

NWSPNC PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 2013

PONTE VISTA

On July 30, 2013 the city of Los Angeles held its first public hearing regarding the Ponte Vista housing development on Western Ave. Many steps lead to this hearing and the NWSPNC's participation; the following are a few items leading up to our testimony:

- Development of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's position on the current Ponte Vista site plan and final EIR published by IStar.
- Statement coordination with NWSPNC's Ponte Vista consultant Kaizer Rangwala.
- Identify and coordinate statements by representatives of NWSPNC.
- Communication with City of Los Angeles planning department and CD 15 regarding hearing process and procedure.

The comments at the hearing were overwhelming in favor of a modified density plan with many stakeholders voicing their strong opinion in favor of an R 1 zoning plan.

IStar continued to promote their plan that incorporates 830 residential units of differing types.

Council District representative Allison Becker stated that the plan should be the community plan that San Pedro is a no gate community and IStar should continue to dialogue with the NWSPNC. Additionally, they should keep in mind what should be public and what isn't. She stated on site amenities should be considered in her comments regarding traffic issues and Product type 6 (apartments) should be looked at along with reconsidering their public space amount and the public access aspect of it.

Hearing representatives indicated they would take the information heard and submitted under advisement and stated the Planning Commission Hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2013. They also stated this date is doubtful since there is much to consider regarding this project.

NWSPNC will schedule future meeting with city Planning Department, Planning Commission Chairperson, CD 15 representatives and IStar.

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

During the course of the month the President has had individual meetings with members of the NWSPNC board members to gain better understanding and grasp of history and process of the council. The following are a few points discussed:

- Agenda and meeting process and procedure
- Board member's interests and their suggested improvements
- Committee make-up and procedures
- Suggested community outreach and participation
- The use of social media
- Board members should be cross-trained in budget and financial requirements and process

Individual meetings will continue in the following month(s) and an ongoing dialogue will be instituted.

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REMINDERS AND ONGOING AREAS OF CONCERN

Training obligations and requirements

Committee reports and meeting schedule

Rancho Holding Tanks

Ponte Vista