Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Board & Stakeholder Meeting – March 11, 2019
Peck Park Community Room
560 N. Western Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90731

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum with 15 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 20 stakeholders in attendance.

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2. Executive Committee – Report – Ray Regalado
   a. 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.

3. Public Official Reports
   a. Elected and Governmental Representatives
      i. Councilman Joe Buscaino – Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson
         I. Mr. Ferguson provided a written report which included some of the following.
         II. High Park is now back to being called Ponte Vista.
         III. The Elks Lodge rebuild has been delayed by the recent rain.
         IV. The 550 S. Palos Verdes Street project as also been delayed by the recent heavy rain.
         V. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
      ii. Port of Los Angeles – Augie Bezmalinovich
         I. On Thursday, March 21st the Board of Harbor Commissioners will hold a public hearing to hear, receive evidence, and adjudicate the appeal of: Level I Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25 Landside Infrastructure to Operate Battery-Electric Powered Equipment.
         II. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
iii. **Budget Representative/Advocate Report** – Melanie Labrecque
   I. The Mayor will meet with the Budget Advocates regarding the 2019-2020 budget on Thursday, March 14th.
   II. The City Services survey will be re-issued by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment with multi lingual options.

4. **First Responder’s Reports**
   a. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Daunte Pagulayan
      i. Officer Pagulayan gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
      ii. Daunte Pagulayan will be going back to Central and Officer Dan Brown will be the Senior Lead Officer for Northwest. His contact information is 40380@lapd.online, cell phone 424) 901-9660.
      iii. Officer Pagulayan answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
   b. CPAB – Melanie Labrecque – No report

5. **Presentations/Conversations**
   a. Public Access Investment Plan – Michael Cham
      i. The public access assessment plan project was approved in 2015.
      ii. The plan is for projects over 10 years.
      iii. The port is committed to spend 10% of its operating income on public access projects.
      iv. The port’s operating income has increased in each of the first four years of the project.
      v. They are currently doing outreach to the public for input on projects. The deadline for input from the public is July 31, 2019.
      vi. The full presentation can be accessed on the Port’s website.
      vii. Mr. Cham answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
   b. U.S. Census – Mariecris Treece, Partnership Specialist
      i. For the first time ever, you will be able to respond on line, and it will be safe, secure, and confidential.
      ii. For the first time ever, you will be able to respond on line, and it will be safe, secure, and confidential.
      iii. They would appreciate the neighborhood council’s help to spread the word, and accordingly, post on your website and social media.
      iv. There will be local job opportunities for enumerators.
      v. Ms. Treece answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
   a. Janet Grothe, form Phillips 66, gave an update on the trees along the fence on Gaffey, they have all the stumps removed and most of the irrigation installed.
   b. David Samperio commented about the impact on port labor regarding proposed port automation.
   c. Vivian Blanco announced that she opened a health and wellness business called Casa Ayurveda Yoga at Weymouth Corners.

7. **Consent Calendar:**
   a. Approval of February 11, 2019 meeting minutes.
   b. Add Pete Burmeister to the Budget & Finance Committee.
      Motion by **Laurie Jacob** to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by **Bron D’Angelo**, and passed with 15 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Bryant, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowsk, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, 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. Update on Ponte Vista.
         I. When improvements are made to Western Avenue there will an impact on traffic. Ms. Nave has asked for as much advance notice as possible.
         II. Issues with the rain seem to under control.
         III. They hope to begin building the first homes after the first of the year.
   ii. Discuss and consider Resolution and Community Impact Statement re CF 16-1433-S1 regarding the use of Warehouses for events.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE USE OF WAREHOUSE SPACE**
Whereas there is a shortage of special event space in the Harbor Area; and
Whereas some of the warehouses in the Port of Los Angeles have been traditionally used for special events; and
Whereas the “Ghost Shop” fire raised concerns about the safety of warehouses; and
Whereas the unique conditions that led to the Ghost Ship disaster do not exist in the Port of Los Angeles; and
Whereas the current policy regarding the use of warehouses for special events has resulted in a loss of revenue for the City of Los Angeles and in the loss of opportunities to participate in events, including the recent loss of the opportunity to host over 60 high tech companies; and
Whereas once lost, these events may never return to the Harbor; and
Whereas the current situation is disruptive to the goals of improving access to the waterfront, including more multi-day events for local residents and visitors from other areas of the City and from a much wider area; and
Whereas there is an urgent need to rectify this situation;

Now therefore

the XXX Neighborhood Council:

1. Supports CFxxx and requests that it be amended to do the following:
   a. Direct the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department to create a clear process for issuing temporary event permits for warehouses along with a simple checklist that can be used to determine safety compliance and to report pack with such a checklist and process in 45 days;
   b. Return the responsibility for issuing temporary event permits on Port of LA property to the Harbor Department.

2. Requests that the Mayor direct the Departments to develop a clear process and checklist within 45 days that can be used to determine safety compliance for temporary special event permits in warehouses and direct that the responsibility for issuing temporary event permits on Port of Los Angeles property be transferred to the Harbor Department.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The XXX NC supports CF16-1433-S1 and requests that it be amended. The current policy regarding the use of warehouses for special events has resulted in a significant loss of revenue for the Harbor Area and the City of Los Angeles, and is disruptive to the goals of improving access to the waterfront, including more multi-day events for local residents and visitors from other areas of the City and from a much wider area. While we are concerned about safety, the unique conditions of the “Ghost Ship” do not exist in the warehouses of the Port of LA. Due to the significant loss of revenue and loss of opportunities for great events, the motion should be amended to request that the departments create a checklist that can be used to determine safety compliance with a clear process for issuing temporary event permits for warehouses and that they be requested to report back with such a checklist in 45 days. Further, the motion should request that the responsibility for issuing temporary event permits on Port of LA property be transferred to the Harbor Department.

Motion committee, for both the resolution and Community Impact Statement, passed with 14 yes (Balduenna, Brandenberg, Bryant, Chan, D'Angelo, Dixon, Garbowsk, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 1 no (DiMeglio), and 0 abstention.

iii. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.
   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
   i. The next meeting will be Friday, March 22nd at 8:00 a.m. at Marie Calendars.
   ii. The census tracks have changed and will need to be addressed.

c. Community Issues Committee Report – Dan Dixon
   i. Discuss and consider motion to approve letter of support for Harbor Citizens on Patrol (H-COP) program. Committee requests brief presentation of program by H-COP member.

Letter of support for H-COP Program
Harbor Citizens on Patrol (HCP)

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the creation of the HCP by the Los Angeles Police Department. As explained to our Community Issues Committee, and as stated in its literature, “The HCP is a citizens patrol. The mission is to deter crime with a visible presence on high crime area.”

The participants are volunteers who are citizens over the age of 21 who live or work in the boundaries of the Harbor Division of LAPD, and who possess a valid California Drivers License.

Members will undergo extensive training by the LAPD, will be uniformed, will travel in pairs (unarmed), in marked LAPD vehicles. Tasks will include patrolling in assigned areas, taking reports as instructed by LAPD, responding to citizens’ concerns and reporting those concerns to the department. As they are volunteers they will account for their own time. They will not engage with perpetrators.

The program is new and Harbor Division is the first to contemplate a full ramp-up of the program. The Sergeant in charge and our Senior Lead Officer indicate this is a work in process. A number of volunteers are ready to proceed with the program and training will begin in earnest on April 1, 2019. Qualified stakeholders are being invited to apply.
The NWSPNC supports this new program, and appreciates the enthusiasm of its participants and the deliberate and cautious approach to its creation and development.

Approved unanimously by Issues Committee on February 27, 2019.

Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Bryant, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

i. Discuss and consider motion supporting NWSPNC and/or community participation on scoping committee for use of LAUSD property containing Christensen Science Center. Item not addressed

ii. Discussion pertaining to eliminating parking on section of Westmont Dr. across from Home Depot. Item not addressed

iv. To view a written report of the last meeting please go to http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/

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

   i. On Saturday, April 20th, Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center is have a Wild Fest on in celebration of Earth Day, focused on Urban Wildlife.

   ii. 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. Pathways to Employment update – Laurie Jacobs

      I. Pathways is on Saturday, April 6th, at the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club.

      II. Attendee registration opened on March 1st.

      III. The B&G is working really hard on recruitment of attendees.

   ii. To view the full written report of the latest meeting please go to http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes.

g. Public Safety Committee Report – Melanie Labrecque – No new information

   i. To view the full written report of the latest meeting please go to http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes.

h. Budget and Finance – Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer

   i. Discuss and consider motion to approve Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2019.

      Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2019, second by Dan Dixon, and passed with 15 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Bryant, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

   ii. Discuss and consider motion to approve budget through February 2019.

      Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Bryant, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

   iii. Discuss and consider motion to approve increase of NPG allotment by $1,000 from unallocated funds, Bringing total of NPGS to $3,000.

      Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Bryant, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

   iv. Discuss and consider motion to approve Package for Patriots NPG - $1,000.00.

      Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Bryant, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

   v. Discuss and consider motion to approve Operation School Bell for only NWSPNC Schools (7th Street, Park Western, Taper, Bandini, Cabrillo Elementary) NPG - $1,000.00.

      Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 recused (Bryant).

   vi. Discuss and consider motion to approve Bridge Cities Alliance for Pride Fest Event, June 15, 2019 NPG - $1,000.00.

      Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, D’Angelo, DiMeglio, Dixon, Garbowski, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, Valle, and Williams), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Bryant).

i. Homelessness Committee – Armando Balderrama
i. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10th, 6:00 p.m.
j. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Report – Ray Regalado
   i. City Clerk discussion.
      I. He has become aware of challenges for neighborhood councils to be able to pay for things, particularly event related expenditures.
      II. The City Clerk has the power to approve or disprove certain expenditures. However, neighborhood councils have no way of knowing what the City Clerk bases their decision on, which makes it very difficult to do long term planning.
      III. He is trying to gain support from various levels for city leadership to have the City Clerk come out to the Harbor Area to listen to the challenges of NCs not tell NCs their rules.

9. NWSPNC Board Member General Comments on Non-Agenda Items – None

10. Other Reports
   a. Homelessness Liaison Meeting – Laurie Jacobs – No report
   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
   a. Bob Bryant, thanked Laurie Jacobs for the great newsletter.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting tentative Monday, April 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC