



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Monthly Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 9, 2009 Croatian Cultural Center, 510 W. 7th Street, San Pedro

**Call to Order:** Interim Chair Andrew Silber called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Present at roll call: Linda Alexander, Art Almeida, Sue Castillo, Kara McLeod, Julia Parker, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber, Philip Strout and Phillip Trigas; arriving after roll call were Oliver Buie, Larry Henderson, Raymond Lee Parker, and Bill Roberson.

Absent: Frank Anderson, Caroline Brady-Sinco, John Delgado, and Daryl Seybold.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kara McLeod made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sue Castillo. Unanimous vote in favor of approving the minutes.

### **President's Message:**

- Our Wednesday Summer Movie Program starts at the Warner Grand Theatre on June 17<sup>th</sup> with shows at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm
- The Barton Elementary School celebrates their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on June 11 at the Elks Club (tickets available for purchase)
- The Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meets on June 10 at 6:30 pm.

### **Reports from Public Officials**

#### **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Rosa Arcadia:**

- Regional Conference of Neighborhoods met in the Valley on May 30<sup>th</sup>; 150 people attended. Work shops included information on how to utilize the internet to promote your NC through Twitter, Facebook, your website, etc.
- The annual city-wide Congress of Neighborhood Councils Meeting will be in October. It is open to all stakeholders.
- All board members should update their profiles on the DONE website.
- Our Election Stipulation Worksheet has been submitted.
- Demand warrants for \_\_\_\_\_ are due this Friday. We were the first NC to submit to Rosa.
- The Mayor's office is having a volunteer appreciation festival on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 11-3, at City Hall.
- Done's sexual harassment DVD is available for board members to view.

#### **Council Office 15, Gordon Geuber:**

- Gordon Teuber addressed the issues in the Vinegar Hill area (later in the agenda). He commented on the PBID security and how that works.
- Gaffey Street Transfer: The city has approved the contract with Caltrans, which specifies a transfer of \$3 million to the City of Los Angeles for future street maintenance and funding for the renovation of the Gaffey Street bridge.
- Downtown Parking: Parking enforcement signs have been changed so that all signs consistently read 8 am to 6 pm. The monthly parking permit program is very successful.
- The Port is having a Classic Car Show on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fountain. This is also on First Thursday in downtown San Pedro. The car show will be from 5:30 to 10:30 pm, with a program

starting around 8:00 pm.

**Mayor's Office, Ricardo Hong:**

- State budget deficit of \$24 billion may cause the State to take money from the City of Los Angeles. They are attempting to secure an \$8 billion loan from the city. The Mayor of Los Angeles went to lobby the Governor against this action.
- 10% paycuts are in effect for city workers and officials.
- The Mayor has appointed two new Board of Harbor commissioners: Ken Melendez of Harbor City and Cindy Miscikowski. The new board president has not been appointed.
- The Mayor will be in San Pedro Thursday at the San Pedro Chamber Annual luncheon at the Double Tree Hotel.

**Port of Los Angeles, \_\_\_\_\_:**

- Announcement regarding the release of the Final EIR of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project. The Board of Harbor Commissioners will consider certification of the Final EIR and project approval at their June 18th meeting at the Banning's Land Community Center, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, at 6:00 pm. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

**Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal's Office, Bianca Villanueva:**

- Commented on the State Budget crisis.

**LAPD:** No report.

**Public Comment:**

- **Raymond Diaz:** Resident of the 1000 block of Palos Verdes Ave, concerned with all the drug activity going on in his neighborhood. He and his wife decided to get involved. They have called the police but they don't show up. This is the worst they have seen it in a long time. They feel helpless when the police don't respond.
- **Laura Vasquez** spoke on behalf of San Pedro Downtown Business Association, announced an upcoming event.
- **Henry He:** Purchased the building on 11<sup>th</sup> and Palos Verdes (this is the old San Pedro City Hall Building which has 11 residential units on top) in 2006. He is also frustrated with the neighborhood drug problem, and receives many calls from his tenants about it. They have visited the Police Station and have also called the station many times and not one phone call has been returned.
- **Kathleen Woodfield:** Commented on the China Shipping Mitigation Fund program expiring on June 14<sup>th</sup>. PCAC had been asking for many months for a term extension.
- **David Rivera:** He is on the steering committee for the Bandini Canyon Trails Project, which will include walking trails, landscaping and other improvements, including an automatic night sprinkler system. The groundbreaking ceremony is Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Construction should be finished by April 2010.
- **Steve R. Cisneros, Sr.:** Resident also speaking about the drug problem in the vicinity of 11<sup>th</sup> St and Palos Verdes Ave.
- **Gerald Thompson,** from the Beacon House Association and also a member of the Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Watch group. He commented on how the neighbors have been keeping notes on illegal activities on the neighborhood streets. No police officers have attended their neighborhood watch meetings for three months. Kara McLeod asked all the stakeholders from the Vinegar Hill area to raise their hands so that Gordon Teuber from the councilwoman's office

could witness how many community members came out to the meeting to ask for help from the Neighborhood Council and the City.

- **Richard Pawlowski:** Suggested that the PBID has security force which might be able to help (it was explained that this neighborhood is outside of the PBID area). Commented on his article related to mitigation proposals in the San Pedro Today Magazine and asked stakeholders to take a look at it.
- **Rodney Burns** from Beacon House Security. He also commented on the Vinegar Hill drug trafficking problem.

### **Presentations:**

**Bureau of Sanitation** presentation cancelled. No representative available.

**Gambol Marine Center Proposal.** Lou Baggetto gave an overview of the proposed Gambol Marine Center project. He talked about Southwest Marine Shipyard that has been around since 1917. Gambol wants to revitalize Southwest Marine and create jobs. They are hoping that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council will support their efforts. The Port's plans to fill the two shipyard slips with 2.7 million cubic yards of dredging spoil will permanently prevent the revitalization of shipbuilding at this unique site on the main channel. After the presentation and discussion by the board, Sue Castillo presented the following motion seconded by Carrie Scoville: **The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Port of Los Angeles preserve the historic Southwest Marine Ship Repair Facility, make it available as a lease facility for the proposed Gambol Marine Center, and work with Gambol Industries to develop a construction plan to accept Channel Deepening dredge material in a manner that does not interfere with the Marine Center proposal.**

**The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**Appointment of representatives to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and the Congress of Neighborhood Councils:** Julia Parker was appointed to the Harbor Area Alliance of Neighborhood Councils and Phill Trigas was appointed to the Congress of Neighborhood Councils

**Treasurer's Report:** Carrie Scoville presented a detailed Financial Report and Linda Alexander talked about the CSPNC budget. Art Almeida asked what will happen to the requests for money that are on hold. Linda Alexander commented that at the next finance committee meeting the primary purpose will be to review the process of funding.

**Land Use Planning Committee Report** (Sue Castillo). The Community Plan update process is ongoing, and stakeholders are advised to participate in the process. A summary of proposed community plan changes for the downtown area was included in the agenda packet.

**Knoll Hill Steering Committee developments:** Sue Castillo explained that the State Lands Commission denied the steering committee's compromise plan that included a multi-use field to accommodate seasonal baseball and other sports activities on the basis that this would not be a regional park. Gordon Teuber read a letter from Janice Hahn proposing a land swap that would put Knoll Hill in the City's hands and provide for two ballfields. After discussion, Carrie Scoville made a motion, seconded by Art Almeida, reading: **The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council reaffirms its position of keeping Knoll Hill under the purview of State Tidelands.**

**This motion passed with a vote of 11 yes, 0 no.**

Sue Castillo then brought forth a second motion, seconded by Linda Alexander, reading:

**We affirm our position in opposition to any "land swap" that would eliminate Tidelands Trust protection for Knoll Hill. We request that the Knoll Hill Steering Committee move swiftly to**

**complete a conceptual plan process that is consistent with State Lands Commission requirements for Tidelands. We emphasize that no “land swap” for the purpose of serving an alternative plan should occur unless and until a formal written plan, including full funding to carry out the plan, is approved by this neighborhood council and the community. This motion was passed by a board vote of 9 yes, and 2 no votes.**

**Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area Community Advisory committee:** Waived report due to time constraints.

**PCAC Report:**

- A full report from Carrie Scoville was included in the agenda packet (and can be viewed in the “Port News” section of the Central San Pedro NC website).
- Carrie commented that the Harbor Commission has approved our own Frank Anderson to be the PCAC Alternate for the San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition.
- PCAC elections for officers will be conducted at the next PCAC meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ports O’Call restaurant on the 16<sup>th</sup> with a party afterwards for retiring President Jayme Wilson.
- Carrie then called upon Sue Castillo to handle a board vote related to instructing our PCAC rep how to vote on the upcoming PCAC motion related to projects from the China Shipping mitigation funds. (Carrie left the room during the vote as the motion being discussed related to a project she had proposed to the PCAC). The following PCAC action item was discussed:

China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Projects for Wilmington and San Pedro. The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends to the PCAC that they recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the following projects be approved for funding from the China Shipping Settlement Agreement, Aesthetic Mitigation Fund, for both Wilmington and San Pedro.

Wilmington: *The projects recommended to be allocated from the Wilmington funds have been recommended in amounts equal to the remaining fund total of \$5,151,971. Therefore, no priority order has been ranked and all projects are recommended equally.*

1. Banning's Landing Education Program, Health Program only, \$1,000,000
2. Los Angeles Harbor Lighthouse Restoration Project, funding to be capped at \$1,800,000
3. Wilmington Marinas Parkway \$1,455,971
4. Tall Ship Restoration for Youth Program Expansion, funding to be capped at \$771,000
5. Under the Drain: Elementary Storm Water Education Program, not to exceed \$75,000
6. Welcome to Wilmington Sign, not to exceed \$50,000

San Pedro: *The projects recommended to be allocated from the San Pedro funds exceed the remaining fund amount of \$6,966,012. Therefore, a priority order has been ranked. Projects 4(a) and 4(b) have very similar components and, therefore, share the same ranking.*

*San Pedro projects are ranked in priority order for funding. Each project should be fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next prioritized project. The ranking permits prioritized applicants to refine and clarify their budgets, rather than have the PCAC approve fixed budgets from estimates in the call for proposals.*

1. Nexus Study
2. Hey Rookie Swimming Pool
3. Northwest Harbor Beautification
- 4(a) N. Front Street/N. Pacific Avenue Scenic Hwy Improvements
- 4(b) Front Street-Harbor Blvd. Landscaped Gateway Improvements
5. Angels Gate Park Renovation Project

There was extensive discussion on the issue and comments were heard from board members as well as stakeholders and the Councilwoman’s representative Gordon Teuber. It was also

commented that the NWSPNC had voted to split the motion into two motions in order to separate the Wilmington Projects from the San Pedro Projects.

**The Board then voted to instruct Central's PCAC representative (Oliver Buie will attend the meeting as our alternate in order to vote in Carrie's place) to vote yes on both of these as one motion. (9 yes, 1 no.)**

**Pacific Corridor CAC**, Janice Hahn has asked CSPNC to submit two names for her selection of one as our representative on the Pacific Corridor CAC. **The board voted unanimously in favor of submitting the names of Andrew Silber and Daryl Seybold (not present).**

**Communications and Outreach**: Phil Trigas reported that the newsletter/magazine will be out soon. The Outreach Committee will be recommending funding for the second annual Day of the Dead event for outreach purposes. It will be held on October 31, 2009. We would support and plan aspects of this event working closely with the organizing committee.

**The Board voted unanimously in favor of the committee motion to set aside \$2,000 in support of the Day of the Dead Event.**

**DWP Update**: Soledad Garcia, member of the NC DWP oversight committee, reported that the committee will be urging the DWP board not to increase the ECAP (\_\_\_\_\_) which will increase ratepayer costs by 41% . She briefly explained the two-tier system which will result in an addition rate increase on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They are going to support the peripheral canal project for the purpose of increasing water supply to Los Angeles.

**SPACE District**: We need a representative for the SPACE District. Linda will continue for one month, and this will go on the agenda for next month.

**Tracking tool**: Kristina Smith, the council's Administrative Assistant, will look into the possibility of updating the tracking tool to present to the board at future meetings.

**Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm.

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