



# NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Port of Los Angeles Committee Report

**March 2018 Update - Meeting Held April 3, 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, Present

**Quorum?** Yes

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

No presidents meeting was held in March due to the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 community meeting held at the Warner Grand.

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

The Port of LA has been sending over documents related to the questions submitted by the NWSPNC relative to transport of hazardous materials. The data sent over does not appear to directly answer the questions we submitted. An action item from our Port Committee meeting was to follow up with a letter to the Port regarding the data sent over and reaffirming our desire that the Port answer the questions directly.

### **3. Discussion on Port's O' Call Project / Community Meetings**

The committee discussed the meeting at the Warner Grand related to the status of the Public Market Place project. Overall the committee felt that the meeting was fine but there was some concern about the lack of details, continuing changes in what the development phasing and build out might be, and how the questions were handled. The committee discussed a resolution relative to the Port's O' Call restaurant and the termination of that lease. The committee felt that something relative to the restaurant should be done but was concerned about delaying the project, commitment of community funds and ability of the developer and Port to come to terms with the restaurant for a space in the new development. The committee agreed to table the motion for a month to refine and solicit input from the other NCs in San Pedro and Wilmington.

We had a short discussion on how the Port will solicit feedback from the community on the next cycle of community funding. The committee is to follow up on this issue at the next Presidents meeting.

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

Provided an update on the Noise survey data collected to date. Discussed ways to increase participation. Agreed that the purpose of the noise survey and how to input data would be an article in an upcoming update newsletter. Also discussed some concerns expressed about confidentiality and use of a specific street address. The idea is geared around having a specific location where the noise was observed at what time. The committee will work on options to try and alleviate those concerns.

Some of the inputs the noise survey did not provide the location where the noise was heard the where the person thought the noise was coming from. Committee will work with Kristina to modify the field headers to make sure the requested data is clearer.

The committee discussed the noise forum and that we needed to gather more data before committing to a date. The progress related to forum slowed down in March partially due to timing and other activities. The committee will follow up with Harbor Benefit Corporation to learn more about the noise study being undertaken by them. The committee did not get a reply from the City Attorney's office relative to a noise statute expert. The committee will follow up with the City Attorney's office again with our request.

An update on the noise forum is provided below:

- The date for the forum is TBD. Budget will be worked out after we have a commitment from panel participants.
- The location will be Taper Elementary School if available.
- The purpose for the forum will be to discuss learning about noise and how to mitigate noise and 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 may 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. As stated above the City Attorney's office did not reply to our inquiry and the committee will follow up in April.

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

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

#### **6. Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

No comments or discussion on non-agenda items.

#### **7. Adjourn – Next Meeting scheduled for April 24, 2018**