Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Board & Stakeholder Meeting – October 8, 2018
Community Room, LAPD Harbor Area Station
2175 John S. Gibson Blvd.
San Pedro, CA 90731

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum with 13 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 35 stakeholders in attendance.

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<td>Pete Garbowski</td>
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2. **Youth representative, Ben Osterman, swearing in** – Mr. Osterman was approved without objection, sworn in, and seated.

3. **Executive Committee** – Report – Ray Regalado
   a. **Congress of Neighborhoods 2018**, Overview provided by participants
      i. Approximately 3,000 people attended.
      ii. Board members who attended gave a brief overview of their experience.
   b. 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.

4. **Public Official Reports**
   a. **Budget Representative/Advocate Report** – Melanie Labrecque
      i. They have started city department meetings.
      ii. They are planning to do a survey of city services in lieu of the annual regional budget day events.

5. **First Responder’s Reports**
a. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Dan Brown
   i. Officer Brown gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
   ii. He answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
   iii. Officer Brown’s contact information: email 37443@lapd.online, Cell phone 310-869-2067

b. CPAB – Melanie Labrecque – No report

6. Presentations/Conversations
   a. Video Presentation: Shari Weaver interview regarding Homelessness
      i. The video featured an interview of Shari Weaver, the Service Plan Area 8 (SPA 8) Entry Coordinator, by Council District 15 Councilmember Joe Buscaino.
      ii. Some of the issues discussed were:
          1. Rental prices are high for lower wage earners and people on fixed incomes.
          2. Some of the causes of homelessness include economics, mental illness, and addiction.
          3. In the South Bay in the last 10 years homelessness has increased 190%
      iii. The video may be viewed on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council website http://nwsanpedro.org/homelessness-program-updates/.

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

8. Consent Calendar:
   a. Approval of Sept. 2018 minutes.
   b. Appointment of Melanie Lebreque as new CPAB liaison
   c. Appoint Armando Balderrama as Homelessness Committee Chair
   d. Appoint Armando Balderrama to Community Issues Committee
   e. Remove Chris Valle from Sustainability Committee
   f. Remove Robin Gregg from Public Safety Committee
   g. Appoint Bob Bryant to Public Safety Committee.
      Motion by Melanie Labrecque to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Mary Chan, and passed with 13 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

9. 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 Letter of Support for Beer & Wine for Jasmine Hana Sushi & Thai Restaurant at 28150 S. Western
      DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT JASMINE HANA SUSHI & THAI CUISINE, 28150 S. WESTERN, SAN PEDRO
      ZA-2018-4081
      The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has reviewed and supports the request to serve beer and wine for on-site consumption at the Jasmine Hana Sushi and Thai Cuisine located at 28150 S. Western Avenue, San Pedro. This 42-seat full service restaurant has been operating in our community for about two years. It is our understanding that all beer and wine service would be at the table in conjunction with food. There will not be any separate bar area and no off-site sales.
      Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Balderrama, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 2 noes (Bryant and Gonyea), and 0 abstention.
      ii. Discuss and consider Letter of Support for Proposed Harbor View House Adaptive Reuse and Alcohol.
      DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED PROJECT ATTHE HARBORVIEW HOUSE (907-945 S Beacon Street, San Pedro
      ZA-2018-1897
      The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has reviewed the plans for the proposed adaptive reuse of the Harbor View House, a City designated Historic-Cultural Monument, and offers our support for the proposed mixed-use building which will have 100 residential units and approximately 14,717 square feet of commercial space. The project will create new housing opportunities and restore many of the building’s historical uses while maintaining and enhancing its architectural character defining features.
We understand that the applicant is seeking a waiver of street dedication, a waiver to operate two 25 seat restaurants, and approval for a full line of liquor.

The Project proposes 63 studio units, 26 one-bedroom units, and 11 two-bedroom units, ranging from approximately 315 to 1,390 square feet, with 8 units set aside for Extremely Low-Income Households. The Project also proposes the continuation and restoration of many of the building's historic uses. These include a ground-floor cafe that maintains and refurbishes a classic 1950's-style diner counter, the continuation and refurbishment of the existing gymnasium, and the addition of a 2-lane bowling alley and “Speak Easy” Longue in the basement. While not required to do so, it will also provide significant open space.

PARKING: We understand that City code does not require any additional parking spaces for the change in use of any structure designated as a historical or cultural monument. We are nevertheless concerned that the limited parking will be a problem for the neighboring community. The applicant proposes to maintain the existing 24 on-site parking spaces and add 26 bicycle parking spaces. It is our understanding that the applicant has purchased an adjacent lot that will enable them to provide an additional 23 parking spots for a total capacity of 47 cars and they are also committed to providing valet services. We applaud the owners for their efforts to identify additional off-site parking and encourage them to keep working to identify such opportunities.

RELOCATION OF CURRENT RESIDENTS: The previous owner (HealthView Inc.) holds the license to provide assisted living services. It is our understanding that the relocation of the existing residents is the responsibility of HealthView Inc. and should be completed by July 2019 using state and local requirements to reduce the amount of disruption on the residents themselves.

Motion from committee passed with 9 yes (Chan, Dixon, Garbowski, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 4 noes (Balderrama, Bryant, DiMeglio, and Gonyea), and 0 abstention.

iii. Discuss and consider Letter of Support for the proposed Sardines Coffee Shop & Lounge with entertainment and full line of alcohol

DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED THE SARDINE COFFEE SHOP AND LOUNGE AT 1101 S. PACIFIC, SAN PEDRO
ENV3564-CE ZA-2018-3565-CUB

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has reviewed the plans for the proposed Sardines Coffee Shop and Lounge at 1101 S. Pacific in San Pedro and hereby offer our support. The proposed project promises to refurbish a community landmark (Ramona's Bakery) with attention to historic detail. It will help connect a key intersection to the downtown corridor, enhance our arts district by providing another small performing arts venue, provide a gathering place for local residents, and provide additional employment opportunities.

The front of proposed facility would be a bakery/coffee shop with 35 seats while the rear would be a performing arts venue with a maximum of 66 seats. The proposed CUP would allow for live entertainment, film screenings, and incidental dancing with operating hours of 7 am to 2 am. The performing arts portion would be soundproof and all ingress and egress would be from Pacific Avenue. It is our understanding that although there will not be a full kitchen, some type of food will be available during all hours of operation.

While we are, however, concerned about the lack of parking and understand that additional parking is not required under the current zoning. We strongly encourage the applicants to enter into an agreement with Chase Bank across the street to use their parking lot during evening hours. We also have some concern about the concentration of establishments selling liquor, however, these are outweighed by the uniqueness and positive contributions the proposed facility would make to our community overall.

Motion from committee passed with 7 yes (Dixon, Garbowski, Jacobs, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 5 noes (Balderrama, Bryant, DiMeglio, Labrecque, and Gonyea), and 1 abstention (Chan).

iv. 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 – No new information

c. Community Issues Committee Report – Dan Dixon

i. Discuss and consider letter to council office requesting reinstatement of traffic control officers at Taper Ave. and Westmont during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal rushes at Taper Ave. School, for duration of construction at High Park development. Additionally, there should be traffic study upon completion of project to determine if traffic control is still needed.

Motion to send following letter to Council Member Buscaino's office
The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the Council Office's assistance to reinstate traffic control officers during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal rushes at Taper Ave. School, for the duration of construction of the "High Park" development.

Additionally, there should be a complete traffic study upon completion of the project to determine if traffic control is still needed. Traffic control should continue through completion of traffic study.

We ask for an early response to this request as the school year has started and congestion problems are ongoing.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Balderrama).

   ii. Discuss and consider motion supporting study of need for speed humps on Sandwood/Barrywood in vicinity of Johnson school and Christensen Science Center. Attach required community petition supporting humps that was developed 18 months ago.

Motion to send following letter to Council Office and to DOT:
The neighborhood north of Westmont Dr. and east of Taper Ave., which is served by Sandwood Place and Barrywood Dr., is challenged by hosting traffic for Johnson High School, the Christensen Science Center and overflow cut-through traffic from Mary Star High School and Taper Ave. Elementary School.

The NWSPNC requests a traffic study to determine the effectiveness of speed humps on that portion of Sandwood and Barrywood, Attention should be paid to the possibility of further school development on the LAUSD property along Sandwood, Barrywood, and Taper Ave. Attached please find community petitions required for consideration of speed humps. These petitions were developed 18 months ago.

We respectfully request a response to this request within 45 days from the date of this letter.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

   iii. Discuss and consider motion requesting traffic study at "T" intersection of Barrywood and Capitol Dr. Nature of intersection usage has changed.

Motion to send following letter to Council Office and DOT
The "T" intersection of Barrywood Ave. and Capitol drive has been problematic for years, particularly since the opening of Target at Capitol and Gaffey.

Motorists "blow through" the stop sign on Capitol Dr. regularly. The only crosswalk across Capitol Dr., on the west side of the intersection, is not connected to a curb cut on the south side of Capitol. There is a curb cut at the east side of the intersection, but no crosswalk. During peak school hours, traffic blocks residents attempting to access Barrywood from Millmark Grove.

The primary issue is control of the "T" intersection. The reduction of traffic lanes and the introduction of bike lanes has complicated vehicles' ability to turn from southbound Barrywood to eastbound Capitol.

The NWSPNC requests a full traffic study of this intersection, with the primary goal of reducing "blown" stops and pedestrians crossing unsafely coming from Target back into the Harbor Highlands neighborhood.

As this is an ongoing and immediate potential safety issue, we ask for a response to this request within 45 days.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Labrecque).

   iv. Discuss and consider motion to request "No Commercial Parking" signs on south side of Westmont Dr. from Taper Ave. east to Gaffey St.

Motion to send following letter to Council Office and DOT or other appropriate agencies
The Home Depot on North Gaffey has cast out "subcontractors" who had previously parked there to solicit work from contractors and homeowners. Those vendors, frequently unlicensed, now park on the curb on the south side of Westmont Dr. They are often parked there all day. As that part of Westmont is at the edge of or part of a residential area, the trucks and attendant trash left are unsightly and inappropriate.

The NWSPNC requests that "No Commercial Parking signs be posted on the south side of Westmont, between Taper Avenue and Gaffey St. We ask for a response to this request within 60 days.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, and Valle), 1 no (Williams), 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (DiMeglio).
v. Discuss and consider motion to urgently request report from Dept. of Rec. and Parks on status of Peck Park Pool. "Abandoned" appearing facility is dangerous and a magnet for vandalism.

Motion to send following letter to Council Office and Dept. of Rec. and Parks
We feel no need to review the history of the sad state of the Peck Park Pool. This once-fine facility has fallen into a lamentable state of disrepair, verging on civic abandonment. The resurrection, at great cost, of the Gaffey St. "Hey Rookie" pool, while welcome and long overdue, is mocked by what is happening in Peck Park.

If a great metropolis such as Los Angeles cannot prioritize clean, functioning recreation facilities for all its citizens and stakeholders, then is the high degree of skepticism about the problemsolving and governance abilities of the "city family" a surprise to anyone? We restrain ourselves from adding: "What is a city for?"

If a plan exists, even on the "back burner," to restore this community asset to functionality, then PLEASE let us hear about it. If there is no plan, we need to know that too, so that we can take appropriate steps to intervene on behalf of the pool, the park, and the community.

We look forward to your immediate response. We ask for a response within 30 days.

Motion by Dan Dixon to amend the motion to delete We look forward to your immediate response and add We ask for a response within 30 days as noted above, second by Laurie Jacobs, and passed with 13 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Motion from committee as amended passed with 13 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

vi. Discuss clarification as needed of September letter to Rec and Parks concerning safety measures at Harbor Highlands Park. Item not addressed.

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d. Port Committee Report – Phil Nicolay – Not present
   i. To view a written report of the last meeting please go to http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/.

e. Sustainability Committee Report – Gwendolyn Henry – Not present
   i. Discuss NWSPNC response letter to the Harbor Community Benefits Foundation dated 27July18.

September 10, 2018

Acting Executive Director Meghan Reese
Chair Gisele L. Fong and the Board of Directors
Harbor Community Benefit Foundation 302 W. 5th Street, Suite 300 San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear HBFC Staff and Board,

We are in receipt of your July 27, 2018 response to our July 19, 2018 letter requesting that the HCBF commission a study assessing the potential risks associated with Port-related rail tank car hazards in San Pedro and Wilmington. We appreciate your recognizing that this is a substantial issue in our communities and that the HCBF Board of Directors will have continued discussions regarding this issue.

We are hopeful that the Port of Los Angeles and the Mayor’s office will appreciate the work of the HCBF in administering its environmental mitigation funds and continue funding the foundation.

Our Neighborhood Council will continue its efforts to address this issue and looks forward to working with the foundation as it develops its own plans to address the risks posed to the San Pedro and Wilmington communities by the rail transport of hazardous materials over Port-owned rail lines.

Sincerely,
CC:
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council
Wilmington Neighborhood Council
San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition
Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino
Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
The Hon. Nanette Barragan
United States Representative
Port of Los Angeles:
Gene Seroka - Executive Director
Thomas Gazsi
Deputy ED & Chief of Public Safety and Emergency Management
Christopher Cannon
Director of Environmental Management
David Libatique
Deputy ED, Stakeholder Engagement

Motion by Lee Williams to approve NWSPNC response letter to the Harbor Community Benefits Foundation dated 27July18, second by Chris Valle, and passed with 13 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Osterman, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

ii. Discuss and consider Community Impact Statement (CF16-0243) along with a letter of support regarding a proposal to develop and implement 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 addressed.

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. 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. Item not considered.

h. Budget and Finance – Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer
   i. Discuss and consider motion to approve $250 from unallocated funds for Movie in Park with Amendment to event. NOTE: Clothing donation flyer cannot have the word "Donation" on it. (Suggested language can say “collection bin for Harbor Interfaith agency” for example.). Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Osterman).

   ii. Discuss and consider motion to move Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) funds to Unallocated funds at the request of Youth and Outreach committee. If the Board chooses to want to continue to offer NPG’s, it's the Budget and Finance committee’s recommendation that the NPG responsibility be moved to Budget and Finance Committee, similar to other neighborhood councils. Motion by Melanie Labrecque to amend the motion to move Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) to the Budget and Finance committee, second by Armando Balderrama, and passed with 8 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, and Labrecque), 4 noes (Jacobs, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Osterman). Motion from committee as amended passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Osterman).

   iii. Discuss and consider motion to approve MER September 2018. Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the September 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report, second by Armando Balderrama, and passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Osterman).

   iv. Discuss and consider motion to approve budget through September 2018.
Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Balderrama, Bryant, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Osterman).

i. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Report – Ray Regalado
   i. He was only able to attend a portion of the meeting due to a prior obligation.
   ii. He gave a brief report on behalf of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners as to the importance of Neighborhood Councils addressing Councilmember Ryu’s proposed changes to the Neighborhood Council system.

10. Other Reports
   a. Homelessness Liaison Meeting – Laurie Jacobs
      i. Review of recent meetings regarding homelessness-Citywide and CD 15 along with Safe Parking report with Randy Ross.
         I. Ms. Jacobs commented that the video presentation in item 6 addressed many of the questions she is often asked.
         II. She looks forward to updating and hand off information to the new Homelessness Committee Chair Armando Balderrama.
         III. The CD15 Working Group on Homelessness continues to meet.
         IV. The Bridge Home Initiative was designed to address emergency shelters as there is currently a shortage.
         V. She commented that she received a request for a letter of support for Safe Parking at Temple Beth E1 that she is passing onto the new Homelessness Committee chair.
         VI. She gave a brief overview of the Safe Parking LA program.
         VII. There was lengthy discussion and questions on this item.
         VIII. Please see page 32 of the agenda package for the full written report as posted on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council website.
         IX. The board continues to add links and resources on their website at nwsanpedro.org.
   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 – Pat Nave – No report
   f. LA Department of Water and Power – Dan Dixon – No report

11. Announcements/Future Agenda Items – None

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting tentative Monday, November 12, 2018 is a holiday.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC