



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Monthly Stakeholder Meeting Minutes (DRAFT) Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 West Fifth Street, San Pedro

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President John Delgado with approximately 27 stakeholders present.

Roll Call: PRESENT: Raymond Lee Parker, Julia Parker, Phill Trigas, Daryl Seybold, Caoline Brady Sinco, Sue Castillo, John Delgado, Andrew Silber, Bill Roberson, Oliver Buie, Kara McLeod, Carrie Scoville, Larry Henderson, Philip Stout and Linda Alexander.
ABSENT: Art Almeida and Frank Anderson.

Approval of Minutes: Andrew Silber made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Kara McLeod and approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

President's Message:

- New Board member, Julia Parker, was welcomed by the President and seated.
- Comments regarding recent information from the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee regarding cuts in neighborhood council funding. Further discussion was held later in meeting.
- Announcement of Barton Elementary School 100 year anniversary celebration on June 11, at 1:15pm with a dinner held at the San Pedro Elks Club at 5:00pm.
- Announcement about upcoming Relevant Stage event, "Singing Jailbirds".
- Reminder of upcoming election on May 19th and importance of voting.
- Update on Bandini Canyon.

Reports from Public Officials:

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Rosa Arcadia:

- Report on the City Council's Budget & Finance committee meeting held today, which included two hours of public comment from neighborhood council representatives from all over the city. Budget and Finance committee said that they want to make sure NC's continue to operate and will try to secure the \$45,000 annual funding. The meeting will resume tomorrow as the issue is still pending.
- Board Members are urged to complete their Ethics Training, which is available online.
- Email was sent informing all board members that they can personally update their information on the DONE website. This information can include a picture and a bio.
- Regional Congress of Neighborhoods will be held in the Valley on May 30 at Panorama High School, 8015 Van Nuys Blvd, Panorama City. All NC's (board members and stakeholders) in the LA area welcome to attend.

Ana Dragin, Councilwoman Hahn's office:

- Neighborhood Council funding is the current "hot topic." Janice Hahn met with the neighborhood council presidents from her district yesterday. She encouraged neighborhood councils to go to the budget committee meeting and voice their concerns.
- Announcement of the Spay and Neuter Clinic at the new Harbor Animal Shelter on Gaffey Street. - 1 - Page 1 of 2
- Downtown parking issue: Monthly permits will be made available for \$30/mo at the parking lots with 10 hour slots. Applications will be available at the council office on a first come, first served basis.

Ricardo Hong, Mayor's Office:

- The Deputy Mayor met with the City Council's Budget representatives on Monday night, coming to the conclusion that \$45,000 per year should be provided to each neighborhood council.
- Mayor's Harbor Area Day of Service was on May 2nd was a huge success. They had 10,000 volunteers and about 100 different projects. Ricardo thanked all who participated.
- Comments on the vacant seat on the Harbor Commission Board. This is a long process and a lot of feedback has come from many community members. They understand that someone from the Harbor Region is desired by the community.

Officer Nua (Junior) LAPD:

- Officer Nua provided his cell number (310-869-2138) and his email address: 31681@lapd.lacity.org.
- The grand opening of the new Harbor Area Police Station was held last month. The jail is not yet being utilized but jailers will be provided next week so that the station will be fully operational.
- Crime statistics are continuing to decline, with car break-ins still a major problem. PBID security has been assisting the LAPD, mostly with juveniles, truancy and curfew violations.
- The overall amount of officers in the Harbor Area is still down from previous years but other resources will be brought in to the division soon. Six new officers were assigned to the Harbor Division this month; however, we lost four officers through transfers, etc.
- The "Tip-a-Cop" fundraiser will be held on May 13, 2009 at Marcello's Restaurant.
- Kara McLeod talked about increases in graffiti, drunks and drug dealers in the Vinegar Hill area.
- There was a discussion on the Gang Intervention Program at Toberman.

Bent Christiansen, Port of Los Angeles:

- Freeman is moving on to be Deputy Mayor, but will still be overseeing the Harbor Department as Deputy Mayor.
- The next Board of Harbor Commissioner's Department meeting will be May 21st at 8:30 am, Banning's Landing in Wilmington.
- Bent does not know of any improvements planned for the Downtown Cruise Terminal at this time.
- Linda Alexander asked about a dirt pile at 22nd Street, and Bent replied that this is related to construction of the Marina Phase II project.
- Port Police Officer Jose Alvarez, their Community Relations Officer, reported on the upcoming ILWU memorial march and rally to be held on May 15th, 9 am till 2 pm.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda items:

- There will be a public meeting with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services Department regarding foreclosures - counselors will be available. For more information visit www.lanahs.org or call 888-895-2647.
- The Los Angeles Marathon will be held on Memorial Day. See www.lamarathon.com for more info.
- Roberta Jones-Booker, Community Outreach Representative for the LAUSD, announced a California Dept. of Toxic Substance Control meeting to be held on May 20, 6:30 pm, at the Dana Middle School Auditorium by the regarding South Region High School #15.
- Andrew Silber asked that the minutes include a note that at 7:45 pm the Councilwoman's representative left this meeting.
- John Mattson talked about problems his neighbors are having which included a sign that has fallen to the ground because of rusted pole at 265 W. 10th Street. At 214 W. 9th Street someone is running an automotive garage without a Conditional Use Permit and the neighbors are upset. Mr. Mattson would like to see this neighborhood council get involved to fix these issues.
- Bob Gelfand complained about the high cost of the City Clerk managing neighborhood council elections and said that the neighborhood councils themselves could manage these elections far more efficiently. The Harbor Area Neighborhood Council Coalition is now being formed in order to increase neighborhood council effectiveness and the Central San Pedro Neighborhood council should get involved. LANC meets on the first Saturday of the month, either at the Hollywood City Hall or DWP building, at 10:00 am.
- Doug Epperhart went to the City Council's Budget and Finance committee meeting attended by four of the five Committee Members there and about 120 people from neighborhood councils, who made powerful statements to the committee in support of \$35,000 - \$45,000 in annual funding. The rollover of unspent neighborhood council funds is also at issue. He also urged that Central be represented in the Harbor Area NC Coalition.

Finance Report:

- Linda Alexander and Carrie Scoville presented the Finance Committee draft budget. Andrew Silber made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the adjustment of a \$500 reduction in Line 102. The motion was seconded by Kara McLeod. There was some discussion on the expense of refreshments but no opposition was made to maintaining spending at no more than \$250 per month. After discussion the board voted unanimously in favor of Silber's motion.
- At the recent Finance Committee meeting several organizations came to them for funding and they were asked to wait until the amount of funding for next year was decided by the City Council.
- Funding was considered for the Wednesday Night at the Warner event to consist of family-oriented films to be shown over 12 weeks in the summer for an admission cost of \$3 per person, with lots of free tickets to be distributed throughout the community. The Finance committee recommended \$3,000 to support the first six weeks of the series with an additional potential \$3,000 to be provided for the second week of the series, if successful. There was a motion presented by the Finance Committee to approve \$3,000 for the first six weeks of the program only at this time. There was some discussion as to whether a budget for this event had ever been provided to the Finance Committee, and it was agreed upon that this had been provided. Sue Castillo proposed that we approve the entire \$6,000 (with no second, the amendment failed). After further discussion of the difficulty of approving the second half of the series in a timely manner, considering the midpoint of the series and the date of our next stakeholder meeting, Sue presented a substitute motion that *"we support the project to an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to be incurred in two six-week phases. The second phase will not be funded unless the project is determined to be a success by the event managers (Ray Buffer and Lee Sweet) and the executive board of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.* Kara McLeod seconded the substitute motion. There were 5 yes votes and 4 no votes to accept the substitute motion, followed by a board vote on the substitute motion. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 7 yes, 3 no (Andrew Silver and Kara McLeod abstained).

Approval of City of Los Angeles 2010 NC Election Stipulations

- Bill Roberson gave a report on the new election stipulations. The only decision that isn't covered in our by-laws is verification of stakeholder status and eligibility to vote. There are only two options, per DONE regulations: Self-affirmation of stakeholder status, or stakeholder affirmation subject to verification.
- Motion by Kara McLeod that we accept the self-affirmation option, seconded by Sue Castillo. With a vote of 10 yes, 1 no, the motion passed.
- Motion from the Election Committee that we approve the Stipulation Worksheet as presented by the Election Committee with the stakeholder status affirmation just passed, to be submitted to the City Clerk passed by unanimous vote of the Board. The Stipulation Worksheet will be scanned and submitted by email to the City Clerk by the Administrative Assistant, Kristina Smith.

Agenda Item 8A was withdrawn (California General Election Ballot Propositions 1A, 1B, 1D, 1E, 1F). No representative available to provide pros and cons.

Proposal for an ILWU Monument on POLA Property

- Domenick Miretti spoke on behalf of ILWU Locals 13, 63, and 94, who stated that the proposed memorial is intended to honor the academic accomplishments of the youth in this community, and that the memorial as designed is a beautiful work of art. The unions would like to see this memorial installed on Knoll Hill.
- Phill Trigas commented that he is not comfortable supporting a memorial without seeing it.
- Sue Castillo said that she could not support a memorial for installation on Knoll Hill without it being designed specifically for Knoll Hill.
- Al Perisho, board member of the Congress of California Seniors, commented that they have an upcoming ILWU memorial event scheduled for May 15th at 12:00 noon, the 75th anniversary of Parker's death. At this event there will be a dedication of a memorial to be funded solely by Southern California Pensioners Group.
- Motion to table this issue, seconded by Andrew Silber, approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

New appointee to Board of Harbor Commissioners:

- Andrew Silber drafted a potential resolution and presented it to the board. Sue Castillo drafted a shortened version, which read: *The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that Mayor Villaraigosa appoint a Los Angeles Harbor Area resident to the recently vacated Board of Harbor*

Commission seat, as it is of the utmost importance that these commissioners fully understand and appreciate the City of Los Angeles community in which the port is located. Andrew Silber seconded Sue's motion and the following motion was passed by unanimous vote:

Emergency Action Item: Resolution related to NC budget cuts as a late addition to the agenda. First, the Board approved the emergency placement of this item on the agenda by a greater than two-thirds vote (it was unanimous). The following motion was approved unanimously by the Board: *BE IT RESOLVED that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council demands that the City maintain neighborhood council funding at a level of at least \$45,000 per year.*

PCAC Report:

Carrie Scoville explained the two upcoming motions before the PCAC Committee (see below) at the May 19, 2009 meeting and why she recommends a "yes" on both. There was a unanimous vote in favor of having the PCAC rep vote yes on both.

A. Wilmington's Recommendation for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center - from EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

Whereas, the California State Lands Commission approved the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center Aesthetic Mitigation Proposal in June 2003 that included facility construction costs as well as \$230K for startup and operating costs, and;

Whereas, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the Sailing Center project in 2006 and allocated \$3.1M for construction of the facility only, based on construction of a new facility on undeveloped land and water, and;

Whereas, in 2008, Port staff determined that the proposed location would not be available for ten or more years and has proposed an alternate site within an existing marina that will not require extensive development of land and water as originally anticipated, will result in a cost savings.

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Wilmington Waterfront Subcommittee & the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC request the Board to reallocate \$500,000 of the approved \$3.1M in construction funds to operating revenue to cover startup and approximately three years of operating costs for the Sailing Center.

B. Wilmington's Open Space, A Park – from the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

Whereas, this project was the highest ranked project when the Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Committee initially met on June 28, 2007 to evaluate and prioritize the Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Proposals, and; Whereas, all of the members of the Committee that voted were from Wilmington.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommend to the PCAC that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the "East Wilmington Open Space, a Park" project be re-established as the highest ranked priority project as voted in the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee meeting of June 28, 2007, in order to honor the true spirit and intent of the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Settlement.

Carrie also gave an update on the Clean Air Action plan (her full report can be viewed on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council website under Port News. www.sanpedrocity.org).

Land Use Planning: Sue Castillo provided a detailed report on the April 23, 2009 Joint Meeting with the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committee. During that meeting the Northwest committee members adopted a resolution opposing the "Proposed Ordinance Establishing Procedures for Appeals to the City Council of CEQA Determinations." The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council land use planning committee members voted to adopt a similar ordinance. The following motion presented by the Land Use Planning Committee was approved by unanimous vote of the CSPNC Board as follows:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the City of Los Angeles draft ordinance "establishing procedures for appeals to the City Council of CEQA determinations", as this ordinance is intended to reduce citizen participation in the state environmental protection CEQA process. In particular:

- 1- There should be no reduction to the appeal filing period,*
- 2- Any member of the public should be able to file an appeal,*
- 3- Appealable topics should not be restricted to topics previously raised to non-elected decision-making bodies,*
- 4- City Council should provide at least 21 days of CEQA-related hearings notice to neighborhood councils,*

- 5- *There should be no fee to a member of the public to file an appeal,*
6- *CEQA decisions should not be declared final until all appeals have been withdrawn or decided by City Council.*

Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area Community Advisory Committee: Sue talked about the new light poles now being put up around the downtown area near 6th and Pacific, and other street improvements being planned. She announced a Subcommittee meeting this Thursday night at Sue's house where CRA funding for the Pacific Corridor Redevelopment improvements will be prioritized.

Outreach Committee Report: Phill Trigas provided a detailed written report. Articles have been redone, changed and re-focused. We are behind schedule but have made tremendous progress. We voted not to participate in the Taste in San Pedro. Our page in the Chamber newsletter will be written by Phillip Strout.

ACE District Representation: Discussion on appointing a new representative. Linda was at the meeting yesterday. She spoke with Darota who has resigned, and would like to put something on the website related to the opportunity for our new representative. Raymond Lee Parker will attend the meetings but in the meantime Linda Alexander was appointed as the temporary representative for Central.

Appointment of a Community Relations Liaison: Motion to appoint Caroline Brady Sinco as Community Relations Liaison for Central, as discussed at our March 7, 2009 Board Retreat. *Seconded by Sue Castillo, unanimous vote in favor.*

There was no discussion on agenda item 9f.

PBID report: No report this month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm.

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