MEETING REPORT

Attendees:
Committee Members - Laurie Jacobs, Chris Valle, John Barbera
Committee Members not in attendance: Ben Osterman, Pete Garbowski
Non Committee – Melanie Labrecque, Ray Regalado, Cynthia Gonyea, Chris Marmaud- Merchant Marine

1) JUNE 15TH “PRIDE ON THE PORT 2019” event at the Iowa. We will host an all day booth to engage with stakeholders promoting the good works of the Neighborhood Councils. We will use our NC canopy, table cloth and brochures and hand out our new pens and collect stakeholder emails to add to our contacts list. 4 Board members will host the booth and a pass will be provided to all other members. We have been provided with one free ticket for each Board Member interested in attending.

2) 2019 SUMMER MUSIC BY THE SEA festival booth dates are 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28 & 8/4. Pete Garbowski and Ray Regalado have already signed up for the first week. Each Committee should consider signing up to host a booth. Sign-up sheet will be circulated at the June Board meeting if there are still open slots.

3) NEWSLETTER scheduled for end of June 2019 – Articles covering issues and events affecting the Northwest San Pedro area in addition to articles affecting San Pedro as a whole. We would like to include articles as follows:

   NPG Recipient “Pride on the Port” Aiden
   NPG Recipient “Assistance League”                          Message from the President – Ray
   NPG Recipient “Packages for Patriots” Melanie            Environmental Issues in NW – Allen Franz
   Wildfest recap – Gwen                                      Pet Safety during Emergencies - Cynthia
   Pathways to Employment recap – Laurie                      Planning & Land Use – Diana
   Christensen Science Center Advisory – Chris
   Park summer programs – Laurie                             Ponte Vista – Diana
   Ron Galperin presentation – Laurie                         Homelessness – Laurie & Doug

4) MOTION TO APPROVE LETTER on “Concerns of Charter School Co-locating on San Pedro school campuses. Motion by Laurie, seconded by Chris and unanimously approved at May meeting. Letter is included in the second page of this report.

5) Next Meeting: July 2, 2019
Date: June 10, 2019

To: Dr. Richard Vladovic, LAUSD Board Member

Subject: Concerns regarding Charter School Co-Locations in the Harbor Community

Dear Mr. Vladovic,

We, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council have great concerns regarding the recently approved charter school co-location at the Catskill Ave Elementary School in Carson as we see this as a trend that may affect schools located in the Harbor Community. We are concerned that adding a co-location charter school at an existing campus will most likely destabilize the school learning community by taking away existing resources such as computer labs, campus library, counseling room, and play yard. We are concerned that existing schools with fully credentialed experienced teachers, Dual Language, School for Advanced Studies/Gate, English Language Learner, and Special Education programs could be adversely impacted when co-habitation takes place.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council believes our schools should serve all students. There have been reported instances where charter schools exclude minorities, special education students, and English Language Learners. Furthermore, we believe that schools should transparently include the community when making decisions. We are concerned that GANAS Academy may be failing to do this. We ask that you address these issues.

In conclusion, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the parents, teachers, and community members who have expressed concerns regarding the co-location of GANAS Academy at LAUSD public schools in the Harbor Community, specifically in San Pedro.

We request that you provide us with specific information as to how adding a charter school to any existing campus in the Harbor Area will benefit the existing campus and not detract from existing classroom space, play yard space and existing programs such as Dual Language, School for Advanced Studies/Gate, English Language Learner, and Special Education.

We stand united in protecting our schools in Northwest San Pedro and request a response to this letter within two weeks of your receipt.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado
President, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Cc: Mr. Michael Romero, Superintendent, LAUSD Local District South
    The Hon. Steven Bradford, SD35
    The Hon. Mike Gipson, AD64
    Mr. Alex Caputo-Pearl, President, UTLA
    Mr. Joe Buscaino, CD15 Councilmember