



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee & Board Meeting COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held at San Pedro City Hall, Rm 452, 638 S. Beacon St, on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 6-7PM

Committee member attendees: Gwen Henry, Chris Valle, Tom Maeder

Non-committee member attendees: Christian Guzman, Kathleen Maeder

Committee members not in attendance: all in attendance.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items.** Christian Guzman – local POLAHS teacher Rachel Bruhnke is running as the Green Party candidate for California Assembly District 70. rachel4assembly.org
3. **Discuss Los Angeles City Zoo** – Consider writing a letter in support of the [MISSION](#) of the Los Angeles City Zoo. - TABLED FOR FURTHER UPDATES FROM BUDGET ADVOCATE, Melanie Labrecque.

DISCUSSION: Budget Advocate Melanie Labrecque is working on White Paper recommendations regarding the [Los Angeles City Zoo and Botanical Gardens](#). The City of Los Angeles has not provided a budget for the LA Zoo since 2012-13. Between 2008-2013 the city provided a budget ranging between \$19.3M and \$17.6M. Since then, the City has reduced the budget to ZERO, essentially only paying obligatory light bills and pensions. The Los Angeles City Zoo is a member of [WAZA](#) (World Association of Zoos and Aquariums) and [AZA](#) (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) serving North America. The Los Angeles City Zoo is regularly visited by students from kindergarten to university level and has a key role in conservation and environmental education. It's located in the heart of the Los Angeles Metropolitan area, which provides Angelenos of all socio-economic levels expanded opportunities to connect with nature and, through play, learn about conservation and the global push for responsible stewardship.

4. **Discuss EARTH DAY 2018 – April 21st at Friendship Park – Recalculate Budget activities / promotion –**
DISCUSSION: There are **three events total** related to environmental causes and activities surrounding Earth Day. The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles & the Los Angeles City Zoo are coming to Deane Dana Friendship Park to promote Natural Sciences, environmental education and the importance of conservation. We are helping to coordinate with all the other Sustainability Committees in the Harbor Area and get kids from the entire area involved.
Funding is to promote the events and Sustainability. We will have a presence at all three.
Motion to approve budget: Chris Valle Second by: Gwendolyn Henry
Unanimously approved by Gwendolyn Henry, Tom Maeder, Chris Valle
5. **Still an opportunity to comment on Open Space, Community + Cultural portion of the General Plan.**
DISCUSSION: There is still opportunity to take the surveys. Go to <https://www.ourla2040.org/survey>
6. **Continue to monitor [Urban Greening Plan](#).**
7. **[Council File 15-0499](#) – a CIS on Protecting Biodiversity, City Practices, Working Group** - TABLED. CIS and letter in progress.
8. **Discuss [Council File 18-0997](#) – excess levels of Chromium 6 motion for city-wide inspection.** Last day to act 08/30/2019 UPDATE: 11/16/2017 reports from Public Works Sanitation & the SCAQMD - TABLED. In progress.
9. **Discuss [Council File 17-1063](#) – a condition survey of Community Parks** – possible collaboration with Planning & Land Use, Public Safety and Community Vision. <http://parkgrade.la/> See Ron Galperin letter. Last day to act 09/13/2019 - TABLED. In progress.
10. **Discuss [Council File 15-0198-S1](#) – the motion to form a *Committee on Cooling and Urban Heat Impacts* – strategy – send a letter. Possibilities include request Neighborhood Council representation on this Committee.**

11. **Do we want to add comments for [Council File 17-0447](#) – now that is a resolution to study Resident Health and Safety and assess feasibility of amending current land use codes in relation to oil wells and oil drilling sites.** – (Setbacks from oil drilling) expiration date 6/22/2019 - TABLED.
12. **Discuss NCSA bylaws** - address & resolve issues with NCSA bylaws – TABLED. Gwendolyn Henry will be going to the Sustainability Alliance conference on February 11th to discuss with the NCSA Executive Committee.
13. **Adjourn – Next Sustainability Meeting will be held 6 pm Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

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