

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
Monthly Stakeholders Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 6:30pm  
Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm by President John Delgado with approximately 30 stakeholders present.

**PRESENT:** Linda Alexander, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Caroline Brady Sinco, Sue Castillo, Oliver Buie, John Delgado, Larry Henderson, Kara McLeod, Raymond Lee Parker, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Daryl Seybold, Andrew Silber, Phillip Trigas.  
**ABSENT:** Benetta Johnson

**Approval of January 13, 2009 Minutes.** Andrew Silber made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2008 Stakeholder Meeting, seconded by Larry Henderson. Passed with unanimous approval.

**President's Message:**

- Black History Event at Warner Grand was a great success.
- Knoll Hill Meeting last month. Some board members met with Janice Hahn last week as we requested in January.
- Central is having a board retreat on March 7 at the Ports O'Call Restaurant. All stakeholders are welcome to attend.
- We have the ability to file Community Impact Statement on City Council Agendas now. We can assign up to 5 board members who have the ability to file these statements. Interested board members should volunteer for this opportunity and we will make these assignments at the next board meeting.
- Two board seats are available, to be filled at the next stakeholder meeting, if possible (Vacated by Benetta Johnson and Carlos Perez).

**Reports from Public Officials:**

Councilwoman Hahn's Office (Ana Dragin):

- DWP will be holding meetings regarding Measure B at Bannings Landing on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Hahn is hosting a meeting tomorrow with DASH and MTA to discuss bus routes changes in San Pedro. Community members can give input on any proposed changes.
- Vinegar Hill Tree Planting - thank you to those involved.
- Councilwoman is running for re-election and they will be precinct walking this Saturday at 12:30.
- Frank asked about Rec and Parks: Hours will be reduced and some programs will be cut. They are trying to come up with innovative ideas for funding.

LAPD :

Officer Magli Nua is the new Senior Lead Officer for the Central San Pedro area. He previously worked with the gang enforcement detail. Officer Nua commented that his nickname in the department is "Junior" so many people call him Officer Junior. He looks forward to working with the community. He reported that in 2008 the Harbor Division led the city of LA in reduction of violent crime. Crime stats have gone up recently, primarily

property crimes. Officer Nua can be reached on his cell phone: 310-869-2138. Email: [31681@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:31681@lapd.lacity.org). Andrew Silber asked questions about increase of graffiti. There will be a graffiti sting operation later this week. Kara asked about a recent shooting incident on Pacific. Officer Nua said they have leads on who was involved.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Rosa Arcada):

- Rosa Arcadia reported on the Regional Town Hall meeting which will be held February 14<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of meeting is to go over the MOU with DOT and the NC's. This is an opportunity for neighborhood councils to ask questions relating to the MOU and DOT. The parking meter issue can be discussed. Another topic is the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. NC's will now be able to give grants to qualified non-profits and other institutions. This meeting will provide details on this new opportunity.
- The Regional Budget Day is February 21<sup>st</sup>. DONE would like at least two reps to attend from the Central SPNC. Rosa thanked everyone who turned in a budget survey. The Mayor's office is analyzing the data.

Mayors Office: Not available to report at this meeting

Port of Los Angeles (Bent Christensen):

- The Port has an ambitious construction schedule spanning the next two years. This includes 400 million dollars in expenditures and the possible creation of 6,000 construction jobs in the Port. Over the next 10 years the Port plans to spend around 2 billion dollars in construction. However, there has been a downturn in business - container traffic is down 6% over last year. This may affect some of the proposed construction projects. Cruise business is down also. San Diego will surpass Los Angeles as the largest cruise ship terminal on the West Coast.
- The Wilmington Waterfront project had a groundbreaking event on Jan. 31.
- In support of the Clean Air Action Plan, the Port has a new hybrid tug in the harbor as of last month.
- The Clean Air Truck program is still moving along despite the recent legal challenges.
- The Board of Harbor Commissioners is meeting on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at Bannings Landing in Wilmington. (The meeting agenda can be viewed on the Port's website.)
- In response to a question about the temporary use of Knoll Hill by Eastview, Christensen stated that the Commissioners were quite adamant that this agreement ceases in 3 years and Eastview will have to relocate.
- New signage has gone up on Harbor Blvd. Trigas asked if more signage about our Historic Downtown could be considered. Silber asked about the possibility of input on the color, font and other design issues relative to the signs. It was suggested Silber contact Sal Sambrano regarding that issue.
- There was a question about whether the Port uses professional economists to guide their development plans.
- The Port Police Community Officer Jose Alvarez was introduced. He talked about working with the LAPD and other security forces.

Public comments on Non Agenda Items:

- Darota. Announced the Muriel Olguin Lifetime Achievement Award Celebration. Saturday, March 28, 2009 4-8pm.
- Soledad Garcia: Talked about the DWP MOU and the Heron report, in opposition to Measure B on the March ballot.
- Joel Barton, President of Local 11, in support of Measure B. He feels that it is good for the community.
- Roberta Jones Booker announced the next community meeting regarding the South Region High School 15, on Thurs, Feb 26 6pm at Dana Middle School.
- Lonna Calhoun announced that COPSS is being renamed COPE, and that they are partnering with the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department on a year-long Harbor Area initiative called "Community Continuity." The first Summit is April 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am-12 noon at Crowne Plaza, by invitation only. 60 community leaders will be chosen to attend. Dr. Lucy Jones will be the keynote speaker and there will be a panel of experts.
- Rogelio Navar stated that they are currently conducting interviews to get opinions on the Ponte Vista project from many community stakeholders. On March 12 for 4-8 pm there will be a public meeting regarding Ponte Vista. Location not yet announced.

**Motion regarding the Northwest SPNC-organized Candidate Forum: Approval of a joint community forum providing support not to exceed \$250.00. Introduced by John Delgado, seconded by Carrie Scoville, followed by a unanimous vote in favor.**

**Old Business:**

Consent Calendar - Item 6a was taken off the consent calendar by audience request. **Items 6b, c and d were approved unanimously, without discussion.**

- a. China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation proposals; Action Item: Adoption of resolution in support of certain proposals as recommended by the Land Use Planning Committee (carry over of Item 7b of the 1/13/09 agenda)**
- b. Harbor Interfaith facility expansion proposal; Action Item: Adoption of resolution of conditional support as recommended by the Land Use Planning Committee (carryover of Item 7c of the 1/13/09 agenda)**
- c. Petition by Black Hill residents requesting removal of the soil surcharge filling the West Basin Southwest Slip; Action Item: resolution to accept the petition and forward it to the Port of Los Angeles (carryover of Item 7f of the 1/13/09 agenda)**
- d. CALTRANS plans to expand freeway access ramps; Action Item: Request CALTRANS to present detailed plans for the expansion of all freeway access ramps within the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council jurisdiction at one of our Stakeholder Meetings prior to finalizing their plans.**

## **New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Alexander provided an update. Discussion on recommendations by Finance Committee: Motion - Finance committee recommends providing \$750 to support the Chamber of Commerce Women's History Month Luncheon. Sandy Bradley was available to give information on the event. Andrew Silber made a motion that we support the Women's History Month Event in the amount of \$750 and the GSPO Chamber Music for Families program in the amount of \$1,000. It was commented by Caroline Brady Sinco that we only need to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee rather than make a motion requiring a second. We agreed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee put the motion on the floor for a vote, and did vote unanimously in favor of both spending items.

**Standing Rules Committee:** Bill Roberson read the Standing Rules that the Committee recommended adopting:

*For the purpose of assuring the efficient conduct of business, while permitting full and adequate opportunity to be heard, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts the following Standing Rules:*

*At the Agenda Setting Meeting, the time duration of each agendized presentations by any Board Member, Committee Chair, Public Official, or Stakeholder shall, after due discussion and opportunity to be heard, be set, and so calendared. The Members present at each Agenda Setting Meeting may also set specific time limits on each agenda item coming before the next board meeting; except:*

- a. Each Stakeholder or member of the public filing a written request to speak shall be allotted no less than 3 minutes to speak.*
- b. Public officials filing a written or oral request to make an announcement or report shall be allotted no less than 3 minutes to speak.*
- c. The President, Vice President, Committee Chair, or other presiding officer shall so conduct the Stakeholder or Committee Meeting so as to assure that each speaker abides by the time duration set at the Agenda Setting Meeting. Robert's Rules shall govern the chairing officer's extension or limitation of time, objections thereto, and resolution thereof.*

**Sue Castillo made a motion to strike the words “filing a written request for permission to speak” in paragraph “a” and replacing them with “requesting permission to speak.” The motion was seconded by Art Almeida and the board voted unanimous in favor of accepting the standing rules with the above change.**

**Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area Community Advisory Committee:** Sue Castillo and Phill Trigas gave highlights from the committee meeting.

**Downtown PBID Report:** Linda Alexander has been attending these meetings. She talked about the new security force. They are also looking at street cleaning and marketing of downtown San Pedro. Scott Smith of Andrew International (a private security firm) was introduced. He talked about their operations describing the two teams

of officers who patrol throughout the day. They mainly work with quality of life issues (drinking in public, urinating in public, loitering, shoplifting, panhandling, narcotics use, illegal vending and vandalism). They are not armed. They also work with the business owners. The area they cover is bounded by the Port, Pacific Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Report on Plaza Park Progress:** Plans are about 90% complete, with funding coming from China Mitigation Funds (\$5 million). Rec and Parks will oversee the construction. Timeline to construction is 2-3 years.

**Knoll Hill Park Planning:**

Sue Castillo reported on the meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee which recommends the following resolution be adopted by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board in relation to the Knoll Hill Park Project:

1. *The CSPNC supports Alternative 4 as presented at the January 12, 2009 Steering Committee Meeting.*
2. *The entire park should be available for public use. No areas should be dedicated to the use of any private entity.*
3. *Space and facilities should be provided for all ages and interests.*
4. *The facilities most requested in the City of Los Angeles 2008 Recreation and Park survey should be provided on Knoll Hill (see report by Donna Littlejohn published on January 7, 2009 in the Daily Breeze).*
5. *A large open space should be provided for gathering and various active sport and recreational uses on the southeast quadrant of the hilltop.*
6. *Space and facilities should be provided for a playground, picnic areas, comfortable seating, bicycle parking and substantial tree cover for shade.*
7. *A minimum amount of area should be dedicated to roadway and parking lot. Parking space as necessary should be improved with permeable paving.*
8. *CSPNC shall petition the Port of Los Angeles and the Board of Harbor commissioners to follow the California Tidelands Trust Act in approving plans for the development of Knoll Hill.*
9. *CSPNC shall write to the California State Lands Commission stating our opposition to any extension of the temporary use agreement between the Port of Los Angeles and the Eastview Little League and requesting that a written opinion be provided regarding the development of Port-owned property with dedicated baseball fields.*

Public Comments related to Knoll Hill Park Planning:

Joe Morino commented on the various places he played as a child and talked about his support of the program on Bloch Field. Bloch Field is the only one that's left. 30,000 people live east of Gaffey and there is no recreation for the children. A healthy community needs recreation. He has always been an advocate for recreation. Park and Rec cannot do it all, we need a private group to come in and assist.

Sue Castillo pointed out that Central is not against youth recreation, but in support of general community use for all ages.

Art Almeida commented on the issue and suggested Joe Morino try and work with San Pedro High School to get a place for Eastview to play. He also suggested that Morino talk to the Mayor.

Dan Pasley made comments about the competitiveness encouraged by organized sports, and in favor of free, unorganized play.

**Unanimous vote from the board in favor of the above resolution.**

**PCAC Meeting Report:** Comment from Carrie that the report is available in the agenda packet. It will be added to our website.

**Item 6a on the Agenda** (carryover of Item 7b of the 1/13/09 agenda).

Sue Castillo gave a synopsis of the recommendation of the Land Use Planning Committee on the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Proposals. This included support for 5 proposals that collectively would convert the perimeter of the China Shipping Terminal from an eyesore to an attractive community gateway.

Richard Pawlowski spoke about his ideas for use of the mitigation funds, and how the board is being asked to vote on a recommendation that does not consider the merit of the other proposals. Castillo replied that the committee did review all of the proposals at a committee meeting well attended by the board and open to the public and that it was unnecessary for every board member to have to hear them all over again.

**With the exception of abstentions from Andrew Silber and Carrie Scoville, there was unanimous vote to support the recommendations of the Land Use Planning Committee and forward this to POLA.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Castillo, Secretary, with the assistance of Kristina Smith, Neighborhood Council Administrative Assistant.