the Council Office have worked hard to produce the documents required by the Planning Department. Now it is time for the Planning Department to approve this facility.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

- iii. To view a written report of the last meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/>.
- b. Elections and By-Laws Committee Report – Update – Diana Nave – Not present
- c. Community Issues Committee Report – Dan Dixon – Not present
 - i. Discuss and consider motion requesting the City of Los Angeles and the Port of Los Angeles identify and relocate the dog park affected by port upgrades.

As dogs are an important source of companionship and protection for people, and as a substantial percentage of San Pedro residents reside in apartments, condominiums or townhomes, the desirability of and need for a dog park is well established.

The existing dog park near Knoll Hill is being lost during 110/47 off ramp realignment. The only dog park in the area is located at Eastview Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Port of Los Angeles, as the largest controller of flexible open space in the area, and the Council office to seek an alternate location for a dog park in the area of the Port, accessible to all residents.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

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- d. Port Committee Report – Phil Nicolay – Not present
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- e. Sustainability Committee Report – Gwendolyn Henry – Not present – Items not considered
 - i. Discuss NWSPPNC response letter to the Harbor Community Benefits Foundation dated 27July18. Item not considered.
 - ii. Discuss and consider Community Impact Statement (CF16-0243) along with a letter of support regarding a proposal to develop and implement an energy and environmental research partnership in order to study and determine which LADWP investments should be made to attain a 100% renewable energy portfolio. Item not considered.
 - iii. To view a written report of the latest meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/>.
- f. Youth and Outreach Committee Report – Laurie Jacobs
 - i. It was suggested at the retreat to include head shots on the website. Accordingly, please send Laurie a photo.
 - ii. The board is looking for someone 16 to 21 years of age to fill the vacant youth seat, they are still accepting applications.
 - iii. They still need articles for the upcoming newsletter.
 - iv. They are considering having another Movie in the Park on November 17th, at Bogdanovich Park.
 - v. To view the full written report of the latest meeting please go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/>.
- g. Public Safety Committee Report – Melanie Labrecque
 - i. Discuss and consider letter to CD 15 regarding illegal activity in park.

DRAFT LETTER FOR APPROVAL

September 12, 2018

Honorable Joe Buscaino
Councilmember, 15th District
638 S. Beacon Street, Room 552
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

On August 6, 2018, at approximately 2 PM, several parents and several small children witnessed a couple get naked and have sex by the playground. Several parents called the Los Angeles Police Division (LAPD), who eventually responded. The couple was spoken to by LAPD officers and then let go. Several community members were upset at the non-accountability of these two individuals and inquired about it at LAPD Harbor Division. They were informed that lewd conduct, even in front of a minor, is not a basis

for an arrest or criminal prosecution. LAPD Harbor Division personnel also stated that even if they were to initiate paper work, the District Attorney would dismiss it before the papers were complete.

The Public Safety Committee chair conducted research and made inquiries and found that under Penal Code, Section 314 and California State Senate Bill 384, these actions should have been chargeable, at a minimum, as a first time misdemeanor.

{While a California "indecent exposure" conviction may not seem like a very serious offense, the repercussions can be devastating. In most cases, a first indecent exposure conviction subjects you to misdemeanor penalties of up to six (6) months in county jail and a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A second offense is a felony and can lead to a California State Prison sentence. But perhaps worst of all, a Penal Code section 314 conviction subjects you to a minimum ten (10) year duty to register as a Tier one California sex offender. (California Senate Bill 384 recently created a three-tier sex registration system that reduced the registration requirement for indecent exposure to ten (10) years. It used to be for life.)}

On August 20, 2018, The Public Safety Committee of the Northwest Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) passed a motion to address community concerns about the present safety issues of Harbor Highlands Park. A group of stakeholders have expressed concerns regarding protection of minors from "indecent exposure" and "lewd acts" in their presence while at Harbor Highlands Park, and apparent lack of accountability for the perpetrators.

We owe our children more than "this" in our community. Our children should not have to see sex in the parks and lewd acts in LA City public places. We feel a strong obligation to respond to our constituents and protect our children. Therefore, we want this concern to be addressed immediately by your office. Also, NWSPNC wants a reply from your office within thirty - (30) days regarding action to be taken to prevent further conduct like this in our community and in our parks.

Yours in community collaboration,

Ray Regalado, President

On behalf of the **Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

cc: -- Leslie Perez, Rec & Park Supervisor/Harbor District

-- Captain Gisselle Espinoza, LAPD Harbor Division

-- Lauren Halligan, Deputy City Attorney/Neighborhood Prosecutor

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, DiMeglio, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valle, and Williams), 1 no (D'Angelo), and 0 abstention.

h. Budget and Finance – Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer

i. Discuss and consider motion to approve MER for August 2018.

Motion by Laurie Jacobs to approve the August Monthly Expenditure Report, second by Mary Chan, and passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

ii. Discuss and consider motion to approve budget through August 2018.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

iii. Discuss and consider motion to approve budget for September Newsletter. Not to exceed \$4,000 has already been approved for FY 2018-19.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Brandenburg, Chan, D'Angelo, DiMeglio, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Skrumbis, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

i. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Report – Ray Regalado – No report

9. NWSPNC Board Member General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Lee Williams commented that there will be a pop-up for a new development in San Pedro on Wednesday, September 26th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at 455 W. 6th Street to discuss community overlay and density.

10. Other Reports

a. Homelessness Liaison Report – Laurie Jacobs

i. Review of recent meetings regarding homelessness-Citywide and CD 15.

I. The working group continues working to get accurate information to the public.

II. The proposed sites are currently under review and have not been finalized.

III. Last week she toured a permanent supportive housing location in Watts that included wrap around services.

- IV. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at Rancho San Pedro.
- V. Minutes from last meeting are included in the agenda package.
- VI. NWSPNC did not organize any of the events last week. Members of the board did attend the events.
 - b. Animal Shelter Liaison report – Volunteer needed
 - c. FilmLA Liaison Report – Lee Williams – No report
 - d. Public Works – Chris Valle – No report
 - e. City Attorney Liaison – The board has been instructed that the liaison must be a board member. Accordingly, Cynthia Gonyea will be the primary liaison, and possibly Monica Brandenburg or Mary Chan will be the alternate.
 - f. LA Department of Water and Power – Dan Dixon – Not present

11. Announcements/Future Agenda Items

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting tentatively set for October 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm, with a possible change of date and location due to holiday.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC