



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Public Safety COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Held at Peck Park on September 22, 2014, 5:30 PM

Committee Member Attendees

Carolyn Grayson
Roger Cuevas
Cynthia Gonyea
Ashley Grayson
Ray Regalado

Non-Committee Member Attendees

none

Committee Members not in attendance

Pete Burmeister – excused

Agenda Item – Public Comment

Emergency preparedness issues –
bacteriological and viral threats (West Nile virus in Long Beach)
Hurricanes coming up from Mexico – flooding
ISIL terror threats

Flooding is an issue for areas of SP, need to know how to prepare
ISIL, we should prepare in case the Port is a target

Agenda Item - Neighborhood watch

Committee acknowledged our resources are limited – the council does not have much funds with which to support neighborhood watch programs, and the committee has limited resources to try to help form neighborhood watch programs. Experience with Sheriff's department and from pages at LAPD website, organizing neighborhood watch programs should be the purview of LAPD. Committee decided next step is to ask LAPD how to help LAPD with Neighborhood Watch programs. Roger also mentioned the iWatch program that they have at the airport (like "See something, Say something" crossed with Neighborhood Watch). Ashley suggested that we could ask Councilman Joe Buscaino about LAPD and Neighborhood watch.

Agenda Item – Neighborhood Council promoting emergency preparedness for stakeholders

Discussion that promoting emergency preparedness should be a priority for the committee. Ray said that Officer Bravo had wanted to discuss a preparedness event for September 27, but not enough time to prepare or let stakeholders know about it. Unsure what exactly Officer Bravo had in mind, will ask her at next meeting.

Ray mentioned that Harbor College says that in the case of an emergency, they can feed 5000 people 3x/day but don't know where the food would come from. Suggestion that the committee take as a task developing a database of resources in San Pedro, from ship chandlers (who may have foodstocks that they could make available) to sources for quantities of water and medical supplies. Discussion of the Tarzana NC that purchased containers to put around town to store medical kits and other supplies in the event of an emergency.

The committee would also like to learn more about what the people in San Pedro are expected to do (if not sheltering in place) in the event of an emergency. Can contact LAFD and LAPD and see if we can read the emergency plan.

Agenda Items – CERT program, topics for LAFD to present to Council meetings, Community Grants

Due to time constraints, not discussed.

Agenda Item – Community Meetings re: Rancho Holdings

Discussion of the community forum held on September 10. Discussion of holding additional community forums – co-sponsored with the other NCs in SP. Ray has already met with the president of Coastal and they are supportive. Ray recommended to have three meetings, bring together more than just the EPA & DHS, but include them and get them to bring more people, their earthquake experts, etc. First meeting would be for the agencies to listen to all questions from the stakeholders; the second session should be for the agencies to return and give the answers; and the 3rd session should be an action session.

Ray recommended development of an ad-hoc committee to organize the forums, with members from all three NCs. Should be supported by the following committees: Public Safety, Outreach, Issues. Ray will take point on this.

Agenda Item – Brainstorm other committee members

Discussion of what to do about having 5 Board members on the committee – this is more than allowed (since Board has 17 members, quorum is 9, no committee may have more than 4 Board members). No decision was arrived at.

Agenda Item – Priorities for the committee

The top priorities as agreed by the committee were:

Working with LAPD on promoting Neighborhood Watch programs

Emergency Preparedness

Helping to organize additional forums re: Rancho Holdings.

Announcements & Next Meeting Date

Regular meeting date will be the first Wednesday of every month. Next meeting will be October 1, at 5:30 PM, Peck Park.