



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC)
Port/Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

**San Pedro Municipal Building
Room 452
638 S. Beacon Street
San Pedro, CA 90731**

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*** Any item on this agenda could result in motions and/or actions ***

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Roll Call.

General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

2. Comments and Suggestions from Stakeholders and Committee members

3. Update from Joint Environment & Sustainability Committee Meeting with Coastal & Central

4. Update from the Port, Neighborhood Council and Chamber President's Meeting

5. Updates on legislation or meetings with government officials and departments

6. Motions – Any of the following items could result in motions and/or actions.

- 1) Letter requesting a change on Port of LA policy to provide a 90-day public review period for all environmental documents.
- 2) Comment Letter on Berth 44 NOP released Jan 11 virtual meeting Jan 25 at 4 pm; comments due Feb 21.
- 3) Comment Letter on Terminal Island (former Starkist facility) NOP comments due Jan 22.

7. Discussion of Priorities and Projects

- 1) Should we schedule a tour of SA Recycling?
- 2) POLA Cruise Terminal RFP will come out this quarter; Joint Planning and Land Use has invited Mike Galvin
- 3) PAIP - Sergio Carillo will report to NCs soon with summary of how funds have been spent, unspent but allocated, review unfunded priorities from last round, and gather new priorities.

8. Membership

- 1) Benjamin Norman submitted his resignation from the committee.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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The NWSPNC strongly supports the motion to study establishing quiet zones for railroad hornnoise in Los Angeles.

In the absence of quiet zones, train engines are required to sound their horns in a series of two longs, one short, and another long as they approach a road crossing. Railroad horns sound at 137 decibels, a measurement of sound pressure, which falls between the “pain threshold” and “jet engine at 50 meters” on the decibel scale.

Under State law, trains are not required to blow their horn if a “quiet zone” has been established, and in fact, more than 50 quiet zones have been established in California. Just one of these however, is in Los Angeles County. It is in Glendale. In general, a quiet zone can be established if certain types of crossing protection is constructed that provides the crossing safety addressed by horns.

Over the years, rail horn noise has increased in the One Five as Port commerce has increased, especially as around-the-clock terminal operations and on-dock rail has become more and more common. In fact, in the past two years, all four local Neighborhood Councils have adopted resolutions relating to this issue, asking for quiet zones to be established. These noise issues are especially acute in the Wilmington area of the One Five.

In many ways, rail horn noise is in the purview of the City already, since all the crossings and rail lines south of Sepulveda Boulevard within the City are owned by the Port of Los Angeles and many were constructed by the Port. Yet, the Port chose to construct the crossings without the protection that would permit adopting a quiet zone. Disruption to our daily lives is an unintended [but foreseeable] consequence of past City decisions.

We applaud the City Council in addressing this issue. We lament that it has taken this long, and lament that delay has in fact cost the City significant grant funds that have been available for creating such zones.

We remain available to assist in obtaining action to establish quiet zones, especially in the Harbor area.

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