



## **Sustainability Committee Meeting REPORT**

**Meeting held on Monday, June 25, 2018, 5:30 - 7:30PM**  
San Pedro City Hall, Room 452  
638 S. Beacon Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

**Committee member attendees:** Bob Bryant, Carlos M Garcia, Gwendolyn Henry  
**Committee members not in attendance:** Tom Maeder, unexcused, Chris Valle, unexcused  
**Visitors:** Allen Franz, Al Sattler, Connie Sullivan of Torrance Refinery Action Alliance

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions.**
- 2) **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items.** Al Sattler, Chair of the PVSb Group Sierra Club provided the local Sierra Club's newsletter.  
<https://angeles.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/branches/pvsb/pdfs/FV2018-7a.pdf>
- 3) **Discuss** this year's schedule for Sustainability Committee meetings – last Mondays, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – pending.
- 4) **Discuss Letter regarding Proposed Rule 1410 at the AQMD** <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/proposed-rules/proposed-rule-1410> in relation to the PBF Energy Torrance Refinery (formerly ExxonMobil) at 3700 W 190<sup>th</sup> St, and **Valero Wilmington Refinery** at 2402 E Anaheim St. Connie Sullivan of Torrance Refinery Action Alliance presented a power point and reviewed the history of the refinery in Torrance, regarding an overview of HF use in the refining process, the transition to MHF and a history of hazard related incidents and EPA reports on safety procedures at the Torrance refinery. **Amendments discussed. Unanimously approved by Bob Bryant, Carlos Garcia, Gwendolyn Henry**
- 5) **Discuss Letter requesting funding for a Land Use Study related to rail transport of HazMats & POLA's Risk Management Plan (RMP)** **Amendments discussed. Unanimously approved by Bob Bryant, Carlos Garcia, Gwendolyn Henry**
- 6) **Discuss CIS & Letter for Council File 17-1063** Condition survey of Community Parks – <http://parkgrade.la/> **TABLED**
- 7) **Discuss CIS & Letter for Council File 15-0499 and Amendment** – on Protecting Biodiversity, City Practices, Working Group [4/17/2018 Biodiversity Report](#) **TABLED**
- 8) **Discuss Letter to State Rep. Patrick O'Donnell, Senator Steven Bradford, SCAQMD Board of Commissioners regarding Assembly Bill AB 617** – UPDATE: Letter deadline was estimated to be July 10<sup>th</sup>. Actual deadline for this stage of the process ended prior to the June 25<sup>th</sup> Sustainability Meeting. Reached out to SCAQMD to find out if there will be additional opportunities to provide feedback. **TABLED UNTIL SCAQMD replies to question.**
- 9) **Discuss / Consider Sustainability Committee events & promotion ideas for this fiscal year**  
The April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting created a list of "ideas" – Specific community events that have a relationship to Sustainability issues & Sustainability has been specifically invited to participate, and a list of possible activities that engage the community, promote sustainability goals, and recruit members for the Sustainability Committee.  
The May 30, 2018 meeting did not occur because there was no quorum. The goal is to discuss the April ideas and potentially vote on continuing Sustainability participation in known NWSPNC events.

### **2018 Music By The Sea**

Public Safety requests a trade of Sustainability's July 15<sup>th</sup> activity to July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**First by Gwen Henry, Second by Carlos Garcia unanimously approved Bob Bryant, Carlos Garcia, Gwendolyn Henry**

### **2018 EcoFest at Deane Dana Friendship Park – September 29, 2018.**

This could not be discussed on May 30, due to lack of quorum.

Due to potential lack of budget to help financially sponsor the promotional materials, Deane Dana will be looking to other financial sources to fund the flyers and posters.

PROPOSED: Sustainability will do the same activities as last year without a budget request:

- 1) Have a table at EcoFest, face-painting and seed balls, promotion Sustainability goals, educating the community in City of LA's Sustainability Plan Programs, and providing information accumulated to help the community make adjustments towards a Sustainable future.

Sustainability will spend time and energy helping to make the event grow.

- 2) Designing the promotional material.
- 3) Facilitate invitations to city representatives, invite local businesses and environmental organizations to participate in the event,
- 4) Assist with FREE publicity and FREE promotion. All no-cost options.
- 5) Reach out to the community to promote the event.
- 6) Promote the City of Los Angeles rain barrel rebate program & rainbarrel sale with RainBarrels International

HISTORY - Through the ongoing Sustainability Committee relationship of having been invited in April 2017, EcoFest 2017 and Earth Day 2018, RainBarrels Intl are again participating. Sustainability will continue to promote the City of Los Angeles (& County) rebate program and rain barrel sale (as it has since April 2017).

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### **2019 Earth Day at Deane Dana Friendship Park & ideas how to grow the event – The proposal to support Earth Day April 2019 Environmental Fair was put to the table.**

Discussion was raised that it is too far in advance to vote on participation. Due to budgetary and other concerns, no event should be committed to prior to 3 months ahead. If any event is to be approved for no budget, budget funding will have to be set to “zero” and there will be no future adjustments. If other money suddenly becomes a requirement to fulfill the obligation, the City Clerk can potentially refuse, leaving the NWSPNC in an embarrassing situation.

The counterpoint was broached that Earth Day weekend support should start as soon as possible for two reasons:

- 1) Budgetary concerns: Sustainability Committee's mission is to actively seek methods to support Sustainability goals without expending any Board funds. If money cannot be spent, it is important to invest time and energy instead. Advanced planning and preparation, started months in advance, can remedy the lack of funds. If Sustainability is to effectively fulfill its mission to promote and educate the community on sustainable living and environmental issues, City of Los Angeles Sustainability Plan goals, and best utilize City Departments for its stakeholder's benefit, it is important to set the date and commit to the event now. Earth Day is very competitive, and in order to facilitate a fun and informative event that is accessible to Northwest San Pedro stakeholders – it is important to start early.

**TABLED**

**2019 MMCC Seal Day** – On April 30, 2018 David Morton from the Marine Mammal Care Center invited the Sustainability Committee to participate in and promote their Sunday, June 24, 2018 Seal Day. The next month's May 28, 2018 meeting, it was an agenda item. There was no quorum and thus the invitation could not be put to the Board for a vote. NWSPNC Sustainability could not participate or help in any way. The intention is to vote participation as early as possible, as this is an Environmental / Sustainable wildlife topic.

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**ALSO TABLED:** Discuss ideas to help promote Sustainability and potentially include in Earth Day 2019 – that will engage the community and support community organizations (The detailed notes come from the April 30, 2018 meeting discussion & minutes):

- a) **Participate in (some) First Thursdays** – to recruit NWSPNC Sustainability members, build the email list, promote City of LA's Sustainability message and promote future Sustainability events approved by the Board.
- b) **Rain Barrel Arts Competition** – find a (501c3) sponsor or partner to purchase rain barrels. Create a fundraiser auction to benefit a Northwest San Pedro based charity, school or other eligible organization, involve the San Pedro Arts Community AND promote RainWater conservation in a creative and “BIG FREE PUBLICITY” way. Invite the community to paint rainbarrels: San Pedro Arts Association kids, local LAUSD school classes, local Artists in the Arts District. Local community members & organizations could be tasked to create artwork, design and paint the rain barrels. The amazing creations can be auctioned off at a NWSPNC event (EcoFest? Earth Day?). Proceeds to go to an eligible NWSPNC organization. Decorating rain barrels will bring attention to the water saving

programs and other sustainable themes of LADWP, Storm Water and support City of LA Sustainability Plan goals. Plus the added bonus of getting free publicity!!!

- c) **Art Competition** – a themed arts contest for grade-school kids around sustainability, earth, recycling, other environmental themes. Use a local venue and create an art gallery setting. Ask local stakeholders/businesses/educational leaders/eligible & non-partisan participants to judge the artwork and have some type of awards ceremony.
- d) **A film or lecture series** on environmental and sustainable subjects. Invite people involved in Sustainable and Environmental interests / professions to share adventures, ways to bring sustainability into their lives. Engage & excite the community in discovering Sustainable practices.
- e) **Bio-Blitz photographic safaris** and other **Citizen Science (Sustainability & Environmental Science) STEAM** related activities. How can we create a fun event that can possibly strengthen and support LAUSD & educational goals for stakeholders?
- f) **A Natural Foods/Vegan/Cooking event** – any local businesses?

10) Adjourn – next meeting **Monday, July 30, 2018 - 5:30PM – 7:30PM at San Pedro City Hall - Bureau of Engineering Conference Room 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

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