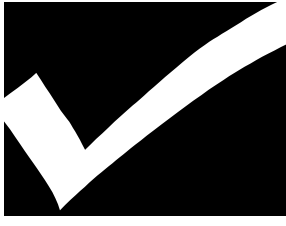


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|  | <p><b>San Pedro Neighborhood Council</b><br/> <b>Port Security Committee Meeting MINUTES</b><br/> <b>Date: Tuesday, 5/24/05 6:00pm</b><br/> <b>CSPNC Empowerment Zone</b><br/> <b>381 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street</b><br/> <b>San Pedro, CA 90731</b></p>                                                                          |  |  |
| <p><b>Chair:</b></p>                                                              | <p><b>Lonna Calhoun</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |
| <p><b>Committee Members:</b></p>                                                  | <p>CSPNC: Ray Burch, Sue Castillo, Linda Grimes, Dan Pasley, Sal Pardo, Tom Villager, Joe Gatlin, David Beeman, Ed Vincent<br/> NWSPNC: Esther Ek, Carlos Garcia<br/> COASTAL NC: Chuck Hawley, David Kooper<br/> HARBOR NC: Mike Feyder, Ken Keener, Wendy Keener<br/> LAPD: Sergeant Bob Teramura, Captain Patrick Gannon</p> |  |  |
| <p>Attendees:</p>                                                                 | <p>CSPNC: Ray Burch, Lonna Calhoun, Tom Villiger &amp; Ed Vincent<br/> Coastal SPNC: Chuck Hawley<br/> Guest Presenter: Robert M. Simpson</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |

The Committee on Port Safety & Security (C.O.P.S.S) has unified four Harbor area Neighborhood Councils and concerned community organizations with a single mission to ensure the safety of those who live and work in or near the Ports of Los Angeles.

The Committee's goals are to: Research what has been done, what is being done, and what needs to be done to secure the Ports and safeguard the community; assist in the dissemination of this information to Harbor Area Stakeholders; promote accountability for safety and security among Port Management, City, County, State and Federal governmental bodies; create a sense of urgency by all concerned that this issue is a high priority to all Harbor Area Stakeholders

- Review of Minutes 4/26/05
- Presentation by Robert Simpson, District Representative, Betty Karnette regarding Assembly Bill 1460 to require freight security fees.

Simpson urges Neighborhood Council support for AB 1406 which expands funds for port security by collecting a \$10 fee on each cargo container coming in and leaving the port. The bill provides for an Oversight Committee and administration costs may not exceed 5% of the funds collected. The bill may remain in a suspense file until relevant groups have had a chance to give their input and support.

California receives 10% of the federal allocation for Homeland Security Programs, however, California ports handle about 45% of marine cargo imported and exported by the U.S.A.

C.O.P.S.S. attendees felt more details are needed.....

- What are port security projects?
- How much money is allocated now?
- What is needed and at what costs?
- Would the grant funding under AB 1406 provide a formula to assure equitable distribution of funds based on current port cargo activity?
- What are the positions of the union, law enforcement, etc. on this Bill?

- What is the economic impact of the fee on our economy especially if the costs of imported goods are raised to cover the cost of the fee?
- Will similar legislation be introduced at the national level?
- What is the position of City leaders on AB 1406

***Actions:***

Rob Simpson is asking that we send support letters to Assembly member Betty Karnette. Mr. Simpson will draft a sample letter and send to Lonna.

Ray Burch presented a motion:

- "The C.O.P.S.S supports the concept of AB 1406 for raising revenue to improve port security, however, the absence of needed details on this bill does not allow us to determine the financial impact of these fees on our local economy. We recommend immediate broad collaboration and interaction between C.O.P.S.S and the various maritime and law enforcement agencies to further study the details of the bill prior to recommending Neighborhood Council action on AB 1406."

Motion had the support of the attendees present.

**Other Discussion:**

- There was a review of May 18th Cox News Service article about the confusion over the national goals for port security and the fact that as of the end of September only 21% of the \$560 million in federal grants had been spent. Also, the Senator Ted Stevens is considering collecting fee's from shippers who use the nation's 300 seaports.
- There was discussion about Emergency Preparedness training via DONE and the importance of increasing similar training of Harbor area citizens.
- Review of EPD Fair and related materials to establish recommended listing of pertinent websites on NC's COPSS drop down tabs
- Review articles pertaining to Port security
- Determine pending action items and duty list:
  - Suggestion by CSPNC to draft letter to James. Hahn, Janice Hahn, Jane Harman regarding importance of stakeholder safety and education
  - Draft letter regarding Assembly Bill 1406

**Next Meeting: June 28, 2005 at 6 PM, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Empowerment Zone Office, 381 W. 7th St., San Pedro, CA, 90731**