

Resolution passed by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
on October 10, 2006.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council recognizes the current and future value of Knoll Hill to this community, and has a great interest in this asset within this neighborhood council's jurisdiction. It is a remnant of the seven hills of San Pedro, and has great potential as open and recreational space and as a unique remaining scenic viewpoint. We strongly oppose the dedication of any portion of this land to the exclusive use of any private organization, for any length of time. We request that the office of Janice Hahn explore potential uses of this land with this neighborhood council before committing to any development proposals.



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

February 13, 2007

Dr. Geraldine Knatz
Port Administration Building
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Dr. Knatz,

Over the past few months, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has been discussing Knoll Hill and its future. Several community groups have addressed our board with disparate plans for how that land should be used. As you know, this piece of land is in our neighborhood council and community plan area.

We came to the conclusion that the intentions of the Port, as the majority property owner, are quite vital. This letter is a formal request that you advise our board as to your intentions for the use of this piece of land within a short to mid-range time frame, such as the next 10 to 20 years. Without this information, we are unable to sensibly consider which of the several uses being requested are the most appropriate.

We ask that you consult with both Port Commissioners and staff, and reply with a written statement regarding your intentions for Knoll Hill. We understand that long term predictions may be hard to make, but surely there are at least short and mid-range plans that you can disclose at this time.

Thank you for your attention to this item.

Sincerely,



Joe Gatlin, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
C/O SUE CASTILLO, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
809 S. GRAND AVENUE, SAN PEDRO 90731

Resolutions adopted at the June 18, 2007 Special Meeting of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

1) KNOLL HILL RESOLUTION

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council resolves to adopt the following position on the use and improvement of Knoll Hill:

This is the last historic hill of the original Seven Hills of San Pedro. It provides unique and significant community-accessible views of the Port, the Vincent Thomas Bridge, and the waterfront area as a whole. Knoll Hill is a significant station on our Coastal Trail. This hilltop is currently undeveloped, providing a rare opportunity for an urban forest within park-poor downtown San Pedro, allowing it to serve as a buffer zone between residential areas and the industrial port property. It should be preserved as green open space for the public in perpetuity.

We are opposed to any privatization of the Hill, as stated in the resolution of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted on October 10, 2006. Knoll Hill should be open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and accessible to persons of all ages and abilities. All "No Trespassing" signs on the Hill should be removed.

No regrading of the Hill should be allowed, unless it restores the original contours of the hill. We oppose widening the one-way roadway traversing the hill.

The Hill should be revegetated with native plantings including shade trees. This is consistent with Mayor Villaraigosa's call for new urban forestry development. Not only is this the only space available for a major tree planting in the Central area, an urban forest at this location would serve as a valuable buffer zone between the community and industrial port development.

The California Coastal Trail is to be extended to the top of the Hill to enhance pedestrian access and recreational use. The following public amenities should be provided on the hilltop:

- seating
- drinking fountains
- public toilets
- picnic tables

No billboards, advertising, or overhead utilities should be allowed on the Hill.

We support the designation of Knoll Hill as a historic/cultural monument. We look forward to a physical landmark being installed on the hilltop recognizing Knoll Hill as community space.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council should be included in any discussion of proposed uses or improvements to the hill, and have the opportunity to review and comment on all plans.

2) EASTVIEW LITTLE LEAGUE SITING ALTERNATIVES:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council believes that there are superior alternatives to Knoll Hill for siting the Eastview Little League, and we request that the Port and the office of Janice Hahn work with the community to develop these alternatives before Knoll Hill is destroyed irrevocably.

**Letter of Protest regarding Knoll Hill development to the Port of Los Angeles,
the Offices of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilwoman Janice Hahn,
and the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles**

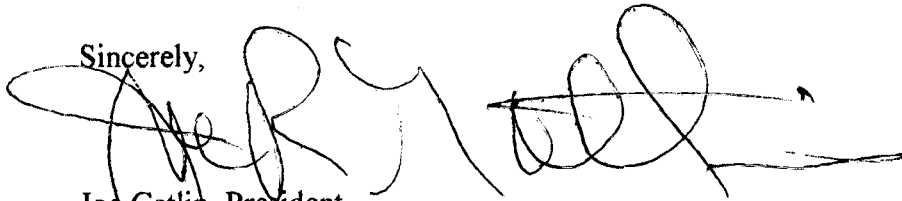
The City of Los Angeles created neighborhood councils in order to give neighborhoods a stronger voice in the decisions that affect their lives. The City Charter mandates that neighborhood councils be given advance notice of significant land use development proposals and the opportunity to advise the City of their concerns.

Currently, Knoll Hill is accessible to the general public without fee, appointment or membership requirements. Without consulting the neighborhood council with jurisdiction over this area, the Port of Los Angeles is currently pursuing the development of a four-plus acre ballpark on this last relatively natural open hilltop in downtown San Pedro. This hilltop is not original tidelands, but within the Community Plan area of the City of Los Angeles and this neighborhood council in particular. The proposed development includes a road widening, the removal of mature trees, further grading and flattening of the hilltop, and the installation of facilities such as a parking lot for 150 cars, fencing, accessory buildings such as restrooms and a food service concession building, lighting, plumbing and irrigation systems. Development of this scale cannot be categorized as temporary, for two reasons: there is no attainable plan to relocate Eastview at the end of 3 years; and the effects of grading, tree removal and other construction will irrevocably degrade the character of Knoll Hill as natural community open space. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is not being observed, as this development is over and above what can be addressed with a Categorical Exemption. The controversy generated by the proposed ballpark provides additional evidence that additional CEQA-directed review is required.

In order to comply with State Law and a City Charter requirement that that City Boards and Commissions provide notice of upcoming decisions to the affected neighborhood councils, with formal opportunities for input before decisions are made, the Port of Los Angeles must postpone this development until CEQA compliance and proper community input take place.

Furthermore, we hereby make a Public Records Act request for all documents in the Port's possession that relate to the proposed construction of a ballpark for the exclusive or semi-exclusive use of the Eastview Little League on Knoll Hill.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Gatlin', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Joe Gatlin, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Adopted at the August 14, 2007 Stakeholder Meeting, pursuant to a resolution of the Land Use Planning Committee adopted on July 25, 2007, and further refined at a special meeting of that committee on August 6, 2007.

Resolution adopted by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council on October 9, 2007.

Whereas, on September 26, 2007, the Port of Los Angeles appeared before the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) Land Use Planning Committee and proposed that the Port work collaboratively with the CSPNC to develop a public park on the Port's Knoll Hill property.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the CSPNC readily accepts the Port's offer to develop Knoll Hill for public park use at the end of Eastview's occupation, which is to last for no more than 3 consecutive baseball seasons; and

Commits to working in collaboration with the Port, the PCAC, other stakeholder groups, and the San Pedro public at large to pursue the goal of the creation of a dedicated public park; and

Proposes to initially focus on developing an action plan and specific implementation timeline that will provide a framework for structured and predictable progress toward the achievement of this goal; and

Requests a memorandum of understanding between CSPNC and the Port to make a public record of this intention; and finally

Requests that this process commence immediately with the initial step being the designation of an Ad Hoc working group by CSPNC and the scheduling of a strategic planning meeting between this working group and the Port within the next 30 days.



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February 25, 2008

Dr. Geraldine Knatz
Port Administration Building
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Subject: Knoll Hill Future Park Planning/ Request for the Port of Los Angeles to engage Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has a strong interest in the use of Knoll Hill as parkland that will serve the general public. As discussed last November, we would like to carry out an outreach program covering the greater San Pedro community and develop a consensus-based plan for the development of Knoll Hill at the end of Eastview's three-year occupancy permit term.

After reviewing available professionals that assist with community workshops and public land use planning, we have decided that we would like to work with LANI, or the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, an independent, non-profit land use planning organization. We request that the Port of Los Angeles engage this organization to work with us and give us professional assistance to create the best possible plan for the future of Knoll Hill. Our contact with LANI regarding this project has been Deputy Directory Veronica Hahni. Her business card and their proposal are enclosed.

Thank you for this opportunity to partner with the Port of Los Angeles to work towards the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

Joe Gatlin
President, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Copies to:
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Members (via email)
Board of Harbor Commissioners, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
City Councilmember Janice Hahn, 638 S. Beacon Street, Room 552, San Pedro 90731



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has adopted several official position statements on the development and proposed uses for Knoll Hill, including:

Resolution dated October 10, 2006, in which we opposed the development of Knoll Hill for the exclusive use of any private organization and requested that Councilwoman Hahn explore potential uses of this land with our Neighborhood Council before committing to any development proposals (see also letter to Janice Hahn dated December 22, 2006).

Resolution June 18, 2008, regarding Central San Pedro's special needs for parks and open spaces, noting that this area is significantly underserved with these types of facilities.

Letter of Protest dated August 14, 2007 regarding the development of the Eastview ball fields, and CEQA violations related thereto.

At the first community meeting for the planning of a park on Knoll Hill, which was held on November 19, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza Harbor Hotel San Pedro, this Neighborhood Council witnessed the following:

Councilwoman Hahn made an opening statement that unilaterally advocated keeping the Eastview Little League ball fields on Knoll Hill without regard for, nor consideration of, the community's needs for recreation and open space in this area. This position conflicts with the Tideland Trust Act, ignores the previous position statements of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, and was inappropriate at this early stage in the planning process.

Several meeting attendees put forward the argument that open spaces, parks, and the downtown area in particular (aka Central San Pedro), are so infested by criminal gangs that without the predominant presence of the Eastview Little League any beneficial use of this land by the general public would not be possible.

Therefore now the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council resolves as follows:

We protest the characterization of our neighborhood as controlled by criminal gangs as this is inaccurate and offensive.

We urgently request a meeting with Councilwoman Janice Hahn regarding her position on the use of Knoll Hill in order to bring her position into consistency with California law and the needs of the greater community.

We request that the Port of Los Angeles, in approving a development plan for Knoll Hill, observe the principles and requirements of the California Tidelands Trust Act, which Act favors general public use over private use, regional use over merely local use, and development serving multiple uses over single limited uses. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council continues to advocate for park development on Knoll Hill that provides space for passive use and relaxation; facilities for individual, family and community uses; multi-use fields for active sports shared by multiple organizations; and for the preservation of the views from Knoll Hill for all to enjoy.

Adopted by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council on December 9, 2008.

John Delgado, President



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

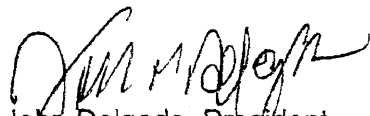
January 6, 2009

The Honorable Janice Hahn
Councilmember, 15th District
Harbor District Office
638 South Beacon Street, Room 552
San Pedro, CA 90731

On November 19, 2008, the Port of Los Angeles held the first community meeting for planning a park at Knoll Hill. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council reviewed what transpired and has several comments on that meeting as described in our resolution dated December 9, 2008 (enclosed).

We would like to follow this up with a meeting to discuss these issues with you. Please call me at 310-944-1573 (or write to me at johndelgadosp@aol.com) to arrange a date that we can meet with you on Knoll Hill matters.

Sincerely,



John Delgado, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Board of CSPNC (by electronic copy only)



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Resolution adopted by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
February 10, 2009**

Recommending these park planning concepts with respect to Knoll Hill:

1. The Melendrez Alternative 4 as presented at the January 12, 2009 Knoll Hill Steering Committee Meeting.
2. The entire park should be available for public use. No areas should be dedicated to the use of any private entity.
3. Space and facilities should be provided for all ages and interests.
4. The facilities most requested in the City of Los Angeles 2008 Recreation and Park survey should be provided on Knoll Hill (see report by Donna Littlejohn published on January 7, 2009 in the Daily Breeze).
5. A large open space should be provided for gathering and various active sport and recreational uses on the southeast quadrant of the hilltop.
6. Space and facilities should be provided for a playground, picnic areas, comfortable seating, bicycle parking and substantial tree cover for shade.
7. A minimum amount of area should be dedicated to roadway and parking lot. Parking space as necessary should be improved with permeable paving.

Furthermore, the CSPNC shall petition the Port of Los Angeles and the Board of Harbor commissioners to follow the California Tidelands Trust Act in approving plans for the development of Knoll Hill, and shall write to the California State Lands Commission stating our opposition to any extension of the temporary use agreement between the Port of Los Angeles and the Eastview Little League and requesting that a written opinion be provided regarding the development of Port-owned property with dedicated baseball fields.

Affirmed by:

John Delgado, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council



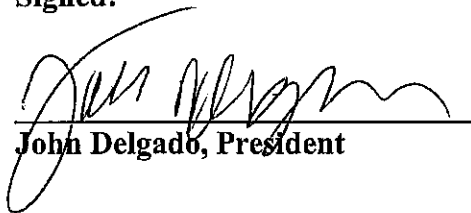
THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 14, 2009

**SUBJECT: RETENTION OF TIDELANDS TRUST PROTECTION FOR
KNOLL HILL**

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes any land swap that would eliminate Tidelands Trust protection for Knoll Hill. Furthermore, we request that Councilwoman Janice Hahn cease and desist negotiating any such land swap, and stop interfering in the development of a conceptual plan for a park on Knoll Hill until the public process is complete.

Signed:



John Delgado, President



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

On June 9, 2009, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolutions concerning the Knoll Hill Conceptual Plan process:

1. We reaffirm our position in opposition to any "land swap" that would eliminate Tidelands Trust protection for Knoll Hill.
2. We request that the Knoll Hill Steering Committee move swiftly to complete a conceptual plan process that is consistent with State Lands Commission requirements for Tidelands.
3. We emphasize that no "land swap" for the purpose of serving an alternative plan should occur unless and until a formal written plan, including full funding to carry out the plan, is approved by this neighborhood council and the community.

Signed:

**Andrew Silber, Vice President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council**