



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

Croatian Cultural Center, 510 West Seventh Street, San Pedro, 6:30 pm

Refreshments will be provided at 6:00 pm – come early, “refresh”, and preview agenda items.

### AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call 6:30
- 2) **President's Report** (John Delgado) 6:35  
*Potential Action Item: Resolution in support of extending the Harbor Subdivision Rail Line to San Pedro; Possible decision not to hold a stakeholder meeting in December.*
- 3) **Reports from Public Officials, City Departments, and their representatives:** 6:40  
**Mayor's Office, CD 15, DONE, POLA, LAPD** (up to 5 minutes each)
- 4) **Public Comments\*** 7:00

### OLD BUSINESS

- 5) Approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2009 stakeholder meeting 7:15
- 6) **Treasurer's Report** (Linda Alexander) 7:20  
*Potential Action Item: Resolution regarding CSPNC Rollover Funding and the restoration of the Empower LA/ DONE Funding Status webpage.*

### NEW BUSINESS

- 7) **Appointment of New CSPNC Boardmembers** (*Potential Action Item*) 7:30
- 8) **Parking Meter Rates in Downtown San Pedro** (Scott Gray) 7:45  
*Potential Action Item: Support of downtown business community-generated petition requesting reduction in parking meter rates.*
- 9) **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) Report** (Julia Parker) 7:55  
*Potential Action Items: Appointment of Alternate Representative; Resolution regarding Empower LA/DONE-proposed sanctions against neighborhood councils and their boardmembers related to ethics training not completed; support of HANC position on City sidewalk repair ordinance.*
- 10) **Knoll Hill Conceptual Plan Discussion**  
*Potential Action Item: Determination of an official CSPNC position on the conceptual plan, and possible next actions.*
- 11) **Land Use Planning Committee Report** (Sue Castillo) 8:45
- 12) **Port Advisory Committee Report** (Carrie Scoville) 8:55
- 13) Approval of Minutes of the October 13th Stakeholder meeting 9:10

Adjournment

\* Note: In order to ensure the timely progression of business, a time limit of three minutes is assigned to each speaker on non-agenda items. In addition, each member of the public is entitled to speak on any agenda item for three minutes, during the discussion period following the presentation of that item.

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## **Harbor Area Public Rail Transit Resolution (draft)**

Whereas there is large-scale commercial development planned in the Harbor Area by the Port of LA totaling \$2 billion; and

Whereas that development, including the San Pedro and Wilmington waterfront projects, are designed to bring hundreds of thousands, and eventually millions of yearly visitors to the Port area; and

Whereas that development will create jobs and attract permanent residents; and

Whereas the Port is a key engine of LA's economic development; and

Whereas the 405 and 110 freeways are overburdened with cars on weekdays and weekends; and

Whereas reliable public transit an important component of a sustainable solution;

**The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council therefore resolves that we support direct public rail transit to downtown Los Angeles and LAX routes serving San Pedro, Wilmington and Harbor Gateway as part of a well-connected, regional transit system, preferring clean electric rail but supporting interim transit systems as electric rail is developed, and we ask our elected and appointed representatives do all in their power to see that the MTA, SCAG and any necessary agency, create and prioritize such transit for the Harbor Area in the near future.**



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Tuesday, September 8, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Croatian Cultural Center, 510 West Seventh Street, San Pedro

**Call to Order:** President John Delgado Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Present: Almeida, Alexander, Anderson, Brady-Sinco, Castillo, Delgado, McLeod, Julia Parker, Roberson, Scoville, Seibold, Silber, Trigas. Absent: Raymond Lee Parker, Oliver Buie, Philip Strout and Larry Henderson. Approximately 40 stakeholders present.

### **President's Report:**

- Thank you to the Griffith Company, contracted by the Port of Los Angeles to upgrade Bloch Field with new topsoil.

**DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment):** The General Manager of DONE, Bong Hwan Kim, gave an update to our neighborhood council on the following:

- **New name:** The new name for DONE is EMPOWER LA, and their goal is to reach out to communities to let them know that neighborhood council's are the best way to get involved.
- **Upcoming neighborhood council election:** Next Spring all 89 NC's will be holding their semi-annual elections. DONE intends to make a huge marketing effort to support the elections.
- **Congress of Neighborhood Event:** The upcoming congress is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>. All 89 neighborhood councils will be coming together for networking, resource sharing and learning.
- **City Budget:** The crisis is real and negotiations are ongoing. The possibility of layoffs remains and every department is being asked to come up with contingency plans. Kim states the he sent out a survey to the NC board members asking them what are the most important services that DONE provides.

**LAPD Report:** Officer Ashcraft attended in place of Sr. Lead Officer Nua.

- **Crime in the Central Area:** LAPD Gang Units have been making arrests. Property crimes are down by 6%. Investigations continue on the two shootings in the Central area.
- **Vinegar Hill Crime Issues:** There was a comment from a stakeholder about problems at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Palos Verdes Avenue, adjacent to the Alhambra Bar.

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

- **Chief of Staff:** Announced the appointment of a new Chief of Staff named Reverend Jeff Carr, heading gang reduction.
- **Discount Card:** Stakeholders can now receive a Discount Prescription Drug Card providing savings of 5%-40%, with no participation requirements. For more information visit [www.Forlarx.com](http://www.Forlarx.com) and click on "Prescription Drug Card."

### **Gordon Teuber, Councilwoman Hahn's office:**

- Councilwoman Hahn thanks the NC for the opportunity to speak at our last stakeholder meeting.
- **New Street Lighting** on Pacific Avenue. The Community Redevelopment Agency funded the installation of 16 decorative street lights along Pacific Avenue. However, the traffic signal poles at the signalized intersections must be installed as standard steel poles. They are looking into painting the steel poles green to match the decorative light poles. Andrew Silber noted that there are 16 new street lights with a total project cost of just under \$600,000. It will take 2 more months for the installation to be completed.

- **Gaffey Street:** The transfer of Gaffey Street (between the freeway exit and 9<sup>th</sup> Street) from the State of California to the City has occurred, and the agreed-upon maintenance funds have been turned over to the City. The Council Office will be receiving an update next week on the planned upgrading of the ATSAC system with the State-provided funds. The intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> and Gaffey is a priority intersection. Work on Phase II of the Welcome Park and the proposed “Exit Park” on the opposite side of the street continues, as well as the pedestrian bridge beautification project.
- **Comment:** Art Almeida reminded Gordon Tueber that at the last Central NC meeting a motion was made to rename Bandini Canyon to Bandini Arroyo.
- **Sidewalks:** The City is considering a point-of-sale sidewalk improvement ordinance which could mandate sidewalk repair when a home is sold.

**City Attorney, Carmen Trutanich:**

- Trutanich stressed that the City Attorney’s office, under his direction, will be ethically, not politically, motivated. He is impressed with the legal talent within the City Attorney’s office. He gave examples of some of the cases and difficult issues that they have recently worked on.

**Geraldine Knatz, Director of the Port of Los Angeles:**

- Parks on Port property that are being planned will be equipped with surveillance cameras to help keep the community safe. The Port is also expanding their current surveillance system in other areas of the Port.
- The Board of Harbor Commissioners will soon consider moving forward on the San Pedro Waterfront project. Some of the items that she has been “cogitating on” as she finalizes the staff recommendations include:
  - Location of the southerly cruise berthing and terminal is the most controversial aspect. The overall length of the berth and size of the cruise ships is the reason for the need of an outer harbor cruise terminal. She is not convinced that there will ever be a need for two berths in the outer harbor. Disney has a five year agreement to berth in San Pedro but only two years have been locked in (in the Downtown Terminal).
  - The cruise terminal parking structure shown in the plan may not be necessary for a few years.
  - She wants the Port staff to come up with creative ways to upgrade the current cruise terminal, and find opportunities for an aesthetically pleasing shared parking structure.
  - There are technical problems with expanding the existing Red Car Line related to the raised platform loading system.
- Comments from Board Members and Stakeholders
  - How will the Port address the issue of transporting people from downtown to an Outer Harbor cruise terminal? Response: Low emission vehicle shuttle on a route that will include Sanford Way and stay within the project area.
  - Richard Pawlowski would like to see the Red Car Line running along Pacific Avenue.
  - Art Almeida asked if the Port has any specific information on the size of the cruise ships and how large they will be built in the future. He wonders how far the Port will go to accommodate them.
  - How much does it profit us to keep up with the demands of the cruise ship industry for larger and larger berths? Response: Local businesses supply the cruise industry.
  - Sue Castillo felt that without seeing the actual document and the Staff Recommendation document it would be difficult for the Central San Pedro Board to state their position on it.
  - Linda Alexander commented that the Chamber has approved the plan.
  - Irene Mendoza, stakeholder, commented that it is time we move forward and have a waterfront that San Pedro can be proud of.
  - Caroline Sinco-Brady agreed that it is time to move forward.
  - Phill Trigas felt that the Port has addressed the issues that the CSPNC raised in our past comment letter on this project. He said he would be comfortable making a motion that we support the “framework” of the recommended project as verbally described by Director Geraldine Knatz. However, without a written plan to review, many board members did not

agree and there was no second to Phill's motion. Bill Roberson said we should set a special meeting instead of having dueling motions.

- Andrew Silber made a motion in support of the "concept" of the plan that was presented to us by Geraldine Knatz at today's meeting. The motion was seconded by Phill Trigas. After a short discussion, the board voted in favor of the motion with 7 yes votes and 6 no votes.
- A recommendation was made that CSPNC should have a special meeting to review the specific project recommendations before it goes to the Harbor Commission for certification.
- Kara McLeod then made a motion that the Board call a special meeting on September 22 with outreach to the community to address the specifics of the Waterfront Plan. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo and passed unanimously by the Board (7 yes and 0 no votes). This Meeting will be held at the Croatian Cultural Center if possible, at 6:30 pm.

**Public Comment:**

- LAUSD: Roberta Jones-Booker announced a meeting to be held on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm at White Point Elementary School to discuss construction activities related to the new high school.
- Doug Epperhart commented that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will discuss the waterfront issue at its meeting to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and suggested that Central board members should attend that meeting. He also talked about last Saturday's meeting of the LA Neighborhood Coalition in West L.A. where Bernard Parks spoke on the city's budget crises. He stated that the City of Los Angeles is spending one million dollars more a day than it is taking in. By May 2010 it will be completely drained and there will be a need to lay off 3,000-4,000 people. The Citywatch LA website has video of that meeting. Upcoming Neighborhood Councils Action Summit will be on October 3.

▪ **Approval of Minutes:** After review of the August 11, 2009 minutes and two minor corrections, Kara McLeod made a motion to approve said minutes. The motion was seconded by Linda Alexander and approved unanimously by the Board

**Appointment of Permanent Representation to San Pedro's Art, Entertainment and Cultural District (SPACE):** Linda Alexander was nominated by Sue Castillo. This Unanimously approved by the board with a show of hands vote.

**Appointment of Representatives:** The board appointed John Delgado and Kara McLeod as representatives to the Mayor's Budget Day event on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report:** Linda Alexander passed around a brief expense report for review by the board. There was no discussion due to the late hour.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith, Neighborhood Council Administrative Assistant

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Whale and Ale Conference Room  
October 26, 2009**

In attendance: Board Members Linda Alexander, Andrew Silber, Frank Anderson  
Stakeholder/Committee member Pat Carroll

Request for Funding: Katherine Gray, representing the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Merchants  
requested funding for the group to participate in the December 6 Chamber of  
Commerce Holiday Parade. The request is for a total of \$800, budget provided.

Andrew removed himself from the discussion due to his membership in the  
merchant's group. The committee acknowledged that there is \$500 in the 09-10 NC  
Budget allocated for holiday activities and as no others stepped forward to request  
funding in this category, it was agreed to recommend the \$500 be allotted to the  
Merchant's group.

The committee reviewed the revised funding request form and funding procedure  
process form and adopted them. As agreed previously, notices will be posted in  
January to advise the community that, funding permitting, applications for funding  
will be accepted at the Finance Committee meeting in February.

## Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Funding Process

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- Community Improvement Projects – Community Improvement Projects must directly benefit the Neighborhood Council community. When considering Community Improvement Projects, issues of community access and fairness should always be addressed. Concerns about whom and how many individuals will benefit must be also be addressed. Examples: planting trees on Pacific Ave, adding new seats to the Warner Grand, supporting programs for homeless families, and clean streets and sidewalks

### To Apply

The process from request to funding can be lengthy. Please apply for consideration three months before the date of your proposed program, purchase or event. Our Treasurer Linda Alexander is available to assist you at (310)548-5395 and [lalex@cox.net](mailto:lalex@cox.net)

- Complete the form found on the CSPNC website; [www.sanpedrocity.org](http://www.sanpedrocity.org), to the left on the Home page (see Funding):
- Attend the CSPNC Finance Committee Meeting. Bring the completed application with your proposal
- After an open discussion the committee will forward the proposal to the Board for consideration. It is strongly recommended that a proposal representative be available at that board meeting to answer questions.
- If the aboard approves the proposal, the City of Los Angeles requires that all “Vendors” submit:
  1. An invoice billed to Central NC which contains the following: Vendor’s name, address and phone number, invoice number, description of item or service, amount due.
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**From:** Linda Alexander [mailto:lalex@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2009 9:11 AM  
**To:** 'BongHwan Kim'  
**Cc:** 'Gordon Teuber'; Andrew Silber (andrew@whaleandale.com); John Delgado (johndelgadosp@aol.com); phill@trigas-architecture.com; Sue Castillo (redsue12@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Roll-over funds

Mr Kim, It has been several weeks since you advised we would receive notice regarding our roll-over funds and still no notice. Because Central San Pedro NC funds were so well documented by a CPA and as DONE found no fault with those records during years of audits, we expect full use of roll-over funds as previously recorded.

Please know that any reduction in roll-over funds will be questioned vigorously, and contested if necessary. At the very least, we would expect a complete record of the alleged facts which would cause a reduction.

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles Fiscal Year of 2009 – 2010 is now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter; and

WHEREAS the Neighborhood Councils were advised that they would receive the monies left unspent in the past fiscal year; and

WHEREAS an email notice was recently sent by Bong Hwan Kim stating that the Department of Neighborhood Councils (DONE) methods of audit were being reviewed and roll-over funds were being held until further notice; and

WHEREAS the DONE funding webpage had not been updated since May 31, 2009, and now is not available; and

WHEREAS CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (CSPNC) funds and spending were so well documented by a CPA, and whereas DONE has found no fault with those records during years of audits,

The CSPNC demands that the DONE funding webpage be brought up to date to assure and open and transparent record to all interested parties, and that the CSPNC roll-over funds be released to them immediately.

# **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils NOTES**

**October 7, 6:30 pm**

**CHAIR: Rosalie Preston, Harbor Gateway North**

**NC's Present:** Julia Parker & Carrie Scoville (Central San Pedro), Doug Epperhart (Coastal San Pedro), Tom Houston (Harbor City), Rosalie Preston, Lu Watson, & Joan Jacobs (Harbor Gateway North), Adrienne O'Niell & Katy Carlson (Harbor Gateway South), Diana Nave (Northwest San Pedro)

**Others Present:** Julian Burger, Irene Mendoza, David Greene

## **Gangs/Crime Reduction**

The invited gang officers from LAPD were unable to attend this meeting. They might be available for a future meeting.

Diana and Carrie indicated that they had heard a very good presentation on gangs that was given by the City Attorney in charge of the Gang Unit and Louis Rodriguez, a former gang member who is now an author and runs a community agency. They suggested we might want to invite the two of them to present to HANC. Irene Mendoza suggested inviting GAP, the Gang Alternative Program. GAP runs an 8-week gang prevention program in the schools for fourth graders, does graffiti removal, gives classroom presentations, operates an after school program, conducts parenting classes, and has a program for youth transitioning out of foster care.

Adrienne pointed out that one of the problems is that as police bring pressure on gangs in one geographic area they just move into another area. HGSNC has two major gangs and has worked to get injunctions against both of them. They have been working primarily with one of the gangs in conjunction with Weed & Seed and an LAPD program. For two years they ran a prevention program during the summer on a dirt lot. The Boys and Girls Club has since been built on that lot.

Los Angeles County provided \$160,000 to Toberman for two gang intervention workers and one community organizer to work in HGS.

The Neighborhood Prosecutor is also very helpful behind the scenes on gang issues.

## **Neighborhood Council Action Summit**

Adrienne, Doug, and Diana reported on the Summit. Opening speaker was Robert Greene, LA Times Editorial Writer who challenged NCs to become more activist.

Six Issues were presented and voted on:

- a) Half –Off Initiative – vote was 32-20 in support of the initiative. Next step circulating petitions
- b) Rate Payer’s Advocate – To provide an independent analyst of DWP rate structure, efficiency, and effectiveness - Vote was 47 in favor, 2 opposed. Next step draft language for an ordinance for City Council or the Ballot
- c) Bike Rider’s Bill of Right’s and City’s draft Bike Plan – Vote was 50 in favor & 1 opposed; there was a request that NC’s ask Planning to extend the time for review and comment on the Bike Plan from 45 days to 90 days. Diana distributed a draft motion that she is presenting to Northwest and stated that the three San Pedro NCs will be reviewing it at a joint meeting on Oct. 29.
- d) Sidewalk Ordinance (see below)
- e) Medical Marijuana Ordinance – City Attorney is concerned that the Mexican Mafia and Armenian Mafia are getting involved and that this will lead to drug wars; wants to strictly enforce the legislation which allows marijuana to be grown and shared in a cooperative for medical uses, but does not allow it to be sold. Doug, Diana, and Adrienne had left before vote was taken, but heard that those present were strongly opposed to the proposed ordinance
- f) Proposal that City should have a five-year budget plan which would give structure & direction, address infrastructure and long-term projects, and help improve revenue projections. Vote was 37-2 in favor of proposal. Diana will distribute the proposal overview.

A website was developed in conjunction with the Summit. It contains a lot of background information about the issues and the plan is that people who were not present at the meeting can vote on-line about these issues: <http://ncactionsummit.wetpaint.com/>

**Comments on Board of Neighborhood Commissioners proposal to penalize NC Board members who have not taken ethics training**

Doug stated that BONC is proposing to penalize NC Board members who have not taken the ethics training. He presented a petition and sample resolution and encouraged everyone to take the information back to their individual NCs. He will forward the minutes from the BONC Retreat where this was discussed. Tom stated the training is the same as 3 years ago and the answers have not changed. Diana stated the training need to be revised to be relevant to Ns

Adrienne stated that she saw an e-mail indicating that Bong Hwon is working on mandatory training for a Code of Civility.

### **Update on 05-18153 (shifting financial responsibility and liability for sidewalk repair to property owners)**

Diana distributed the notes she made when Bill Robertson, General Manager of Street Services spoke about the sidewalk issue at the NC Summit.

Lu reminded everyone of the motion she previously sent out and asked that he be placed on the next agenda as an action item.

Diana invited everyone to hear the Board of Realtors' representative present their concerns at the NWSPNC Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm, Thurs Oct 29, San Pedro City Hall, Room 452.

### **HANC forum on community plan updates in January**

Planning representatives from 5 of the 6 NCs met and decided they wanted to do a forum in January dealing with the Community Plan Update process. Forum tentatively scheduled for Jan. 30 at Kaiser. Planning reps will meet again on Monday Oct 26 at Kaiser.

Adrienne indicated that the Planning Dept is losing 43% of their staff.

### **Report on cell phone tower actions by the Pacific Palisades Residents Association**

Harbor Gateway North and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council are currently facing issues related to the siting of cell towers and have been contacted by the Pacific Palisades Resident's Association because they are also facing issues. The cell industry is projecting a 30-fold increase in need in the next few years so this will become a bigger issue than it already is. In the meantime, the court upheld some San Diego regulations, thus giving cities more ability to regulate than they previously thought possible. The City of Los Angeles needs to develop a policy. Diana distributed copies of a motion that is being prepared by Pacific Palisades and agreed to distribute additional information by e-mail.

### **Summary of current emergency preparedness activities of each NC**

- Several NCs provided CERT Training. When someone completed the CERT training they received an equipment bag but the funds are no longer available. Some NCs would like to purchase these items for future CERT trainees but can't due to the DONE mandate that NCs can't spend any more funds on emergency preparedness.

- Harbor Gateway North provided ham radio training, bought ham radios and loaned them to the people who were trained. They planned to purchase more prior to mandate
- Several NCs purchased and distributed emergency kits

**Conclusion: HANC will send a letter to DONE expressing our concern about the expenditure mandate and asking when the guidelines will be completed so NCs can resume work on emergency preparation.**

**Sharing: Issues, Concerns, Questions & Announcements**

- Adrienne distributed copies of her proposal to DONE regarding the Treasurer's Duties and a copy of Harbor Gateway South's payment procedures
- Lou distributed information on how to subscribe to Council File Updates
- Central shared a draft motion regarding Fiscal Transparency and encouraged everyone else to pass similar motions
- Rosalie indicated that Roger Shiamatsu told her not to rely on the accuracy of the DONE posting of expenditures
- Wesson has a motion seeking to use Recovery Funds for undergrounding of utilities. One problem, once utilities are placed underground, the property owner must pay to reconnect to the services
- Lou updated everyone on the Congress of Neighborhood Councils
- Diana & Adrienne reported on the meeting of the City Attorney's newly formed community advisory council. Main issues discussed were: marijuana ordinance, concerns about ethics violations by elected officials (not NCs) particularly those related to campaign financing, building and safety violations, and the infrastructure suit. The litigants will be following up with Trutanich re the infrastructure suit. It has been suggested that perhaps the NCs can get together and develop two forms which would be electronically available to inform the City Attorney re ethics violations and building & safety violations.

**Next Meeting – Wed November 4, Harbor Gateway South to Chair, Agenda Items**

- Sidewalk Repair – Motion for Action
- Cell Towers
- Resolution regarding DONE
- Gang discussion was continued to Dec or Jan

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 10, 2009 STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

**DRAFT MOTION ON KNOLL HILL**

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports a park plan for Knoll Hill which conforms to the policies of the CA State Lands Commission Public Trust Doctrine for the entire hilltop to include passive use and undesignated open space for active recreational purposes.

As such we support elements of the "Alternative Four" plan, which received the highest amount of public support at the February 3 2009 Community Meeting on Knoll Hill, that are in conformance with the Public Trust Doctrine (see attached).

We have confidence in the Port's ability to implement this plan and request that the Port of Los Angeles retain exclusive jurisdiction over Knoll Hill.

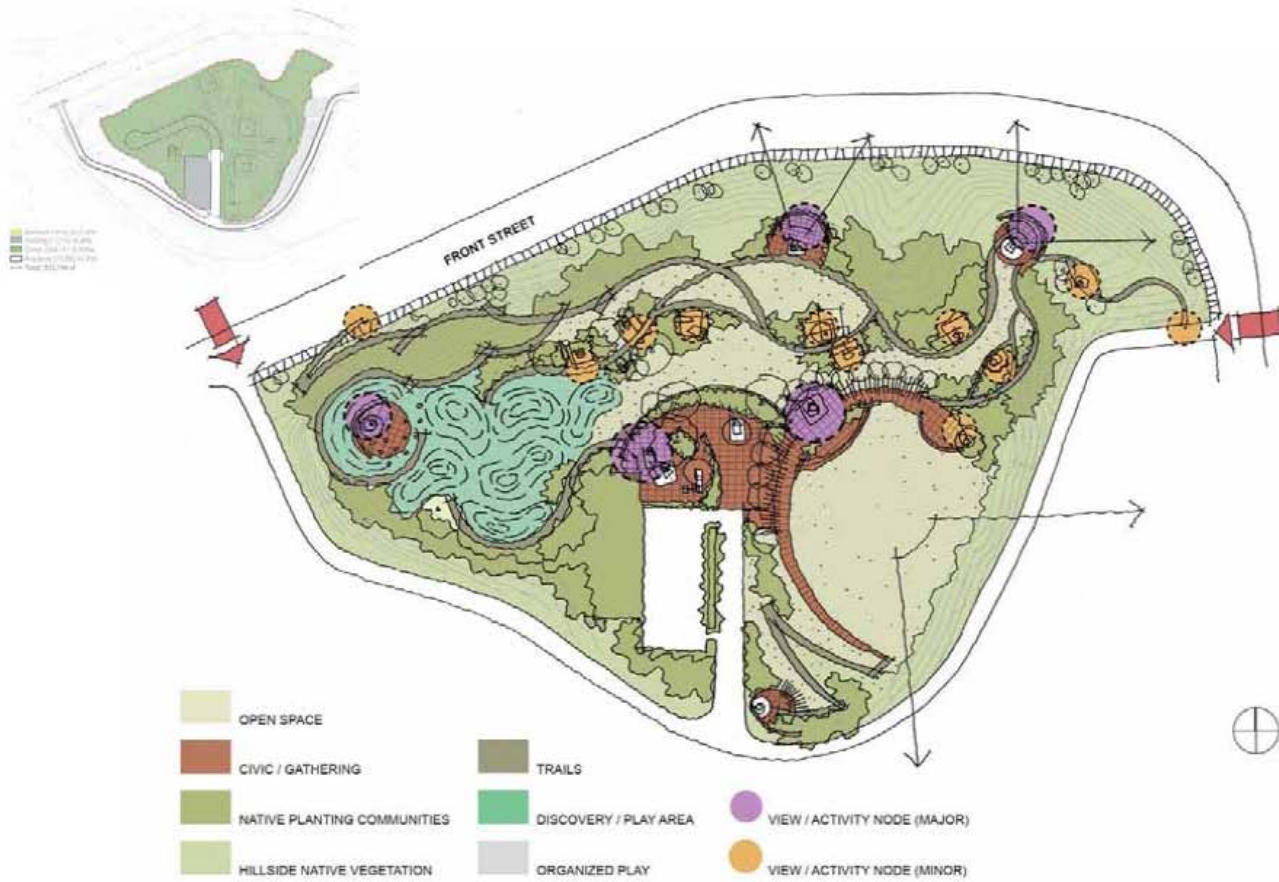
We further instruct our appointees to the Knoll Hill Steering Committee to comply with this position and that it also be communicated immediately to the Port of Los Angeles, the Harbor Commission, Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Los Angeles Alliance for Neighborhood Initiatives.

NOTE: I AM ATTACHING "ALTERNATIVE 4" AND THE "CONSENSUS PLAN" FOR COMPARISON.  
FOLKS MIGHT PREFER THE CONSENSUS PLAN WITHOUT THE DESIGNATED FIELDS.

LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

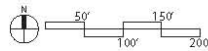
Carrie

# Alternative Four





- OTHER FEATURES:**
- Restored Knoll Hill lettering on side of hill
  - Public Art - Vertical elements, iconic features, draw visitors up the hill
  - Furnishings - Benches, lighting, trash cans, etc.



## ALTERNATIVE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KNOLL HILL CONCEPTUAL PLAN

WHEREAS community meetings held by the Port of Los Angeles for the development of a conceptual plan for a park on Knoll Hill showed broad support for baseball fields as well as passive park improvements; and

WHEREAS Steering Committee members were instructed by the Port of Los Angeles and LANI, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative and facilitator to this process, to focus upon the physical improvements desired by the community rather than state-level legal issues; and

WHEREAS the majority of the Steering Committee members selected by the CSPNC arrived at a consensus to support a plan that included a mixed use field providing for seasonal baseball activities under the purview of the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation as well as other uses beneficial to the community based on their understanding that a joint Port and City park development would be have the greatest probability of being funded and implemented, and that this plan would benefit the greatest number of residents of the CSPNC district;

THEREFORE, CSPNC recognizes that the plan supported by the majority of CSPNC's Steering Committee members and ultimately the Steering Committee as a whole including Councilmember Janice Hahn and the Port representative to this committee, fulfills the main purpose of the conceptual plan process, which was to create a reasonable and attainable conceptual plan for a public park on Knoll Hill, and adopts this resolution in support of that plan.

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
PCAC REPORT  
November 10, 2009**

**Port Community Advisory Committee:**

There was no quorum obtained at the October 20 PCAC meeting. A dialogue among Board members was held instead on the role and composition of the PCAC.

PCAC Board Retreat:

It was determined that a Board Retreat would be held in January 2010 to review the PCAC Mission established by Mayor James Hahn, role of PCAC Subcommittees, and relationship with the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

October 20 Action Item:

The following Action Item on PCAC Subcommittee structure was not voted on due to lack of quorum. The Action Item is planned to be postponed indefinitely pending outcome of the January Board Retreat:

**Whereas**, the China Shipping Settlement Agreement established that the Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) would be established, and;  
**Whereas**, the Motion PCAC NO. AQ-017 was approved by the full PCAC on 2/20/07 defining requirements for the continuation of the PCAC Subcommittee structure (e.g., to include Air Quality Subcommittee) and neither the BHC nor the Port of LA responded to the Motion AQ-017, and;  
**Whereas**, the POLA Executive Director unilaterally discontinued operation of certain PCAC Subcommittee's contrary to Motion AQ-017,  
**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee requests the PCAC to request the BHC to instruct Port staff to immediately re-instate the PCAC structure that existed prior to referenced Executive Director's unilateral action and direct Port staff to respond to the PCAC Motion No. AQ-017.

SP Waterfront Plan:

Below is the transcript from the Harbor Commission meeting September 29 regarding motions on the San Pedro Waterfront EIR:

**Vice President López Medoza – Motion (6:48:57)**

“When we do move forward with an Outer Harbor Terminal, that we do so first on the East Channel at Berths 49 and 50”. That is my amendment.

(Commissioner López Mendoza stated that this is a condition of project approval)

**President Miscikowski – Motion (7:14:18)**

“The condition would be in three parts; direct the staff to report back to the Board within 30 days with an implementation strategy for the project. That strategy should include protocols for guiding the Board and the Port Staff in determining which projects go forward in which sequence. The protocols should include analysis of the various financing mechanisms for moving forward on both revenue generating and non-revenue generating projects. The protocols should also include a framework for appropriate thresholds to consider in the sequencing of each project and that might include market studies, and the like. Additionally, the protocols should also include a framework for public participation in the project implementation, which would include identifying appropriate stakeholders for the overall project implementation as well as stakeholders for

specific elements within the project; this should include not only input on the implementation schedule of any project but input on the design elements as well. And in further, the staff has asked to include a proposal for more comprehensive design improvements for the inner harbor cruise terminal, recognizing its importance as the gateway to the San Pedro Waterfront with aesthetic and access improvements which benefit its location and presence in the Port of Los Angeles.”

A discussion was held with Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski at the PCAC Steering Committee Meeting October 6<sup>th</sup> regarding this motion, the role of the PCAC, and the public participation for this plan. Communication is ongoing.

The POLA presented draft Waterfront Implementation Guidelines and Sequencing plan at the November 5 Harbor Commission meeting. Those documents are attached to this report and will likely be considered for adoption at the November 19 Harbor Commission meeting.

#### November 17 Emergency Action Item:

As the previous Waterfront Subcommittee was established as a subcommittee of the PCAC, the PCAC membership is comprised of nearly all stakeholder groups under consideration for the new Waterfront Subcommittee, and the PCAC already has a SP Waterfront Plan Subcommittee, it is the opinion of the PCAC that it should be the lead organization on SP Waterfront planning and stakeholder participation. It is likely that the PCAC will consider an Emergency Action Item on the Port's draft Waterfront Implementation Guidelines and Sequencing to inform the Harbor Commission that any stakeholder group should be formed as a subcommittee of the PCAC.

**The next PCAC meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at Banning's Landing.**

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#### Upcoming Events:

**Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Tues. November 17, 5:30–8 p.m., Banning's Landing**

#### **Los Angeles Harbor Commission Meetings:**

- Thurs, November 19, 6:00 p.m., Banning's Landing, Wilmington
- Thurs, December 3, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, December 17, 6:00 p.m., Banning's Landing, Wilmington

#### **PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):**

- **Traffic** – *Cancelled*
- **Water Quality** – *Cancelled*
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, Nov 12, 4-6 pm, Banning's Landing
- **Air Quality** – Weds, Dec 2, 4:30-6:30 pm, SP Muni Bldg.
- **PCAC Steering Committee** – Tues, Dec 1, 6-7:30, Banning's Landing
- **Lights, Aesthetics and Noise** – Mon, Dec 7, Time and Location TBD (SP Muni Bldg, 6:30)
- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – Tues, Dec 8, 5:30-7:30, Banning's Landing
- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds., Dec 9, 5-7 pm, POLA High School
- **Port Master Plan/Quality of Life** – *Cancelled*

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# DRAFT - LA WATERFRONT IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES



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## **I. Los Angeles Waterfront Program--Introduction / Overview**

The purpose of this report is to respond to the motion adopted at the September 29, 2009 Board of Harbor Commissioners Meeting. The motion directs Port staff to report back to the Board within 30 days with an implementation strategy for the program that includes protocols for guiding the Board and Port Staff in determining which projects move forward, the financing mechanisms involved, and the framework of the thresholds or “triggers” to consider in sequencing the Los Angeles Waterfront Development Program consisting of both the Wilmington Waterfront and the San Pedro Waterfront.

### **WILMINGTON WATERFRONT**

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on June 18, 2009. The Wilmington Waterfront Program is focused on connecting the Wilmington community with the waterfront, creating open space, and developing visitor-serving commercial and green technology business development opportunities in and around the Port.

As part of the Wilmington Waterfront Program, the Harry Bridges Blvd Buffer is a 30-acre open space buffer element of the Berths 136-145 Container Terminal EIR (approved in December, 2007) providing public open space between port operations and adjacent residences and is currently under construction. Design of various elements of the Wilmington Waterfront is also underway.

### **SAN PEDRO WATERFRONT**

The San Pedro Waterfront Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed Project was approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on September 30, 2009.

The San Pedro Waterfront Program is a major 400-acre waterfront infrastructure and revitalization initiative to create a vibrant, world-class waterfront for the community of San Pedro, the City of Los Angeles and the people of California. The San Pedro Waterfront Program advances a waterfront vision that City leaders and local community members have talked about for more than a decade.

## **II. Outreach Plan & Communication Strategy**

Pursuant to the Board’s motion, Port staff will implement an ongoing, multi-pronged Public Outreach program. The intent of project outreach and public engagement is not to burden community members, stakeholders and Port staff with yet another regular monthly meeting, but to call these groups together, as needed, in a manner that is both flexible and adaptable to changing needs and circumstances. Outreach elements will include:

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- Continued personal direct meetings with organizations and individual stakeholders by Port of Los Angeles (POLA) senior management and project team members
- Ongoing updates and feedback on waterfront initiatives in San Pedro and Wilmington provided on an as-needed basis through a variety of channels that include:
  - “Project Update” eNewsletters and print newsletter distributions, and updates in the Port’s quarterly “Main Channel” newsletter
  - Large, community-wide “update” meetings, as needed
  - Working group meetings focused on “Downtown First” implementation
  - Project-specific design meetings with affected stakeholders and tenants
  - Project updates and presentations at meetings held by community organizations (i.e. Neighborhood Councils, PCAC, chambers, clubs/associations, etc.)
  - Periodic updates at Board Meetings

### **LA WATERFRONT KICK-OFF MEETING**

- Hold an initial “LA Waterfront Kick-off Meeting,” inviting the general public
- In addition to publicly noticing and advertising the meeting, send invitations to all parties who submitted comment cards at the Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Set an inclusive tone: “Here’s our general path forward - and your input is welcome”
- At the kick-off meeting, staff will provide an overview of the general project implementation process moving forward, including...
  - Project implementation timelines
  - Operational issues
  - Budget considerations
  - Public outreach channels (discussion of POLA and group ideas) and ongoing interaction
- Solicit public input and answer questions from meeting attendees. Solicit interest from attendees about participation in a working group to focus on “Downtown First” implementation in San Pedro.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Following the public kick-off meeting, staff will create a working group comprised of a cross-section of individuals and representatives from the public and established entities (i.e. Neighborhood Councils, PCAC, chambers, clubs/associations, etc.). These group members would be invited to future, staff-facilitated public meetings to provide ongoing feedback focusing on implementation of the downtown projects as a first priority in San Pedro. Response to feedback will be reported through the “Project Update” newsletters, informational reports to the Board, and at subsequent working group and larger, community-wide meetings in San Pedro.

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With elements of the Wilmington Waterfront already underway -- fostered by well-established interaction between the Port and Wilmington stakeholders -- staff does not recommend a Wilmington-focused working group at this time. Instead, staff recommends that future Wilmington Waterfront discussions take place through the forum of larger, community-wide meetings in Wilmington.

### III. Implementation

Port staff will integrate mitigation measures and approved project features from the certified EIR into the next stages of engineering and project design. The requirements included in the EIR will be reflected in future Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for design services along with preparation of construction specifications, lease agreements, operating guidelines, etc. Staff will perform a design process assessment requiring reconfirming of project scope, priority, schedule, cost and source of funding.

The sources of funding for any particular project depend on a variety of factors. In general, the Harbor Department will look to use its own cash generated from operations, grant funds, third party sponsors, or short and long term borrowings or some combination of each to fund anticipated projects. If a project can be funded fully by grants or through third parties (assuming the public benefit provided by the grant funded project or the rates of return on the privately sponsored one are met) these projects can and should be, from a financial perspective, near the top of the priority list. Before any particular project proceeds, multiple financial factors must be analyzed within the framework of the overall contemplated capital expenditures of the Harbor Department.

#### **PROJECT TRIGGERS:**

The following partially lists the various elements, also referred to as thresholds or triggers that will be taken into consideration in implementing waterfront projects:

- Funding Sources for construction and operation/maintenance—e.g. Port of Los Angeles funds, Grants (Federal and/or State), Sponsors, others
- Business Opportunities
- Site Control (access to site, real estate and lease issues resolved)
- Environmental Remediation/Clearance
- Design Team Selection (Determine In-House vs. Consultant Resource )
- Design Completion/Permits in-Hand
- Precursor to other construction elements (Staging/Phasing)
- Construction logistics for Efficient Allocation of Resources (such as excavated material & fill, etc)
- Impacts to customers, tenants, public, etc--Seasonal Factors

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Identified below are some of the specific project triggers for each project component for both the Wilmington and San Pedro Waterfront programs:

### **WILMINGTON WATERFRONT**

- **Red Car Museum**
  - Funding Source
  - Existing Tenant Vacation
  - Complete Design/Permit
  
- **Avalon Triangle**
  - Funding Source
  - Environmental Site Remediated
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Avalon Corridor Phase I – North**
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Avalon Corridor Phase I – South**
  - Funding Source
  - Resolve Right-of-way/Real Estate Issues and Constraints (DWP, Dept. of PW)
  - Confirm tenant site/location
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Avalon Corridor Phase II**
  - Funding Source
  - Resolve Department of Water & Power –Tank Removal
  - Assess and remediate Soil
  - Construct Avalon Corridor Phase I South
  - Complete Design/Permits

### **SAN PEDRO WATERFRONT**

**Current San Pedro Waterfront Improvements (separately entitled--not part of SPW EIR)**

- **Inner Harbor Cruise Terminal Infrastructure Improvements**
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Design/Permits

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- **Inner Harbor Cruise Terminal—Aesthetics and Landscape Enhancements**
  - Funding Source
  - Approve Conceptual Design
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Southern Pacific Slip/Ghost Fish Enhancement Project**
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Cabrillo Beach Enhancement**
  - Funding Source
  - Sign Memorandum of Understanding with Department of General Services for Restrooms/Utilities Construction
  - Sign Maintenance Agreement with Department of Rec & Park
  - Complete Design/Permits

**Downtown Harbor Improvements—(“Downtown First” applied as a guiding principle as voiced by the Community)**

- **Downtown Harbor Water Cut, Plaza & Promenade**
  - Funding Source
  - Negotiate Agreements with tenants and Department of Rec and Parks
  - Elimination of Freight Movements on Rail Line
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Ralph J. Scott Display & Museum**
  - Funding Source
  - Approval by Los Angeles Fire Department
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Sampson Way Street Improvement**
  - Funding Source
  - Elimination of Freight Movements on Rail Line
  - Coordinate Design with Ports O’ Call Developer
  - Resolve Right-of-way Issues
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Downtown Harbor --7<sup>th</sup> Street Water Cut and Pier**
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Construction of Sampson Way Street Improvements
  - Complete Design/Permits

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- **Ports O' Call (POC) Redevelopment -- Including Promenade and Parking Structure**
  - Developer Selection and Financing
  - Redevelopment Plan Acceptance
  - Relocate Marine Fueling Terminal
  - Coordinate Design with Sampson Way Street Improvements
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Relocate Marine Fueling Terminal**
  - Funding Source
  - Confirm site/location/resolution of Gambol Industries Plan
  - Consistency with Ports O' Call Redevelopment Plan Schedule
  - Remediation of B. 240
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Red Car Line Maintenance Facility & Extension**
  - Funding Source
  - Replace existing Red Car Line operating system
  - Purchase Additional Red Cars
  - Coordinate connectivity to potential/future downtown services with other Transit Agencies — Metro, LA DOT, City Planning, CRA, etc.
  - Eliminate Freight Movement on Rail Line
  - Resolve Right-of-way Issues (Harbor Blvd)
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Inner Harbor Parking Structure**
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **North Harbor Cut**
  - Funding Source
  - Construct the Inner Harbor Parking Structure
  - Negotiate Agreements with Tug Boat Operators and SS Lane Victory
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Coastal Trail Connections**
  - Commitment of California Coastal Conservancy funding
  - Resolve Right-of-way/Real Estate issues and constraints
  - Complete Design/Permits

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## Outer Harbor Improvements

- **Westway Terminal Demolition & Site Remediation**
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Berths 49 – 50 (Eastside Primary Berth) Cruise Terminal Facility/Park and Promenade**
  - Funding Source
  - Sufficient demand and commitment from Cruise Lines
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Reuse of Warehouse Nos. 9 & 10**
  - Feasibility Analysis of Building Reuse
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **San Pedro Park**
  - Funding Source
  - Remediate Miner Street Superfund Site
  - Construct Sampson Way Street Improvements
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Salinas Salt Marsh**
  - Resolution of alignment of Promenade
  - Funding Source
  - Complete Design/Permits
  
- **Berths 45 -47 (Westside Secondary Berth) Cruise Terminal Facility**
  - Funding Source
  - Sufficient demand and commitment from Cruise Lines
  - Complete Design/Permits

## IV. LA Waterfront Program Implementation Sequence/Phasing Plan and Project Durations (Spreadsheet attached)

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 LA WATERFRONT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION  
 SEQUENCING/PHASING  
 (SCHEDULE DURATION TIED TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>WILMINGTON WATERFRONT</b>											
Red Car Museum		*36 months									
Avalon Corridor North - Phase 1		* 24 months									
Avalon Triangle Park		*24 months									
Avalon Corridor South - Phase 1			*48 months								
Avalon Corridor - Phase 2 (*48 months)		(Schedule TBD)									
<b>SAN PEDRO WATERFRONT</b>											
Inner Cruise Terminal Infrastructure		*16 months									
Inner Cruise Terminal Aesthetic Improvements		*24 months									
SP Slip		*24 months									
Cabrillo Beach Enhancements		*36 months									
Downtown Harbor Watercut, Plaza & Promenade		*50 months									
Ralph J Scott Fireboat Exhibit		*36 months									
Sampson Way					*60 Months						
Outer Cruise Terminal B, 49-50 - Eastside					*66 months						
Downtown Harbor 7th St. Watercut & Pier								*48 months			
POC Development, Parking & Ped Xings		*60 months									
Relocation of Marine Fuel Terminal		*48 months									
Westway Demo		*24 months									
Westway Remediation			*48 months								
Red Car Maintenance Facility (*41 months)		(Schedule TBD)									
Red Car Line Extensions (*65 months)		(Schedule TBD)									
San Pedro Park (*47 months)		(Schedule TBD)									
Re-Use Warehouse 9 & 10 (*41 months)		(Schedule TBD)									
Salinas Salt Marsh & Promenade (*47 months)		(Schedule TBD)									
Outer Harbor Cruise Terminal B, 45-47 - Westside		(Schedule TBD)									
Inner Harbor Parking Structure (*41 months)		(Schedule TBD)									
North Harbor Cuts (*71 months)		(Schedule TBD)									

\* Total Project Durations include Planning, RFP, Design, Permits, Advertise/Bid/Award & Construction



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
Tuesday, October 13, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
Croatian Cultural Center, 510 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St, San Pedro, Calif.**

**Call to Order & Roll Call:** President John Delgado Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Present: Linda Alexander, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Sue Castillo, John Delgado, Kara McLeod, Julia Parker, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Daryl Seybold, Andrew Silber, Philip Strout, and Phill Trigas. Absent: Raymond Lee Parker, Larry Henderson, Oliver Buie and Caroline Sinco Brady. Approximately 25 stakeholders present.

**President's Report:** President John Delgado thanked Phill Trigas and Linda Alexander for their attendance at the Congress of Neighborhoods where they represented the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

## **Reports from Public Officials:**

### **Councilwoman's Office:** ( by Ana Dragin)

- Work is proceeding on downtown street lights, with new traffic signals to come on Gaffey at 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets. CRA Poles should be installed in time for holiday decorations.
- City Traffic Dept is currently underway with ATSAC traffic signal coordination on Terminal Island. Should take 4 weeks before they move into San Pedro. All traffic signals in San Pedro will be synchronized. Funding has been received from the State for Gaffey Street relinquishment. ADA ramps are being put in along Gaffey Street within the next couple of months, and the street will be resurfaced in the near future.
- Heritage Month: The Dept of Cultural Affairs has city-wide events.

### **LAPD:** Officer Cook reported:

- Crime numbers generally are still down overall but property crimes in San Pedro are up, especially from motor vehicles. Office Cook stressed the importance of keeping valuables out of view in your car.
- Officer Cook was asked a question about Anderson Park drug activities. The issue will be referred to Officer Nua for further investigation.

### **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong gave a brief report which included the following:

- The Mayor initiated a hiring freeze for November and December due to budget cuts, which will postpone the hiring of police officers.
- Ricardo was asked about the cell phone tower issue on Western and Bynner. Ricardo had not heard about this issue and will check into it.

### **Public Comment:**

- **Paula Bills:** She is a resident of the Coastal Neighborhood Council area, a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and also involved with the Grand Vision Foundation. She commented on the wonderful programs going on at the Warner Grand and the Grand Annex including a walking tour.
- **John Olguin:** Talked about a 14-passenger bus that is needed by Beacon House to help out with transportation, events, cleanups etc. He is hoping that the three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils will each donate \$5,000. Beacon House would in exchange donate 500 hours for community labor per council. Linda Alexander explained that it can be presented at the Finance Meeting in January and voted on in February.

- **Gordon Teuber** commented on John Olguin being honored as Citizen of the Century at an event last Saturday at Pt. Fermin Park put on by the San Pedro Rotary.
- **Diana Nave:** Talked about the neighborhood councils sponsoring a CERT training class. She has attended them in the past and was very impressed with the emergency preparedness training it provided. She asked for Central NC involvement in this issue.

**Presentation by Jeanette Stevens, Principal of San Pedro High School.** Ms. Stevens talked about her staff at San Pedro High School and their commitment to student achievement. They are in a re-accreditation process. Ms. Stevens talked about the Small Learning Communities at the school and their emphasis on student involvement in the community to “make the world a better place.” They are promoting a program that asks adults to partner with the school district to provide workplace field trips, share their expert knowledge, and provide mentorships and role modeling. She was asked a question about the drop out problem and responded that the school is working to have options available for those students. Service learning aka community service was also discussed. The new South High School is to open in the Fall of 2012 with 500 seats. Camilla Townsend, long time educator and Principal of San Pedro Adult School for 11 years, remarked on how lucky San Pedro High School is to have Jeanette Stevens as the new principal, and that it is important for us to do what we can to support her.

**Summary of results of September 29th Board of Harbor Commissioner’s Meeting on Waterfront Development.** Port representative, Augie Bezmalinovich, commented on the following:

- He congratulated the Central council as well as the whole community for their role in helping to get the Final EIR for the waterfront project passed by the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Augie reviewed the final project conditions adopted and commented that “the neighborhood council got what they asked for.” A draft implementation plan will be presented to the BOHC soon.
- The MTA is proposing to bring light rail to the Harbor or Long Beach area. The Port plans to host a community meeting on this issue.
- Andrew Silber stressed the importance of bringing light rail to San Pedro and also talked about waterfront redevelopment phasing.
- Sue Castillo stressed that Ports O’ Call is very important to this community and that the Port should seek community input before firming up their plans for its redevelopment.

**San Pedro Chamber of Commerce presentation on current activities:** Camilla Townsend, President of the San Pedro Chamber, began with answers to the question, “What does the Chamber of Commerce do for me?” The Chamber has the goal of providing enhancing the overall environment of the business district. Here are some of the things that the Chamber was involved in:

- POLA High School was created to revitalize the downtown area of San Pedro by bringing kids, parents a new work force into that part of the community, to help relieve overcrowding in San Pedro High School, and to create an new and unique educational option for kids.
- The new Port Police station brings 230 new staff members to the community as well as increased security.
- PBID, or downtown property-owners’ based improvement district. This creates a special tax assessment (annual revenue of approx. \$900,000) for ancillary services that the city does not provide or does not provide enough of. These monies must be spent within and for the benefit of the special tax district only. They provide security services with a goal to make the area “clean and safe”, utilizing the services of Beacon House, Clean San Pedro and Clean Streets. The PBID also assists in marketing and promoting special events, homeless services coordination, and other policy development.
- ACE District has a budget of \$100,000 per year to support various arts and culture projects.
- San Pedro Bay Port Technology Development Project as a “business incubator.”
- Announced an upcoming event on November 19<sup>th</sup> called: “Shop local, Dine local.” It is a mixer party at the 7<sup>th</sup> street chophouse that promises to be a “Mini Taste of San Pedro.” Tickets will be available through the Chamber for \$20.
- She asked for our input as to how their Business Journal could be better.

**Knoll Hill steering Committee Report:**

- The steering committee process is coming to a close. There is a community meeting scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>, to share the conceptual plan created by the steering committee with the public. Then the plan will go before the Board of Harbor Commissioners.
- The conceptual plan approved includes most of the elements that people favored including an eastern Port-overlook passive park area with trails, open lawn, shade trees, drinking fountains and shaded picnic area; a children's exploratory play area; a large, multi-purpose field to be used for baseball in season, presumably to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Dept; a park entrance ceremonial structure with performance space viewable from the mixed-use field; landscaped parking area for 135 cars; and recommendations for native landscaping with sculptural earth mounds/informal seating.
- Alexander, Almeida, Anderson, McLeod, Parker, Roberson, Scoville, and Seybold, spoke against the plan, some stating that steering committee members acted inappropriately by supporting it.
- **Andrew Silber made a motion to support the recommendations of the steering committee with two conditions: First, that an independent supervisor supervise a roster or teams for use of the mixed-use field during baseball season; and second, that the Council be informed of in advance and involved in any land "swap" with the City of Los Angeles. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo but after discussion the motion was withdrawn.**
- **Phill Trigas made a motion to support the efforts and hard work of the Knoll Hill Steering committee in coming up with a consensus plan that suits the whole community. The motion was seconded by Silber. After heavy discussion, there was a call for the question which was passed by the Board. By Roll Call vote: Phill Trigas yes, Julia Parker no, Bill Roberson no, Andrew Silber yes, Sue Castillo yes, Art Almeida no, Frank Anderson no, Linda Alexander yes, Daryl Seybold no, Phillip Strout no, Carrie Scoville no, Kara McLeod no. Motion failed.**
- **Kara McLeod made a motion that when this plan is presented on October 27<sup>th</sup> that the land swap idea must be graphically represented in some way that would make it quite clear to the community that the land would be split. The motion was seconded by Julia Parker. 11 yes. 0 no. Motion passed.**
- **A Motion to Adjourn** the meeting was made by Art Almeida. 2 yes votes, 5 no votes. Motion failed. The meeting continued.

**Open Board Positions:** Regarding a declaration that inactive board member positions are open for re-appointment per the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Bylaws. (Larry Henderson has resigned due to moving out of the Council boundaries, Raymond Lee Parker has found it necessary to resign due to health issues, and Oliver Buie has not been in attendance for several meetings.)

- **Andrew Silber made a motion that the Board declare three positions vacant. The motion was seconded by Kara and passed by unanimous vote of the Board.)**

**Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center condition discussion.** There was no Representative available from the Center to comment on this agenda item.

**COPE (Community Outreach Promoting Emergency Preparedness):** **The board voted unanimously in favor of endorsing the COPE outreach project in November related to Flu Vaccines.**

**Day of the Dead Event:** Announcement that volunteers are needed for this event which takes place on October 31, 2009.

Due to time constraints no specific committee reports were presented.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm.

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