

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- SAVE THE DATE –
 - May 18 – Port Tour for Elected Neighborhood Council Members
 - June 22 – Board Retreat/Planning Session
 - June 29 - Advocacy Training for Neighborhood Council Stakeholders
- Interviewed by Random Lengths regarding the time rush at the end of the Community Plan process; I reiterated our 90 day request for review of major documents
- Sent letter to the Editor of Daily Breeze indicating that our Board DID NOT APPROVE the Ponte Vista traffic study, although the Planning & Land Use Committee did provide input
- Attended the Chamber's Economic Development Committee and asked them to not vote on whether or not to support the proposed Ponte Vista Project until such time as the actual specific plan was available for review. They voted to support the project in concept as did the Chamber Board.
- Ray & I met with the Councilman and discussed our concerns about Ponte Vista
- Pat & I met with the Ponte Vista representatives to discuss changes the NC has requested
- Received letter from Stakeholder regarding Ponte Vista stating in part;
“Although Green Hills Cemetery withdrew their offer, we know there is a need for this use....San Pedro has a beautiful library, an entire shopping center very close by, so why add another mini mall within the property and create more traffic congestion? The problem seems to be with the Neighborhood Council. Get off dead center! Contact Green Hills Cemetery, TAKE POSITIVE ACTION, and move forward.”
- Received copy of letter from stakeholder to Councilman re Ponte Vista stating that the number is still too high, pointing out that the “building designs are not in character with San Pedro, and noting that “in the future, the Navy fuel depot will have to replace pipes that parallel the boundary fence. When the Navy does replace the pipes, the master plan should take into consideration an access road that could be utilized....”
- Received and forwarded to Board information on the opportunity to submit a Highway Safety Improvement request
- Submitted a Community Impact Statement regarding our position on changing the Factual Basis Stakeholder Definition
- Interviewed by Daily Breeze for article on the lack of bidders for the Science Center
- Met with Freddie Quintana, Dr. V's office, discussed Science Center, Choir at Dodson, and other issues.
- Attended the Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative Committee. Group favored replacing the Brown Act requirements with a new open meetings policy

for NC & changes to the posting policy to require only a single physical posting. Also supported mandatory orientation for all new NC Board Members and that all Boards receive training on the fiscal policies (not as specific as the Treasurer Training)

- Attended Harbor Alliance – Notes Attached
- Met with representative from the Planning Department and other NCs to discuss issues related to the Health and Wellness Element
- Received a Notice of Preparation from the Port regarding Container Terminal Improvements Project at Berths 212-224 (YTI); forwarded to Port Committee; comment is due May 20th.
- Attended NC Presidents meeting with Councilman Buscaino; I discussed need for more communication eg Renaming of Trails, Public Works Committee Meeting in San Pedro (that conflicted with our Board meeting), and most importantly the addition of the bicycle lanes. Also the impact on Ponte Vista Traffic with the decrease in lanes; June Smith (Coastal) expressed the need to plan for the end of the Boy Scout Lease of the Youth Facility at Cabrillo Beach and suggested that with the pending demise of PCAC perhaps we need to establish a steering committee for the Ports O Call redevelopment with representatives of all NCs.
- Received an e-mail from Juan Benetiz, Rec & Parks, indicating that the walkway repair at Averill is complete.
- Received several e-mails and phone calls expressing concern about the re-stripping on Westmont/Capitol and one in support.
- Observed the am traffic at Westmont and Taper and wrote a detailed e-mail to the Council Office recommending the immediate assignment of a traffic officer and a task force to look at how to improve the situation
- Received correspondence from stakeholder in Coastal regarding needed sidewalk repair. Forwarded to the Council office
- Received a phone call from someone opening a mailroom on Western. He had seen our newsletter and wanted to know how to get copies in the future.
- Sent letter to BONC Commissioners regarding our support for the change in the Factual Basis Stakeholder definition that will be on their upcoming agenda.
- Received correspondence from a resident of Coastal complaining about new wires being hung by a telephone company – referred it to the Council Office & Coastal NC
- Spoke at Board of Harbor Commissioners regarding the abolishment of PCAC; noted lack of notice needed by Neighborhood Councils and urged them to keep PCAC until a viable alternative is developed; they voted to abolish it.