



# **NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

## **Port of Los Angeles Committee Report**

**Meeting Held February 6, 2018 at the San Pedro Municipal Building.**

### **Committee Members:**

Philip Nicolay, Present  
Carlos Garcia, Present  
Robert Jay Bryant, Present  
Craig Goldfarb, Absent  
Cynthia Gonyea, Present  
Pat Nave, Absent  
Laurie Jacobs (part of the meeting)

**Quorum?** Yes

### **1. Update on last NC Presidents Meeting with the Port of Los Angeles**

Primary discussion was around hazardous materials transport with the Port. The Port will meet with the ad hoc Railroad Working group, and any other NC or Chamber representatives who want to participate but has chosen to initially respond to discussion topics and questions using the Public Records Act process before conducting further discussions. Other topics included a request for information that was submitted relative to the transport of hazardous materials. The Port discussed the process in which future community funding, the next ten-year cycle, would be done. The Port was looking at using the Presidents meeting as the mechanism to discuss future project. The actual process and how the community will be involved still needs to be worked out with the Port.

### **2. Update on Transport of Hazardous**

See update above.

### **3. Discussion on Community Projects**

The Port will sponsor a meeting regarding the status of the Public Market Place project. Alta Sea and the Wilmington public access waterfront projects in March at the Warner Grand. It will open to all who are interested. The San Pedro Marketplace developer will present an update on the project. At a January meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, the Port's Mike Galvin made a presentation on the terms of the lease agreement with the San Pedro Marketplace developers about what it requires of the Port and what it allows the developer to decide with respect to the existing Ports O' Call tenants.

### **4. Discussion of Noise Related to Port Activities**

The committee worked on the outline of a forum regarding Noise from port activities. We did discuss the rail operations on the track to Rancho LPG. We reached out to Rancho to learn if PHL trains were coming 24 /7 and if Rancho scheduled them. Rancho's reply was that the trains

worked day and early evening and did not want to work late evening or early morning hours. We asked if an agreement between the city, CD 15 and PHL had been reached or discussed to limit train operations to daytime hours. There is no formal agreement but may have been an informal agreement with the former Council Member.

Following up on the noise forum we:

- The date for the forum would be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5 to 7 pm
- The location will be Taper Elementary or Peck
- Depending on location we will provide food or some drinks
- The purpose for the meeting was discussed and agreed to be part learning and part advocacy under the following topics:
  - Where noise impacting NWSP is generated from and when
  - Existing noise standards and ordinances within the City of Los Angeles
  - Health impacts of the noise
  - Existing data / summary of what is known about the noise impacts to NWSP and what additional information we may need
- The potential speakers / panel would consist of
  - Engineer / Acoustic Expert who did previous noise studies
  - Health person
  - Noise Person or Consultant working for the HBCF under a Port grant
  - Representative from Industry
  - Noise ordinance / statute expert
- The Port of Los Angeles decline to participate in the forum

As part of our efforts related to noise we discussed a new city ordinance specific to the Harbor area similar to what the City of Los Angeles did for noise abatement and curfew's' related to aircraft operations at Van Nuys.

The last discussion of related to noise was around the collection of data and using that data as part of understanding overall noise patterns, time of day and origin, to support mitigation. An idea was discussed of having a way for the community post noise observations by location and time to the NC website for future use and analysis.

## **5. Discussion of Port's of Call Development**

The Ports O'Call tenants, except for San Pedro Fish Market, have all be given notices to vacate. The Ports O'Call restaurant has been given a notice to vacate by March 2018. Phil Nicolay continued to expressed concern that the lagging development. The Port plans to hold public meetings to discuss potential projects for the second phase of public access funding and has suggested that the Presidents meeting be used as the forum for vetting proposed projects.

Phil continued to expressed concern that the development is lagging. The committee will continue to follow up on the project status.

## **6. Discussion of Port of LA Capital Improvement Program / Budget**

See the update above. Committee will continue to track the Ports Capital Program and report back.

**7. Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

Committee to follow up with Planning Committee on comments and response to State of California Rail Plan. Port Committee to provide input to Gwen Henry.

**8. Adjourn – Next Meeting scheduled for February 27, 2018**