



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Tuesday, July 14, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Harbor Blvd Promenade at 1st Street**

Call to Order & Roll Call: President John Delgado called the meeting to order at 6:39pm. Present: Alexander, Alemida, Anderson, Brady-Sinco, Castillo, Delgado, McLeod, Julia Parker, Roberson, Scoville, Seybold, Silber, Strout, Trigas. Absent: Buie, Henderson, Raymond Lee Parker. Approximately 40 stakeholders present.

Approval of Minutes: Andrew Silber made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting. Seconded by Linda Alexander. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

Chairman's Report: President John Delgado thanked the stakeholders for attending the meeting and made some general announcements.

Reports from Public Officials:

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Rosa Arcadia:

- In response to the current financial situation, DONE staff (as well as other departments) are receiving furloughs to reduce paid hours. In the future, the 2nd and 4th Fridays will see reduced DONE staffing.
- Reminder to board members to log on and update their profile information on the DONE website. This is how city departments, elected officials and stakeholders get in touch with board members, therefore updated information is requested.
- Regional Trainings this quarter focusing on gang reduction and public safety.
- The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting will be on July 20, 2009.
- Los Angeles will be celebrating the third annual "Parking" Day LA, a nationwide event that highlights the importance of parks and urban green space to our communities, on September 18, 2009.
- The next Congress of Neighborhood Councils is scheduled for October 10th. Phill Trigas will be assisting with this event.
- Rosa can be contacted at 323-972-7961.

Councilwoman Hahn's Office (Ana Dragin and Gordon Teuber):

- Department of Cultural Affairs will open the parking lot at the Croatian Cultural Center for public use soon.
- Downtown Business Merchant Association has agreed to keep their stores open till 9pm every Thursday.
- The Community Beautification Grant process requires that grant applications be received in October.
- Father Art Bartlett Square, at 11th and Beacon, was dedicated last month.

LAPD (Officer Jr.):

- Apologized for his absence from the last Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting.
- The LAPD is looking closely at narcotics issues in our downtown and Vinegar Hill area, and have taken suspects into custody.

- The Hot Pedro Nights Pacific Avenue Car Cruise occurs in August. Forms to enter the event are available at the Corner Store, Ray Deeter Tires and the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce office.
- Crime statistics have leveled out. Crime hasn't gone up but there are still a lot of thefts from parked vehicles. Gang crime is down.

Mayor's Office (Ricardo Hong):

- A census will be taken next year, 2010. We lost \$280 million in previous years because of population undercounts. The community can get involved and is urged to contact the Census Department or the Mayor's Office. Ricardo can be reached at the following email address: Ricardo.hong@lacity.org or call Julia Parker for more information at 213-978-0301.
- The Michael Jackson memorial event was discussed. If anyone is curious to know the breakdown of the cost, it will be made available by the mayor's office.

Public Comments:

- No PBID meeting this month.
- Doug Epperhart commented on the upcoming Parking Day LA and suggested that all three San Pedro neighborhood councils get together and create a temporary park in front of the San Pedro municipal building. He also commented on the Michael Jackson issue, stating that he calculated that every person attending the memorial would have had to spend \$70 at local restaurants, etc. in order for the city to break even, and that just didn't happen.
- Daryl Seybold commented that Jane Harman's seat is being challenged by Marcy Winograd. She explained that Marcy is meeting with the public during the month of July at Sacred Ground every Monday from 7pm-9pm, followed by a movie of topical interest.
- Andrew Silber attended Michael Jackson event and was very impressed with the way it was presented.
- Kara McLeod reminded the community about the Warner on Wednesday movie nights (more info can be found on the CSPNC website).

Presentation:

Geraldine Knatz, Port of Los Angeles:

- Happy to see the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council utilizing the promenade for the meeting and is happy to see people enjoying the promenade on a daily basis.
- Recent Cars and Stripes event was a great success and attended by approximately 7,000 people. The port hopes to make the event even bigger next year.
- Knatz is working hard on getting the Harbor Department to help preserve the history of the Port and the surrounding area. They purchased a private collection of negatives about Los Angeles Harbor. She commented that cataloging the items is a "labor of love." Display can be viewed at the Harbor Administration building outside the Board Room.
- Gave a background on the area known as Mexican Hollywood.
- Port Projects were discussed, including the North Gaffey Street improvements by the new Target store. There is currently a \$377 million capital budget for projects in the Harbor.
- The EIR for the San Pedro waterfront will be presented to the Board of Harbor Commissioners in September. They will be seeking developer interest in the Port O'Call area.
- The Port is going after Stimulus Funding. They are applying for \$228 million in grants, and so far, they have gotten \$23 million, for such projects as the electrification of port vehicles, ship cold ironing, and the renovation of Harry Bridges Blvd. The more they get from the Federal Government, the more they can do locally with their own money.
- West Channel Marina Project, including 700 new boat slips.

- The 22nd Street Park should be finished by the end of the year.
- Cabrillo Beach groin removal (sea water quality project).
- The new Port Police station on 5th Street should be occupied by 2011.
- Improvements to the China Shipping Terminal should make it the greenest port terminal in the world.
- They are going to invest 15 million at our current cruise ship terminal to spruce up the exterior.

Update from Lou Baglietto, Butterfield Communications for Gambol Industries: Gambol Industries is satisfied with the results of their negotiations with the Port and the City. They will be working with the Port on a feasibility study for their development proposal.

Status Update on Tracking Track (Sue Castillo): The tracking tool was created at the Board retreat in order to monitor progress on issues and projects identified as important to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Following are highlights of those issues/projects:

- Newsletter: Looking good for completion by the end of August, with distribution beginning in September.
- Website: Will be revisited after the newsletter is complete, starting in September.
- Kaiser Point. Postpone until September.
- Cruise Industry Facilities: Postpone until September.
- Port representation at our meetings is working well (final statement - discontinue)
- Budget for Distribution: Distribute notice of next opportunity for funding in December (next deadline February 2010)
- School fields for use by community: Should we refer it to the HANC? City wide problem.
- Protecting Services in Crisis: We have to wait until the city council and mayor come up with a finalized budget.
- Crime, tagging & blight: Work on this through the PBID. Phill Trigas to be appointed to the PBID in October (?), for coordination of efforts.
- San Pedro High School. We need a liaison from the school to attend our meetings. Work in Progress.
- Trust: Work in progress.
- Plaza Park: Frank O'Brien to report in August
- SRO Hotels & Social Housing: Contact County for information on this issue.
- Utility undergrounding: Castillo working with Diana Nave to get info from DWP on Rule 20A program.
- Freeway Expansion: Ask Port Planner for information and assistance in working with Caltrans.

Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Watch: Attendance has been increasing at community meetings. The Police Department is now attending their meetings. Andrew Silber was thanked for his assistance on this issue.

Knoll Hill: A letter to Janice Hahn was included in the agenda packet. The majority opinion in the Steering Committee is to ask Melendrez to present a mixed use conceptual design (including seasonal ballfields). Craig Goldfarb, Carrie Scoville and Frank Anderson are generally opposed to the mixed use plan. Sue Castillo commented that at the public meetings only 35% of the attendees preferred a no ball park plan.

Bandini Canyon Park Construction: The area has now been fenced off and construction should begin soon.

Plaza Park Improvements. No progress has been seen to date. This issue is to be added to the Tracking Tool.

North Gaffey Street Improvements: Carrie Scoville attended the Grand Opening and commented that the area looks beautiful. China Shipping Asthetic mitigation funds were used for this project.

Warner on Wednesdays: So far this weekly event has been a great success. John Delgado thanked everyone for their support.

San Pedro Branding Project: Andrew Silber apologized for his delay in getting this project going. He approached Northwest and Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Councils and asked the presidents if they could meet with him to start a dialogue for branding San Pedro. He will provide a more concise report at the next meeting. PBID and Chamber will be contacted.

Amerigas Property Reuse Planning Report. On agenda but no representative available to provide an update.

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC). Update by Julia Parker. Diana Nave was elected Secretary of HANC. Current items of discussion are the 110 Freeway Toll Road and the CEQA process modification ordinance (discussed by Diana Nave). A motion was made by Kara McLeod that our board members should submit their personal priorities for future HANC actions to our representative Julia Parker via email. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber and passed unanimously by the board. The next Alliance meeting is scheduled for August 5th.

Congress of Neighborhoods: October 10th, save the date. More information will be made available next month.

Treasurer's Report: We now have a semi-annual funding proposal process (adopted last month). Funding proposal deadlines are February and August. A motion was brought forth from the Finance Committee as follows: The CSPNC will post, to the community, the opportunity to request funding for community improvement projects/events/purchases two times a year, with proposal deadlines in February and August. Early notification to the community shall be provided, and the recommendation of the Finance Committee will be brought to the board for vote in April and October. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PCAC report:

- Carrie Scoville has been appointed Parliamentarian of the PCAC and June Smith is the new chair. Frank Anderson is also a member of PCAC. At the last meeting Rev. Buie attended the PCAC meeting representing Central and Carrie reported that he did a great job.
- Aesthetic mitigation projects in Wilmington were approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.
- Action item for next week's meeting include a request to the Port to put in a separate access road and a sound wall for the residents of the Wilmington Marina. This is due to the fact the relocation of a rail yard will create more rail traffic and ultimately the Marina residents will be trapped. Carrie Scoville recommends a yes vote on this action item. There was a unanimous vote by the CSPNC Board to have Central's PCAC rep vote yes on this action item.
- Additional information regarding PCAC meetings can be found on the Port news link of the Central SPNC website (www.sanpedrocity.org).

Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area Community Advisory Committee (PC CAC) Report:

Phill Trigas, Andrew Silber and Sue Castillo all attended the last meeting of the PC CAC. They reported that there are no redevelopment proposals before the committee at this time. Janice Hahn has previously requested that two names from Central be submitted so that she can choose a representative from Central for the Committee. The Central SPNC voted on two names last month but there was some confusion and it was decided that the issue be re-visited. Sue Castillo made a motion to revisit the previous motion and revote. Linda Alexander seconded the motion. Voting was 7 yes, 2 no. Motion passed. Nominations for the position were taken from the floor. Andrew Silber and Kara McLeod were nominated. Irene Almeida, who was not in attendance at the meeting, was nominated by Art Almeida. The final count was as follows: 9 votes for Andrew Silber, 9 votes for Kara McLeod and 3 votes for Irene Almeida. Andrew and Kara will be the names submitted to Janice Hahn.

Outreach Committee:

- Phill Trigas commented that the Central SPNC has been offered office space free of charge in the City Hall Building.
- Phill has been meeting with Andrea Adleman to assist with the newsletter.
- WOW (Warner on Wednesday) attendance has been good. We will continue outreach to the community for this weekly event.
- Phill has attended the first “Day of the Dead” meeting. This was an icebreaker meeting to get those participating in the event an opportunity to get to know one another and determine the goals will be for this year’s event.

ACE District Report: Linda Alexander gave a brief report. The committee is currently working on their RFP’s.

Miscellaneous Motion Re: Bandini Canyon: Art Almeida made a motion to rename the Bandini Canyon to Bandini Arroyo, which was not seconded.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith, Neighborhood Council Administrative Assistant.
Draft finalized by Secretary Sue Castillo.