



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

1. **Call to Order:** Vice President Bob Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Bob Bryant, Pete Burmeister (arrived at 7:13pm), Dan Dixon, Cynthia Gonyea, Craig Goldfarb, Gabriel Rivas, Barbara Schach, Mark Anthony Shoats, Laureen Vivian and Capt. George Thompson. The following board members were excused: John Greenwood, Mary Hamlin, John Mavar and Diana Nave. Unexcused absences: David Arvonio. Approximately 28 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the August 9, 2010 Meeting:** **Capt George Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2010 meeting as presented, seconded by Dan Dixon. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.**
4. **LAPD:** The LAPD gave an update on crime statistics for the Northwest San Pedro area. There has been a rise in grand theft auto and burglaries from motor vehicles. Most of these thefts occur from unlocked vehicles and predominantly near the high school. Neighborhood watch groups are being started. Violent crime is down.
5. **PORT OF LA PRESENTATION by Geraldine Knatz:** Director Knatz reported on the following:
  - a. Announcement of Waterfront Meeting on Downtown Harbor Project. The Port will report back after receiving comments from the community at the previous meeting. The meeting will be held Thursday, September 16, 2010, 6:30pm-8:00pm.
  - b. Update on the proposed Marine Research Center. The Port has submitted their grant and are now waiting to hear back from the Annenberg Foundation.
  - c. Trapac Mitigation MOU: Director Knatz gave background information on the Trapac Mitigation funds, the Appellant Group and the proposed non-profit being considered to distribute the funds. She commented that there was a lot of misinformation on this issue and she hoped to clarify how the process would be handled. The MOU was negotiated to settle an appeal on the EIR with 15 appellants. In that MOU they established a Community Benefit Fund. The concept is that as the Port grows, the money in the fund will grow. They hope to make this a "perpetual" fund where the accrued interest is given out in grants. The legal settlement involving the 15 appellants cannot allow other parties into the process. She envisions the Neighborhood Councils applying for money to fund projects. The money would be controlled by a 7-member board. The members of the board would be determined by the following: The Trapac Appellants would nominate someone from San Pedro and someone from Wilmington (from the 15 appellants), there would also be someone chosen by the Mayor's Office, Council District 15, Tech School of Medicine working with the Trapac Appellants, the Port, the County Department of Health, and UCLA. There will be \$15 million in the fund, \$6 million has been pledged for air filtration in Wilmington Schools. The remainder can be applied for if applicants meet the guidelines. They are working closely with Statelands. The MOU is set up in a manner that any time an EIR is approved a deposit is put into a fund. Annual deposits also go into the fund.
  - d. Monday September 27 is the next BOHC meeting 1:00pm. The Trapac Agreement will be on the agenda.
  - e. Dan Dixon asked if the monies were only from TRAPAC. Director Knatz responded that the initial funds come from Trapac but they are hoping that the Non-Profit will also handle funds

coming from other EIR's such as China Shipping. This non profit will hold Brown-acted public meetings. The Neighborhood Councils can submit comments. The Non-Profit will then bring their recommendations to the Harbor Commission.

- f. Craig Goldfarb asked if Director Knatz was aware that the NWSPNC had passed a resolution related to the MOU. She commented that she did read the resolution, however, there is no way to bring the NC's into the legal process but the NC's can give their comments. She envisions the neighborhood council being more of an applicant for the funding and encourages the NC's to attend the meetings to give input.
  - g. Bob Bryant commented that he has concerns with having the same non-profit handle this and future problems.
  - h. Dan suggested that the NWSPNC Port committee and Issues committee have a joint meeting and look at this issue.
  - i. Bob Bryant asked Ms. Knatz to approach the USS Iowa proposal with an open mind and consider the opportunities the project will bring to the community.
  - j. Janet Gunter announced the meeting on the Amerigas facility, September 14, 1:30pm at Crowne Plaza. She feels that there is a huge issue with the Amerigas facility and the dangers of the pipelines. She also commented that she gave up on the Trapac negotiations as she saw the futility of the process. She sees major issues with the proposed non-profit. Her final comment was related to the NWSPNC's resolution regarding the Hey Rookie Pool. She has been a proponent of the "study" which would report aesthetic detriment and blight and address those issues in our community.
6. **Department of Water and Power:** Jeff Childers from the DWP reported on the following:
- a. Holding a public workshop, Monday, Sept. 20, Crowne Plaza 6pm-8pm. The topic is "renewal resources." They want public input to try to formulate their 5-10 year plan.
  - b. Provided Fact sheets on water conservation ordinance. You can now water three times per week. If you have an odd numbered address you would be Mon, Wed, & Fri, before 9am or after 4pm. Hand watering must be before 9am or after 4pm any day. Sprinkler systems is 8 minutes per station.
  - c. Rate increases: He spoke with the rates manager and on Oct. 5 they are going to open talks to discuss the ECAF (Energy Cost Adjustment Factor) which is the cost of fuels that turn the turbines. ECAF is the money that fuels that. Right now renewable energy is part of ECAF formula. They are going to try to separate the renewable aspect and costs from the fuel costs. ECAF can be adjusted based on costs up and down.
  - d. Dan Dixon asked about court activity related to heated water ejected into the ocean. Mr. Childers responded that they are looking to modify the time frame to spread the costs over a longer period of time.
  - e. Introduced Martha Lopez, Solar Administrator from the Solar Group. The DWP is currently receiving about 175 applications a week for solar panels on homes and businesses and their department does not have enough staffing to handle all the requests in a timely manner. They are 6-8 weeks behind. She commented that Guidelines are on the website. Bob Bryant commented that the Mayor is asking us to "go green" but the city is not equipped to handle the response from citizens. He urged the DWP to refocus and get help.
  - f. Public comment from Mike Stump. He is in the solar process and he has some key issues: LA building services has a website where you can track your permit process. The DWP needs more openness and clarity in the process.
7. **Presentation by Mike Walker on San Pedro Packages for Patriots.** Mr. Walker and his wife started supporting a soldier in Iraq about six years ago. In 2008 he began his program to support additional troops overseas. He is in the process of creating a non-profit charity in order to take the program to the next level. The program is run from his garage and they have sent 2130 packages since June 2008. They are now averaging 97 care packages a month. The care packages provide the troops with items such as baby wipes, clean socks, coffee, candy, etc. They use flat rate shipping boxes which cost \$12.50 per box to ship. The packages remind the troops that the people back home care about them and this boosts moral. Mike commented that they primarily

need assistance from the community with fundraising, volunteering, printing costs, mailing costs, etc. Bob Bryant commented that this issue is not about whether we agree with the war or not. It is about reaching out to the young men and women who are risking their lives to ensure our freedoms at home.

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

8. **Councilwoman's Office:** Ana Dragin reported on the following:
  - a. Announced the Heal the Bay community cleanup on September 25, 2010 from 9am-12noon. They are going to clean the Pacific Corridor from the end of the freeway to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Contact Clean San Pedro if you would like to participate.
  - b. Construction crews are reconstructing curbs on Gaffey. They are working on the West side of Gaffey at this time.
  - c. Peck Park project. She will report back next month.
  - d. Pot Holes outside of Target: They have been fixed but it is an ongoing problem.
  
9. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich gave a report on Port activities which included:
  - a. Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and rescheduled to September 27. After that the next meeting will be Oct. 7 at 8:30am which will include the USS Iowa presentation.
  - b. Technology Expo being held Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am . This is a paid event being held at the Double Tree hotel and tickets are available through the Chamber.
  - c. San Pedro Downtown Design presentation is scheduled for Thurs, Sept 16 6:30-8pm at Port of LA High School.
  - d. Lobster Fest this weekend, September 18 & 19 at Ports O'Call.
  - e. Sampson Way Realignment Project: There will be a Kickoff meeting Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at POLA High school 6-8pm.
  - f. Robin Kramer has been appointed as the new Harbor Commissioner. Not yet ratified by full city council. Local Harbor Commissioner Joe Radovich has resigned and a new local rep is being sought.
  - g. Question from Barbara Schach about cruise ships dumping 3 miles outside of the harbor. Augie will look into it.
  
10. **Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal's office:** Bianca reported on the following:
  - a. Car seat safety check event, Sept 25, 9am-1pm at Target, San Pedro. The CHP has a grant to provide these community checks where they inspect car seats and assist parents in the correct way to install them. They offer a free replacement if an inspected car seat is inappropriate.
  - b. Article written by Bonnie Lowenthal related to AB2098 was distributed. If the governor signs it, this bill will mean jobs for 18,000 people in the Inland Empire. The article outlines the process of getting the bill in front of the Governor and how it was a perfect example of everyone (Republicans and Democrats) working together to accomplish a goal.
  
11. **San Pedro Chamber's Christmas Parade Committee:** Irene Mendoza reported that this will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Year of the San Pedro Christmas Parade. Many recent events have had to be cancelled because of the city fees for street closures, etc. City departments met with the chamber and they are moving forward with holding the parade. It is a free event for members of the community. The parade route is from 15<sup>th</sup> and Pacific to 6<sup>th</sup> and down to Crown Plaza. There will also be entertainment by two bands. The Chamber is seeking sponsorship from the local neighborhood councils.
  
12. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
  - a. **Mike Stump:** Spoke with Ms. Lopez of the DWP Solar Group and she forgot to announce that they are going to a system called Power Clerk which will be implemented on their website to help customers track the progress of their applications.

- b. **Pete Burmeister:** Commented on a recent seminar where 50 canine units were training at the West Coast Canine facility. The DWP is no longer pressuring the group regarding fees for the facility.

### **Committee Reports:**

- 13. **Planning and Land use:** No report.
- 14. **Port Committee:** Port rep not available to give report. Comment from stakeholder that the vote for the PCAC Chair is still tied.
- 15. **Youth and Education:** Barbara Schach reported that they did not have a meeting this month. At this time there are no applicants for the youth seat. The deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup>. Barbara announced to the stakeholders that the Youth position is for a stakeholder between ages of 16-21 and the application can be downloaded from the NWSPNC website.
- 16. **Issues Committee:** Committee Chair John Mavar submitted a written report which was included in the agenda packet.
- 17. **Outreach Committee:** Bob Bryant reported that the newsletter is ready to go to print and should be out this week. Bob also commented on the upcoming meeting Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the USS IOWA project. He hopes that board members and stakeholders will attend to show support.
- 18. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig Goldfarb provided a copy of the Reconciliation Worksheet. He provided an Amended Budget and explained that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment came back with a higher roll over fee and the budget as been adjusted to reflect the changes. **There was a motion from the committee to approve the revised budget and the monthly expenses from August. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.**
- 19. **HANC Report:** No report.
- 20. **Chair Report:**
  - a. The proposed 110 Frwy Toll Project is scheduled for sometime next year. Bob talked briefly about the project.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in October Peck Park is closed. We need to hold our meeting somewhere else. The new location will be announced when secured.
  - c. Change in publishing location for our Agenda. Java City has closed and is no longer available to publish our agenda. **There was a motion made by Pete Burmeister and seconded by George Thompson that the NWSPNC utilize Via Dolce Café on Western as the new posting location. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.**
  - d. Bob will invite Port Police to report at our meeting.
- 21. **Secretary's Report:**
  - a. A written report was provided showing the recent correspondence sent on behalf of the NWSPNC and providing an update on the by laws change submission.
- 22. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC