

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Ad hoc Environmental Justice Committee
{In-Person Meeting}
April 21, 2023

Present Members:

Miguel Vazquez; Joan Jacobs; Arvie Powell; Nita Stonehocker; Lu Watson.

(1) Welcome/call to order/roll call: Miguel Vazquez calls the meeting to order at 7:22pm, followed by roll call. {Quorum, established.}

(2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council’s jurisdiction. None.

(3) Approval of March 24, 2023, Ad hoc Environmental Justice Committee Minutes: Nita Stonehocker, moves; Joan Jacobs, seconds.
{Motion passed: 5-0-0.}

(4) Report(s): Each EJ Committee member:

[a] **Nita Stonehocker: (*Compatible/Non-Compatible developments*)**

Compatible:

Mixed-Use, i.e., resource center, community center, police substation; community garden/farmers market; small-scale neighborhood store; sit-down restaurant; fitness facility; ground-floor commercial uses under residential (mixed-housing); office space; learning center; library. *Hybrid Industrial* (medium and low-scale development) uses compatible with sensitive uses; clean and emerging industries compatible to adjacent residential areas and other sensitive uses. *Expansion* of Rosecrans Recreation Center.

Including others that meet criteria.

Non-Compatible:

Noxious uses such as “proposed” warehouse (Prologis) at 747-761 W. Redondo Beach Blvd./15116-15216 S. Vermont; California Waste Services; construction recycling facility at 621 W. 152nd Street; cell tower at 12938 S. Hoover (Nextel, Sprint, Dish); out-of-scale developments (Vermont).

Including others that meet criteria.

[Resources include: Harbor Gateway CPU; SCAQMD: *Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (WAIRE)*; Calif. Attorney General: *Warehouse Best Practice Document 9/22.*]

{Q} Best way(s) to **Engage/Educate** Stakeholders:

(a) Town Hall meeting? (b) Flyers? (c) Door-to-door engagement?
(d) Neighborhood Council General (*hybrid virtual*) Meeting with environmental/
air quality professional(s) as “presenter(s)?” (e) Other suggestions?

{A} TBD. {To Be Determined}

[b] Arvie Powell:

(Cumulative Impacts of pollution on Stakeholders/Community)

Respiratory illness(es), i.e., increased asthma/asthma symptoms; Economic challenges i.e., loss or drain on income due to health issues; hospitalizations; increased mortality among poor/elderly;

[Resources include: EPA: *Asthma and Outdoor Air Pollution*; Harbor Gateway CPU]

[c] Joan Jacobs: (Effects of pollution on public health)

{1} Air Pollution: Pollutants (gases and particles) have potential to cause cancer, premature births/deaths, respiratory issues i.e., inflammation of lung tissue; asthma attacks, emphysema, stroke, high blood pressure, atherosclerosis, heart attack, smallest particles can migrate into other organs, can cause brain damage similar to Alzheimer.

{2} Noise Pollution: Contributor to hearing loss, tinnitus, sensitivity to sound. Can cause or exacerbate cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, sleep disturbances, stress, mental health issues, cognition problems including memory problems and attention deficits, childhood learning delays.

[Resources include: Wikipedia. California Air Resources Board: website

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/diesel/diesel-health.html>

<https://hms.harvard.edu/magazine/viralworld/effectsofnoiseonhealth>

[d] Lu Watson: (Welfare Impacts on Stakeholders/Community)

{Income: (a) reduction; (b) loss; (c) lack of}; **{Health:** (a) physical; (b) mental; (c) emotional; (d) environmental}; **{Well-being:** (a) health; (b) happiness; (c) comfort}; **{Safety:** (a) physical; (b) hazards, i.e., air quality, emissions, roadways; (c) transportation; (d) traffic}.

[Resources include: EPA: *Clean Air Act Overview* – updated 3/10/23; EPA: “FAQ” sheet *Tools and Products for Environmental Justice Action*; Harbor Gateway CPU; SCAQMD: *Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (WAIRE)*; Calif. Attorney General: *Warehouse Best Practice Document 9/22.*]

[e] **Miguel Vazquez:** (*Social Costs of pollution on Stakeholders/Community*) Societal determinants on health (i.e., pollution) impact stakeholders financially via absenteeism from work. Inability to pay medical/hospital/housing/food costs causes stress upon families.

[Resources include: Harbor Gateway CPU; American Hospital Association: *Societal Factors That Influence Health*. www.aha.org/societalfactors]

(5) Announcements:

(a) **Arvie Powell:** This weekend (Friday and Saturday) Southeast LAPD is hosting a community Carnival on Broadway between Manchester & 92nd Street.

(b) **Miguel Vazquez:** Invited by and joined Amanda Bettinelli, DOJ, on the April 12, 2023, “*Toxic Tour of Wilmington*” hosted by the environmental group **Community for a Better Environment**. Also on tour were SCAQMD and the CD 15 Field Deputy for Wilmington.

(c) **Joan Jacobs:** An Environmental Justice Program, *Clean Up the Air*, provides funds to communities. Details will be forthcoming at a later date.

(d) **Lu Watson** requests **Arvie Powell/Nita Stonehocker**, in her absence, to jointly or individually take Minutes. {Agreed}

(e) Next meeting: May 19, 2023.

Per agreement, start time, **6:30**pm. {**Joan Jacobs** will not be available for the May 19, 2023, EJC meeting.}

Per agreement, the May Agenda will include:

(1) (i) Discuss each member’s Report; (ii) Eliminate redundancies; (iii) Fine tune/hone/sharpen message to include commonalities into one all-encompassing statement (or a few statements) to the extent possible; (iv) Work towards a goal of submitting a cohesive Recommendation to the Board;

(2) Create Flyer which grabs the attention of stakeholders to **Engage** and **Educate** them on environmental pollution and its impact financially and socially upon their health, safety, welfare and well-being.

{EJ Committee Mission: Engage: (Stakeholders); Educate: (Stakeholders); Advocate: (On behalf of Stakeholders to local/state/federal government); Oppose: (Incompatible developments); Support: (Compatible developments)}

Meeting adjourned: 9:11pm.

Minutes taken by **Lu Watson**, Secretary.