



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Sustainability Committee & Board Meeting COMMITTEE REPORT
Joint Meeting of the Central San Pedro NC and Northwest San Pedro NC Sustainability**

Meeting held at San Pedro City Hall, Room 452, 638 S. Beacon St, San Pedro, CA 90731 Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 6:00 - 7:30PM

Committee member attendees: CSPNC Chair Christian Guzman, Rachel Brunhke, Joseph Pinon, Bill Roberson **CSPNC has quorum.** NWPSPNC Laurie Jacobs, Gwendolyn Henry **NWPSPNC no quorum. No actions taken.**

Non-committee member attendees: David Bard

Committee members not in attendance: CSPNC John Stammreich, Frank Anderson, NWPSPNC Darlene Zavalney, Chris Valle, Sarah Valdez, Chuck Hart, Bobbi Lisk

1) Welcome and Introductions.

2) Public Comment on Non-Agenda items.

- a) **David Bard** – The Wallis Annenberg PetSpace human/animal behavior research, pet medical resource & animal adoption center has opened its doors in Playa Vista. It is open Wednesday-Sunday 10am-6pm with free admission. It's a large modern space with several levels. As visitors come in, there is an interactive touch screens that announce upcoming events. The main attraction is the animals up for adoption. Visitors can snuggle with rabbits and kitties in quiet, fun, relaxed spaces. For example, a Sunday reading program children can sit with an animal and read a book to them. The center includes educational programming on animal behavior and proper care of animals, as well as interactive displays which feature the pictures and personal stories of animals that are ready to be adopted. PetSpace has several ambitious goals. Not only is it a community learning and pet adoption center, PetSpace also is a state-of-the-art facility housing an institute with 16 research fellows who will write a white paper on the science behind the human animal bond, as well as studying parallels between human and pet illnesses. PetSpace has partnered with LA's Dept of Animal Care and Control shelters, the California Science Center, spcaLA and other organizations to create this free, fun way to discover how pets enhance our lives. [WEBSITE](#) [PRESSKIT](#)
- b) **Gwen Henry** – Clearwater Tunnel Project – a new sewer line addressing aging infrastructure. A reminder that LACSD (Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts) will be holding a public workshop TOMORROW to address concerns raised by stakeholders in Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Bringing attention to the project to NWPSPNC stakeholders, as the planned route of the Clearwater Tunnel is routed through CSPNC and NWPSPNC – being dug from Wilmington, underneath Gaffey Street & turning southwest at the freeway exit on its way to the Royal Palms outlet. July 19, 2017 at 6:30pm Double Tree Hotel 2800 Via Cabrillo-Marina, San Pedro, Ca 90731. Contact Glenn Acosta with any questions at gacosta@lacsd.org (562) 908-4288.
- c) **Rachel Brunhke** – Cyclavia – suggests a shout out/announcement for next Board & Stakeholder agenda.

3) [CHINA SHIPPING Berths 97-109 Container Terminal Project](#) and Draft Supplement EIR. Deadline to submit comments has been extended to September 2017. Discuss possibilities of action & CIS or letter. Look to see that these issues are addressed in this DSEIR.

- a) Hold China Shipping accountable to the new sub-tenant.
- b) To honor the agreed upon mitigations that were listed in the 52 settlement – 14 of which are yet to be done. Example: improving John S Gibson Blvd. Perhaps reach out to Carrie Scoville – is Knowl Hill part of the mitigations? Are they tossing out the remaining projects?
- c) Description of how Berths work. Operating prices. Each one is a potential income source.
- d) Historical reference to old tank farm that exploded.
- e) **Laurie Jacobs** question: are there any limitations to that particular set of Berths? Will they fit supertankers?
- f) **Bill Roberson** question: is the dog park part of the MIA Knowl Hill project?
- g) Central submitted the letter to the Port of Los Angeles years ago. Bill Roberson motions to refer the ideas discussed here to the Port Committee.

CSPNC Action:

- h) **Bill Roberson motions** to refer the ideas discussed here to the Port Committee, send letter to the Port asking them to honor the agreed upon schedule of mitigation projects in the original settlement agreement. **Seconded by Joseph Pinon, voted unanimously by CSPNC.**

4) DISCUSSION regarding San Pedro Urban Greening Plan. Discuss addition of native plants appropriate to San Pedro and the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Identify and list native plants to recommend. To be shared/presented to the Central and Northwest San Pedro Planning Committees and Coastal San Pedro Sustainability Committee.

- a) During the final stages of the greening plan, San Pedro stakeholders were asked to provide feedback. Of concern to CSPNC Sustainability is there is no reference to actual species to the plan. One reference to native plants with Leland Park slopes, as slopes must be treated in a specific manner.
- b) Discuss a list of the Native Plants as provided by Dr Allen Franz.
- c) 5 species of trees: Coast Live Oak, Interior Live Oak, California Black Oak, California Shrub Oak – each suited for a specific riparian location. **Gwen Henry** - California Sycamore.

- d) **David Bard** – species such as Manzanita, Strawberry, Astor for ground cover.
- e) **Joseph Pinon** - California Sage.
- f) **Gwen Henry** - Suggestion to plant Trees in a natural method. Not in straight lines, providing corridors for invasive pests and diseases.
- g) Special attention towards pollinator species native to the area, such as the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly.
- h) **Christian Guzman** - one of the plants the PVLC support is milk vetch – helps PV Blue Butterfly. Also part of the Pea family which corrects nitrogen levels in the soil.
- i) Bring in Planning and Land Use, address it to the Greening Plan Steering committee, possibly Larry Smith or City Trees.
- j) Suggest coordinating with Coastal Sustainability.
- k) **Rachel Brunkhe** - Wording that there is a community interest in native plants.
- l) **Gwen Henry** – Suggestion to mention the 2024 / 2028 Olympics and creating a unique restored Southern California Coastal environment throughout the community.
- m) **Rachel Brunkhe** - Local economics request procurement from our local nurseries to promote local business and non-profits.
- n) **Christian Guzman** - caution to not be specific in naming business & non-profit resources for plants.
- o) A reference to LA Neighborhood Land Trust.

CSPNC Action:

- p) **Rachel Brunkhe motions** to forward (to Diane Nave) the list of the 25 Species on the PV Land Conservancy & Dr. Allen Franz's tree list. **Seconded and approved unanimously by CSPNC.**

- 5) **DISCUSSION regarding possible recommendation to the Central and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Boards. Invite City Plants and the Department of Sanitation asking those departments to make a presentation at the next meeting on how they upkeep urban plants.**
 - a) **Christian Guzman** - Palm trees were planted on Gaffey on the public right of way near Target. Palm trees are aggressive. The Palm seeds grow in tremendous numbers and tumble along to the Target landscaping. The seeds begin to sprout seedlings in furious numbers, choking out other species. The seedlings are choking out other less invasive planting.
 - b) **Laurie Jacobs** - NWSPNC and Cleaning San Pedro play a roll in the upkeep of our trees and plants on these exact walkways. Chamber of Commerce also continually works with Target. The palms are a nuisance. UNLESS Cleaning San Pedro takes the initiative to weed out the seedlings, it seems no one else is responsible.
 - c) **Question** - City departments responsible are on a 7 year budget financial cycle? **Joseph Pinon** – the public area is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain, along with the property line.
 - d) **Laurie Jacobs** - Target once registered for a liquor license. Target suggested mitigations in trade for the liquor license. Can suggest using this as leverage in the letter - use mitigations to weed out the seedlings. Joseph – the public area is under the responsibility of the property owner to maintain, along with property line. WEBLINK
 - e) **Gwen Henry** – there are more Palm Trees to address. The planting at San Pedro Gateway. These palms are a species called Canary Palms. There are very old stands of these trees, probably planted by the old Sepulveda families all throughout San Pedro. There are two examples of large stands of these palms on Sepulveda Street and Santa Cruz St leading to Holy Trinity between Bandini and Hanford.
 - f) **Laurie Jacobs** - suggestion to invite City Plants and the Dept of Sanitation to come to the Sustainability Committee meeting. For the sake of trimming down heavy loads of Public Comment during Board meetings, Sustainability Committees can report their response back to the NC Boards.
End of discussion, no vote taken.
- 6) **DISCUSSION regarding the calendar for [The POLA / POLB Draft CAAP Update](#) and plan how to respond effectively.**
TABLED due to time restraints.
- 7) **DISCUSSION on current state of public transportation services in the Harbor Area. Status of [Los Angeles Metro](#) other Public Transit Operators conversion to Zero Emission vehicles. How can SPNCs increase the conversation and raise the visibility of Harbor Area transportation issues?**
TABLED due to time restraints.
- 8) **DISCUSSION regarding City Council vote to change tax designation of urban land to “agricultural land” How can San Pedro take advantage of this to possible create pocket parks and add to native species corridors?**
 - a) **Rachel Brunkhe** - COUNCIL FILE #XXXX it might have been unanimous City Council to change the tax laws in Los Angeles. If you turn over your land for gardening. IE a lot taxed at \$5000 now taxed at \$100 if we can support this?
 - b) Sites to target: 1) The YWCA or across from YWCA on 9th street. 2) Veterans Hall 3) Anderson Senior center.
 - c) **Rachel Brunkhe** - Senior citizens remember Victory gardens.
 - d) Central - Land Use Committee back in 5 years ago it was going to be a park. Throw in a few fruit trees, the plan is defunct.
 - e) **Laurie Jacobs** - LA Neighborhood Land Trust – to get more information on their involvement in?
 - f) **Gwen Henry** – Suggestion: Since private property land owners 3-5 years tax incentives, its a shame to invest into gardens that will barely have time to establish. Suggest additional incentives to extend it to 10 - 15 - 20 years? Pocket parks, with simple plantings of native species, creating little green open spaces too?
 - g) **Christian Guzman** - ZIMAS you can look for parcels of land and see what its zoned for
 - h) **Rachel Brunkhe** - Come back to SP City Hall for property records – find the owner, approach the owner and begin soil samples.
 - i) **Joseph Pinon** - Soil samples costing \$50 test for the top 14 contaminants.
End of discussion, no vote taken.
- 9) **DISCUSSION - a report on [ONE WATER LA](#).** **TABLED due to time restraints.**

10) **DISCUSSION** regarding [recyclLA](http://www.recycla.com) expansion of recycling services. recyclLA is a Department Of Sanitation program initiated July 1st 2017. Contact LA Sanitation Customer Care at 1-800-773-2489 or visit www.recycla.com.

11) **Adjourn** – NWSPNC Sustainability Committee following Joint Meeting cancelled **due to lack of quorum**.

Next Meeting
SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED
Tuesday, August 8th, 2017
6:00 - 7:30pm

San Pedro City Hall, Room 452
638 S. Beacon Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

To contact us: www.nwsanpedro.org , board@nwsanpedro.org , or 310-732-4522

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Clearwater Tunnel Project Addressing Aging Infrastructure **PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

**July 19, 2017 @ 6:30 pm
Double Tree Hotel
2800 Via Cabrillo-Marina
San Pedro, CA 90731**

The Sanitation Districts will be hosting this workshop to further address questions raised at the June 19, 2017, meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

The workshop will be an opportunity to speak one-on-one with Districts staff on project issues including traffic, land stability, and the tunnel alignment.

No RSVP is necessary. Please contact Glenn Acosta with any questions at gacosta@lacsdc.org or (562) 908-4288, ext. 2304.



Converting Waste Into Resources





SAN PEDRO MEETS WILMINGTON
AUGUST 13, 2017
9am – 4pm



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STREET CLOSURES FOR CICLAVIA–SAN PEDRO MEETS WILMINGTON

Streets Closed to Cars	From	To	Time Closed	Approx. Time Open
M Street	Avalon Blvd	Eubank Ave	7:00am	6:00pm
Avalon Blvd	M Street	C Street	7:00am	6:00pm
C Street	Avalon Blvd	King Ave	7:00am	6:00pm
King Ave	C Street	Harry Bridges Blvd	7:00am	6:00pm
Harry Bridges Blvd	King Ave	Figueroa St	7:00am	6:00pm
John S Gibson Blvd	Figueroa St	Harbor Dept. Road	7:00am	6:00pm
Pacific Ave	John S Gibson Blvd	Front St	7:00am	6:00pm
Front St	Pacific Ave	Harbor Blvd	7:00am	6:00pm
Harbor Blvd	Front St	5th St	7:00am	6:00pm
5th St	Harbor Blvd	Pacific Ave	7:00am	6:00pm
Pacific Ave	5th St	22nd St	7:00am	6:00pm