



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
November 8, 2010 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Peck Park, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice President Bob Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Bob Bryant, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Mary Hamlin, Barbara Schach, Mark Anthony Shoats, Pete Burmeister (arrived at 7:13pm), Dan Dixon, Cynthia Gonyea, Gabriel Rivas, Laureen Vivian and Capt. George Thompson. The following board members were excused: John Mavar and Diana Nave. Approximately 15 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the October 11, 2010 Meeting:** Pete Burmeister made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2010 meeting as presented, seconded by George Thompson. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.
4. **LAPD:** No official report. Violent crime is down, property crime is still an issue.
5. **Youth and Education Committee motion:** Motion by Barbara, seconded by John Greenwood to accept Anise Goldfarb to fill the vacant position of Youth Seat on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board. Craig Goldfarb swore in the new Youth Board Member.

Comments from Public Officials:

6. **Councilwoman's Office:** Ana Dragin reported on the following:
 - A water main break on Summerland and Western is being handled by DWP.
 - Ponte Vista scoping meeting is this Wednesday at Peck Park 6pm.
 - Another Christmas Social is being organized by the Councilwoman. This will be a tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 2, 6pm at Pepper Tree Plaza (in front of municipal building). Children will be putting up decorations and the Fire Department will put up lights). Other activities and refreshments will be included.
 - In anticipation of the rainy season, a motion was introduced by the councilwoman to make sure all the store drains are clear.
 - A project for the beautification of the Gaffey pedestrian bridge is going out to bid. The project will include replacement of fencing, new security lighting, trimming trees, graffiti abatement etc.
 - Pete Burmeister asked Ana to check into having the city repair the damaged fencing at Capitol and Amelia.
 - Bob talked about the meeting with the Neighborhood Council Presidents. He said it was an outstanding meeting for developing communications with the Council Office.
7. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
 - The kick off meeting for the Sampson Way Design Project is Thursday, November 18, 2010 6-8pm. The project will create a plaza area where the current museum is located.
 - The holiday fountain celebration is scheduled for December 3, 2010 from 7pm-9pm. The Dodson Middle School Choir will be performing.
 - The Port's Halloween event was very successful.

- Upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners Meetings are scheduled for November 18, 2010 and December 2, 2010 at 8:30am at the Port Administration Building. Also, there will be a Joint meeting of the BOHC from Long Beach and Los Angeles on November 22, 2010 at Bannings Landing from 2pm-4pm.
 - A meeting on the LA Waterfront Project is scheduled for January 27, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza. They expect a large turnout.
 - There are plans to create a red car museum at the old Bekins building on Avalon in Wilmington.
 - Project Update: The Harry Bridges project is coming along nicely and there will be road closures between Lagoon and Lakme in the next few days. Also, the Cabrillo Marina Phase is almost complete.
 - The TRAPAC MOU has passed and they are now moving forward with the appellants and a non-profit is being formed.
 - USS IOWA: An economic feasibility study has been conducted and the report has been presented to the BOHC. Berth 87 is being considered as the most viable location for the ship.
 - Waterfront Update: The Port has issued an RFI (Request for Interest) and Warehouse 9 and 10 is getting some interest. An RFI for Ports O'Call is not being sent out at this time because of the economic climate. Several dilapidated buildings are being torn down on the South Side of Ports O'Call and will be replaced by landscaping.
 - Promenade Update: Permanent bathrooms on the promenade are now constructed. A new piece of art called "Ship in a Bottle" is being put in by the new marina.
 - In response to Barbara Schach question last month about cruise ships dumping outside the harbor, Augie reported that this is common practice and the dumping is actually treated water and is not harmful to the environment.
8. **Update on Cornerstone Technology Report:** Ron Conrow, a representative from Rancho Holdings was available to comment on the recent Cornerstone report which relates to the possible risks of the two large butane tanks on North Gaffey. Rancho Holdings has also conducting a risk study. (Both studies can be viewed on the NWSPNC website at www.nwsanpedro.org.)
- Bob Bryant complimented John Greenwood on his handling of this issue at the recent Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting. Bob is happy that there is now a dialogue with the company and the process has been started.
 - Andrew Mardesich of the San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners coalition commented that his group would like to attend next month's meeting and share information that their group has gathered.
 - Ron Conrow from Rancho Holdings also complimented John Greenwood on his excellent and professional job handling the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting. Ron talked about Rancho's RMP (Risk Management Plan).
 - John Greenwood hopes that the results of the next Rancho Holdings report will be available to the entire community. Ron from Rancho talked about getting all the neighborhood council board members together for a meeting in January.
9. **Update on Ponte Vista:** Elise Swanson, a member of the community outreach team for Ponte Vista announced a meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at Peck Park 6-8pm for the community to submit comments for the upcoming scoping hearing for Ponte Vista Project. She commented that there is a new traffic study and a brand new EIR on the revised plan for Ponte Vista. The new project is for 1135 units with 7 products types including single family homes, townhomes, duplexes and condominium flats for seniors. At the meeting on Wednesday the community will be able to see the new plan and to talk to the consultants (traffic, EIR, architects etc). Bob Bryant commented that this is an important first step and urged everyone to attend and inform others to attend.
10. **Outreach Committee:** Bob Bryant talked about the committee's "Meet Our Community" program where board members will be working hard to become proactive within our. John Greenwood provided additional details on the program. He sent out a questionnaire to board members asking them to talk with businesses, churches, schools, etc. and ask those they interview the following

three questions: 1) What are most important community issues you see coming up? 2) What is your organization doing to address these issues; and 3) Are there ways our neighborhood council can partner with you.

11. **Introduction of Scott Allman.** Bob Bryant introduced Scott Allman, a community member who is interested in becoming involved with the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Scott moved to San Pedro three years ago and is residing in the Casa Verdes Estates. His wife's family has lived in San Pedro for 64 years. He wants to get involved in the community.

12. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Craig Goldfarb made a motion to accept the monthly expenditures for October 2010 as presented. The motion was seconded by John Greenwood and passed unanimously by the Board.
- Craig attended the Mayor's Budget Day where it was stressed that the city is "\$450 million in the hole." Craig was appointed as one of the Harbor reps for the NC Budget Committee. He has attended one meeting and they elected a Chairman.
- Craig also attended a town hall meeting put on by Councilman Krikorian. At that meeting he learned that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) will remain in tact as a City department and Bon Wan Kim will continue as its General Manager.

13. **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC):**

- First Quarter of this year the budget is minus 63 million dollars, next year it will be minus 319 million. It appears that about 1000 more people will be laid off from the city.
- DONE is requiring NC's to look at their bylaws. They want them to be more consistent and follow a general table of contents.
- HANC is really involved with Plan Check for adding buildings and homes in our community.

14. **Chair's Report:**

- Bob Bryant thanked John Greenwood, Craig Goldfarb and George Thompson for their assistance while Bob has been acting Chair of the NWSPNC during Diana Nave's absence.
- The new youth board member, Alise Goldfarb, was congratulated for her appointment to the Board. Bob also announced the additional two board seat openings and urged community members to apply.
- Bob also commented about the \$60,000 Quimby funds available for the Harbor Highlands Park.

15. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

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