

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
Meeting Notes (DRAFT)
January 6, 2013
Kaiser Permanente Conference Center
Allyson Vought, Central San Pedro, Chair

Attendees: Central San Pedro NC –Allyson Vought, Carrie Scoville, Donald Galaz, Coastal San Pedro - June Smith, Lydia Gutierrez Northwest San Pedro NC – Diana Nave, Craig Goldfarb, Harbor Gateway North NC – Rosalie Preston, Delores Allmond Harbor Gateway South NC – MIGUEL CORDOVA, KATY CARLSON Harbor City NC– Olive Reed, Grant Reed

Other – Amber Meshack (DONE), Doug Epperhart (BONC), Angel Nieves (Project Street Legal), Kevin Bingham (CD 15)

DONE UPDATE

AMBER.MESHACK@LACITY.ORG is the new DONE Liaison to the Harbor Area. Her phone number is 213-978-1551.

- May 15 is last day to submit funding requests
- NCs that are not up to date on their reconciliations will not be able to make any neighborhood purchase grants
- They hope to be able to implement some type of checking account system July 1
- Read their weekly e-newsletters – there is a lot of important information in them
- Trainings are being scheduled – next one is on Advocacy and Lobbying
- Treasurer training is Feb 28

BONC Report - Doug

The Neighborhood Council Plan Review Committees have been established. The representatives from the Harbor Area are: Diana Nave, Bill Roberson, Allyson Vought, and Bob Gelfand
First meeting is Tue Feb 12. Topic for this meeting is stakeholder definition. Diana suggested that anyone who had a comment on the stakeholder definition pass it on to her prior to the meeting.

BONC has requested that the City Council adopt a policy to provide at least 60 days notice to NCs particularly on important issues like proposed bond measures, the creation of the Economic Development Department, etc.

In next year's budget, Gracie is requesting a legislative liaison position to assist NCs

Presidents' Meeting with Councilman

All but one of the Presidents contacted Jacob Haik regarding the need for a meeting. As a result of the e-mail from Linda, the Councilman called and asked to meet with her. She told him that the frustration was coming from all of the HANC members. Kevin Bingham announced that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday Feb 21, 6-7 pm. Carrie recommended that consideration be held to scheduling Quarterly meetings with the Presidents on the fifth week of the month. Frustrations over lack of good two-way communication with the Council Office were expressed. Kevin stated that they are in the process of developing reports to the NCs. Miguel volunteered to help us develop a coordinated message for the meeting with Joe.

Ponte Vista

Diana discussed the current proposal for Ponte Vista for 830 units. While this is significantly lower density than the original proposal, it is still significantly higher density than the current zoning would allow. Primary concerns include: traffic, gated community, lack of public amenities particularly a park, no consideration of

on-site features that might reduce traffic, minimal green features, and very poor design features such as homes with two foot setbacks in the front and 5 feet of back yard.

Draft MOU with Port

The Port has been meeting with representatives of the Harbor City, Wilmington and 3 San Pedro Neighborhood Council and has proposed entering into an MOU with them. June raised concerns that it should not be up to the Port to decide who to include and suggested that tHGN & HGS look at the MOU and think about whether they wanted to be included. In addition she has a lot of concerns about the content of the draft MOU and how it would further the interests of the NCs rather than just the interest of the Port. She questioned the Port's motivation and is concerned about how it would impact the PCAC.

Diana and Rosalie commented on the existing MOUs with Planning and DWP that have helped to operationalize the early notification provision with both of those departments. Olive likened it to developing policies and procedures.

Doug suggested that it might be worth talking with the NC members of the DWP Oversight Committee about their experiences with the MOU and what they would in hindsight have done differently.

Other

- In response to a question from Rosalie, representatives from the 3 San Pedro NCs talked about their experiences during the community plan update process
- Diana reported on the Mobility Element Task Force Meeting she attended and distributed the attached notes from that meeting
- Mayor's budget Survey is now available online at <http://la.budgetchallenge.org> DONE also has a limited supply of hard copies. A Spanish version (hard copy only) should be available soon. Craig Goldfarb, Budget Advocate, said that the Budget Advocates felt that they did not have sufficient input eg pension and benefits are not addressed in the survey. Last year approximately 7,000 people responded to the survey, down from about 10,000 the prior year.
- Craig will be convening a meeting of the Harbor Area Budget Advocates shortly
- Rosalie commented that the Fast Track lanes are hardly used and traffic has gotten worse in the remaining lanes
- Central San Pedro is proposing a policy that the President must have at least one other board member when they go to meetings and can not commit the council to anything; they are also developing a policy regarding representatives to other organizations
- Central San Pedro is recommending a change in the DASH line in San Pedro
- Carrie shared that a coalition of environmental and community groups has proposed an alternative to the 710 widening project as a part of their comments on the Draft EIR. The Community Advisory Committee decided that this should be studied as a project alternative in the EIR. The DEIR will be revised and recirculated delaying the project by at least a year.
- The proposed developer for Ports O'Call will be considered by the Harbor Commission on Feb 21
- The proposed SCIG will be considered by the Harbor Commission in March
- Angel Nieves, Project Street Legal, asked if HANC would consider a letter of support for their proposed off-street racing. The group requested an electronic copy of the proposal.

Next Meeting: Wed March 6, 2013

Coastal San Pedro will Chair

Agenda items:

1. Hector Hernandez, LAFD
2. Proposed Mayoral Forum