



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

June 19, 2010

Councilwoman Janice Hahn
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Janice,

At the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council June Board Meeting, we passed several motions for which we would like your support. Additionally, Board members expressed outrage over the statement by Recreation and Parks that naming rights for the trail in Peck Park Canyon would cost \$25,000 per year for five years. You may recall that we recommended to your office that the trail be named in honor of Ray Patricio. Is there a way that you can intervene with Recreation and Parks on the matter?

The motions we passed were as follows:

1. Request that DONE make arrangements with US Bank to issue convenience checks for Neighborhood Councils;
2. Supporting Volunteers of America's proposed project with four conditions and raising concerns regarding the implementation of ATSAC (see attached motion)
3. Motion supporting CF 10-0002-S28 regarding repeal of Density Bonus and asking that it be amended (see attached motion).
4. Motion supporting CF-09-0966-S1 and asking that it be amended (see attached).
5. Motion requesting that the timeline for consideration of proposed changes to the zoning code be extended by 90 days to allow for sufficient input from Neighborhood Councils and that it also take SB 1818 into consideration.

Dan Dixon
President

John Mavar
Vice President

Craig Goldfarb
Treasurer

Diana Nave
Secretary

With regard to items 3 and 4 above, we are requesting that you introduce these amendments. Also enclosed is a copy of the letter we sent in May. The positions we discussed in that letter are still relevant as we look for a better funding program for Neighborhood Councils. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to hearing what actions you take regarding these items.

Diana Nave, Secretary

cc: Gordon Teuber, Frank Hong, Erika Velasquez

MOTION WITH REGARD TO VOA

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Volunteers of America's proposed NAVY Village ZA-2009-2698 ZA, PS-1422 on the condition that:

1. VOA successfully enters into a written agreement with Rolling Hills Prep School and Marymount College,
2. VOA meets with the tenants of the Mobile Home Park that is situated directly across Palos Verdes Drive from Marymount/Rolling Hills Prep School,
3. The proposed shuttle and bus be made conditions of the approval in perpetuity, and
4. That a one-year review be required as a condition of approval

In addition, the Council is concerned about the implementation of ATSAC along Pacific Coast Highway between Western and Gaffey. The signal at Gaffey is under the jurisdiction of the City DOT while the signal at Western is under the jurisdiction of Cal Trans. The NWSPNC requests that the City negotiate with Cal Trans to develop an agreement that would incorporate that intersection into the City's ATSAC System.

MOTION Related to CF 10-0002-S28:

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports CF [10-0002-S28](#) and requests that the City of Los Angeles include SUPPORT for the repeal of the State Density Bonus Law (SB 1818) in its State Legislative Program for 2009-10 and 2010-11. NWSPNC further requests that the motion be amended to add the following language: "In the event that there is insufficient support statewide to repeal the law, the City should propose an amendment that would create a method for exemptions. Possible bases for exemptions could include: 1) municipalities over a certain size, 2) determination by a municipality that they wanted to opt out, or 3) charter cities."

MOTION with regard to CF 09-0966-S1:

The NWSPNC supports [09-0966-S1](#) and consistent with prior actions (August 10, 2010) requests that it be amended to include the following:

1. All projects requiring a discretionary approval should be required to include the impacts that will be generated by using the maximum density bonus applicable to the project;
2. Any changes to a project such as [but not limited to] increasing floor to area ratio, decreasing side yard setbacks, or increasing floors, be subject to review and input by Neighborhood Councils and others, as required by environmental laws.
3. All Local Community Plans and Specific Plans include the density bonuses in the zoning calculations and designations.

MOTION Regarding Zoning Code Simplification:

The NWSPNC recommends that the proposed City Planning Commission June 10, 2010 study session on the Code Simplification Work Program and corresponding ordinances and the proposed schedule of July, August and September be delayed 90 days to perform Charter mandated outreach and exchange of feedback with all Neighborhood Councils and include consideration of the impact of SB 1818.

MOTION REGARDING NC FUNDING PROGRAM

Whereas the Neighborhood Council funding program has become an administrative nightmare to both the City and Neighborhood Councils, and

Whereas the majority of Neighborhood Councils have shown that they are very capable of managing their own funds, and

Whereas it has become obvious that a new funding program must be developed, and

Whereas any new system must allow for ease of use, credit card charges, some type of petty cash or a checking account, and transparency, and

Whereas many excellent ideas have been proposed by various Neighborhood Council representatives, and

Whereas it is evident that a new system will not be in place by July 1,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment immediately make arrangements with US Bank to issue convenience checks using a process such as that contained in Attachment 1.