

HCNC Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
HC Library (Back Room)
Convened Thursday, August 9, 2018, 6:10pm to 7:50pm

1. Call to Order
2. Committee members in attendance were Caney Arnold, Olive Reed and Eric Deklotz
3. Public comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. L.A. City Council File CF18-0467 (Neighborhood Council Reform):
 - i. This Committee recommends the HCNC Board become familiar with the file, the reforms being proposed, and direct someone to create a CIS listing areas of agreement and disagreement.
 - ii. Previous Land Use Committee Chair had distributed a package approximately 9 pages including comments regarding numerous LA City Ordinances in review and State Laws in consideration. This Committee recommends the Board consider the new Land Use Chair review and determine
 - b. Discussion occurred regarding who can be committee members, how many we should have, and whether anyone who is a stakeholder can attend and vote. If not, who decides who can vote. See recommendation below under item 9.
4. Discussion of history of SB 827 and SB 828
 - a. **SB827 Planning and zoning: transit-rich housing bonus.**(2017-2018). This bill has been sitting in committee for reconsideration since April and will likely be a moot point given the State Legislature sessions ends at the end of August. SB827 requires cities and other municipalities to provide exemptions for builders who meet a list of criteria for building near transit areas. Transit areas include near state highways such as Western Avenue and PCH and the soon expanding Metro Green Line. Exemptions include allowing higher density housing, parking available for only 0.5 cars per unit, and many others. See attached link to the bill which may return next year under a different numbering.
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB827
 - b. SB828 Land Use: Housing Element. This bill has been placed in the suspense file, but is likely to return in another form next year. This bill directs all cities to increase their housing stock especially for lower income individuals and families.
 - c. Both SB827 and 828 have been highly controversial since their affect is to change the density of housing in all cities regardless of potential quality of life issues, environmental or other issues that may concern the city. It clearly takes away local control and places Land Use and Planning in control of the State. Many neighboring cities have sent letters to the Legislature and our representatives against these bills
5. Discussion of CD44's bill regarding Rancho LPG tanks: These tanks are on private property, but the LPG, primarily butane and propane cross Port of LA

property. The tanks have stored these gases since 1974. No comprehensive risk analysis has been accomplished, and outside consultants that have done analyses for local HOA groups have concluded a high risk of explosion for various reasons such as earthquake or terrorist attack. Neighborhood Councils have called for the City or State to intervene to no avail. House Representative Nannette Barragan introduced a bill for the federal government to pay \$500 million toward moving the tanks, and Joe Buscaino's CD15 office has expressed interest in asking for state and local funds as well if the bill passes. The bill does not place any requirement for All Plains Pipeline which owns the tanks, or any refineries that use the tanks to pay any costs. Recommend the HCNC Board consider coordinating with San Pedro and Wilmington NCs regarding a letter to all federal, state and local agencies similar to those written by San Pedro Neighborhood Councils in the past regarding their concerns about the tanks, but objecting to the federal government bailing out the corporation, local and state agencies and legislators of their responsibility.

6. Discussion of potential candidate forums for the November 2018 election. Recommend that HCNC not hold a separate forum since Torrance does a series of forums, but HCNC help advertise these forums for HC registered voters to attend, and to vote.
7. Discussion of potential forums to discuss California Propositions for the November 2018 election. Committee to research other possible forums which may hold this type of forum.
8. Discussion of methods to increase voter registration, voter knowledge of legislative processes, and turnout for elections, and input into the legislative process. Delayed for future meeting.
9. Review lessons learned from meeting and discuss rules for Committee membership and voting.
 - a. Request the HCNC Board of create or clarify Standing Rules to provide clearer direction regarding powers of the committee chair, how many committee members there may be, who determines who may or may not be committee members and whether any stakeholders who may attend are allowed to vote.