



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Youth and Community Outreach Committee Report
Meeting at City Hall, 638 S. Beacon Street, Tuesday, September 6th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Committee Member Attendees: Darlene Zavalney, Jeri Hawkins, Laurie Jacobs, Matt DiMeglio, Chris Valle

Non Committee Members in attendance John Larson, LAUSD, Sky Zaarour, Gwen Henry

Public Comment/Non Agenda Item: None.

Agenda Item: Motion regarding support for Dr. Vladovic's proposed change in the school year calendar

It was determined that hot weather is the important issue for elementary level and ending the semester before the winter break is the important issue for high school level. After much discussion, our committee determined the issues regarding the high school level were of a higher importance and we approved the following motion for this resolution, made by Laurie and seconded by Matthew. Note that the LAUSD Board intends to vote on this issue on September 20th which does not allow sufficient time to review and gather pertinent data to support a decision. We would ask that LAUSD allow another month to receive valuable input from the stakeholders.

WHEREAS there has been consistent feedback from secondary educators in response in support of continuing the school year as is and,

WHEREAS the school calendar year best reflects the interest of students and their continuing education, and WHEREAS changing to the traditional school year calendar places final testing after a three week break in classroom attendance, and,

WHEREAS additional classroom time must be devoted to review of studies that would have been fresh in the students mind prior to the winter break, and

WHEREAS test scores from the finals can significantly impact the overall GPA of the students affecting college eligibility and acceptance, and

WHEREAS the student's best educational interest and future career goals must outweigh the desire for longer vacation times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that until there is time to further determine consequences resulting from this change, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the school calendar as is and does not support returning to the traditional calendar year beginning after Labor Day.

Agenda Item: Movie in the Park

The committee selected the movie "ET" for this year's movie in the park. We believe this is a great family movie that has an "alien" theme to go with Halloween and will reintroduce a classic to the next generation.

Last month we approved a \$1,500 budget and now we voted on the breakdown as follows"

- Movie licensing \$400
- Printing & Banners \$300
- Trinkets for Children \$200
- Park & Recs Employees \$250
- Games & Activities \$150
- Refreshments \$200

The event will begin at 6:00pm and the movie will begin at 7:30pm on October 22nd. Darlene will begin to create the artwork. Gwen will work on creating a couple of "photo op" boards for the event.

Agenda Item: Youth Board Seat Application

We voted unanimously to approve the youth application with the deadline for applications to be September 30th and interviews to be conducted at the October Youth and Outreach Committee meeting if so appointed by the President to do so.

Agenda Item: Motion to approve \$500 sponsorship for Spirit of San Pedro Holiday Parade event on December 4th, 2016 was made by Chris, seconded by Jeri and unanimously approved.

Agenda Item: Motion to approve \$1,000 sponsorship for Weymouth Corners Candy Cane Lane Event on December 2nd was made by Laurie, seconded by Darlene and unanimously approved.

Agenda Item: New Logo

Matthew submitted revised designs based on the feedback from our last meeting. The designs were terrific and we are now ready to work with an artist to finalize a rendering to submit to our Board for approval.