

NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 06-07

This has been a very busy and productive year for your Neighborhood Council. Working together with the Council Office and a variety of community groups, we accomplished a great deal for our community. We have made progress on the community issues listed below and many others because of the involvement of volunteers who decided to take action. We hope you will join us during this next year to make a difference in your community.

Planning and Land Use

- Continued making progress on the Kinder Morgan tanks (Gaffey & Gatun) which have been demolished. Soil clean up is underway and should take about a year; successfully advocated for single family housing facing Gaffey contrary to the recommendation of the City Planning Dept for multi-family housing; continue to work with JCC Homes to obtain best plan and community benefits for the development
- Submitted extensive comments on the Draft EIR for Ponte Vista. Because of traffic concerns, we took a position that the existing R-1 zoning is the best option put forward so far for the property. A NWSPNC representative participated on Janice Hahn's Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- Submitted comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Target Store at the corner of Capitol Dr. and N. Gaffey which resulted in significant aesthetic, environmental, and traffic flow improvements for the community
- Requested LAUSD look at the possibility of several smaller schools rather than building one new comprehensive high school; submitted significant comments on the scope of the EIR for the Proposed High School
- Testified before City Council Committee on need to remove AmeriGas Tanks
- Co-sponsored two Planning Seminars attended by over 100 people each
- Recommended that the San Pedro Community Plan Boundary be adjusted to extend the northern boundary to Palos Verdes Drive North and include the Ponte Vista development.

Community Beautification

- Followed through on our proposal for China Shipping mitigation funds. As a result, the Port allocated \$5.2 million for beautification of N. Gaffey; we continue to work with them on the design and anticipate groundbreaking next spring.
- Continued to advocated for removal of billboards and undergrounding of utilities on port property (N. Pacific & N. Gaffey); as a result, billboard leases are being terminated by Port as they come up for renewal; funds to underground utilities are being considered as part of the phase II China Shipping EIR
- Maintained landscaping in front of Capitol Drive Storm Drain

Peck Park Canyon

- Obtained \$6,000 grant for maintenance that was used to remove nearly 10 tons of trash from Dunn Canyon

- Worked with the City to apply for and receive \$1.3 million in Prop 50 funds for trails restoration to augment the \$120,000 Trails Grant received last year from the State of California
- Worked with the City to secure \$6 million in Proposition O funds for stream restoration and water quality improvement; Obtained in-kind services for development of required Environmental Review documents for Proposition O
- Successfully advocated for the return of goats to Peck Canyon to eat vegetation and clear area to prevent fires

Port

- Participated in the development of the “lower density alternative” and submitted comments on the scope of the environmental review for the Bridge to the Breakwater. This resulted in the release of a new Notice of Preparation for a greatly reduced project. We then submitted comments on this notice
- Submitted comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for China Shipping
- Submitted comments on the environmental review for TraPac related to traffic
- Instructed our representative to the Port Community Advisory Committee on a number of issues pending before PCAC
- Supported state legislation to reduce pollution, increase port safety and security, and create an Incremental Tax Financing District to fund non-revenue producing needs in the Harbor Area.

Other

- Continued to advocate for a youth sports and recreation complex on Sanitation Property on N. Gaffey
- Supported ConocoPhillips’ effort to install the Wet Gas Scrubber system to reduce harmful PM10 and NOx emissions at the refinery on N. Gaffey
- Made two \$500 and one \$200 community service awards from private funds to young people (We are grateful to ConocoPhillips and Bay Cities National Bank for their support of this effort)
- Worked with the City’s Department of Transportation on various traffic related issues, installation of stop signs, installation of left turn signals, speed bumps, etc.
- Worked with the Police Department on illegal fireworks in our community and contributed funding to the fireworks display at Cabrillo Beach
- Worked with Recreation and Parks and LAPD on increased enforcement at Averill Park
- Published four newsletters and appeared on CNN Local Edition, Gary Cox’s local Time Warner program, and City View
- Assisted WorldPort Business Center with initiating a business watch
- Supported the Cabrillo Boathouse and Beach Improvements
- Got Peck Park Plaza Shopping Center to clean up their parking areas and paint out graffiti
- Co-sponsored Air Quality Forum
- Co-sponsored School Board Candidates Forum