



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
April 11, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting (DRAFT) Minutes  
Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:06pm and welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Pete Burmeister, Charles Eldred Jr., Anise Goldfarb, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, Mary Hamlin, John Mavar, Diana Nave, Barbara Schach, Mark Anthony Shoats, John Stammreich, Capt. George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. The following board members were excused: Bob Bryant, Dan Dixon and John Greenwood. Approximately 12 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** George Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Gonyea and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **Port Police Report:** Sergeant Holly commented on the recent tsunami threat and how the Harbor Area's Tsunami Command Post responded to the situation with all the agencies working together. He also briefly talked about Hazmat. Diana Nave commented that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is very concerned with emergency preparedness and that there is ongoing dialogue with the Councilwoman's office.
5. **Public Comment:**

**Mia Requenía** commented that she has witnessed a higher presence of air traffic in her neighborhood with more commercial air flights being observed overhead than ever before. She found out that the Jet Blue airline had requested a change in their air traffic route and when leaving Long Beach they appear to be flying much lower.
6. **LAPD Report:** Officer Ashcraft provided crime statistics and commented that property crime is hurting all of San Pedro. Violent crime is down and in the last month there were no reported aggravated assaults. However, there were five robberies on the Gaffey corridor reported during day time hours. Property crime in the Northwest San Pedro area escalated last month with 18 burglaries, 13 of them during the day. The majority of the crime is believed to be by juveniles. The majority of burglaries from motor vehicles occurs at night and is focused on unlocked cars. Officer Ashcraft urged citizens to lock their cars, keep all valuable out of sight and report any suspicious activity. He provided the following contact information: 310-869-2067 or [34536@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:34536@lapd.lacity.org). Also 1-877-ASK-LAPD for less priority calls.
  - **Laureen Vivian** asked for assistance with problems at Averill Park.
  - **Mark Shoats** commented on problems at Dunn Canyon with young children hanging out during school hours.
  - **John Stammreich** commented on the fireworks issue and Officer Ashcraft responded that they will be distributing flyers in problem areas regarding illegal fireworks.
  - **Diana Nave** commented on individuals asking for money to paint house numbers on the curb and Ashcraft responded that you are not obligated to pay those individuals and to call the station if you feel threatened by them. Information related to these activities will be mentioned

in the next NWSPNC newsletter.

7. **Mural at Peck Park Pool:** Julie Bender, a local mosaic artist, is working on getting a mural at Peck Park Pool. She is working on getting approval with various departments and needs community input on the design. She provided pictures of 6 different design for the board members to vote on which included: 1) Zeus, pirate ship with dolphins 2) Peck Park swimming pool with activities 3) Things happening at the pool 4) History of San Pedro 5) Creatures of the sea and 6) Native people walking off a rainbow. The project is going to cost approximately \$2,000 and they have ideas for fundraising.
8. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay talked about the Sampson Way/Harbor Blvd. project. At the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting the talked about the concept for the intersection. They have dropped Alternative Three. The Port Committee has also dropped one of its alternatives so there are now 3 alternatives: 1) Harbor Blvd (and the intersection) stays the same and Sampson Way will also be improved to account for the redevelopment of Ports of Call. 2) Similar but has a T-intersection and 3) Originally Alternative Five which involves vacating Harbor Blvd. and Sampson Way is widened. Phil explained traffic and pedestrian issues. He stated that the Port is still accepting comments on the different alternatives.
  - Laureen Vivian feels that we have to be creative and think of all the options. She would like to see the Port consider keeping the promenade green but drivable.
  - Diana Nave was concerned with future development taking over open space.
  - **John Mavar made a motion that the NWSPNC Board support Alternative One. The motion was seconded by Mark Shoats.** John Stammreich and Laureen Vivian both spoke against Alternative One based on traffic and the size of the proposed intersection. Augie Bezmalinovich commented that the Port wants concerns to be brought to them. **After discussion, the motion failed with 3 yes votes and 8 no votes.**
  - **John Stammreich made a motion that the Board take a straw vote on the preferences of the three alternatives presented above. The motion was seconded by Laureen Vivian and passed unanimously by the Board. Results of the straw vote were as follows: 3 votes for Alternative One; 9 votes for Alternative Two (because of the smaller size of the intersection); and 2 votes for Alternative Five.**
  - The original concept was for green space on top of the parking structure. The port has now proposed to put solar panels on the roof of the parking structure. The Board needs to reiterate its position on having green space on the parking structure. Laureen Vivian commented that there might be many other possibilities of where to have the solar panels.
  - EIR for marine research center is going forward. It would be nice to have a presentation in the future.
9. **L.A.P.D. Captain Hayes Presentation Re: Emergency Response.**
  - Captain Hayes began his presentation addressing the NWSPNC Board's previous motion requesting a meeting with the First Responders and the Council Office. Hayes says there has always been an Emergency Response Plan in place for catastrophic events which would range from natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis to ship explosions, refinery issues or terrorism.
  - The plans to respond to an emergency differ depending on the severity and dynamics of the situation. Once the emergency or threat is known, the First Responders come up with a course of action at that time. They have put plans in place to facilitate the decisions that need to be made.
  - The organizations involved as partners with the LAPD are the Fire Department; the Port Police, the California Department of Transportation, the California Highway Patrol, the City's Department of Transportation, as well as the Port of Long Beach and their emergency responders.
  - Hayes talked about his experience assisting the incident management team as it related to the fire disaster that occurred in the Valley. From these experiences a map was developed to assist

in evacuations and deployment. The same information is now being disseminated between all agencies.

- Reverse 911 is one of the ways to get information to the community. Individuals will be able to register their cell phones into that system.
- Citizens need to be prepared to take care of their own families for at least 48 hours.

#### **Reports from Public Officials:**

10. **Councilwoman's Office.** Elise Swanson reported on the following:

- In response to the NWSPNC's motion a meeting was convened by the Councilwoman on March 31<sup>st</sup> related to an Evacuation and Emergency Preparedness working group. The group consisted of Police, Fire, Port Police, Coast Guard and Neighborhood Council leaders. This was the first in a series of meetings to get a better and deeper understanding of the evacuation plans in place.
- The Council Office has launched a new program called Healthy Neighborhoods. It is a three part program with a goal of becoming better partners with the neighborhood councils. Part One consists of "Ride Alongs" where a council office representative drives around the neighborhoods with a neighborhood council board member in order to be proactive and report problems to the city departments. About 25 of these Ride Alongs have been completed so far. Part Two of the program consists of monthly Cabinet Meetings with the Neighborhood Council leadership and the City Departments to address specific issues such as tree trimming and sidewalk repairs. The first cabinet meeting will be in two weeks. Part Three of the program has been creating a more aggressive call management system so that problems from the community can be assigned to a department. The reports will be given to NC presidents to see they type of requests coming to the council office.
- **USS IOWA.** The Councilwoman introduced a resolution to support our legislative program encouraging support of the IOWA.
- The Council Office is partnering with neighborhood councils on a Jobs Resource Fair in May.
- **Target on Capitol.** They have ground water issues. The Councilwoman has written a letter to the CEO of Target about addressing the issue.
- There was a request for assistance from the council office relating to trucks parking on North Gaffey.

11. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- Thanked the Council for the input related to Sampson Way.
- Announced the upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings scheduled for April 21 and May 5. Details can be found on the Port website.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the annual Cars and Stripes event and this year it will include fireworks.
- Navy Days will be expanded to Navy Week and run from July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. The Port hopes that there will be a few ships in town.
- The Port is negotiating with the Chamber to have the Taste in San Pedro event at the waterfront.
- Harry Bridges Boulevard will have east bound lanes only due to construction.
- SP Slip by Utros. The Port has received 16 bids develop that parkway.
- Diana asked about the status of the upgrading of the 110/47 freeway transition. Augie responded that the environmental review document is coming out.

12. **Planning and Land Use Committee Report:** The chair of the committee was not available to report on the last meeting. Diana Nave commented on the following;

- Ponte Vista Traffic Study: Their traffic consultant came back to the meeting this month and they have done a couple of the things that the committee had requested. The only mitigations they will be proposing are structural changes to the streets which have not yet been shown.

13. **City Budget** – No report this month.

**14. Community Involvement and Collaboration Committee:**

- Newsletter update: Copies of the latest newsletter were available. It can also be accessed on the NWSPNC website.

**15. Bylaws and Elections Committee:**

- Motion to approved proposed bylaws revised bylaws. Voting on the motion was postponed to next month's meeting as the deadline has been extended until June.
- The committee received a suggestion to revise the section on abstentions that there be a minimum number of affirmative votes. This will be reviewed further.
- A second suggestion was to add a sentence regarding the voting status of stakeholders who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it. It has been recommended that those individuals can only vote for an at-large seat.
- **George Thompson made a motion to give the President authority to agree to sponsorship of community events without board approval assuming there are no financial commitments involved other than refreshment costs that do not exceed \$50. The motion was seconded by Pete Burmeister and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**16. DWP Oversight Committee:** John Stammreich commented that there was not much new to report from the past meeting. There is a new format coming out for the DWP bills and John will forward a copy to the Board members.

**17. LANCC Update:** John Stammreich gave a report.

- Budget LA is this weekend. They are looking at stakeholder participation.
- The Neighborhood Council Congress is September 24<sup>th</sup>. John is involved and will provide more details in the near future.
- Average Neighborhood Council attendance was discussed. Outreach is a huge concern. This is something that needs to be worked on.

**18. Safety and Security Committee:**

- They were unable to meet at the scheduled time and rescheduled the meeting to April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Via Dolce.
- They are working on the Map Your Neighborhood program.
- Diana Nave commented made a suggestion that the Map Your Neighborhood program could be linked with the Neighborhood Watch groups.
- Jody James commented that Lonna Calhoun would like to see as many neighborhoods as possible participate in the Map Your Neighborhood program and is offering assistance. There is more information on her website at: [www.cope-preparedness.org](http://www.cope-preparedness.org)

**19. Community Issues Committee:** No report. The next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

**20. President's Report:**

- Diana provided highlights from the HANC meeting. A written report was provided. Recommendation from the Mayor's Budget that Neighborhood Councils receive \$40,000 but this still has to go before the City Council.
- Board members were urged to complete the Ethics training.
- Grand opening of Peck Park was delayed, new date is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Board will get a preview tour on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 11:30am.
- Rain Barrel event: Hollywood beautification team are doing a pilot project giving away rain barrels where people go to a 15 minute work shop and they get a free rain barrel. We will sponsor an event at the science center. Four workshops will be held next Saturday.
- Request from Dept of Public Works to help spread the word about their Free Trees program. More information was available in the President's written report.

21. **Appointments:** The Board approved the following appointments: Pete Burmeister to the Planning and Land Use Committee and John Stammreich as the representative for the Emergency Preparedness Working Group with Diana Nave as an alternate
22. **Vice Presidents Report** – No report.
23. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig gave a review of the NWSPNC Budget.
- George Thompson made motion to approve the budget report and monthly expenditures, seconded by Chuck Eldred. Motion carried unanimously
  - Board Retreat is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>. A survey has been sent to Board Members.
24. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC