

Report of Councilman Joe Buscaino's Meeting with the NC Presidents

January 27, 2014

Present: Councilman Joe Buscaino and Staff: Jacob Haik, Nicole Wells, and Gabriella Medina
NC Presidents from NW, Coastal, Central San Pedro, Harbor City, Wilmington, North Harbor Gateway and Watts

The Councilman opened by saying that speaking to his staff is "speaking to him"; however, he would also like to have the opportunity to talk directly to stakeholders and would welcome an invitation to meet neighbors in your living room. Let his office know if you would like to host a "coffee" in our living room. Joe very impressed by Coastal's Public Safety Forum.

Report from BONC Commissioner Richard Medina: Victor is pleased to announce that he has a majority on the BONC to vote through (to the City Council) the single posting recommendation. BONC had a retreat on Monday 1/27 and decided to take up several issues this coming year: a. create uniform by-laws which would be used by every NC, b. continue to develop annual outreach plans/ strategies for councils 3. Consider mandatory funding for outreach 4. Mandatory leadership training at first board meeting

NC "Round Robin": Concerns of general interest

1. NC should be afforded the equivalent place on the city agendas as do Departments as they represent a large number of stakeholders
2. .Support for street racing (Joe says Port said due to their Terminal Island master plan it can't be on their property)
3. Need for more jailers for Harbor Jail
4. Single posting
5. Wilmington has completed their financial audit, Watts is under scrutiny and DONE has not explained why; Joe to meet with DONE and Watts reps..

Central's additional concerns:

1. Communication with CD15 – our board would like reps to stay at meeting and its seems that they could be able to flex their hours to listen and learn about our priorities; Joe seemed to agree, Jacob replied that it would be helpful if we keep those issues to the front of the agenda with "housekeeping" toward the end
2. Successor to PCAC- advised that there are at least two groups working on a new plan
3. Homeless Forum – he replied that his concern is how to get beds available.
4. Proposed 9th St. Soup Kitchen: advised that Central had not yet discussed, so had no opinion at this time but we would like more information,
5. Referred to 2020 Commission report which said NCs are underutilized – we agree and look forward to the Commissions' suggestions for improvement.
6. Support of Street racing: Joe replied that the Terminal Island Master Plan precluded any use of that land for street racing: I advised that the Brotherhood of Street Racers has the ability to set up a temporary track which surprised him (I will work with Donald Galanz to get that information to Joe). Harbor City also strongly supports .