



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Sustainability COMMITTEE REPORT

Joint meeting held by the Northwest and Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council sustainability committees, at *San Pedro City Hall, Room 452, on Tuesday, December 20th, 2016*

Committee Member Attendees: Gwen Henry, Laurie Jacobs, Sarah Valdez, Chris Valle, and Darlene Zavalney

Non-Committee Member Attendees: Allen Franz, Ph.D.; Matt Garland, Northwest San Pedro NC stakeholder; Christian Guzman, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC), Chair of Sustainability Committee; Rachel Bruhnke, Central SPNC Sustainability Committee member; Gabe Sopon, POLAHS student; Priscila Pantaleon, POLAHS student; David Bard, Marine Mammal Care Center Director; Nehemiah Peip, POLAHS student

Committee Members not in attendance: Chuck Hart, Bobbi Lisk

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Announcements

3. Planning updates and further brainstorming regarding rain barrel giveaway event.

David Bard, Development Manager at the Marine Mammal Care Center, was in attendance and expressed enthusiastic support for the event. The event will be hosted at the Marine Mammal Care Center, with the purpose of increasing exposure and community awareness of the Center's mission and activities. Mr. Bard brought photos of the Center's classroom and parking lot, where events are usually hosted. Possible dates include April 8th and 9th, 2017.

The event will include two educational sessions. Possible lecturers include Surf Bus Foundation, Surfrider, TreePeople, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, LA Stormwater, and LADWP. Event attendees must attend at least one full lecture to receive a rain barrel.

Committee would also like to invite other relevant non-profits to table the event. LA Conservation Corps will also be invited to giveaway trees. Possible native plants giveaway/sale.

4. Discuss the possibility of hosting a future screening of *Racing Extinction*, a documentary regarding the ongoing Anthropogenic mass extinction of species worldwide.

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5. Discussion of a public comment letter concerning the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach's Clean Air Action Plan.

Rachel Bruhnke noted that the word "citizens," be removed from the letter, as both neighborhood councils represent human beings who are apart of the community, but who may not necessarily be documented U.S. citizens. Both committees would like to see the letter be more specific in its comments. Sarah Valdez and Matt Garland would like to see that pertinent unions and truck drivers have input with regards to the labor component of the letter. Laurie Jacobs would like to see the letter conclude with a specific call to action and request for a response from the individuals to whom the letter is addressed. Committees would also like to see collaboration among neighborhood councils in support of the final draft of the letter.

Motion was made by Sarah Valdez, seconded by Darlene Zavalney, and passed unanimously in support of the letter, under condition that the changes mentioned above are made.

6. Discuss and consider hosting a joint meeting with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s sustainability committee, during which Dr. Allen Franz will present, “Using Native Plants as a Response to California’s Drought.”

Event will be held on February 18th, 2017, at the White Point Nature Preserve. Event location can hold up to 50 people. Lecture will be followed by a native plants sale. The Central and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils will split the cost of the event. Central will purchase snacks from NUDA, located on 6th street, below Pacific Avenue. And Northwest will purchase beverages and flyers.

A motion was made by Sarah Valdez, seconded by Laurie Jacobs, and passed unanimously in approval of the below budget:

Beverages	\$50
Printing	\$100
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Total not to exceed:	\$150

7. Discuss implementation and status of reusable water bottle use at meetings and as outreach to stakeholders.

Northwest Sustainability Committee members briefly discussed the implementation of reusable water bottles as outreach tools at meetings and events. Central Sustainability Committee unanimously passed a budget to create and purchase reusable bottles of their own.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, January 17th, 6:00-7:30 pm, at SP City Hall, Room 452*