



## NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Sustainability COMMITTEE REPORT

**Meeting held at *San Pedro City Hall, Room 452, on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016***

**Committee Member Attendees:** Laurie Jacobs, Sarah Valdez, and Darlene Zavalney

**Non-Committee Member Attendees:** Allen Franz, Ph.D.; Christian Guzman, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC), Chair of Sustainability Committee; Chris Valle, NWSPNC Board member

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

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. Announcements**
- 3. Planning updates and further brainstorming regarding rain barrel giveaway event.**
  - a. Brainstorm draft criteria and application process for rain barrel distribution.**

Rather than create a cumbersome application process, committee discussed holding a lottery for the rain barrels. Committee also discussed the possibility of hosting the rain barrel giveaway event exclusively for teachers. The event may include an educational lecture, with a distribution of rain barrels to participating teachers to conclude. Darlene suggested the possibility of obtaining stipends for teachers in attendance. Committee discussed the possibility of having a non-profit organization or a public agency conduct the lecture. Possible partners include Port Tech, Alta Sea, or the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

### **b. Next steps in reaching out to schools?**

Darlene will reach out to local principals. Laurie and Sarah will reach out to Department Chairs. Schools of interest include local high schools and colleges, including Mary Star, San Pedro High School, POLAHS, Marymount College University, and Los Angeles Harbor College.

### **c. How should we engage relevant non-profit organizations in partnering with us on this event?**

Though not a non-profit organization, committee discussed the possibility of reaching out to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Sarah will inquire regarding what support the agency may offer for water-related programs hosted by the community.

### **d. Review and update draft budget created at last committee meeting.**

Item tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

- 4. Discuss and consider community engagement regarding sustainability issues – What are the issues our stakeholders are most concerned about?**

Sarah will work with Kristina to create a survey. Survey should be distributed to stakeholders via email, social media, website, newsletter, and event tabling. Survey will ask stakeholders to gauge the level of importance they place on various environmental issues. Possible topics include: air quality, local oil extraction and refinement operations, oil and gas storage and transportation, climate change, biodiversity, ocean acidification, and ocean pollution, urban agriculture, organic farming, food waste,

solid waste, e-waste, prescription drug disposal, solar energy, native plants, water conservation. Committee will create a list of hazardous materials and their proper means of disposal in the next newsletter.

**5. Discuss and consider hosting a joint presentation with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Topic of the presentation to be considered: San Pedro's Indigenous Flora and Fauna - How Humanity Has Impacted Both.**

Christian Guzman, Chair of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Sustainability Committee, has suggested that the sustainability committees partner in hosting a lecture to be conducted by Allen Franz, Ph.D. Dr. Franz, who also sits on the Board of Directors for the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy, suggested that the educational center located at the White Point Nature Preserve as a possible location for the event. Dr. Franz will inquire regarding availability for mid to late January. Sarah and Christian will reach out to Coast San Pedro Neighborhood Council to garner Board members' interest in partnering in outreach for the event.

**6. Discuss continued concerns regarding Rancho LPG butane and propane storage tanks facility, located on Gaffey Street. Updates on actions currently being taken by concerned community members and organizations.**

Item tabled.

**7. Discuss December meeting date. In consideration of the holiday season, should the meeting date be moved up?**

Committee shall not move the meeting date.

**Next meeting: *Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm, at SP City Hall, Room 452***