

Resolution adopted at June 18, 2007 Special Meeting of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

KNOLL HILL RESOLUTION

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council resolves to adopt the following position on the use and improvement of Knoll Hill:

This is the last historic hill of the original Seven Hills of San Pedro. It provides unique and significant community-accessible views of the Port, the Vincent Thomas Bridge, and the waterfront area as a whole. Knoll Hill is a significant station on our Coastal Trail. This hilltop is currently undeveloped, providing a rare opportunity for an urban forest within park-poor downtown San Pedro, allowing it to serve as a buffer zone between residential areas and the industrial port property. It should be preserved as green open space for the public in perpetuity.

We are opposed to any privatization of the Hill, as stated in the resolution of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted on October 10, 2006. Knoll Hill should be open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and accessible to persons of all ages and abilities. All "No Trespassing" signs on the Hill should be removed.

No regrading of the Hill should be allowed, unless it restores the original contours of the hill. We oppose widening the one-way roadway traversing the hill.

The Hill should be revegetated with native plantings including shade trees. This is consistent with Mayor Villaraigosa's call for new urban forestry development. Not only is this the only space available for a major tree planting in the Central area, an urban forest at this location would serve as a valuable buffer zone between the community and industrial port development.

The California Coastal Trail is to be extended to the top of the Hill to enhance pedestrian access and recreational use. The following public amenities should be provided on the hilltop:

- seating
- drinking fountains
- public toilets
- picnic tables

No billboards, advertising, or overhead utilities should be allowed on the Hill.

We support the designation of Knoll Hill as a historic/cultural monument. We look forward to a physical landmark being installed on the hilltop recognizing Knoll Hill as community space.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council should be included in any discussion of proposed uses or improvements to the hill, and have the opportunity to review and comment on all plans.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.