



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Green COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held at *San Pedro City Hall, Room 452, on Tuesday, May 19th, 2015*

Committee Member Attendees: Sarah Valdez, Darlene Zavalney, Janet Gunter, Chuck Hart, Laurie Jacobs

Non-Committee Member Attendees: Connie Rutter, Renee Orefice

Committee Members not in attendance: Alexis Geiche, Bobbi Lisk, Jaime Lozano

Agenda Item: *Announcements*

- L.A. City Planning Commission approved proposed ordinance to establish new regulations for backyard beekeeping on single-family residential zoned properties. The movement for the ordinance began in 2012 with interest from stakeholders and, particularly, with action from Mar Vista Community Council. Such action included the completion of an Urban Beekeeping Feasibility Study, with a suggested City Council motion toward that end!
 - **ACTION** The Green Committee shall present a Resolution in support of City Council File 12-0785 to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board, to be voted on at the next Board meeting.
 - **ACTION** Chuck Hart suggested that the Green Committee look into advocating for the creation of a bee apiary at the Navy Field Depot located on Gaffey Street. Using the land to host a bee apiary would be an incentive to keep the area open as a natural habitat, and it would also provide a place for the community to learn about bees and their relationship to our food, etc.
 - Note: Poisons/pesticides cannot be used on federal property like the Navy Field Depot.
 - Contact the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy (Brittany Mendelsohn?) to expand upon possible learning/volunteer opportunities of a bee apiary.
- Breaking News 5/19/15: Ruptured pipeline owned by Plains All American Pipeline busted off the coast of Santa Barbara. According to the L.A. Times, the pipeline spilled approximately \$105,000 gallons of crude oil. Plains All American Pipeline also owns the Rancho LPG facility located on Gaffey Street in San Pedro.
- LA Drought/"Save the Drop" discussion, hosted by the Mayor's office, is to be held on Friday, June 5th, from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. RSVP required by Friday, May 29th. The event may be an opportunity to express our concerns regarding water use of L.A. City and the L.A. Harbor.
 - Water restrictions: What is fair? City fountains should use recyclable water. What is the status of grey water use at the Port? The Port has a lot of land on which they can use grey water.

- What are the real statistics on the drought? How much is agriculture using vs. residential?
- Create youth “Water Ambassadors”?
- “Discover Recycling” event hosted by LA Sanitation, to be held on Saturday, June 13th, from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, located at 1400 N. Gaffey St.
- Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness presentation to be held on May 20th, at 6:00 pm, at the Peck Park Auditorium.
- Leland Park Spring Fling fundraiser to be held on Saturday, June 6th. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will host a table at the event.
- Port of Los Angeles High School to host annual Green Festival this Friday, May 22nd, from 12:00 – 3:00 pm
- Vietnam moving veteran wall to open at Green Hills on May 22nd at 6:00 pm. The Palos Verdes symphony will open the night with patriotic music. Staff/volunteers will guard the wall 24 hours per day. The event is currently looking for more volunteers.

Agenda Item: Discuss and consider changing the name of Green Committee to Sustainability Committee.

“Sustainability is based on the simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment. Sustainability creates and maintains the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony, that permit fulfilling social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations.”

Motion was made by Darlene Zavalney to change the name of Green Committee to Sustainability Committee. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. Green Committee members unanimously approved the motion.

Agenda Item: Fracking resolution passed by the NWSPNC Board! Discuss next steps for distribution among Harbor Neighborhood Councils. Discuss goals regarding fracking in Los Angeles.

- **ACTION** Next step regarding the Resolution passed by Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council: File a Community Impact Statement.
 - Sarah Valdez is to meet with Laurie Jacobs sometime next week to help file the Community Impact Statement.
- **ACTION** Contact other Harbor area Neighborhood Councils: garner support, and get the Resolution on each Board meeting agenda for vote.
- Other ways to continue to put pressure on City Council regarding fracking moratorium/ban in Los Angeles
 - Have other NC’s sign on and file Community Impact Statements
 - Get Councilman Joe Buscaino on our side
 - Garner interest and presence from other Harbor community members (especially the youth)
 - Attend and speak at a City Council meeting- Find out when the next City Council meeting is and, more importantly, when the issue will be on the City Council’s agenda
 - Post the Resolution on the NWSPNC website
 - Contact AQMD- submit written comments and include Green Committee contact name

Agenda Item: Discuss draft resolution: Motion that the City of Los Angeles terminate rail contract with Rancho LPG until a new Environmental Impact Report, insurance, etc. are obtained, and until the safety of the Harbor communities can be ensured in the event of a major earthquake or terrorist attack.

- **ACTION:** Brainstorm motion language regarding Rancho LPG for presentation and vote at next Green Committee meeting.
- Brainstorm creation of youth council regarding Rancho LPG

Agenda Item: Discuss possible co-sponsored fundraising event with Peck Park for installation of hydration stations.

Field of Dreams is also a large and very popular sporting facility that serves our community. Currently, the field does not have water fountains. Research possibility of co-hosting fundraiser for installation of hydration stations at Field of Dreams.

Agenda Item: Brainstorm ideas to increase recycling in NWSPNC area

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Agenda Item: Public comments on items not on the agenda.

N/A

Agenda Item: *Adjourn*

New business

- **The Green Committee shall present a Resolution in support of City Council File 12-0785 to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board, for vote at the next monthly Board meeting.**
- **Research the possibility of allocating space on the Navy Field Depot land for use as a bee apiary. Contact the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy (Brittany Mendelsohn?) to expand upon possible learning/volunteer opportunities of a bee apiary.**
- ***Motion* was made by Darlene Zavalney to change the name of Green Committee to Sustainability Committee. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. Green Committee members unanimously approved the motion.**
- **File Community Impact Statement on Council File 13-1152-S1**
- **Contact other Harbor area Neighborhood Councils and garner support for Council File 13-1152-S1; get the Resolution that was passed by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council on the Board agenda of the other Harbor area NC's.**
- **Brainstorm motion language regarding Rancho LPG for presentation and vote at next Green Committee meeting.**
- **Brainstorm next steps for creation of youth council regarding Rancho LPG**
- **Research possibility of co-hosting fundraiser for installation of hydration stations at Field of Dreams.**

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting to be held on *Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 from 6:00-7:30 pm*, at San Pedro City Hall, Room 452