

Contact Information

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Brief Summary: We support the efforts to provide an adequate budget and staffing to ensure all project conditions are enforced. Without enforcement, the conditional use permits granted are open to the practice of cutting corners which is not acceptable and can result in safety issues. Our council agrees that enforcement be done from Planning where most conditions originate and are understood.

Additional Information:



Board Action From
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

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MOTION IN SUPPORT OF CF 14-0122

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Whereas many of the conditions are important to the health and well being of the community; and

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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 14, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
 Peck Park Community Center, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Vice President Laurie Jacobs. There was a quorum of 12 board members present at roll call. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance. Diana Nave addressed the students who were present and explained how the process of public comment works. Students were encouraged to voice any concerns or issues.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Excused
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Gary Buss	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Cassidy Feltenberger	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Excused
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Carolyn Grayson	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Connie McOsker	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Excused
Barbara Schach	Excused
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Absent
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
 - a. **Lanny Nelms** – provided information on the South Bay Historical Society and events they sponsor.
 - b. **John Stinson**, President of San Pedro Art Association announced a fundraiser in conjunction with the SPAA’s Art Contest.
 - c. **Chuck Hart** commented on the Ponte Vista project and his disappointment that no further action is being taken by the neighborhood council.

Reports from First Responders

3. **LAPD:**
 - a. Senior Lead Officer Bravo addressed students in attendance reminding them that curfew for a minor is 9:30 pm. LAPD is conducting a task force to enforce curfew during spring and summer break.
 - b. The youth were also reminded that skateboard laws are in effect and proper equipment (helmets) are required and roadway laws must be obeyed.
 - c. Officer Bravo reviewed crime statistics for area and announced the upcoming Harbor Area Community Police Advisory Board meeting on April 17th 6:30pm to 8:00pm with an opportunity for community members to meet the new Captain.

Presentations/Conversations:

4. Creative Open Space Los Angeles – No representative was in attendance.

Public Official Reports:

5. **Port of Los Angeles:** No report given.
6. **Council District 15 Office.** Ryan Ferguson reported:
 - a. The NWSPNC Board members were thanked for their service on the Board.
 - b. Ryan announced that he will be on vacation from May 8th through May 26th.
 - c. Board Member Sarah Valdez was thanked for her work in organizing the beach cleanup at Royal Palms.
 - d. Ryan provided highlights from his written CD15 Report which can be found on the NWSPNC website. The report included an update on the status of the Peck Park Skate Park construction. It is hoped that the skate park will open in time to accommodate the youth currently utilizing the Channel Street skate park which will be closed during port project construction. Ryan was asked to find out what kind of barrier, if any, is being planned between Western Ave. and the skate park for safety of both skaters and drivers.
 - e. The CD 15 Report also included legislative updates, upcoming events and touched on the issue of the Citywide Exclusive Franchise System for Municipal Solid Waste. The City Council voted 12-1 to certify the FEIR. Ryan clarified that single family homes will not be affected. Only multi-family properties with five or more units and commercial properties will be impacted.
 - f. There was also a request that the CD15 office attempt to acquire a schedule of the work at Ponte Vista as the project moves forward.
7. **Consent Calendar:** Diana Nave requested that item B (Support Condition Compliance Unit CF#14-0122) be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion). **The remaining item, the Approval of the March 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes, was approved unanimously (Moved by Dan Dixon, seconded by Carolyn Grayson).**
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Committee Reports and Motions

9. **Budget & Finance** – Scott
 - a. **Motion to approve funding request for \$2500 to Perry Mailing Services for Newsletter.**
Motion from committee approved with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea,

Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)

- b. **Motion to approve funding request for \$750 to Reed Printing for Newsletter.** Motion from committee approved with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)
- c. **Motion to approve revised Pathways to Employment budget in the amount of \$1138.18.** Motion from committee approved with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)
- d. **Approval of additional motions from the Budget and Finance Committee:**
 - i. Motion to advertise at a cost of \$500.00 in the event flyer for the Grand Grunion Gala hosted by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Motion made by Scott Allman and seconded by Gary Buss. Motion to amend to say 'event program' not 'event flyer' passed unanimously. Motion as amended approved with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)
 - ii. Motion to sponsor food and NWSPNC advertising at the William J. Johnston High School graduation in the amount of \$500.00 (pizza/salad, cake, drinks and snacks). Motion made by Bob Bryant, seconded by Gary Buss and passed with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)
 - iii. Motion to support the Congress of Neighborhoods event in the amount of \$250.00. Event run by neighborhood councils from all over the city and hosted at city hall. Motion to support made by Sarah Valdez, seconded by Gary Buss and passed with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)
- e. **Approval of March Expenditure Report:** Scott Allman reviewed the expenses for March 2014 which were presented in the Agenda Packet. George Thompson moved to approve the Expense Report as presented, seconded by Bob Bryant and passed with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)
- f. **Approval of March Budget:** Motion by George Thompson, seconded by Bob Bryant to approve the March 2014 Budget as presented in the agenda packet. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Bryant, Burmeister, Buss, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, McOsker, Nave, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Feltenberger)

10. **Issues Committee** – Dan Dixon reported:

- a. **Motion** – Board to authorize funds for community clean-up and enhancement projects not to exceed \$3,000 from the 2014-15 budget. Members of the board would like to designate this as an annual expenditure. Diana Nave explained that the board can not commit funds on behalf of a future board not yet in place and the item was tabled accordingly.
- b. **Letter to Council office regarding Skate Park opening participation.** Dan Dixon will submit a draft letter at the May 12th Stakeholder meeting.

11. **Port Committee** – No port meeting

12. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Robert Bryant reported:

- a. **Pathways to Employment Overview** - The event was an outstanding success with approximately 180 attendees. Both attendees and presenters gave positive feedback. The Mayor's office presented the NWSPNC with a Certificate of Recognition for the event. Bob Bryant thanked all who participated and specifically recognized Gary Buss for his outstanding work on the event.

- b. **Youth Service Award Update** – Applications are available on the NWSPNC website for the youth service award of \$500. Barbara was not in attendance to give a further update. Diana Nave gave the youth in attendance a brief explanation of the award and urged them to submit an application.
 - c. **Newsletter** – Bob Bryant reported that articles are still needed for the next newsletter. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday April 15th. Bob also urged the Board to consider planning an Emergency Preparedness Fair for next year.
13. **Election Committee – Update and Status:** David Rivera reported that candidate filing for the election closed on March 24th. All positions are covered except for the non-profit seat. There will be a Candidate Forum on Wednesday April 30th at 7pm at Peck Park. The Election Committee will be handing out applications for the unfilled position. Outreach for the elections includes advertising in the Random Lengths News, Daily Breeze and on Face Book. Elections are scheduled for May 6, from 1:30-7:30pm at Peck Park. The next newsletter will focus on the Elections. There is an Outreach meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 16th 5pm at Peck Park.
14. **HANC Report** – Diana Nave provided a brief overview of the HANC meeting. The meeting notes were included in the agenda packet and will be available on the website. The primary topic covered at the last meeting was the creation of a committee to replace the PCAC.
15. **Executive Committee** – Laurie Jacobs reported:
- a. There was an announcement of the upcoming Retreat which is scheduled for June 21st at the Ports O'Call Restaurant. A facilitator is being invited.
 - b. **Discussion Re: Neighborhood Council Budget Amounts Based on Population & Other Consideration from DONE:** This item will be addressed at a future meeting.
16. **President's Report** – Laurie Jacobs spoke for Ray Regalado who had asked her to convey his congratulations on the success of the Pathways to Employment event.
17. **Other Reports:**
- a. **Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness.** Connie McOsker reported that the meeting was excellent with 80 to 90 people in attendance. Presenters from San Pedro and other local cities including Hollywood were on the panel. The meeting was very information and stressed the importance of housing the homeless and then addressing the other issues related to homelessness. The ad hoc committee will continue to meet to plan their next course of action. The next meeting is April 30, 2014 6pm at Rainbow Services, 562 W. 8th Street, San Pedro.
 - b. **Fracking Updates:** Darlene Zavalney attended the City Council meeting in March and reported that the city council voted to put a moratorium on fracking until Feb 2016. Darlene will be chairing a committee that is forming to discuss this issue further.
18. **Announcements/Future Agenda Item**
- a. Pete Burmeister provided board members with information on possible solutions to the restroom issue at Harbor Highlands Park. He will be pursuing this further and asked community members to voice their opinions to the Department of Rec and Parks on the need for upgrading the restroom facilities.
 - b. Diana Nave asked for volunteers to help with the council election on May 6.
19. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristina Smith for NWSPNC