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**Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC)
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Porter Ranch Community School
Multi-purpose Room
12450 Mason Avenue
Porter Ranch, CA**

**Sustainability Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes**

Item #1 --Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Susan Gorman-Chang at 7:13 pm.

Item #2 --Welcome & Introduction

Item #3 --Roll Call

Present were David Balen, Co-Chair Sustainability; Susan Gorman-Chang, Co-Chair Sustainability, Jason Hector, Committee Member, and Lane Semper Committee Member and stakeholder Lori Kalman. We have quorum.

Item #4 Comments from the Chairs

Susan reviewed some of the questions we had from our last meetings and the answers she secured from DONE.

Q: What is quorum for our committee? A: 3 out of 4 Committee Members is quorum.

Q: Can a Committee Member “attend” via conference call? A: No, they must attend in person to be counted for quorum purposes.

Q: Can a Committee Member vote on minutes they have read, but did not attend the meeting for? A: Yes

Item #5 – Approval of March 7, 2017 Minutes

David made a motion to approve the March 7, 2017 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Jason seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Yes	David Balen, Susan Gorman-Chang, Jason Hector, Lane Semper
No	None
Abstain	None

Item #6 –LADWP Solar Net Metering Presentation Discussion

Susan read off the questions she had emailed to LADWP ahead of time regarding net metering and solar power in general under LADWP. The questions are:

- 1) Is net metering about to end in LADWP
- 2) How were the rates for net metering determined?
- 3) Do the net metering rates ever change?

4) Presently, homeowners must be on the grid with their solar panels.

Is there a time when LADWP will do a test or pilot program allowing some residences to go off the grid as long as they have battery storage back up? Would this be helpful to LADWP to take some pressure off the grid?

5) Does LADWP have any Solar Farms? Any future plans for Solar Farms?

LADWP will give a presentation and answer any questions from our stakeholders. We are looking forward to this presentation, since we feel it will educate people about solar power and how it works once a residence installs solar panels within LADWP service area.

Item # 7 – LADWP Customer Bill of Rights: How updates are handled by LADWP

Susan has an email out to Jason Stinnett, LADWP Customer Relations, to find out when/how updates are made to the Customer Bill of Rights. Jason also brought up the question of how many CIS (Community Impact Statements) were received by LADWP on the Customer Bill of Rights (in addition to the CIS from PRNC that we wrote up) and how many of those suggestions in the CIS from NC (Neighborhood Councils) have been adopted into LADWP Customer Bill of Rights. Susan will look into this and get back to the Sustainability Committee at our next meeting.

Item #8 – Debrief of Earth Day 2017

Various emails from stakeholders were discussed that articulated things that worked and things that can work better next year. Jason followed up with Arthur.Sanchez@lacity.org to get the bags full of leaves, weeds & debris picked up. (They were left there for a few days after the event.)

For the Morning Clean Up:

What Worked:

- Video of before/after shared on social media
- Pictures of Clean up shared on social media
- Decent number of volunteers for our first clean up—about 18
- Everyone had fun
- Igloo for water & traveler cups with our logo insert
- Lori is a great Lead Volunteer

Ways to Make It Better:

- Need to budget for providing gloves for volunteers (city provided latex gloves only)
- More volunteers
- Need to gather names of volunteers and emails and share with them any upcoming clean ups
- Create a key partners and key volunteers list/database
- Maybe we could guide older kids to this activity (5th grade and up)
- Only 2 kids from PRCS (Porter Ranch Community School) so we need more outreach and involvement for this school
- Contact Sierra Canyon (private school) for next clean up
- Chaminade had a lot of participation, so keep them in the loop
- Continuing our next clean up down Wilbur: this sends message we need more volunteers so we can finish a street at a time
- Tools were dull-need sharpening
- Can we use a weed wacker next time? (Battery operated not gas)

- Flyer done a month ahead of time and distributed
- Do clean ups once a quarter?
- Partner with another organization
- Start at the Porter Valley Country Club corner instead of Tampa corner next time?
- Partner with Porter Valley Country Club
- Door to door campaign to houses that back up to Wilbur Ave to engage residents and invite them to clean up.
- Include the ordinance language in the letters regarding home owner responsibility for keeping sidewalk on Wilbur clear.
- Do a street survey (Beautification Committee) so that residence can have input to where next clean up will take place.
- Maybe not do the next Earth Day on the actual Earth Day, as there are a lot of event in the city that day. Maybe the Saturday before or after?
- Coordinate with CD-12 Clean up so they are not both on the same morning.

For Afternoon Earth Day Celebration in Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park:

What Worked:

- Good turn out (150 + people) for our very first Earth Day Event.
- Subway Sandwiches were great
- Excess (20 sandwiches) delivered by Susan to Hope of the Valley Genesis House for previously homeless women & children
- Girl Scout Troop 616 great volunteers & earned credit towards Earth Day and Volunteer Badges
- Thank you emailed by Susan to GS Troop 616 Leaders
- GS want to participate next year as well
- Save the Earth Ball Game worked better when Michelle moved it up near the playground equipment to engage toddlers
- Recycle Relay worked better when we moved it to other side of canopy where people could see it
- Miniature blue/green/black recycle table game was a hit, but we lost 2 of the cans
- Shade canopy where people sat at tables & ate as well as where the craft for potting of the seed papers shaped like hearts and Earth worked well.
- Thank you emails were written by Susan to each and every tabling organization who participated

Ways to Make It Better

- Could have used a second shade canopy, since some of the tabling organizations were not able to bring their pop up tents & had to share or move under tree shade.
- We did not use all the chairs, so rent less for next year. Chairs used only under the canopy and at round tables. None used elsewhere.
- Volunteers needed to cover the miniature black/blue/green can table game 100% of time so we don't lose the miniature cans.
- Need to work on getting City permits 3 months in advance
- Band contacted us late & offered to perform, but we could not get sound system in time nor did we budget for it, so next year plan for this way ahead of time.
- Maybe partner with more than 1 NC, including Chatsworth NC perhaps.

Item #9 –Discuss Ideas for Focused Aliso Canyon Working Group

This group would be focused on securing funding for a permanent fenceline type monitoring of air quality. Possible participants discussed included:

- Uduak Joe Ntuk, Los Angeles city Petroleum Czar
- Jason Low, SCAQMD
- Representative from County Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s office
- Erich King, CD12 Public Safety Deputy
- Argo Scientific Representative
- LA District Attorney Representative
- Susan Gorman-Chang

Susan will discuss this with President before putting in a motion to the Board. Parties asked to participate may change. *(Update: Participants will be limited to government employees or elected officials.)*

Item #10- General Public Comments

None

Item # 11- Board Members, Committee Members Comments & Announcements

Lane asked how we can get word out and educate the public on gas powered leaf blowers being illegal in Los Angeles. Create an e-blast? Give a workshop or include a presentation during one of our meetings? Consider partnering with another organization on this? We will keep discussing this topic until we find a good fit.

Lane went to Sacramento and stated that SB- 370, Senator Hertzberg’s bill, passed. Henry Stern has a bill, SB- 801 and Lane gave testimony for that in Sacramento. (SB-801: *This bill would require an electrical corporation or local publicly owned electric utility that provides electric service to 30,000 or more customers within the Los Angeles Basin to make publicly available, upon request of any person, electrical grid data necessary or useful to enable distributed energy resource providers to target solutions that support reliability in the area where electrical reliability has been impacted as a result of reductions in gas storage capacity and gas deliverability resulting from the well failure at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. The bill would require a gas corporation that provides gas service to 30,000 or more customers within the Los Angeles Basin to make publicly available, upon request of any person, information necessary or useful to enable distributed energy resource providers to target solutions that support reliability in the area where electrical reliability has been impacted as a result of reductions in gas storage capacity and gas deliverability resulting from the well failure at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. The bill would require, to the extent doing so is cost effective, an electrical corporation providing electric service within the Los Angeles Basin and a local publicly owned electric utility providing electric service to more than 250,000 customers within the Los Angeles Basin to maximize their use of demand response, renewable energy resources, energy efficiency, and technically feasible technologies to reduce demand in the area where electrical reliability has been impacted as a result of reductions in gas storage capacity and gas deliverability resulting from the well failure at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.*)

The Committee Members thanked Lane for going all the way up to Sacramento to give testimony and support these bills.

Item # 12- Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm