



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

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Re: Tracking of Mitigation Measures

Dear Councilman Buscaino,

All of us, including you, spend a lot of time devising ways to lessen the environmental and community impacts of projects in the City. However, once mitigation measures have been agreed on, and included in project approvals, there seems to be a problem with tracking and enforcing the measures. The recent China Shipping debacle is just one example.

One problem seems to be that once a project is approved very little attention is paid to ensuring compliance. This may be because these measures cover a range of actions spread among a number of different city departments and other oversight agencies. It also appears that sometimes the permitting department (usually Building and Safety) is not even aware of the measures that have been adopted.

A second concern relates to the Stream Mitigation Bank. We recently tried to obtain more information about the Stream Mitigation Bank as it related to mitigation in the Highpark development and learned that the City does not have a role in determining where that mitigation occurs and that there does not need to be any relationship between where a stream bed is destroyed and where the mitigation funds are spent. Furthermore we were unable to determine the method criteria for recommending projects for the potential list for mitigation.

Therefore, we seek your help and suggest that as Chair of the Public Works Committee you may want to undertake the following actions:

1. Obtain clarity on how all mitigation measures are currently being tracked;
2. Direct the Planning Department to create a master mitigation tracking process and make it public;
3. Examine the way that the use of Stream Mitigation funds is determined and explore methods for City input into that process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and let us know if we can be of any assistance in the process.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado, NWSPNC President
on behalf of the NWSPNC Board