



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Port of Los Angeles Committee Report

Meeting Held February 27, 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

Quorum? Yes

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

Primary discussion was around Port's O'Call and the community meeting on March 20th. Discussion was also done how the next round of community funding would be done. A short discussion was done on hazardous materials transport within the Port and the follow up questions submitted to the Port. The Port has not met with the ad hoc Railroad Working group, or any other NC or Chamber representatives and is looking to respond the questions as part of the Public Records Act process. This will be done before following up or additional discussions with the Port occurs. 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. This meeting is 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

Provided an update on conversation with Dr. Koo and Dr. Nguyen of Cal State Long Beach regarding the noise study they performed. That study was related to average noise levels and did not capture short episodic noise events. The average noise levels could be higher due to the increased Port activity since the economic downturn in 2008. The committee had Noise Studies and reports performed in the past in San Pedro and Wilmington put on the NC website. The committee worked on the outline of a forum regarding Noise from port activities.

Developed an app for the NC website where noise information can be entered. The app is live and in use. The plan is to do a data extract at the end of the month to see what we are getting and start to try and correlate to rail and other Port activities.

Update on noise forum:

- The tentative date for the forum would be April 12th, 2018 5 to 7 pm. Depends on speaker availability and commitment.
- The location will be Taper Elementary or Peck
- Developed a preliminary budget. Budget request still needs to be worked out once the speakers are all confirmed.
- 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

Port committee is going to reach out to the City Attorneys office to follow up on noise ordinances and who in the City maybe the most knowledgeable of these regulations. We are also reaching out the Harbor Benefit Corporation to follow up the Noise Study they are currently conducting. Will ask both if they would participate in the noise 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. The committee chair continued to expressed concern that the development is lagging. The committee will continue to follow up on the project status and members plan to attend the March 20th committee meeting.

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 April 3, 2018