

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dec/Jan

- Attended Economic Development Meeting of Chamber. Port discussed their proposed new Master Plan. Port has 7500 acres of land, 45 miles of waterfront, 27 terminals, 75 cranes, 3500 marina slips, and last year saw 600,000 cruise passengers. Growth forecasts have been slowed, but growth is still expected. Current plan dates to 1980. Planned Land uses: San Pedro primarily recreation & visitor serving; Wilmington mixed use; Terminal Island Cargo handling/Maritime Support; Fish Harbor – planned expansion of fishing industry related uses. Proposed fills: China Shipping – to add 16 acres; Yang Ming- to add a net 3 acres; and Berth 301 (Terminal Island) to add 18 acres. In addition, longer range is to create an additional 200-acre fill on Terminal Island for a Pier 500 however first they must find sufficient mitigations. All projects will still require CEQA process. Anticipated the draft plan and DEIR would go to Board and be releases for public comment. Second agenda item was Small Business Administration discussing benefits to businesses located in a Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUB). For more information go to HUBZone@SBA.gov
- Katie sent thank you letter to Science Center for participating with us at Candy Cane Lane
- Received nice letter from Public Works Commissioner Steven Nutter regarding Peck Park stating that the Board has approved a contract with Tetra Tech to provide ongoing mitigation monitoring and reporting in regard to enhancing 1 acre of riparian habitat. Commissioner Nutter also indicated that he read into the record my account of how the rehabilitation began with Ray Patricio's vision and passion and how NWSPNC worked with various other groups to bring about the enhancements.
- Attended Chamber Board meeting and mentioned some of our concerns about Ponte Vista including the traffic baseline being conducted during the height of the economic downturn and the lack of senior friendly housing
- Submitted Comments on Draft EIR for Ponte Vista; Ray & I met with Alison Becker in The Council office to discuss the comments
- Interviewed by Random Lengths regarding staff recommendation for a developer for Ports O Call
- Interviewed by Random Lengths and the Daily Breeze regarding the developer's reduction of units at Ponte Vista to 830.
- Received a response to our inquiry on behalf of a stakeholder that Rec & Parks has determined that there is an encroachment at Peck Park
- Conveyed to Kevin Bingham that we would like a written report from him at future meetings and he agreed
- Attended Public hearing for Marymount College Expansion
- Conducted orientation for Cassidy Feltenberger and Connie McOsker
- Received notice from AT&T that they propose to move the "Palm Tree" cell tower located at Channel & Gaffey a few feet so as not to interfere with the 47/110 widening and change it to a pine tree with more receivers. I forwarded to Port Committee and contacted Port to see if the proposed location will interfere with our multipurpose path extension, they investigated and assured me that it would not.
- Attended meeting with NC Representatives and Cynthia Ruiz at Port. Items discussed included the following
 - a possible boat tour for Neighborhood Council members Mid-late April;

- the possible development of an MOU between the Port and the NCs – draft forwarded to the Port Committee for review and comment; Comments due to Port March 4
 - Ports O’Call – Geraldine Knatz told the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) that the LA Waterfront Alliance was the best fit to redevelop Ports O’Call. At the BOHC Meeting on Feb 21, the Harbor Commission will most likely be asked to approve the Port entering into exclusive negotiations with the Alliance. Following that, there will be opportunities for public input into the development of the plans. They “want developers to work with current successful businesses.” The plan is still to have a continuous walkway on the waterside.
 - Hey Rookie Pool – continues as an approved project and funds have been allocated to Recreation and Parks for this purpose. Peter Warren asked if there was a possibility or reallocating them to cover operating expenses so that the Pool at the Olguin Campus could be staffed for public use (there is already an MOU with Rec & Parks to allow for this). Such re-allocation would probably require approval of PCAC, the BOHC, and Rec & Parks.
 - The Port is installing 4 electric car charging stations in the Parking Lot by the Boys & Girl’s Club
 - Bike Lanes are being installed on Port Roads. Bike Nation is planning to install 10 bicycle “rental” stations here by the beginning of summer at no cost to the City.
 - Considering developing a community grant program – will be on the agenda for the next meeting with the NCs
 - LA Conservancy is working with the Port on Historical Structures policy
- I was appointed as one of the 4 Harbor Area Reps on the Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative Committee. The Committee will be meeting between now and the end of June to develop specific recommendations to the BONC on improvements to the NC system. The first meeting – next week – will focus on the Stakeholder Definition. A survey regarding the definition is available at <http://empowerla.org/ncplan>. The timeframe and topics to be discussed by the commission are as follows:
- **February 1-14:** Session I: Stakeholders □ key issues: factual basis stakeholders / live, work, own property definitions
 - **February 15-28:** Session II: Elections and Boundary Adjustment Policy □ key issues: should city clerk be involved in NC elections / election outreach
 - **March 1-15:** Session III: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / Board of Neighborhood Commissioners □ key issues: duties and powers / general manager and commission selection process
 - **March 16-31:** Session IV: NC funding / grants and donations
 - **April 1-15:** Session V: The Brown Act □ key issues: Brown Act vs. sunshine ordinance / posting policy
 - **April 16-30:** Session VI: Education and leadership development
 - **May 1-15:** Session VII: The work of neighborhood councils □ key issues: Early Notification System / monitoring delivery of city services
 - **May 16-23:** Closing meeting (joint session): “Looking Ahead: The Future of Neighborhood Councils in Los Angeles”
 - **May 24-31:** Draft report preparation
 - **June 1-15:** Draft report comment
 - **June 16-30:** Final report for commission consideration
 - **July 1:** Report submitted to city council
 - Attended Harbor Alliance – Notes Attached