



## NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL **Sustainability** COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held at *San Pedro City Hall, Room 452, on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

**Committee Member Attendees:** Gwen Henry, Sarah Valdez, Darlene Zavalney

**Non-Committee Member Attendees:** N/A

**Committee Members not in attendance:** Janet Gunter, Chuck Hart, Bobbi Lisk

### 1. **Welcome and introductions**

### 2. **Announcements**

### 3. **Rain barrel giveaway event**

Committee is considering the dates of November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> for the event, to be confirmed with Peck Park Recreation Center.

Committee is currently working on securing free rain barrels for our stakeholders. Sarah is writing a letter of request to Pepsi Bottling Company located in Carson for a donation and/or sponsorship of barrels. Sarah is also in touch with the Office of Community Beautification, with the possibility of obtaining a donation of barrels through the office's connection with Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Gwen Henry will contact Home Depot located on Gaffey Street in San Pedro to garner interest in event sponsorship and/or barrel donation.

Committee would like to ensure that the barrels are provided to NWSPNC stakeholders at no cost. LADWP rebate is available for up to four rain barrels; however, rebate is limited to one application per household.

Committee would like to seek out and photograph examples of rain barrels currently installed at NWSPNC homes, and use such photos in outreach efforts and on the day of the event.

Rain Barrel giveaway event will include a rainwater harvesting class, hosted by TreePeople.

Gwen will contact TreePeople and garner interest and availability.

Gwen Henry has been in contact with the LA Stormwater. LA Stormwater can provide a "booth-in-a-box" kit for the day of the event. Gwen will oversee LA Stormwater booth on the day of the event.

Committee would also like to include a native plants educational component and giveaway.

Possible partners in this effort include the White Point Nature Preserve and the Theodore Payne Foundation, with a preference for the local non-profit.

### 4. **Discuss and consider motion to join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)**

No motions passed due to lack of quorum. Committee will present motion to join NCSA at the upcoming September NWSPNC Board meeting.

NCSA current projects include advocacy in upcoming LADWP hearings to be held in September regarding Los Angeles power supply. NCSA is demanding an end to oil and gas extraction in Los Angeles, in addition to a commitment to 100% renewable energy.

### 5. **Discuss and consider committee's guiding principles, mission, and goals for the upcoming year**

No motion passed. However, committee members present agreed to submit the following missions statement for print in the upcoming NWSPNC newsletter. "The mission of the Sustainability Committee is to participate in local environmental issues, and to inspire Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council stakeholders to incorporate sustainable living practices in their everyday lives."

### 6. **Public comments on items not on the agenda:** N/A

**Next meeting:** *Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm, at SP City Hall, Room 45*