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Brief Summary: The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the proposal for the City to purchase the property at 427 N. Gaffey Street in San Pedro and urges the city to do so and to remove the billboard that is on the property as quickly as possible.

Additional Information:



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, March 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
 Peck Park Community Center, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a **quorum of 12 board members**. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Present
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Excused
Rogelio Cuevas	Present
Dan Dixon	Excused
Craig Goldfarb	Present (left prior to voting)
Cynthia Gonyea	Excused
Carolyn Grayson	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present
Joe Zaarour	Present
Vacant Board Seat	

Public Official Reports:

2. **Council District 15 Report:** Ryan Ferguson provided highlights from his written report. The following items were highlighted:
 - a. **Ponte Vista:** No new information expects to have an update next month.
 - b. **Capitol Drive:** The substandard work has been redone. Striping should occur within the couple of weeks.
 - c. **Peck Park State Park:** Due to increased complaints, additional LAPD patrols have been requested during night and weekend hours.
 - d. **Harbor Animal Shelter:** HVAC units are being installed they should be complete by the end of the month. All construction should be complete before November 2015.
 - e. **Western & Westmont/Delasonde Traffic Signal:** Caltrans continues to move forward with completion of the project and is aware of the timing concerns.
 - f. **Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study:** HACLA received 9 responses to their RFP. They anticipate HACLA Board approval on March 26, 2015 to select a contractor.
 - g. **Upcoming Events:**
 - i. **Defense Fuel Support Point Public Scoping (Naval Fuel Depot)** meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 6pm – 8pm at Crown Plaza LA Harbor Hotel, 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro.

- ii. **Western Avenue Design Guidelines Community Workshop** on Saturday, March 14, 2015, 10am – 2pm, at Peck Park Recreation Center.
 - h. Board members asked Ferguson for further information on the following topics: Complaints about the skate park; changes to Western & Westmont/Delasonde intersection; construction on Channel Street; and the lighting on the bridge at the end of the freeway which is still out. Nave would like to see Neighborhood Councils having input into the design of the Gaffey Street exit park.
3. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
- a. The next two Harbor Commission meetings are Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 8:30 am, at the Port Administration Building in the Boardroom, 425 Palos Verdes Street and Thursday April 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm, at Banning’s Landing, 100 E. Water St., Wilmington.
 - b. The labor dispute between the Port and the ILWU has been resolved.
 - c. Ports O’ Call update, the exclusive negotiation agreement with the LA Waterfront Alliance expires on March 9, 2015. A letter of Intent with the LA Waterfront Alliance was approved on March 10, 2015 and expires in four months.
 - d. Boy Scout Camp RFP’s have been submitted and are being reviewed.
 - e. The Port of LA has a summer internship program. The deadline for submitting applications is March 15, 2015. See the Port’s website for all the information.
 - f. North Gaffey Phase II Beautification is now in the design stages. On Thursday, March 9, 2015, at 2pm Mr. Bezmalinovich will be leading a tour of the project area. Board members were asked to meet at the Caltrans lot adjacent to the skate park under the I-110 freeway.
 - g. Fri through Sunday movies see Facebook for schedule
 - h. Sampson Way realignment. The project is due for completion by the end of this year or early next year.
 - i. Board member Bob Bryant asked a question about the Promenade not being kept up and the Red Car being closed.
4. **John Larson from Dr. Vladovic LAUSD office:** Dr. Vladovic and Assembly member Mike Gipson are partnering to hold a California State Budget Town Hall meeting Saturday, March 14, 2015, from 10am – 12pm, at Wilmington Senior Citizen Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.
- a. Board member Bob Bryant asked about Dodson’s rating dropping to ‘poor’.
 - b. Board member Jacobs asked about Dodson students causing trouble in the neighborhood before and after school.

First Responder’s Reports:

5. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Adriana Brovo**
- a. Crime stats from February 25th to March 7, 2015 were reviewed. There were 3 aggravated assaults, 10 burglary/theft from motor vehicles (3 of the vehicles were unlocked), 3 burglaries, 5 stolen vehicles, and 5 robberies. Officer Bravo reiterated that the best tip to avoid being a victim of burglary is to lock your home and vehicle and do not leave valuables in sight.
 - b. An overview was provided on the Harbor Impact Program for at-risk youth from 9 to 15 years old and their parents.
 - c. On Saturday, March 21, 2015 Harbor Division is holding an Open House 1pm – 5pm with a chance to observe an LAPD Roll Call at 4:30pm.
 - d. Board member Jacobs asked about a complaint she had made related to a property owner keeping large storage trailers on their front lawn.
6. **Office Morales Community Relations Office with the Port Police**
- a. Discussed traffic enforcement during the busiest times to try mitigating the impact of heavy traffic.
 - b. Advised that if you have personal items with you that you lock the items in your trunk while you are still at home not once you reach your destination.

- c. Board member Bob Bryant commented that on Friday, February 27, 2015, he observed five police cars exiting Ports O' Call responding to a call and driving very unsafely.
- d. Office Morales passed out a flyer about career opportunities with the Port Police.

7. **Presentations/Conversations:**

- a. **Blue Butterfly Village** – Orlando Ward, Executive Director of External Affairs with Volunteers of America, gave a presentation on the new housing for female veterans and their families. The construction of the project is complete. There are a total of 76 units, 73 for families, 1 for a residential manager, and 2 for services for the residents. The site is due to open in April or May. They have received approximately 90 applications for the 73 units. This is permanent housing as opposed to transitional housing. He invited the Board to visit for a tour. Board member Diana Nave asked if they had reached out to the various schools that would be impacted by the influx of students. Board member Laurie Jacobs stated that they should reach out to the Boy and Girl Scout troops in the area as well.

8. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. **Jen Enoch & Lindsey Bonham** from C.O.P.E. (Community Outreach Promoting Emergency Preparedness) announced that the organizations is offering a free 2 hour workshop called Map Your Neighborhood on Saturday, April 4, 2015, at 9am at Little Company of Mary Hospital. It is a 9 step FEMA endorsed program. There is on-line and Facebook registration.
- b. **Lydia Gutierrez** Candidate for LAUSD School Board District 7 asked for consideration of her candidacy and gave some statics about dropout rates in District 7 and teacher benefits issues.
- c. **Steve Salas** from Wilmington is requesting funding for the revitalization of Banning Park.
- d. **Ron Conrow** representing the Plains All American and the Rancho LPG Storage facility commented on the company's desire to keep the Neighborhood Council updated on operations at the facility.
- e. **John Vladovic**, Principal at Dodson, stated that Dodson had the LAUSD Teacher of the Year for 2014/2015 and gave an overview of some other favorable things about the school. Board member Bob Bryant asked Vladovic for his opinion of what areas he felt needed some work and how would he rate the problem areas at the school.
- f. **Debbie Rouser** presented an information packet for sponsorship at the upcoming Leland Park Spring Fling fundraising event to benefit Leland Park. The event is scheduled for June 6, 2015 from 12-6pm. Funds raised go to the nonprofit Los Angeles Parks Foundation to be earmarked for Leland Park. Sponsorship banners will be displayed for an additional six months after the Spring Fling.
- g. **Consent Calendar:** Motion by Bob Bryant to approve items a and b of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Scott Allman and passed with 12 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - A. Approval of February Minutes
 - B. Add Chuck Hart and Bobbi Lisk to Green Committee.

9. **Committee Reports and Motions**

- a. **Community Vision Committee** – Report – Dan Dixon – Dan Absent no report.
- b. **Port Committee** – Report – Phil Nicolay/Pat Nave
 - i. The committee discussed in detail the Port's budgeting process and the community enhancement project funding.
 - ii. Discussion of SR-47 on ramp just beyond Sampson Way. The Port received a grant to conduct a study to reroute the on-ramp.
 - iii. Pat Nave presented a proposal, pages 9 & 10 in the agenda packet, regarding the Port working with the 5 Harbor area Neighborhood Councils and the 3 Harbor area Chambers of Commerce on implementing the Waterfront Improvement projects. He also presented a letter to Gene Seroka, Executive Director Los Angeles harbor

Department, pages 11 & 12 in the agenda packet, related to the amount of funding the Port is proposing to designate for the six slated Waterfront Improvement projects.

Motion by Diana Nave to adopt the letter as presented (see attachment to these minutes) and to send copies of the letter to the other Harbor area Neighborhood Councils and Chambers, as well as Mayor Garcetti, seconded by Bob Bryant and passed with 12 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions.

- c. **Green Committee** – Report – Sarah Valdez
 - i. The Committee discussed fracking and ways to ban fracking in LA.
 - ii. The Committee discussed Phillips 66 flair up events. The Public Affairs Manager for Phillips 66, Janet Brophy and Chip Stewart an Environmental Engineer attended the meeting to give the Committee more information on the matter.
 - iii. The Committee discussed Rancho LPG facilities.
 - iv. Janet Brophy of Phillips 66 announced that LA DWP is replacing 300 feet of water main in front of their facility. The project is expected to take two to three months to complete.
 - v. The Committee added two new members.
 - vi. Next meeting is March 17, 2015 from 6 – 7:30pm in the computer room at Peck Park.
 - vii. Public comment – Ron Conrow with Plains/Rancho discussed seismic certification, geotechnical and safety issues at the facility.
- d. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. A quorum was not reached at the last meeting. They discussed general items.
 - ii. Board member Bob Bryant stated that there is a need for articles for the newsletter. He has articles from a few sources and needs more. The cut off to submit articles is March 15, 2015.
 - iii. Pathways to Employment update
 - 1. Board member Laurie Jacobs asked Board members to think about what jobs they want to help out with the day of the event.
 - 2. They are still looking for businesses and organizations offering employment, internships or apprenticeships, and anyone interested in coordinating a table for the afternoon session.
- e. **Planning and Land Use Committee.** Diana Nave reported on the committee meeting. (The full report is available on NWSPNC website). Highlights from the meeting included:
 - i. Discussion on the proposed sign ordinance.
 - ii. Discussion of a concept to build between 17 and 23 units at approximately 825 Mira Flores.
 - iii. The animal shelter is undergoing \$500,000 worth of renovations, mostly covering kennels which is projected to be completed by November.
 - iv. Metro has funds every two years for transportation related projects. There are currently two proposed projects relevant to the Harbor area, one is the Sampson Way Realignment project and the other is one for Gaffey Street.
 - v. The Committee discussed the Western Avenue Design Guidelines, there are currently two options being considered, one with and one without, bicycle lanes. There is an open house Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10am – 2pm.
 - vi. San Pedro Greening Plan update. This issue will be taken up at the next Planning and Land Use Committee meeting on March 19, 2015. The meeting date was changed due to Naval Fuel Depot meeting which is on March 18, 2015.
 - vii. The next Planning and Land Use Committee meeting on March 19, 2015.
 - viii. The following motions were brought forth from the committee for full board approval:
 - 1. **Motion from Committee to support request for conditional use permit to operate a veterinarian clinic at 28114 S. Western.** Thompson expressed concern in having yet another veterinarian clinic so close to other such clinics. **After a brief discussion the motion to support the request for a conditional use permit to operate a veterinarian clinic at 28114 S. Western was passed with 9**

yes (Allman, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 2 no (Bryant, Thompson), 0 abstentions.

2. **Resolution to support the City's purchase of the property on Gaffey at the terminus of the 110 freeway.** The property currently has a large billboard. The resolution also urges the City to remove the billboard. **Motion from committee to approve the following resolution:**

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AT 427 N. GAFFEY (COUNCIL FILE 15-0052)

Whereas the City has proposed purchasing the property located at 427 N. Gaffey in San Pedro; and

Whereas the subject property is at the entrance to San Pedro and has long been an eyesore to the community; and

Whereas that portion of Gaffey has recently been designated as part of the Mayor's Great Streets Initiative; and

Whereas the property forms a key linkage between the existing Entrance Park and Bandini Trails and would increase connectivity of our park trail system; and

Whereas sufficient funds are available from the Pipeline Franchise Revenue to purchase the property;

Now therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the proposal for the City to purchase the property at 427 N. Gaffey Street in San Pedro and urges the city to do so and to remove the billboard that is on the property as quickly as possible. The Committee supports a request for a conditional use permit to operate a veterinarian clinic at 28114 S. Western. The Board discussed the issue. **Motion passed with 11 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions. (Barbara Schach left the meeting prior to the vote).**

3. **Support CF 15-0135 Fees for Monitoring Conditional Use Permits.** The Board discussed the following Resolution brought forth by the Planning and Land Use Committee:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAMC TO ADD PRE-APPLICATION FEES TO CERTAIN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (COUNCIL FILE 15-0019)

Whereas the City has prepared a draft ordinance that would amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require a mandatory –re-application consultation with the Planning Department, impose pre-application fees for certain conditional use permit applications; and implement monitoring and other provisions related to such permits and

Whereas the imposition of conditions frequently occurs during the conditional use permit process; and

Whereas these conditions are sometimes the result of considerable negotiations between the residents and the developer; and

Whereas currently there is no funding to monitor and enforce these conditions; and

Whereas the proposed ordinance would impose a fee to pay for compliance inspections and authorizes the Planning Department to take action against non-compliant business operators or property owners

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.24 and 19.01 of the LAMC to add pre-application fees to certain conditional use permit applications and to implement clearance, monitoring and revocation fees associated with certain conditional use permits. **Motion from committee to approve resolution, passed with 11 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions.**

- f. **Public Safety Committee** – Report – Carolyn Grayson
 - i. The Emergency Preparedness and Awareness event will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Peck Park at 6pm. The organization COPE will present their Map Your Neighborhood Project.
- g. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez
 - i. **Consider Approval of February Monthly Expenditure Report** (pages 24 & 25 in the agenda packet). There was an unauthorized \$8.00 PayPal charge, DONE is researching the charge. **Motion by Allman to approve February Monthly Expenditure Report, seconded by Zavalney and passed with 10 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney) 0 no votes; 0 abstentions; 1 ineligible (Zaarour).**
 - ii. **Consider Approval of February Budget.** **Motion by Allmen to approve February Budget, seconded by Bryant and passed with 10 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney) 0 no votes; 0 abstentions; 1 ineligible (Zaarour).**
 - iii. **Discuss and consider motion to sponsor Peck Park summer camp T-shirts in the amount of \$800.00.** In return for sponsorship, Peck Park will print the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council logo on the sleeve of the T-shirts. **Motion from committee to approve \$800.00 sponsorship to Peck Park for summer camp T-shirts, passed with 10 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney) 0 no votes; 0 abstentions; 1 ineligible (Zaarour).**
 - iv. **Discuss and consider motion to purchase travel cases for microphone and speaker equipment;** purchase not to exceed \$800.00. **Motion from committee to approve an amount not to exceed \$800.00 to purchase travel cases for the sound equipment, passed with 10 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney) 0 no votes; 0 abstentions; 1 ineligible (Zaarour).**
 - v. **Discuss and consider motion to revise line items to reflect necessary changes in the 2014-2015 budget.** Changes to reflect a new line item is to be made for the NPG for the sponsorship of the Park Western Elementary School Buddy Bench to be painted in San Pedro Neighborhood Council's logo; and, conversely, the amount of money allocated to Neighborhood Purpose Grants will decrease to \$4050.00. Additionally, \$800.00 for Peck Park summer camp T-shirt sponsorship will be moved from Community Improvement category, to Outreach category. An additional \$800.00 for travel cases for microphone and speaker system will be moved from Community Improvement category, to Outreach category. **Motion from committee to approve moving funds in the budget, passed with 10 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney) 0 no votes; 0 abstentions; 1 ineligible (Zaarour).**
- h. **Executive Committee** – Ray Regalado reported:
 - i. The community requested a meeting about Rancho meeting with Congresswoman Hahn. It was suggested that Congressman Ted Lieu be included in the discussion. Hopefully sometime this summer a meeting about Rancho with all levels of Government responsible for Rancho; City, County (possibly), State and Federal regulatory agencies, the EPA and Homeland Security, to discuss and answer questions from the community. There is currently a sub group looking at who are the actual responsible regulatory agencies. It is hoped that the meeting will be hosted by both Congressional representatives, the three Harbor area Chambers of Commerce and Harbor area Neighborhood Councils, to include San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City and perhaps even Palos Verdes. Council member Diana Nave expressed her continued concern about the danger posed by the rail cars associated with Rancho.
 - ii. The Council received a letter of resignation from Yvette Thomas, the business representative.

10. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report** – Diana Nave reported:
- a. The Committee discussed staffing of the new Harbor Division jail. Opening the jail could take 78 LAPD people off the street to staff it. There are 8 jails in the city, 5 of which were closed.
 - b. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will be holding Ethics, Open Government, and Funding training on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6pm at Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center, 25825 Vermont Ave, Harbor City, CA 90710.
 - c. The next HANC meeting is April 1, 2015 and will focus largely on the issue of opening the new jail. There are several people from LAPD scheduled to attend.
 - d. The Committee discussed the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Code of Conduct requirement. The deadline for fulfilling the requirement is April 3, 2015. For Neighborhood Council members who do not wish to sign the Code of Conduct there is now a 7 minute video available on the Departments website that can be viewed as an alternative. At this point if a Board member has not completed one of the two requirements by April 3rd they are not eligible to vote on funding issues. Questions are being raised as to whether BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) has the legal authority to enforce this requirement. This is being explored with the City Attorney.
 - e. The Committee discussed an ordinance soon to be considered by City Council to develop regional panels to hear both grievances and challenges to Neighborhood Council elections. It is unclear how that might impact selections.
 - f. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has enacted a heap management policy by which when someone contacts the Department they are to receive a case management tracking number. A response to the issue should be received within 24 to 48 hours.
 - g. For 2016 Neighborhood Council elections the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is considering developing an on line voting system. It is proposed that the program could be paid for from unused funds swept from Councils. The system would probably not be viable for selections.
 - h. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment produced an RFQ for website management and maintenance. Now only one of those 10 selected vendors can consult on Neighborhood Council websites.
 - i. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is now producing an RFQ for temporary services.
 - j. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is asking each Neighborhood Council to send one man and one woman The Civic University/Pat Brown Institute for a three night conference in April probably the 22nd, 23rd and 24th.
 - k. Mayor Garcetti has released two new apps: LA Mobil which allows riders to purchase bus tickets from their smart phones and Pulse Point to register people who have CPR training so that in the event of a cardiac emergency the person is contacted and directed to the location of the emergency.
 - l. The Budget Advocates completed a 65 white paper that was given to Mayor Garcetti and the CAO and it is to be reviewed by the City Council.

11. **Other Reports**

- a. Board Member Laurie Jacobs announced that Joe Zaarour will be turning 18 and will be eligible to take the funding training and then to vote on fiscal issues.

12. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned 8:58pm. Next Meeting – April 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC