

	San Pedro Neighborhood Council Port Security Committee Meeting Minutes Date: 10/19/04 6:00pm San Pedro Library		
Chair:		Lonna Calhoun	
Committee Members:	CSPNC: Ray Burch, Sue Castillo, Linda Grimes, Dan Pasley, Sal Pardo, Tom Villager, Joe Gatlin NSPNC: Esther Ek		
Attendees:	Sue Castillo, Dan Pasley, Sal Pardo, Joe Gatlin, Esther Ek		

The first meeting of the San Pedro Neighborhood Councils Port Security meeting was opened by Lonna Calhoun at 6:00pm. Discussion of the following topics were opened to committee members.

Approval of Committee Commission:

The committee reviewed the draft committee commission and made several changes. It was determined that the commission can still be modified as more NC board members review the commission and suggest changes. The modified statement is:

The goal of this committee is to unify all impacted neighborhood councils with the mission of jointly addressing the issue of port security and community safety. The committee commission is to research what has been done, what is being done and what is not being done to protect the citizens of our community; to connect with and hold accountable the departments and persons responsible for port security and community safety; to assist in the dissemination of information regarding port security and community safety to community stakeholders; and to ensure an understanding by all concerned that this issue is of the highest priority to San Pedro stakeholders.

Committee Unification Goal:

The attendees agreed unanimously that this committee should have at least one representative from all three San Pedro NC's as well as Harbor City and Wilmington. To be effective all NC's should take joint ownership of this issue and become a unified body that will disseminate and share information with the stakeholders and the NC Board Members. It was discussed that as the committee proceeds with researching information, requiring department reports, and making contacts with persons influential to port security and community safety that a communication plan should be implemented whereby reports are given on a rotating basis to each council and that individual committee members will share those reports with their own respective councils. In this manner, communication will be consistent, more forthcoming and shared equally. Forums and other public assemblies should be jointly hosted to emphasize the unity of focus on the issue of port security and community safety.

What needs to be done? What are our priorities? What are the possibilities of the Committee?

It was determined that this issue is larger than the committee, yet at the same time there are areas we can impact upon. It is important to do what we can as a voice for the stakeholders. What can we do? That question brought out the following possibilities:

- We can research and publish internet links, articles, and websites of pertinent organizations on NC websites. We can become an informational link for the stakeholders.
- We can use our influence to emphasize the importance of and increase the focus, financing and time line of port security and community safety projects.
- We can require that the organizations and persons responsible report to us on a regular basis. We can assure that all reports are equally available to all NC's.
- We can research alternatives and inform the public of progress or lack thereof.
- We can unify the stakeholder in becoming more vocal and visible.

San Pedro City Safety Issues:

The committee discussed the fact that any evacuation or emergency plan the city may have is unknown by its stakeholders. It was determined that the city is unprotected if uninformed. Does San Pedro have an evacuation plan? If so, who knows about it? The committee determined that each and every stakeholder should be mailed an emergency and evacuation plan in both Spanish and English. Anything less than full disclosure and stakeholder education is negligent and may be fatal to the stakeholders who surround the Port of Los Angeles. NC's should demand a full community emergency and evacuation informational mailer.

Potential new committee members from other NC's:

The committee discussed the invitation of new members with the goal of at least one committee member from each impacted council. Each participant will do their best to engage a new member from each council.

Identification of organizations and persons to contact: (Contact Information)

The committee members agreed to each use their resources and the resources of others to make up a list of organizations and persons to be contacted. Each will email their contact names to Lonna the committee chair who will organize the list. Committee members will begin to engage their contacts and begin to compile information for dissemination.

Suggested number and dates of meetings to be conducted:

It was determined that the committees meet at least monthly. The next date will be determined and set by committee chair. The new empowerment zone office of the CSPNC was suggested as a good meeting place.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lonna Calhoun
Port Security Committee Chair