

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
Meeting Notes – April 6, 2016
Kaiser Permanente Conference Center
Greg Donnan, Harbor City, Chair

Attendees: Central San Pedro – Frank Anderson, Coastal San Pedro – absent, Harbor City – Greg Donnan, Eric DeKlotz, Grant Reed, Harbor Gateway North – Rosalie Preston, Lu Watson Harbor Gateway South – Katie Carlson, Northwest San Pedro – Diana Nave

Others: Octaviano Rios (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment), Jacob Haik (office of Councilman Buscaino), stakeholders – Dave Behar, Olive Reed, Bill Roberson

Discussion with Jacob Haik:

- The San Pedro Waterfront development is moving along. As a result, a number of developers are expressing interest in San Pedro
- Rancho San Pedro – working with HACLA on the next steps but it is still very early in the process
- Homelessness is a difficult issue. Most of the homeless are local but occasionally they do encounter people who have arrived here from other areas. They are trying to balance sensitivity and services with health and safety concerns. Most of the homeless refuse services. As a result of a lawsuit LA could no longer take down tents. The disabled also sued the city because the tents block their passage on the sidewalk. A new ordinance was passed requiring that tents be taken down between 6 am and 9 pm. There was a lot of debate in Council regarding how to enforce the ordinance. The result is that the Sanitation Department is in charge of enforcement and must give notice after which the person can be cited or arrested. This will probably result in another lawsuit. In the meantime specific sanitation department staff have been specifically trained and have to ability to make arrests. Currently Sanitation only has sufficient staff to do clean ups in two areas of CD 15 per week. The time for notifying homeless has been reduced from 72 hours to 24 hours and they are only allowed to keep 60 gallons of stuff (approximately one shopping cart). Frank raised concerns that the homeless were being criminalized. He stated that the City has spent \$.5 Billion on cleaning up after the homeless that could be better spent on services. Jacob stated that the City is also looking at ways to increase permanent housing for homeless and that permanent housing with wrap around social services is the goal. Funding and NIMBYism are both challenges.
- Prop 47 Services – Prop 47 was supposed to have shared the savings with local government for services such as drug rehab and mental health. So far the City has received zero funds. The City recently passed a resolution requesting a proportional share of the funds. Neighborhood Councils are urged to do likewise.
- Olive commented that based on her many years of experience, putting drug addicts into rehab services rarely works unless the addict themselves want the services.
- Staff/Office – Daisy has left and they are currently interviewing for a replacement for Harbor Gateway. Heather, Planning Deputy for Harbor Gateway will be returning from maternity leave soon. The Watts Office is moving to an adjacent building. Jacob will be the Interim Chief of Staff for 4 months while Jenny Chavez goes on maternity leave. This means that Jacob will be in the downtown office more 213-473-7015.
- Sharefest is conducting a lot of projects throughout CD 15 on April 30. <http://workday.sharefestinc.org/projects>. Jacob urged Neighborhood Councils to consider volunteering for one of the projects and sponsoring one in the future.
- AQMD Board voted to fire their Executive Director, Barry Wallerstein. While some people had heard that Joe voted for that action, Jacob stated that Joe was actually one of the six to vote against

his firing. AQMD regulates stationary sources of emissions, but not mobile sources. The EPA regulates ships and trains & CARB regulates cars and trucks. AQMD is currently out of compliance on ozone levels. They are developing a strategic plan and Jacob would be willing to speak at HANC or any NC Meeting about the Plan. NCs may want to review the plan and provide input. The Courts ruled with AQMD that BNSF's proposed SCIG rail yard in the port did not do an adequate environmental review.

- Frank stated that a new Port Community Advisory Committee is needed.
- **HANC Retreat with Councilman**: Greg reported that the retreat is scheduled for April 23. The committee will be meeting again Sat April 9 to finalize plans and then let everyone know what was decided. They want to distribute the topics to be discussed in advance. No decision has been made on the location or on who is invited.

DONE update – Octaviano Rios:

- Octaviano encouraged all NCs to send a representative to the presentation on the Clean Streets LA program and a preview of the City's first Clean Streets Assessment, Friday April 8.
- DONE is asking all NCs to put proposed reforms to DWP on their April Agenda and to submit comments. There is a push to get it on the Nov Ballot.
- Octaviano read the City Attorney's Opinion regarding NPGs to schools that basically states that there is no board level conflict of interest if the general school (as opposed to specific students) is the beneficiary. There were a lot of questions.
- Octaviano is arranging for training on how to have an impactful Community Impact Statement. It was decided to have this training at our May HANC meeting pending the availability of the DONE staff.

Motions related to Port Noise and Light Mitigation

Diana briefly reviewed the two motions that had been passed by Northwest regarding noise and light mitigation from West Basin Port Operations (attached) and made a motion that HANC pass them, seconded by Rosalie. Central San Pedro, Harbor Gateway North, Harbor Gateway South, and Northwest all voted yes. Harbor City voted No and Coastal was not represented at the meeting.

PlanCheck NC: Eric DeKlotz & Lu Watson

Eric reported that Building and Safety has increased their fees and increased the number of inspectors. They are going door to door in specific neighborhoods and citing people where they find code violations. Greg commented that the State has mandated that all Building and Safety Inspectors statewide meet specific standards.

ReCode LA, a major overhaul of how the city does zoning, will be presented at Peck Park on Sat April 9. Theoretically it is not supposed to change the actual zoning but rather simplify and clarify it. The draft is online at REcodela.org. To see where growth is anticipated, go to <http://cityplanning.lacity.org> select General Plan, Framework, Framework Final EIR. Council Files 12-0460, 12-0460-S1, 12-0460-S2

In response to a question Jacob clarified that although Enterprise zones are no longer funded by the State, they still exist and do bring some benefits.

Emergency Preparedness - Rosalie

LAFD is the lead for the City. Each NC is urged to select 1-2 representatives to the Emergency Preparedness Alliance but it is unclear where the names should be submitted. Octaviano will attempt to clarify. There is a sub committee working to create a template to help all Neighborhood Councils conduct their own Map Your Neighborhood Events. Each NC should have 1 ham radio operator who would report to the battalion coordinators.

Elections/Selections

Rosalie noted that Tue is the last day to file for those NCs holding elections. David volunteered that his company would do pro bono work in conjunction with the elections for any NC that requests it. Diana asked Jacob if the Council Office would include a blurb in their weekly e-newsletter. Branimir now has an assistant, amy.gebert@lacity.org. Octaviano will send some info to her about the candidate registration deadlines. Diana recommended that after the elections/selections have concluded HANC once again compile a list of what worked/didn't work/suggestions. Diana thanked DONE for the bus bench advertising.

Sharing:

- Pathways to Employment, Sat May 14, 8:00-3:00 is free to all youth 16-24, John Olguin Campus of San Pedro High School (Diana)
- Carson City Council passed an ordinance regulating oil production (must be at least 750 feet from any residence) and banning fracking. The City of Los Angeles has a moratorium on fracking and the City Attorney was supposed to draft an ordinance but has not yet done so. (Rosalie)
- May 21 a public safety summit and the selections for the Coastal Neighborhood Council will be held at Point Fermin Park from 10-3. All NCs are invited to have a booth there. (Dave)
- May 25 there will be a Downtown San Pedro Summit from 6-9 pm, location to be announced (Dave)
- Katie reported that Isadore Hall's Public Safety Hearing was good and several NC presidents spoke at it.
- We are still waiting for the notes from Coastal from the March Meeting and will distribute them when received.

NEXT MEETING: May 4, Northwest San Pedro to Chair, Central SP to take notes. Rosalie will monitor the HANC site while Diana is out of town.

Notes taken by Diana Nave – Northwest San Pedro

RESOLUTION CONCERNING NOISE FROM WEST BASIN PORT OPERATIONS

Whereas the Port of Los Angeles operates two container terminals along the West Basin of the Harbor adjacent to Northwest and Central San Pedro.

Whereas these facilities, Berths 100-109, China Shipping and Berths 121-131 Yang Ming Marine Transport operate 24 hours a day.

Whereas these terminals use various equipment as part of their operations along with trains for moving containers in and around the terminals day and night. Noise from the terminal operations extends beyond the boundaries of the terminal facilities impacting the adjacent communities.

Whereas Yang Ming is currently undergoing facility improvements under an approved EIR and lease, and China Shipping Terminal is also operating under an approved EIR and lease, with a supplemental EIR currently being prepared for the China Shipping Terminal.

Whereas the noise from the West Basin Port Operations impacts the residents adjacent to the terminals especially at night and early morning disrupting sleep.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils requests that the Harbor Department:

1. Evaluate the sources of noise from the West Basin Port activities and the ways noise from Port operations has been managed to date;
2. Investigate significant noise events from West Basin Port operations based on input from the community;
3. Provide workers at the terminals on noise minimization training and the noise mitigation requirements of the Port, approved project EIRs, and City of Los Angeles;
4. Ensure that noise observed at residential locations is minimized as far as practicable by adopting best practicable options to limit the emission of noise from noise-producing processes and operations;
5. Ensure that noise emitted from port operations is minimized as far as practicable and assign priority to minimizing of noise generated by yard equipment;
6. Evaluate methods to reduce noise from being broadcast beyond the Port boundary.
7. Evaluate current research, development, and implementation of noise minimization procedures used at other Ports and similar industrial operations

RESOLUTION CONCERNING LIGHT FROM WEST BASIN PORT OPERATIONS

Whereas the Port of Los Angeles operates container terminals along the West Basin of the Harbor adjacent to Northwest and Central San Pedro. These facilities, Berths 100-109, China Shipping and Berths 121-131 Yang Ming Marine Transport operate 24 hours a day.

Whereas these terminals use high intensity lighting for safe operations at night and that light from these terminals shines beyond the boundaries of the terminal facilities impacting the adjacent communities.

Whereas Yang Ming is currently undergoing facility improvements under an approved EIR and lease, and China Shipping Terminal is also operating under an approved EIR and lease, with a supplemental EIR currently being prepared for the China Shipping Terminal.

Whereas the lighting from the West Basin terminals extending beyond the boundaries of the Port could be mitigated without compromising safety. Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) requests that the Harbor Department:

1. Evaluate methods to reduce glare and light being broadcast outside Port boundaries where it is needed, such as:
 - a. Using lower wattage light bulbs or upgrade the existing light fixtures that appear to be mercury vapor to reduce glare the broadcast area.
 - b. Replacing standard lights with motion sensor lights that only turn on when they're triggered by activity in the area.
 - c. Proper aiming and shielding of the existing light fixtures to focus the light where it is needed, for example, using fixtures that fully encase bulbs so all the light is shining down where it's actually needed, not shooting off in every direction.

The HANC requests that Port evaluate methods to reduce the artificial light from the West Basin impacting residential areas adjacent to those terminals.