

Contact Information

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Brief Summary: The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has long been concerned about the proliferation of unlicensed group homes in our community and supports the proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance.

Additional Information: See Attached Resolution

Minutes: Special Meeting NWSPNC 6:30 PM 31 January 2011

1. Meeting called to order by President Diana Nave at 6:30 pm in Peck Park Clubroom A.
2. Board members in attendance: Scott Allman, Bob Bryant, Peter Burmeister, Dan Dixon, Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Mary Hamlin, John Mavar, Diana Nave, Barbara Schach, Mark Anthony Shoats, John Stammreich, and George Thompson
3. Treasurers Report: Craig Goldfarb presented a budget summary of the NWSPNC funds for 2010-2011 as of 31 January. The projected amount of available funds is \$17,001.31. Craig recommended that \$5,000 of that amount be held in reserve.
4. Public Comments: Representatives of the Cabrillo Beach Club and the Youth Sail Club made requests for funds. They were referred to the appropriate committee to obtain Request for Funds packets to formally present their requests.
5. Diana Nave brought up the possibility that the City Clerk might not in the future conduct Neighborhood Council elections with that responsibility for conducting and funding elections returning to Neighborhood Councils.
6. John Greenwood led a discussion concerning future funding goals and priorities for those goals
 - a. Council members thoughts:
 - Emergency preparations - flyers to inform public. Utilize data accumulated by COPS' Storage of emergency supplies (eg Peck park); emergency Fair; training in CB operations
 - Involving sponsors to provide equipment and necessities (eg for Cooper High computer connections)
 - Partnering with refineries, i.e., Conoco, Chevron
 - Leveraging resources to provide funds to organizations. NWSPNC not sole source of funding.
 - Purchasing security cameras for high crime locations
 - Council members to use powers of persuasion as community leaders
 - - Dialogue with school leadership
 - Volunteer Fair
 - Council serving as clearing house for community's ideas
 - b. Funding requests referred to Community Involvement and Collaboration Committee for recommendations at March Board Meeting. Recommendations should take into consideration the following factors:
 - Primary benefit to NW San Pedro
 - One time funding
 - Ability to spend and bill immediately
 - Publicity/promotion of public awareness of Council
 - Leveraging of other resources

7. The Planning Committee submitted a proposed resolution on
"Proposed City Regulation of Community Care Facilities and Boarding Houses."

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Motion to approve Resolution by Bob Bryant, seconded by Peter Burmeister. Passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by: George Thompson, Secretary

NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Unanimously adopted, January 31, 2011