Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Board & Stakeholder Meeting – August 12, 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 6:05 p.m. by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum with 10/11/12 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 20 stakeholders in attendance.

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<th>Board Members</th>
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<td>Rock Ashfield</td>
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<td>Armando Balderrama</td>
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<td>Monica Brandenberg</td>
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<td>Bob Bryant</td>
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<td>Mary Chan</td>
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<td>Bron D’Angelo</td>
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<td>John DiMeglio</td>
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<td>Dan Dixon</td>
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<td>Pete Garbowski</td>
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<td>Cynthia Gonyea</td>
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<td>Gwendolyn Henry</td>
<td>Present at 6:15 p.m.</td>
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<td>Laurie Jacobs</td>
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<td>Melanie Labrecque</td>
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<td>Raymond Regalado</td>
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<td>Steven Skrbmis</td>
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<td>Christian Valle</td>
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2. Selection and swearing in of new board member to fill vacant business representative seat – Rock Ashfield was appointed to fill the business representative seat with 8 yes (Balderama, Brandenberg, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Jacobs, Labrecque, and Valle), 1 no (DiMeglio), 1 abstention (Regalado), and 1 not yet present (Henry).

   a. Public comment shall be limited to two minutes per speaker unless modified by the Chair. The Chair may establish a maximum length of time for all public speakers. Any single address by a board member shall be no longer than 2 minutes. A board member may speak a second time after all other board members have had an opportunity to speak.
   b. Board member participation – He reminded board members to participate in all the outreach opportunities
   c. Train Horn Concerns – Status on POLA President’s/Chamber meeting
      i. It has been brought to the board’s attention that stakeholders have been hearing a high level of noise from trains in the area. Particularly horns going off in the middle of the night.
      ii. The Community Issues committee will work on the issue.
      iii. Dan Dixon commented that The Harbor Community Benefit Foundation is conducting a study of the train horn noise
iv. Ryan Ferguson from Councilman Busciano’s office commented that they have reached out to Congresswoman Barragan and asked that she work with the Federal Railroad Administration to investigate it the issue.

d. Review new "Cornerstone" login to EmpowerLA for required Board training certificates
   i. Laurie Jacobs commented that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment did not provide the board with account set up information for Cornerstone. Accordingly, she has hard copies of the Code of Conduct for board members to sign.

e. The Bureau of Street Services scheduled a Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR) truck for the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council District to perform small asphalt repairs on 9/16/19. Please submit your top 15 nominations for consideration by 9/9/19. Forms and contact will be forwarded to appropriate committee.

4. Public Official Reports
   a. LAUSD Update – Superintendent Romero
      i. Local District South Superintendent Michael Romero introduced Lou Mardisich, former Barton Hill principal, also in attendance.
      ii. Mr. Romero discussed Prop 39 charters and co-locations and gave a brief overview of some of the processes and procedures.
      iii. Regarding the Christensen Science Center, he pledged to get the center up and running for our students in November.
      iv. The working group will meet again the 2nd week of September. They already have administrative offices open at the site.
      v. They are planning to have a substation for LAUSD police patrol officers at the site.
      vi. There are plans in place to reactivate the gardens, including Willenberg Special Education Center and Banneker Special Education Center students taking over some of the plots.
      vii. He gave an overview of LAUSD statistics, including graduation rates.
      viii. Mr. Romero answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

   b. Elected and Governmental Representatives
      i. Port of Los Angeles – Augie Bezmalinovich – Not present
      ii. Councilman Joe Buscaino – Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson
         I. Mr. Ferguson provided a written report which included some of the following.
         II. Ponte Vista update, the improvements for Western Avenue are 60% complete.
         III. Elks Lodge update, the goal is to wrap up work mid-to-late October.
         IV. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
      iii. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate
         I. Mr. Rios gave a detailed overview of the Monthly Profile and the Legislative Report that the department sends to board members.
         II. The annual Congress of Neighborhoods will be Saturday, September 28th at City Hall.

   c. Budget Representative/Advocate Report – Melanie Labrecque, Region 12 Representative
      i. She attended the Budget Advocates meeting with the mayor regarding the 2020-2021 budget.
      ii. The Mayor said that the County has $1 billion in mental health services funding that they are sitting on. He also commented that stakeholders should expect to see better services like tree trimming. He hopes to reap about $100 million in profit from the upcoming Olympics.
      iii. The next Budget Advocates meeting is Saturday the 17th.

5. First Responder's Reports
   a. LAPD Officer Nick Ferara for Senior Lead Officer Dan Brown
      i. Officer Ferara gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
      ii. There are resources available on the LAPD website that include the ability to file a police report on line at www.lapdonline.org/home/content_basic_view/60409.
      iii. Officer Brown’s contact information is 40380@lapd.online, cell phone 424) 901-9660.
      iv. Officer Ferara answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

   b. CPAB – Melanie Labrecque – No report

6. Presentations/Conversations
   a. Southern California Gas Company – Verches Associates for the Southern California Gas Company
i. The representative commented that the Gas Company wants to be sure natural gas continues to be an option. There are plans being considered to go 100% electric.

ii. She gave an overview of the Gas Company’s plans for alternative sources of natural gas, including Biogas.

iii. The representative answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
   a. Rudy Caseres announced his second suicide and healing event on Sunday, September 9th at the Garden Church at 7:00 p.m.
   b. Alan Franz from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy commented that they have volunteer opportunities at their native plant nursery at the Naval Fuel Depot and that on Saturday, August 31st they are having a Play Music on the Porch event.
   c. Christian Guzman announced an Evening of Peace with Iran dinner on Sunday, September 1st at the Garden Church.
   d. Patty Veal announced the fourth annual LA Harbor Peace Week and gave an overview of the goals for Peace Week.
   e. Rachel Bruhnke also commented about LA Harbor Peace week vs. LA Fleet Week.
   f. Vic Christiansen made general comments regarding LAUSD and the Christiansen Science Center.

8. Consent Calendar:
   a. Approval of July 8, and 20, 2019 meeting minutes.
   b. Reappointment of Committee Chairs
   c. Appoint Rock Ashfield to the Planning and Land Use Committee.
      Motion by Laurie Jacobs to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Gwen Henry, and passed with 11 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

9. Committee Reports and Motions: Please go to nwsanpedro.org to view text for all motions.
   a. Planning and Land Use Report – Diana Nave
      i. Discuss and consider letter of support for proposed 23 unit apartment building at 335 N. Gaffey Street.

RE: 335 N. Gaffey
The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the Charles Company’s revised plans for a 23-unit apartment building at 335 N. Gaffey, San Pedro. It is our understanding that this is a by-right project that complies with the recently approved CPIO. The proposed project will enhance the entrance to our community by turning a weed filled vacant lot into an attractive structure while providing much needed housing. We further understand that the Charles Company intends to manage the building once it is completed.

Our support is conditioned on the following agreements:

1. Standardized white backed window covers will be required in the lease for a uniform appearance
2. The glass balconies will be frosted so the items on the balcony are not visible
3. Charles Company will work with the trash collection service to locate the pickup area west of the driveway along Sepulveda. This should give drivers at least 100’ from turning onto the street to maneuver around the truck.
4. They will provide good, attractive, external lighting as follows:
   ▪ One wall light per balcony
   ▪ Wall lighting at front entrance
   ▪ Minimal landscape lighting, tree up-lighting only.
5. There will be no visible exterior gutters; all roof drainage will be directed to roof drains and internal plumbing.
6. The lease will include a restriction against unsightly items on the balcony.

Additionally, we strongly recommend the installation of solar panels on the roof.

We look forward to the completion of this project and welcoming its residents to San Pedro.

Ray Regalado, President
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
CC: Councilmember Joe Buscaino
Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

ii. Discuss and consider letter to Port requesting that a place to purchase coffee, tea and snacks be included in the Town Square.

Gene Seroka
Executive Director
Port of Los Angeles
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California 90731

RE: REQUEST FOR KIOSK NEAR THE DOWNTOWN HARBOR

When our Council gathered community input for the Public Access Infrastructure Plan, a number of people indicated that they wanted someplace near the downtown harbor to purchase beverages and snacks. We were hopeful that something would be included in the plans for the Downtown Plaza, however Port staff told us that there are no plans for anything like this.

The availability of beverages would help to activate this currently under used asset and allow residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy the views of the harbor while lingering over their morning coffee or tea or afternoon snack. It could also serve as another informal community gathering place. Therefore, on behalf of the San Pedro community, we respectfully request that the Port create or host some type of kiosk or other structure for providing beverages and snacks in or near the downtown harbor and plaza.

Thank you for considering this request.

Ray Regalado, President

CC: Board of Harbor Commissioners

Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, DiMeglio, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (Regalado), and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

iii. Discuss and consider Community Impact Statement and Letter relative to SB 330 and CF 19-002-5102.

Proposed Community Impact Statement
CF 19-0002-S102

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports CF 19-0002-S102 which would include opposition to SB 330 in the City’s State Legislative Program. We also request that it be considered on an expedited basis. SB 330 would strip the city of much of its authority over land use planning and zoning laws.

Proposed Letter re SB 330

Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell

RE: SB 330

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges you to vote against SB 330. Our Council has been involved with the City Planning Department for almost two decades. We have participated in devising our Local Community Plan and its overlays. Before Neighborhood Councils became a part of our City Charter, many of our members were in the forefront of the fight to require overlying zoning to conform to Government Code general plan provisions.

Although this measure purports to be about increasing affordable housing, it actually strips local authorities of virtually all of their planning and land decision making and benefits developers while not requiring that any associated cost savings be passed on to the renter or purchaser of a housing unit.

SB 330 would arbitrarily limit how cities address community growth impacts, impede local land use control and diminish the City’s ability to gather community input by placing a cap on the number of public hearings. It would place unrealistic time limits on approval and limits the items that can be reviewed, which could minimize community input and result in many projects being approved without sufficient review. It also prohibits cities and counties from imposing parking requirements within one-quarter mile of transit, regardless of the number of units or the current parking conditions in that neighborhood, and limits the local entity’s ability to charge impact fees.

The authority for planning and land use decisions must be kept at the local level where the uniqueness of the geography, traffic patterns, and other conditions are understood. The City of Los Angeles has undertaken a number of steps to increase affordable housing. We need to allow time for the current efforts to show results.
We understand that the Assemblywoman who has written this legislation has problems in Berkeley she wishes to address. Those solutions are not appropriate for San Pedro and may not be proper for many of the other 105 unique neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (DiMeglio), and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

b. Elections and By-Laws Committee Report – Diana Nave & Bron D’Angelo
   i. There is an open seat on the board, Bob Bryant has resigned from the non-government seat.

c. Community Issues Committee Report – Dan Dixon
   i. Discuss and consider motion supporting integration and protection of Battleship Iowa in any port development. Item not considered
   ii. Discuss and consider letter regarding general issue of port automation. Item not considered
   iii. To view a written report of the last meeting please go to http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes/.

d. Port Committee Report – Ray Regalado/Carlos Garcia – Item not considered due to time constraints

e. Sustainability Committee Report – Gwendolyn Henry
   i. Discuss and Consider CIS for Council File #16-0243 on DWP study for 100% renewable energy.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council resolves to call upon Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to include an additional study scenario of 100% real, clean, energy that excludes biomass, biogas, methane, nuclear energy and unbundled renewable energy credits, as well as scenarios that accelerate the timeline to 2030.

Motion from committee passed with 9 yes (Balderrama, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (DiMeglio), 1 ineligible (Ashfield), and 1 left meeting early (Brandenberg).

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, Chair – No new information
   i. The Youth and Outreach Committee moves that files to be submitted for posting and for inclusion in our monthly Board packet follow a consistent file name saving template to assist all in identifying and locating files:

   **Year-Month-Day Committee Document Name/Type**
   (1) EXAMPLE: 2019-8-6 Youth & Outreach Meeting Minutes
   (2) EXAMPLE: 2019-7-19 Issues Motion Fair Work Week

   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 report
   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 MER for July 2019.
   Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (DiMeglio), and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

   ii. Discuss and consider motion to approve Budget through July 2019 to close out Fiscal year 2018-19.
   Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (DiMeglio), and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

   iii. Discuss and consider motion to approve to allocation of $400 for Youth and Outreach Committee’s Movie in the Park in November 2019.
   Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (DiMeglio), and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

   iv. Discuss and consider motion to approve purchase of materials and budget for Eco Fest event on Oct. 5, 2019.
   Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (DiMeglio), and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

   v. Discuss and consider motion to approve of revised budget for FY 2019-20.
Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Balderrama, Brandenberg, Chan, Dixon, Gonyea, Henry, Jacobs, Labrecque, Regalado, and Valle), 0 no, 1 abstention (DiMeglio), and 1 ineligible (Ashfield).

i. Homelessness Committee – Armando Balderrama – Item not considered due to time constraints
   i. Status on committee recruitment.
   ii. To view the full written report of the latest meeting please go to http://nwsanpedro.org/minutes.

j. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Report – Ray Regalado
   i. BONC meeting during Oct. 2019 HANC meeting. – Item not considered due to time constraints

10. NWSPNC Board Member General Comments on Non-Agenda Items – Item not considered due to time constraints

11. Other Reports – Item not considered due to time constraints
   a. Homelessness Liaison Meeting – Mary Chan – No new information
      i. Discuss appointment of liaison replacement
   b. Animal Shelter Liaison report – Volunteer needed
   c. FilmLA Liaison Report – Volunteer needed
   d. Public Works – Chris Valle – No report
   e. City Attorney – Ray Regalado – No report
   f. LA Department of Water and Power – Dan Dixon – No report

12. Announcements/Future Agenda Items – None

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC