



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Sustainability COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held at *San Pedro City Hall, Room 452, on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015*

Committee Member Attendees: Laurie Jacobs, Bobbi Lisk, Sarah Valdez, Darlene Zavalney

Non-Committee Member Attendees: Augie Bezmalinovich, Ashley Calderon

Committee Members not in attendance: Janet Gunter, Chuck Hart

1. Agenda Item: Welcome and introductions

2. Agenda Item: *Announcements*

- L.A. Waterkeeper to host third and final 6-week session of “Oil Spill Preparedness and Water Pollution” classes, starting Tuesday, September 29th, 2015. The classes will meet every Tuesday for six weeks, at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club.

3. Agenda Item: Updates on Rancho LPG State Hearing. The initial date of October 3rd, 2015 has been cancelled.

- State Hearing postponed to first quarter of 2016.
- In the meantime, the Sustainability Committee will take the necessary steps to confirm the State Hearing process.
- **ACTION:** The Sustainability Committee seeks to put together an informational packet containing the objective, scientific facts regarding butane and propane storage tanks. Our goal as a Neighborhood Council committee is to represent the concerns of our stakeholders, to seek the truth, and to hold our government and elected officials accountable.
- **ACTION:** Further, the Sustainability Committee shall reach out to the San Pedro Youth & Government program, and garner interest of program participants to research legislation regarding the storage of hazardous materials such as butane and propane near homes, schools, and businesses.

4. Agenda Item: Discuss and consider resolution in support of Council File 15-0002-S97.

Council File 15-0002-S97 calls for the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT to SB 788 (McGuire and Jackson), which would enact the California Coastal Protection Act of 2015, to remove the exception provided in the California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 to the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from the state owned tide and submerged lands.

- **Motion** in support of Council File 15-0002-S97
 - So moved by Darlene Zavalney. Seconded by Laurie Jacobs. Unanimously approved.
 - Letter of resolution to be presented to the Northwest San Pedro Council at the Board meeting to take place on October 12th, 2015.

5. **Agenda Item: Discuss continued use of creosote treated pilings at the Port. What alternatives are available for use by the Port? What can the Coastal Commission and other State agencies do about this issue?**
 - Augie Bezmalinovich was in attendance and provided information regarding the use of creosote pilings at the Port of Los Angeles. The Sustainability Committee will be in touch with Augie regarding further questions and information that the Committee would like to obtain from the Port's team of environmental scientists.
 - **ACTION:** Invite the Port's team of environmental scientists to speak to our committee. Obtain further information regarding the use of creosote pilings at the San Pedro Bay Ports complex.
6. **Agenda Item: Discussion and development of comments on the pending Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) update. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are in the process of preparing the next update for the CAAP, and will be holding a public informational and interactive CAAP Update Community Workshop on September 23rd, 2015, from 3:00-5:00 PM, at Banning's Landing Community Center.**
 - The date of the CAAP Community Meeting has been moved to October 14th, 2015. The time and location remain unchanged.
 - Augie Bezmalinovich was in attendance and provided information regarding the upcoming CAAP Community Meeting.
 - **ACTION:** The Sustainability Committee will reach out to PortTech, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and other involved organizations regarding their work in the upcoming CAAP update. The Sustainability Committee will continue to discuss and develop comments on the pending CAAP update.
7. **Agenda Item: Brainstorm project(s) for the year regarding ocean pollution. Discuss and consider working with Youth & Outreach Committee on promotion of Neighborhood Council reusable bottles.**
 - The Sustainability Committee voted on including information on sustainability issues at all NWSPNC booth events, including at the upcoming Halloween Movie in the Park event, to take place on October 24th. The booth will raise awareness on sustainability issues such as ocean pollution by single-use plastics, and promote the use of reusable water bottles, mugs, etc. The booth will engage kids and their families in fun arts and crafts, or some other interactive activity, with the theme geared towards environmental sustainability.
 - **MOTION:** The Sustainability Committee will you use no more than \$100 in NWSPNC funds to purchase story board materials, arts and crafts materials, as well as an educational banner to attach to the NWSPNC pop-up tent, for use at all future NWSPNC booth events.
 - So moved by Sarah Valdez. Seconded by Laurie Jacobs. Unanimously approved.
8. **Agenda Item: Discuss and consider hosting bi-monthly or quarterly environmental presentations for our community, for the purpose of education and outreach to Harbor Area stakeholders regarding various environmental sustainability issues. Possible motion.**
 - Brainstorm session regarding opportunities to expand the plastic-free mission of the Sustainability Committee.
 - The Committee is interested in reaching out to AYSO and co-sponsoring a fundraising activity that would purchase hydration stations for the soccer fields that AYSO uses, as well as educate community members regarding the benefits of using reusable water bottles.

- The Committee would like to host more interactive, educational booth's at other upcoming community events.
- The Committee is interested in hosting a fun beach clean up event in order to expand community awareness regarding plastic pollution in our oceans. The event could include other interactive activities that bring awareness to sustainability issues such as plastic pollution in oceans, ocean acidification, etc.

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

- N/A

New business

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- **ACTION:** Invite the Port's team of environmental scientists to speak to our committee. Obtain further information regarding the use of creosote pilings at the San Pedro Bay Ports complex.
- **Resolution** in support of Council File 15-0002-S97
- **ACTION:** The Sustainability Committee will reach out to PortTech, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and other involved organizations regarding their work in the upcoming CAAP update. The Sustainability Committee will continue to discuss and develop comments on the pending CAAP update.
- **MOTION:** The Sustainability Committee will you use no more than \$100 in NWSPNC funds to purchase story board materials, arts and crafts materials, as well as an educational banner to attach to the NWSPNC pop-up tent for Sustainability Committee educational/outreach booth at the Halloween Movie in the Park event.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting to be held on *Tuesday, October 20th, 6:00-7:30 pm, at SP City Hall, Room 452*