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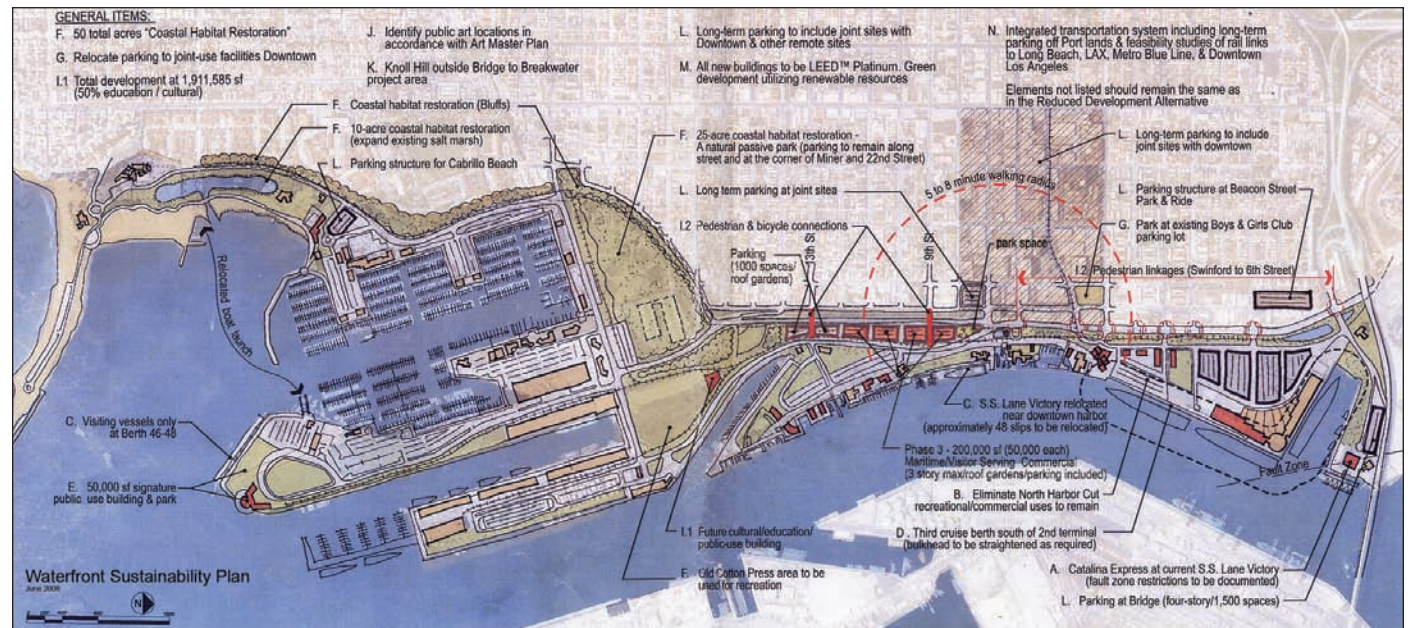
Neighborhood councils were established as a way for individuals to come together and discuss their mutual concerns and communicate their needs to city government.

We are empowered by the Los Angeles city charter to advise Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilwoman Janice Hahn and her colleagues about what the people of the coastal San Pedro area want.

We meet every month on the third Monday, except in January and February, when we meet on the fourth Monday because of federal holidays. Our next meetings are scheduled for October 20, November 17, and December 15.

The meetings are held at the Cabrillo Marina Community Center, Berth 28, near the Marina Hotel at the southern end of Via Cabrillo Marina.

For more information, please visit us online at coastalsanpedro.org.



L.A. Waterfront Working Group Offers ‘Sustainable Waterfront Plan’ for San Pedro

By Peter M. Warren, Chair, Port and Environment Committee

A coalition of business and community groups from across the city and state has released a community-backed plan for developing the San Pedro waterfront, offering an alternative to the latest in-house plans drawn by the staff at the Port of Los Angeles.

The alternative proposal would place a new cruise ship terminal near

downtown and focus commercial development around downtown and the existing Ports of Call area, including a continuous pedestrian promenade all along the waterfront. The port plan would put cruise ships and a new terminal near Cabrillo Beach.

Called the L.A. Working Group Sustainable Waterfront Plan, the alternative would dedicate the Cabrillo Beach/Kaiser Point area as a recreational, educational, research and environmental space for the use of the millions of people who live within a short drive of the waterfront area. The plan includes adding pedestrian, bike and public transit paths from bridge to breakwater, as well as a marine research center.

It was crafted from a waterfront plan approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners in 2006, but shelved when the new administration took over running the Port.

This updated version was presented in July to top Port officials as a community-backed alternative to be included in the soon-to-be released Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the San Pedro waterfront project. However, Port officials have said they will not examine the Sustainable Waterfront Plan as part of the DEIR because it could postpone the DEIR's release.

The group that wrote the sustainable plan has worked on it for three months. The group consists of community and business leaders from San Pedro, as well as environmental, land use, architectural and planning organizations from around Los Angeles and the state of California; among them are representatives and/or members of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, the Sierra Club, the California Coastal Conservancy, the Coastal and Central San Pedro neighborhood

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Learn more about the Sustainable Waterfront Plan. Save the date for the community meeting and forum: October 14 / 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced. Sign up for an email alert or get site information <http://www.cspnc.com/index.php>

L.A. Unified School District Offers Rationale for Angels Gate School

Coastal Currents asked Los Angeles Unified School District officials to give us their reasons for building a school at Angels Gate. The following article was submitted by LAUSD. We also asked the anti-Angels Gate school group, NOISE, to explain their position. Their article will appear in the next issue of Coastal Currents.

South Region High School #15, an 810-seat state-of-the-art campus featuring two small learning communities, is key to providing students adequate school housing while moving away from larger campuses that can dilute a student's academic experience.

This new school will ensure the San Pedro community has the high school capacity it needs and that its students have the improved, safer learning environments they deserve.

The existing San Pedro High School, with nearly 100 years of tradition in the community, currently serves approximately 3,500 students—more than double the state average size for high schools—and is very close to bus-ing students out of the neighborhood.

Simply adding additional bungalows or buildings to the San Pedro High School campus will fail to relieve overcrowding or allow for adequate school

housing in the near and long term. South Region High School #15 will provide critical overcrowding relief to San Pedro High School.

Its construction will minimally impact the community, as the school will be built on land the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) already owns at Fort MacArthur and which was deeded to LAUSD for the sole purpose of constructing a high school.

South Region High School #15 promises to be one of the greenest schools in the LAUSD's \$12.6 billion new school construction program. As

with all LAUSD new school construction projects, the school is designed according to Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) sustainable and high performance guidelines.

This project will take particular advantage of renewable energy by the planned use of wind generation turbines and solar panels, and will make use of natural ventilation to reduce energy consumption. In addition to being highly energy efficient, the campus buildings will promote a healthy learning environment through use of natural daylighting and

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