



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
December 13, 2010 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:33pm and welcomed those in attendance. She thanked those board members who assisted during her absence.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Bob Bryant, Pete Burmeister, Dan Dixon, Anise Goldfarb, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Mary Hamlin, John Mavar, Didana Nave, Barbara Schach and Captain George Thompson. Excused board members: Gabriel Rivas, Mark Anthony Shoats and Lauren Vivian. Approximately 15 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Meeting:** **Captain George Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting as presented, seconded by Bob Bryant. The minutes were approved with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention.**
4. **Board Appointment to fill vacant At-Large Seat:** Stakeholders Scott Allman and Mike Puliselich, both applicants for the vacant Board seat, gave short statements. George Thompson read a statement from applicant George Thompson who was not able to attend the meeting but was applying for the vacant board seat. President Diana Nave gave instructions to the Board on how the election is handled. After the board vote, Scott Allman was elected to the vacant seat.
5. **Board Appointment to fill vacant Census Tract 2963 Seat:** One application was received for the vacant board position. Applicant John Stammerich gave a statement and was subsequently appointed to the vacant seat by a majority of the board members.
6. **Swearing-in of new board:** Both new board members were sworn in and seated.
7. **LAPD Report:** No officer was in attendance to provide a report.
8. **Presentation by Dr. Vladovic, LAUSD Board Member:** Dr. Vladovic reported on the following:
 - Introduced Mike Romero, the District Superintendent of our local district.
 - Provided a map of District 7 which covers a large area from San Pedro up past the Baldwin Hills area. This is a district larger than our Council district.
 - Provided an update on the new schools in the district.
 - He will be asking for suggestions for a name for the new high school at Angels Gate.
 - He has been on the board for 3-1/3 years and is thankful for his past budget experience
 - LAUSD is 11% of the population of the state.
 - Mike Romero Superintendent for District 8 spoke about the local area schools and how well they are doing with API scores.
 - Barbara Schach asked Dr. Vladovic questions on behalf of the Youth and Education Committee which referred to budget cuts, 6th grade staying in the elementary and special education cuts. Dr. Vladovic plans to cut more from support downtown than teachers from the schools.
 - Superintendent is leaving April 15th. A new superintendent will be chosen.
 - Dan Dixon asked about funding of mandated programs.

- Pete Burmister asked if there are any plans for Cooper School and Dr. Vladovic responded that the name may be changed to William Johnson Opportunity School but there are no other specific plans.
- Augie Bezmalinovich asked about Charter Schools and specifically POLA High School. Dr. Vladovic stated that they are granted a charter for 5 years. POLA has been very successful and their charter will be coming up for review in a couple of years.
- Laurie Jacob, a mother with students at local schools is very unhappy with the decrease in special programs such as arts, music, auto shop etc. Dr. Vladovic commented that he has some great ideas that would change that by partnering with occupational centers and the junior college. He wishes the state would do their job and fund LAUSD.
- John Stammerich asked questions about the curriculum. The response was that looking at the fail rates is a priority.
- Pat Nave asked what can be done to diversify the educational experience such as utilizing the internet. Dr. Vladovic hopes to expand such programs, especially those courses that are very unique.
- Jay, a magnet student at SPHS asked about the increase in drug problems at the school. Dr. V said that we need to get parents involved. He sees kid's lives destroyed by one small decision.

9. **Public Comments:**

- **Nancy Trujillo** from Optomists International talked about this Youth Service Organization which has 3,000 clubs through US and Canada. Their motto is bringing out the best in kids. They are planning a new club in San Pedro. They meet on Thursdays 5:30 at 536 5th Street. www.optomists.com.
- **Chuck Hart:** President of San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners asked Ron Conrow if he could talk about the incident this weekend at Rancho Holdings facility which the Fire Dept was called. Ron Conrow, District Manager, explained that some young people ran a car into a telephone pole. The pole knocked the transformer on the ground. When the power was knocked out it activated the fire suppression system which is normal. Mr. Conrow's comments brought up the issue of evacuating the soccer field in case of an emergency.

10. **Port Committee:** Port Committee Chair Phil Nicolay commented that the committee met earlier this month. He reported on the following:

- The Wilmington Buffer should be completed by May 2011
- Cabrillo Marina Phase Two, August 2011
- There is currently no start date for the construction of the Hey Rookie Pool.
- The Community Meeting for the Sampson Way project was well attended by NWSPNC Members. Feedback went back to the Port.
- In January the committee will bring forth a resolution related to the Harbor Blvd closure. There was also discussion on the proposed parking structure at Ports O'Call which will include solar panels.
- The Board of Harbor Commissioners has selected Berth 87 for placement of the USS IOWA which would require an amendment to the Waterfront EIR
- Update on North Gaffey Phase II. Front Street and Pacific will probably be done first.
- Update on Prop 1B project.
- Update on the City Dock One, Marine Research Center project. There will be a scoping meeting on January 13th at 6pm.
- Update on TRAPAC. The Appellant group is getting organized.
- The next Port Committee Meeting will be held the first Tuesday in January (January 4th) at City Hall. 5:30pm.

11. **Councilwoman's Office:** Ana Dragin reported on the following:

- Update on San Pedro Schools Safety Collaborative which meets once a month.

- Announcement of Free Parking on downtown meters from December 11 through New Years.
- Announcement of a Town hall meeting at Peck Park on Saturday, January 15th at 10:00am. The Councilwoman will give a report on the state of the city.
- Update on the issue of the Stop Signs on Capitol and Barrywood which keep being knocked down. The city is trying to figure out a solution.
- Harbor Highlands Park will be receiving new playground equipment within the next month or so. JCC homes is still committed to funding at the park.

13, **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- Update of Sampson Way project can be viewed at www.lawaterfront.org.
- The December 3rd Holiday Fountain event was very successful.
- Announcement of upcoming meetings of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.
- Announcement of Waterfrong update meeting to be held on January 27th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 6pm.
- Update on City Dock One project. The NOP comment period will be open until January 21st. The NOP can be viewed at www.portofla.org.
- Update on the USS IOWA. The Navy will give the final decision in May 2011.
- The Promenade bathrooms are all fixed and working.
- Update on the solar power panels project on the rooftop of world cruise center which will create a Mega Watt of solar power.

12. **Planning and Land Use Committee:** John Greenwood reported on the following:

- Rancho Holdings will be holding a meeting for selected individuals in January to answer questions. The Committee has brainstormed and given questions to Rancho to answer.
- Harbor Highlands Park: Money from grants is creating upgrades. One half a million dollars is committed from the developer plus Quimby funds. The money comes in as each house is sold.
- Draft ordinance from the Planning Department. Updating city's zoning code, they say they are making it simpler but other NC's are suspicious. A committee was created and reviewed the issue and made comments on the city's proposal. Pat Nave went through the specifics.
- **A motion was brought forth by the committee to approve and submit the comments related to the proposed Zoning Code Simplification of Core Findings with a copy to be sent to the Councilwoman. The motion was passed unanimously with one abstention.**

13. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig Goldfarb gave an update on the council's finances.

- **A motion was made by Craig Goldfarb to accept the monthly report/expenditures for November 2010, seconded by Bob Bryant. Unanimous approval by the Board.**
- **Motion to accept the revision to the Budget: Craig explained that the Board previously passed motions for Peck Park Improvements and for the Holiday Parade but those motions did not explain where the money was being taken from. Craig then made a motion to move \$1500 from the Peck Park Improvement with \$1000 allocated for the San Pedro Holiday Parade and \$200 from advertising expense to outreach event for food. The motion was seconded by Bob Bryant and approved unanimously by the Board.**

14. **Issues committee:** No Report. The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2011.

15. **Outreach Committee Report:** There will be future discussion on combining the Outreach and Education Committees. Bob Bryant reported that the Weymouth Corners event was wonderful. 2000 people attended and the NWSPNC booth was informative and very positive. Bob thanked those who helped.

16. **Presidents Report:**

- Notes from the Retreat were provided in the Agenda packet but due to time constraints further discussion was not held. At the Retreat, the board had talked about possible changes to the current committee structure. The Executive committee will come up with recommendations.
- Scope document in agenda packet. **Motion by Diana Nave to approve the Scope and Functions of the Executive Committee as presented in the Agenda packet. Motion seconded by Bob Bryant and unanimously approved by the Board.**
- Committee assignments: Diana Nave explained the need to have people commit to committees that they are going to attend. The current Committee Assignment list was included in the agenda packet for review by Board members.
- Upcoming Orientation meeting will be held for the new Board members, Anise and Scott.

17. **HANC Report:** A written report was included in the agenda packet. Diana went over the highlights.

18. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC