



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Tuesday, July 13, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th St, San Pedro, Calif.

Call to Order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm. The following board members were present: J.R. Perez, Pat Carroll, Linda Alexander, Scott Gray, Frank Anderson, Phil Trigas, Sue Castillo, John Delgado Jr., Kara McLeod, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville and Andrew Silber. Absent: Phillip Strout. Approximately 20 stakeholders and guests present.

President's Report: President John Delgado Jr. thanked all in attendance for allowing him to serve for the past two years. He feels that the Central San Pedro NC has accomplished some good things. He foresees the council moving in a strong, positive direction.

Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting: The Board unanimously approved moving the Approval of Minutes to the beginning of the agenda. **Andrew Silber made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2010 Stakeholder meeting with the following corrections: Include the list of attending board members and absent board members which were accidentally omitted from the minutes; and adjust formatting where bullet points accidentally changed to numbers. The motion was seconded by Kara McLeod and passed with a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.**

Election Results:

- Bill Roberson gave a short report on the recent elections. 14 Board members ran and were all re-elected with a total of 67 votes cast. The following Board members were re-elected. Linda Alexander, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo, Scott Gray, Kara McLeod, Julia Parker, JR Perez, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber, Phillip Strout and Phil Trigas.
- The City Clerk officially notified our neighborhood council that there were no challenges and we are free to seat the newly elected board. John Delgado did not run for re-election and therefore is stepping down as a board member.
- **Sue Castillo made a motion that John Delgado act as temporary chair for the election of officers for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Outreach Officer. The motion was seconded by Kara McLeod and unanimously approved by the Board.**

Election of Officers:

- **Nominations for President:** Andrew Silber was nominated but declined, Linda Alexander was nominated and accepted the nomination. Scott Gray was nominated also and declined. Kara McLeod nominated herself. Both candidates gave short statements.
- **Nominations for Vice President.** Andrew nominated himself. Frank Anderson was nominated and accepted. Both candidates gave a brief statement.
- **Nominations for Secretary.** Scott Gray was nominated as Secretary and gave a short statement. Sue was nominated and declined.
- **Nominations for Treasurer.** Carrie Scoville was nominated but declined. J.R. Perez accepted the nomination to be interim Treasurer for one month.
- **Nominations for Outreach Officer.** Pat Carroll was nominated and accepted the nomination. She gave brief statement.

- **Results of Election:** The board voted and the following slate was elected: Outreach Officer: Pat Carroll. Treasurer: J.R. Perez. Secretary: Scott Gray. Vice President: Frank Anderson. President: Linda Alexander. Bill Roberson thanked John Delgado for his term as President. Linda Alexander then took the podium. Kara McLeod was appointed as Parliamentarian and Sargeant of Arms.

Reaffirming appointees. Newly elected President Linda Alexander asked the Board to reaffirm the following positions:

- HANC Representative: Julia Parker is currently the Central NC Representative to HANC with Carrie Scoville as alternate. With Julia being absent, the reaffirmation of HANC was set aside till next month.
- ACE: Linda Alexander is the current representative and would like to continue. Unanimous vote in favor.
- PCAC: Carrie Scoville is the current representative and her alternate is J.R. Perez. Both were unanimously approved.

Board Vacancies: Bill Roberson explained the application process as presented in the CSPNC By Laws. Linda Alexander announced that no less than 25 days from today, whoever among the stakeholders would like to run to fill one of those seats, should contact the Secretary Scott Gray or any board member. The Board will fill the three vacant board position at the August 2010 meeting. The information will be placed on the website and posted per the Brown Act. All candidates must provide a written notice (electronic applications are not acceptable). Kara McLeod commented that there is no need to reaffirm the chairs of the committees. Andrew thanked the stakeholders for their patience during the Election of Officers and general housekeeping duties of the Board at this meeting.

Reports from Public Officials:

Mayor's Office: Ricardo Hong talked about the following:

- The Mayor attended the Angel's Gate 4th of July Korean bell ceremony. 150 community members were present.
- The Higher LA's Youth Job Program runs from July through August and is available to any teen or youth 16-24 from low income families that are receiving food stamps. They can call 311 and apply for a job. The goal is to provide 10,000 jobs. Harbor College has a one Source Center 310-834-9518 and hopes to fill 500 slots
- Summer Night Lights: This is the Mayor's anti-gang initiative that keeps parks open after dark during the summer months. The program provides job opportunities and organized activities for at risk youth, including expanded programming, after-school activities, athletic leagues, arts initiatives and family programs. For 2010, the program has expanded from 16 parks to 24 citywide. One of the locations is in the Harbor Gateway. The park will be extending the hours from 7pm to 12pm, Wednesday through Saturday.
- Mary Ann Cyphers recently passed away and she was the ex president of the NC of Harbor Gateway South and a huge community activist. Ricardo announced the memorial service on July 14th. tomorrow 1447 Engracia Avenue, Torrance. 9:30am.
- LAPD has just started to equip the squad cars with video cameras. The first 300 cars will have cameras installed in the near future.

Councilwoman Janice Hahn's Office:

- Ana Dragin congratulated the new board and commented that it one of the Councilwoman's priorities was establishing NC's so that the community has a voice in city hall.
- Reminder that NC's can submit Community Impact Statements.

- John Delgado was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as President of the Neighborhood Council.
- Announcement about the upcoming Target event.
- Bandini Canyon Project is completed and there is a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for August 19th. The date is tentative at this time.
- The Port Truck Traffic Study will bring about funding for resurfacing. The results from the study should be available in about 30 days. Resurfacing is not in Port's budget for this fiscal year but should be next year. The most impacted streets that have damage from trucks will be considered.
- Bill Roberson asked about speed bumps at the Harbor Tower Driveway area which is located on Mesa between 3rd and 5th. Ana commented that the speed bump program has been eliminated so they are not taking applications. But other options can be considered to keep the area safe.

PBID Security: Officer Dave gave highlights from the recent crime control meeting. He commented that burglaries from motor vehicles are prevalent between the hours of 6am-12pm. One suspect has been identified. He provided some statistics on recent crimes.

Port of LA: Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- The Cars and Stripes event held on the July 2nd was a huge success with an estimated 10,000 people in attendance. There was a good family atmosphere and they hope it to be even larger next year.
- Next BOHC meeting rescheduled to July 22nd and there will also be a meeting on August 5th. Both held at 8:30am at the POLA Admin. Building.
- Multicultural man statue was unveiled at the Gateway Plaza by the fountain.
- Cabrillo Way Marina Project is continuing on as scheduled, should be completed by next summer.
- Berth 93 Solar Panels are in construction.
- Ghost Fish (SP Slip). They are waiting for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers for the pilings and then they will advertise the project. It is typically a month process and then construction will start.
- LA Waterfront Implementation Guidelines have been revised. Copies are available on the Port's website.
- An RFP is scheduled to be released in the 1st quarter of 2011 for the development of Port O' Call Village. Also, there is a developer interested in the Warehouse 9 & 10 property.
- Downtown Harbor Project is now in the design phase. They will be ready to advertise in the Summer of 2011. The water cuts will come first. The total projected cost for phase one is \$35M and phase 2 is \$25M.
- Taste in San Pedro is scheduled for August 7 & 8 from 11am-7pm. The Port will have a "Waterfront" booth.
- Harry Bridges project should be completed by the Spring/Summer of 2011.
- Recent construction of poles in the sand at Cabrillo Beach are for deterring the birds who pollute the beach.
- Pitch Africa is a project by the Annenberg Foundation where they use empty shipping containers to contain water. They stack them side by side and create a soccer field on the top. They are doing a test of this project at the Port of LA before it is taken to Africa.
- Carnival Cruise Lines will bring the Carnival Spirit to the Port of LA for at least four months starting September 2011. (2,124 passenger ship). It is a 960 foot ship which will cruise to Mexico and Hawaii. It has been 8 years since Carnival Cruise home-ported a ship here. Disney will be have the Disney Wonder in port beginning September 25, 2011.
- Front Street Project: 3 designs should be presented in the Fall. Sue Castillo commented that she noticed an omission on plans where it was suggested to have a bike path. She suggested a multi

use path which would avoid some of the concerns. Augie responded that they are looking at all alternatives.

- Kara McLeod commented that she appreciated the shuttles at the Cars and Stripes which alleviated the traffic issues in her neighborhood.
- Carrie Scoville asked about gravel and dirt piles at the foot of Knoll Hill. It was only supposed to be there during the constructing staging but appears to be more like construction activity. Carrie is curious how long it will be there and asked Augie to report back next month.

Public Comment:

- **Chuck Taylor**, Butterfield Communications. Gambol Industries thanked the CSPNC for their support on the project and is back asking for the support. They are going before the POLA BOHC again at a special meeting on July 28, 8:30am at Port Admin Blvd. This is a public meeting with an opportunity for public comment. He asked the Central SPNC to send a representative to express our endorsement for this project which voted on in June 2009.
- **Kara McLeod** announced that WOW has been canceled because the city insisted that we pay for the series in advance and there was not enough funding for it.

PBID Update: Steve Robbins gave a presentation on activities of the PBID which included:

- Trolley: They ran the trolley as an experiment on First Thursdays and then also utilized it for the Cars and Stripes event. They have received 3 bids for a permanent trolley service. They solicited from 20 firms to run a trolley 8 hours a day 364 days a year. Ridership would be free. They are hoping for a grant from the CRA.
- PBID has expanded its ambassador hours in the downtown area. The officers are there to observe and report, and then call LAPD or Port Police.
- Project to promote the PBID area. They are going to produce a video (30 sec spot, 60 sec spot and 10-12 min informational video) with the reasons people should come visit San Pedro.
- Presentation on Branding Project: 160 communities across the country have been branded by a company that PBID is going to work with. Steve talked about the process that the company uses. Basically, the company comes to our community, meets the stakeholders, holds up to 25 meetings and discusses what has been done and didn't work. Then they present their ideas which include: Font/Type still/colors to represent the community, graphics for street signs, signs for vacant store windows etc. Steve showed a slide presentation of what the company did with a different town.
- Sue Castillo asked if neighborhood councils would be included in the process and Steve assured her that they would.
- Kara McLeod was concerned that they keep in mind not to get wrapped up in the font selection but the "message" our community would want to portray.
- Andrew Silber is very impressed by the company that has been chosen and asked other board members not to assume the product that San Pedro is going to get is going to look like the town's you've seen. They will create something very customized for our needs.

Discussion on CRA-CAC's request for a resolution in support of the addition of Street furniture on downtown sidewalks. Sue Castillo gave an update on the plans of the CRA as it relates to street furniture and planters. They plan to replace the pink concrete street furniture and planters. The old furniture will be donated to schools and other locations. The new furniture is cast iron, historic type street furniture. Sue is fighting hard to get the plastic ad bearing signs to be replaced. After her update, Sue Castillo made the following motion:

Whereas downtown San Pedro's pink concrete street furniture, including benches, bollards, trash cans, and large above-ground planters, installed during the 1980's on 6th and 7th Streets between Pacific Avenue and Center Street, are in a state of disrepair and reflect the style of a previous decade that is inconsistent with the historic character of much of downtown's architecture; and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency Community Advisory Committee for the Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area and its staff project managers (the “PC CAC” and “CRA” respectively) desire to replace downtown street furniture including benches and trash cans with historic replica cast-iron street furniture; and

Whereas the pink concrete benches and planters will be donated to interested schools and other public facilities and reused rather than discarded; and

Whereas this effort includes the replacement of plastic-ad bearing bus benches within the downtown area with the same historic street furniture design, as the ad-bearing benches are extremely unattractive and a blight on the community;

Therefore, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the replacement of downtown San Pedro’s pink concrete street furnishings and plastic ad-bearing benches with the PC CAC and CRA-selected street furniture coordinated design.

The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber and passed unanimously by the Board.

Update on Tourism Promotion Activities through the San Pedro Convention and Visitors

Bureau: Scott Gray gave a brief report. He commented that this should be the last slow summer for our city as they are going to have a product line comes out for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. They are in negotiations with a couple of cruise lines and are pleased with the way things are going.

Report from Downtown San Pedro Merchants:

- Scott Gray reported that the 6th & 7th Street merchants have gotten together on events such as “Day of the Dead.” They have come up with an idea called “San Pedro Salutes.” It is a way to bring purchasers down to the merchants. San Pedro Salutes would be launched in September and the town will salute a specific group each month. The Air Force will be first group. Different group will be supported each month.
- Scott commented on a recent issue involving the Harbor View House. Vern Gettys, the director of the facility was in attendance and expressed his willingness to work with downtown to resolve any issues that may arise.
- Kara McLeod commented on her community neighborhood watch and would like to work with Harbor View House. She is hoping that together they can come up with a plan to protect the welfare of the residents of the facility and the welfare of the community members.

Update on Stakeholder’s Request for Assistant with Feral Cats: Kristina Smith has been in communication with the Harbor Animal Shelter and has requested that an Officer come to a future meeting to let us know what can be done regarding the issue of Feral Cats. She has not yet been able to get a commitment on when a presentation might be possible.

Rancho Residents Advisory Council Update: A detailed written report was included in the Agenda Packet. Linda Alexander gave highlights from the report and commented that the issues are being resolved. Ricardo Hong from the Mayor’s office has been assisting and they have been able to successfully resolve those issues that the Rancho Residents Advisory Council brought before the CSPNC asking for assistance. Carrie commented that the Rancho group has a position on the PCAC that has never been filled. Also we hope to continue to develop relationships with them so that they can consider filling a board seat on the CSPNC in the future.

Update on Renaming of Bandini Canyon to Bandini Arroyo: Art Almeida was not in attendance to provide an update. He has written a letter to the Council Office and has been in communication with

Ana Dragin but no progress has yet been made on the renaming of the Canyon. Sue Castillo attempted to make a motion to table the issue. Kara McLeod commented that the Board passed a motion on this issue and an update was in order. It was suggested that the item be put on next month's agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Review and approval of May and June expenses as required by DONE.** Andrew Silber made a motion to approve the May and June expenses as presented by Carrie Scoville in a written report. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo and approved unanimously by the Board.
- **Approval of 2010-2011 Budget.** Carrie Scoville provided a copy of the revised budget based on the final number from DONE. Andrew Silber made a motion to approve the revised budget as presented by Carrie Scoville in a written report. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo and approved unanimously by the Board.

PCAC Report: Carrie Scoville provided a written report and verbally gave highlights from that report. She commented on the role of the PCAC in administering the anticipated \$1M in additional funding which is yet to be defined. Carrie will provide a chart of the projects in a month or two when the list is completed.

HANC Report: Julia Parker was not in attendance, however, a written report was provided in the Agenda Packet (available on the Central SPNC website).

Outreach Committee Report: Kristina Smith reported on the new website which has been launched. The content of the website is still being updated (minutes etc) but should be completed in a month. The new website will be expandable to fit the needs of the Council members.

Land Use and Planning Committee Report: No report this month.

ACE District Report: Linda Alexander commented that there was very little to report on this month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council