



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, February 20, 2018, 5-6:30PM

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

Non-committee member attendees: none

Committee members not in attendance: all in attendance.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items.** None
3. **Discuss EARTH DAY 2018 – April 21st at Deane Dana Friendship Park & NC – Recalculate budget.** [Map of NWSPNC Census Tract](#) includes the Nature Center as part of NWSPNC Tract 2970. Discussion of concerns voiced by Board members at the meeting.

Q1) Why are we doing an event that is not even in our stakeholder area?

A1) The Nature Center and Bogdanovich Park are inside NWSPNC Tract 2970. The Nature Center provides education in the wildlife and natural resources that are indigenous to San Pedro. It is a highly valuable educational resource for all our stakeholders. As the Nature Center is placed inside our borders, it is the perfect location to invite our stakeholders and to create fun, engaging events where they can learn about all our natural resources, Environmental and Sustainability-minded programs that the City of Los Angeles, County, and State have to offer. There are opportunities for our youth to expand on STEAM program experiences, community service opportunities, hands on learning with wildlife & natural sciences, use their talents in a variety of ways in an outdoor and educational setting.

Q2) This is not NWSPNC's event. A County Park should be able to fund it's own events.

A1) Director, Hector Inzunza is funding many elements, but there is an issue with funding color promotional materials. Hector very much needs support by another entity for color printing. Additionally, this is a perfect opportunity for NWSPNC to perform a key role: teaming up to promote & build events that benefit our stakeholders.

A2) The staff at the Nature Center does not have the capacity to make these events on his own. There is a plan with Sustainability to collaborate and create a series of annual events that engage ALL our stakeholders – from toddler to seniors – with education, volunteer opportunities, and engaging them to get involved in the community while making them aware of the sustainable technological transitions in Los Angeles infrastructure.

The Mayor of Los Angeles has committed to a Sustainable LA blueprint, which includes, amongst other things, a reduction in Greenhouse gas emissions by 60% before 2035, water conservation, a cleaner environment, a direction towards Green Jobs, making the transition while strengthening our economy. The Neighborhood Council's job is to help spread the word and educate our stakeholders on these goals. Being able to meet Sustainable goals by 2035 takes a "buy-in" & personal involvement of every resident in Los Angeles. The Nature Center events are tailored to spread these messages and inform our stakeholders.

Sustainability is going to have a presence at Earth Day. Photo Boards, Face Painting, Chalk Art & Seed Balls - The idea is to recruit members and to get people interested in participating in the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, and become ambassadors in a Sustainable LA.

**Recalculated Budget - Motion to approve budget: Gwendolyn Henry Second by: Chris Valle
Unanimously approved by Gwendolyn Henry, Tom Maeder, Chris Valle**

4. **Discuss [City Nature Challenge 2018](#) – April 28th at the Nature Center – discuss Sustainability participation & promotion.** Here is an [article](#) that explains the program. Global crowd sourcing for science website & app [iNaturalist.org](#)

The NHMLA Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, the Nature Center & Sustainability are collaborating on this global event. Currently members of Sustainability are reaching out to the LAUSD and Boys & Girls Clubs, and reaching out to various cable and phone service companies to try to coordinate a WiFi hookup. Also helping to spread the word via EventBrite. Mobile devise lenses, other materials that the kids can use.

[Citizen Science Symposium](#) – March 24th at Aquarium of the Pacific this is the associated leadership training for educators, students, naturalists - anyone who participates in, or wants to organize citizen science programs.

5. **Discuss NC Sustainability Alliance - [leadership retreat](#) news from Feb 11th and [Bylaws](#).**
 Gwen Henry went to the NCSA Leadership Retreat at the Reseda NC Community Space on February 11th. The main topic: How the NCSA can be more effective. There were many ideas, but the consensus was that efficient exchange and distribution of information is crucial. Instead of relying on emails, the NCSA Website should include a "Tool Box" that provides access to valuable (and often time-sensitive) information for Sustainability Committees across the city to utilize. Ideas like: A "clearinghouse" of Sustainability topics - Council Files & discussions how the motion impacts communities, Commissions & City Council Committee meetings, a blog for "How To's", etc. A Committee to work on designing a better **Website & Communications** was created. Other Committees that Sustainability Committee members & interested stakeholders have been asked to participate in: **Advocacy, Environmental Health.**
History: On November 14, 2016 the Board approved (8-Y 5-N 3-Ab) to join the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. Although the Board approved, there were underlying concerns by some Board Members about NCSA bylaws regarding Public Policy and NCSA representation of individual NCs. The next point of order was to motion & appoint a representative to the Alliance. Despite discussing Gwendolyn Henry as designated representative, no motion / appointment was made, thus formal membership was not completed. Motion to approve letter (with additional wording to clarify NWSPNC's stance when NCSA takes a Public Policy position)
Motion to approve letter with provisions to address potential conflicts with the NCSA and NWSPNC bylaws.
Motion: Gwendolyn Henry Second: Chris Valle – Unanimous: Gwendolyn Henry, Chris Valle, Tom Maeder
Motion to approve Gwendolyn Henry as the NCSA Representative and Chris Valle as the Alternate
Motion: Chris Valle Second: Tom Maeder – Unanimous: Tom Maeder, Chris Valle, Gwendolyn Henry
6. **[Council File 15-0499](#) and [Amendment](#) – a CIS on Protecting Biodiversity, City Practices, Working Group**
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7. **Discuss [California State Lands Commission Feb 27th](#) – Agenda item #89 - Artificial reef project off White Point. Commission meeting to be held at Point Vicente Interpretive Center, 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West. Submit written public comment to the CSLC: CSLC.CommissionMeetings@slc.ca.gov
 Information at these links: [Army Corp of Engineers permit](#), [NOAA report](#). Opposing viewpoint: [ResistTheReef](#)
 The CSLC announced their agenda on Friday, February 16th (the day starting President's day weekend). Stakeholders in San Pedro potentially can be affected. SurfRider, Heal The Bay, the RPV City Council and others have taken a stance on the project. Information can be found at the links above. Public comment from community members will be due by February 24th (Three days before the Commission meeting).**
8. **Discuss [Council File 18-0997](#) – excess levels of Chromium 6 motion for city-wide inspection.** Last day to act 08/30/2019 reports from [Public Works Sanitation](#) & the [SCAQMD](#) *Nothing added to the motion. TABLED*
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 *Nothing added to the motion. TABLED*
10. **Discuss [Council File 15-0198-S1](#) – the motion to form a *Committee on Cooling and Urban Heat Impacts* – ADOPTED Sept 26th Valley Glen NC filed CIS. Possible NWSPNC action strategy – send a letter. Possibilities include request Neighborhood Council representation on this Committee. *Nothing added to the motion. TABLED***
11. **[Council File 17-0447](#) –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 – exp 6/22/2019 **20 NCs have submitted CIS's****
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12. Still an opportunity for **ALL STAKEHOLDERS to comment on [Open Space](#)** portion of the General Plan.
OurLA2040.org
13. **Continue to monitor [Urban Greening Plan](#).**
14. **Adjourn – next meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the regular time 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

Note: Anything on this Agenda Could Result in a Motion

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