THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

Refreshments will be provided at 6pm; Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

6:30pm. Call to Order & Roll Call

1. **President's Report**

2. **Approval of Minutes**: September 13, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting (Action Item)

3. **Reports from Public Officials, City Departments, and their representatives: Mayor's Office, CD15, LAPD, etc. (Note: 3 min. limit enforced)**
   a. **Port Police** I-watch Program 6 Min Video presented by Officer Stacey Creech
   b. **Port of Los Angeles -** Report by Augie Bezmalinovich including report on Front Street and update on status of remaining China Mitigation funds for San Pedro.

4. **Public Comments on non-agenda items (see *Note 1 below)**

NEW BUSINESS

5. **SIDEWALK REPAIR ORDINANCE**: (Sue Castillo) Discuss and determine a position on a proposed City ordinance which would transfer responsibility for the repair of public sidewalks to the adjacent property owner. (Action Item) (Possible Council File)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. **Finance Committee Report** (Kali Merideth)
   a. Approval of Monthly Expenditures for September 2011 (Action Item)
7. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee)** (Carrie Scoville):
   a. Motion to approve recommendation from the Executive Board as follows: "This neighborhood council has a representative on the PCAC, Carrie Scoville, and we emphatically support her advancement within that organization. We hereby endorse her as an Officer of the Port Community Advisory Committee." (Action Item)
   b. Motion in support of PCAC Resolution recognizing the PCAC as the necessary venue for public presentations and discussions regarding the LA Waterfront Plan and/or that the Waterfront Plan meetings be conducted through POLA/PCAC partnership. (Action Item)
   c. Motion in support of PCAC's recommendation to the Board of Harbor Commissioners Re: Colonial Yacht Anchorage's existing land and water space be designated for recreational uses and to preserve the existing uses that include a boat yard, a launch ramp and marina slips; and that the Port designate Colonial's storage yard and surrounding slips on the southwest corner of Anchorage and Shore Roads for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center, separate from any future lease of the boat yard, launch ramp and marina slips.
   d. Motion to oppose request from the Wilmington YMCA for additional $500,000 for cost overruns on the swimming pool project funded by China Shipping Mitigation. The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee is proposing that the funds be taken from remaining mitigation funds, TraPac funds or from the Port's General Fund.

8. **Outreach Committee Report** (Pat Carroll) includes newsletter update.
9. **Election Committee Report** (Bill Roberson). Update on Candidate Forum.
10. **Port Committee Report** (Frank Anderson): Follow up on Rancho LPG issue.
11. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)** (Carrie Scoville)
    a. (report on Candidate Forum from Bill
12. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment)** (Linda Alexander)
13. **CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency)** (Sue Castillo/Andrew Silber)
14. **Adjournment**
15. **Next meeting: November 8, 2011**

***NOTE:** (1) Public comments (on non-agenda items) are limited to 3 minutes each. Members of the public are further entitled to speak on any agenda item following the presentation of that item for three minutes. (2) The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council may adopt positions by resolution on any of the above items.

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Stakeholder Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th St, San Pedro, Calif.

Call To Order & Roll Call: Linda Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:33. The following board members were in attendance: Linda Alexander, James Allen, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo, Harvey Contreras, Scott Gray, Kara McLeod, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber and Phill Trigas. Absent: J.R. Perez and Alan Ramirez. Excused: Kali Meridith and Julia Parker. Approx 35 stakeholders in attendance.

1. **Presidents Report:** Linda Alexander reported on the following:
   - Announcement of upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods event scheduled for September 24th.
   - Ethics Training Update

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Pat Carroll moved that the August 9, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Andrew Silber. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

3. **Reports from Public Officials:**

Mayor's Office: Ricardo Hong reported on the following:
- Update on the proposed light rail system from Downtown LA to Santa Monica. This project would create 10,000 new jobs and provide help for commuters. First rail option in 50 years.
- The Mayor was in Washington D.C. to push on his plan for "America Fast Forward", requesting a loan for Los Angeles to build transportation infrastructure
- The City of LA has 24 new hybrid delivery trucks which brings the total to 48.
- Andrew Silber commented that he would like to see the waterfront connected with LA through light rail.
- James Allen gave background history on the loss of light rail 50 years ago.
- Linda Alexander asked Ricardo to provide a list of city officials and their ethics training status.

CD 15 Report: Elise Swanson reported on the following:
- Announced that she will be joining the staff of Congresswoman Janice Hahn as District Director. Her new position begins Monday. She will now be able to work with the neighborhood councils on Federal Issues. There will be a district office in San Pedro.
- Update on new bus bench contractor.
- The Parking Meter Motion for downtown Wilmington and San Pedro is still being reviewed by the Transportation Committee. May not be heard until late October so they are urging NC's to get impact statements ready.
- Plaza Park is moving forward with improvements, groundbreaking in approx two months.
- A new restaurant called Moderna Taverna is coming to town at the old Papadakis location.
- Resurfacing is taking place on portions of 6th Street. Ana Dragin has a complete list. They are trying to push for resurfacing of Gaffey Street.

Port of L.A.: Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following.

- US Navy has selected the LA Harbor for the USS IOWA. Comment period is now open.
- Announced upcoming BOHC meetings.
- Summer concerts at the fountain is over and was very successful.
- SP Slip/Ghost Fish project will begin after Lobsterfest.
- Crafted at the Port of Los Angeles Project is a new project proposed for Warehouses 9 & 10. The recent meeting can be viewed on the website: www.lawaterfront.org
- Maritime Museum is being upgraded.
- This weekend is the Lobsterfest.
- The proposal is out for the Downtown Harbor Project which should take approximately 2 years to complete.
- Front Street Beautification update. The city is requiring that they expand the street which has affected the plans.
- Comment from stakeholder regarding what she feels is a lack of respect of the fishing boats and the fishing industry in general.
- James Allen suggested a discussion topic for next month on the concept of expanding the arts district to include warehouses 9 and 10.

LAPD: Officer Nua reported on the following:

- Burglaries from motor vehicles are still up. Also aggravated assaults are up, mostly gang related.
- Crime suppression tactics are being implemented.
- Residential and commercial burglaries are down.
- LAPD is heavily deployed between 4pm to 6am.
- Provided a gang injunction update.
- Veronica de la Cruz replaces Justin Houterman as the Neighborhood Prosecutor.

Port Police: Officer Alex Castillo reported on the following:

- The new station will possibly be opened in December.
- Commented on Lobsterfest traffic.
- Sea Marshall program has been implemented to escort the cruise ships in and out of the harbor.
- Traffic jams due to drop off and pick up at POLA High School have improved.
- I-Watch video will be presented next month when Officer Stacey Creech returns.

PBID Security:

- They are handling complaints about people loitering in front of downtown businesses.
- Their hours of operation are from 11:00am-2:30am.
- Compliment from Scott Gray on the excellent work of the PBID Security team.

4. **Presentation on Safe Streets Initiative:** Megan Hunter, City Planner, Harbor Region Community Redevelopment Agency talked about the *Safe Routes to School* grant application:
    - The purpose of the grant is to enable and encourage children to walk and bike to school to encourage a healthy lifestyle.
    - Infrastructure projects include: bicycle improvements such as trails, paths, racks, lane striping and widening. Pedestrian improvements include: traffic calming and traffic control devices.

- Cabrillo Avenue School is one of the schools being studied and the proposed improvements to the area were discussed in the presentation.
- A left turn lane on Pacific Avenue would be created. This type of improvement has been shown to reduce left turn lane crashes.
- The presentation also showed benefits of the improvements.
- The community can give input and feedback.
- They would like a board action supporting the "Road Diet" project. Sue Castillo asked to get input from the merchants first. James Allen suggested that this be discussed with the merchants at the next stakeholder meeting.
- Takes about 2-3 years to complete the project. James Allen moved that the Board postpone further discussion on this issue until a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber and passed unanimously by the Board.

5. **Dangerous Intersections Issue (Agenda Item #7):** Crystal Killian from the Department of Transportation provided the following information:
   - **Sidewalk issue on Gaffey.** This is an expensive project because it requires retaining structures in order to build the sidewalks. There is a project waiting to be funded. The alternative request is to look at the striping and put an edge.
   - **Pacific Avenue between Front Street and in front of Harbor Occupational Center:** This section is scheduled for resurfacing. They will be working with the design group on the striping and lane configurations. Carrie Scoville's suggestion was a median and Ms. Killian responded that this would be a capitol project.
   - **Palos Verdes and 14th Street stop sign request.** Traffic counts have been ordered. They will complete a stop sign study.

6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
   - People's Yoga: Michael announced an upcoming fundraiser benefitting the Susan G. Komen Foundation
   - Georgiana who spoke about the fishing industry during the Port report, gave additional comments on fisherman issues.
   - Robert Brandon announced a Candidate Forum by the San Pedro Democratic Club. Monday September 26, 2011. 7pm at Croatian Hall.
   - John Delgado: Announced his candidacy for LA City Council District 15.
   - Lanny Nelms: Retired from School District and is now attending neighborhood council meetings as a representative of Dr. Richard Vladovic. Lnelms2@cox.net.
   - Josephine commented that they have appealed the project for Taco Bell and the hearing is scheduled for the 4th of October.

7. **Meeting Re: Warehouses 9 & 10:** Update from Frank Anderson on the meeting where the Bergamont Group presented the plans for Warehouses 9 and 10. It will be a craft market place with vendor stalls to include art, jewelry, demonstrations and concessions. More information on "Crafted at the Port of L.A." is available at: http://www.lawaterfront.org/

8. **DWP Resolution (Agenda Item #6):** Andrew Silber gave an overview of the Resolution. Scott Gray moved that the Board adopt the resolution as presented, seconded Pat Carroll. The following motion was then approved unanimously.

   DWP RESOLUTION – SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
   Whereas, the DWP is proposing to increase our power and water rates by 26% and 24% respectively over the next two and a half years, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges both the Board of Water and Power Commissioners and the City Council not to consider nor to act upon the DWP proposed water and power rate increases until the Ratepayers' Advocate is established.

Once that body is established, it should thoroughly review and analyze the proposed rate increases and present such review and analysis to the Ratepayers, to Neighborhood Councils in Los Angeles and to the public for their careful consideration.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the motion, as introduced by Councilman Englander (Council file# 11-0452-S4), calling for the OPA (Ratepayers' Advocate's office) to first review the current DWP rate increase proposal.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council OPPOSES any rate increases until the Ratepayers Advocate has reviewed and analyzed these rate increases and discussed the review and analysis with the Ratepayers and the public. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council AUTHORIZES the filing of a COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT to Council File# 11-0452-S4 declaring its support for Councilman Englander's motion.

9. **Cal Trans Meeting Re: SR47/I-110 (Agenda Item #8):** Frank Anderson provided an update from the meeting. Concerns from stakeholders included landscaping, sound wall issues, and mitigation for the skate park. The deadline for comments has been extended to September 30th.

10. **Request for Rancho LPG EIR:** Frank Anderson gave background information on the issue and a draft motion was presented as follows:
Whereas, the San Pedro Neighborhood Councils have historically opposed the existence of the Ultra Hazardous Amerigas Liquid Propane Gas facility in San Pedro and have consistently urged the City and Port of Los Angeles to relocate the facility due to its high risk; and
Whereas, the risk of hazard continues to increase every day due to the facility's aging infrastructure, increased likelihood of earthquake or natural disaster due to its location in a seismically dangerous area and tsunami zone, and a growing threat of terrorism in a port city acknowledged as a probably target site; and
Whereas, the facility entered into the community 37 years ago without benefit of a Risk Analysis and failed to engage in an EIR process when, for example, the business significantly changed its business operation from the transport of LPG and Butain primarily by sea to the more hazardous mode of transportation by truck and rail, and when pipelines from refineries were constructed and connected; and
Whereas, the restoration of a legal public process needs to be instituted to ensure the right of our communities to live in a safe environment; and
Whereas, the rail line spur accommodating the transportation of the Liquid Gas for Rancho LPG falls uinder the jurisdiction of the Port and City of Los Angeles;
The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council hereby moves that the Port of Los Angeles immediately revoke their permit to the rail line access to the Rancho LPG Facility until an Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process is completed that reflects the current Rancho LPG operation and proves that the Harbor communities are not exposed to an unnecessary and elevated risk of hazard due to their operation.

Andrew Silber moved to support the resolution, seconded Carrie Scoville. During discussion comments included:

- Dan Kelly, representing Rancho LPG, commented that an EIR was filed in 1973. He also talked about the Risk Analysis reports from Cornerstone Technologies and Quest Consultants, as well as a recent review of both reports that was conducted by Professor Daniel Crow.
- Chuck Hart, representing San Pedro Homeowners United, read a statement in favor of the motion.
- After discussion, the board voted in favor of the motion as presented with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- Andrew Silber commented that our elected officials aren't looking out for the people in the city if this is an ultra hazardous facility.

11. **Stakeholder Issue (Illegal Dumping**): Andrew Silber referred to an email from a stakeholder that was included in the agenda packet and talked about the problems will illegal dumping in the areas near the Bandini Canyon Trail Park. Elise Swanson has given these locations to the GAP representative to add to their list for picking up bulky items. She also mentioned that Nicole wells at CD15 office can assist with these issues.

12. **Downtown Parking Structure on 7th Street:** Andrew gave background on the issue. He is hoping that the Central San Pedro NC will support "in theory" a multi-use 5 story building with 3 floors of public parking. Pat Carroll moved to support the concept of a multi-use 5 story building with 3 floors of public parking, seconded by Art Almeida. The motion was passed with 10 yes votes and 0 no votes.

13. **Finance Committee Report:**
    - Kara McLeod moved that the Board approve the August monthly expenditures as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by Pat Carroll and passed with 9 yes votes and 0 no votes.
    - **Approval of funding for Candidate Forum and LA Congress of Neighborhoods:** A motion was brought forth from the Finance Committee to approve funding of $250 for the LA Congress of Neighborhoods event on September 24th and up to $100 for the HANC Candidate Forum planned for October at Harbor College. The motion was passed by the board with 8 yes votes and 2 no votes.

14. **Port Committee Report**: Frank Anderson reported on the following:
    - Front Street update and the proposed undergrounding of utilities.
    - Knoll Hill: Eastview Little League is trying to justify the extension of their lease.
    - Ports O'Call will be receiving sod covering at the southern end. Neighborhood Council involvement is being asked for in the Ports O'Call future plans.
    - Plaza Park update.
    - Grand Jury Report and the new structure of PCAC. Frank commented that the Board needs to look further into this issue and respond to it. Comment period extends to end of this month. Augie commented that the Port has 90 days to respond to the Grand Jury. They will bring the Port's letter to the Central port committee. No action taken.

15. **Outreach Committee:** Pat Carroll reported on the following:
    - **Marketing Plan for San Pedro:** Background information was provided on the need for creating a coordinated committee representing those organizations that want to participate to develop a marketing plan (branding) for San Pedro. The following motion was brought forth from the Outreach Committee: The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council agrees to participate in the development of the coordinated marking plan for San Pedro and will appoint a representative providing that the meeting process is transparent. The motion was passed by the board with 7 yes votes and 2 no.
    - Pat Carroll was appointed temporarily as Central SPNC's representative to the committee. During discussion Michael from People's Yoga voice his concerns that this might not be a public meeting and hoped that those who wanted to participate would be welcomed to give input.
    - Pat commented that the three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils have developed a three-council brochure to be used at local events.

- The next newsletter is being developed for distribution in November (Fall 2011).

16. **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville reported that there was no PCAC meeting last month. At the next meeting there will be informational items not voted on until October. Carrie read one of the PCAC proposed motions.

17. **HANC:** Carrie Scoville provided a written report in the agenda packet. The main topic of the HANC meeting was a town hall on the four Krekorian motions which dealt with the issues of Training, Grievance, Governance, and Funding

18. **CRA:** Andrew Silber provided a written report in the agenda packet.

19. **ACE:** Linda Alexander reported that the CRA is having trouble with funding. Beata is working with ACE and reaching out in marketing.

20. **Announcements:**
    - LA Congress of Neighborhoods, September 24
    - NC Election Alternatives Meeting, September 26.

21. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:38pm.

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

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Action Items for October 18, 2011 PCAC Meeting

1. **PCAC Election Endorsement** – Motion to approve recommendation from the CSPNC Executive Board as follows:

   This neighborhood council has a representative on the PCAC, Carrie Scoville, and we emphatically support her advancement within that organization. We hereby endorse her as an Officer of the Port Community Advisory Committee.

2. **LA Waterfront Plan Participation** - The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee approved the following recommendation on September 8, 2011.

   Recommendation:
   Whereas, the PCAC was established through LA City Resolution #6039 and charged with the responsibility of reviewing past and present Environmental Impact Reports and Port impacts and mitigations affecting Harbor Area Communities;

   Whereas, the Port of LA conducted public presentations of the LA Waterfront Plan without PCAC participation or recognition of the responsibility assigned to PCAC by the LA City Resolution;

   Therefore, be it resolved, that PCAC strongly recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that it ensure the PCAC can fulfill responsibilities assigned by City Resolution #6039 by recognizing the PCAC as the necessary venue for public presentations and discussions regarding the LA Waterfront Plan and/or that the Waterfront Plan meetings be conducted through POLA/PCAC partnership.

3. **Colonial Yacht Anchorage** / **Wilmington Youth Sailing Center** - The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee approved the following recommendation on June 14, 2011.

   Recommendation:
   The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee recommends to the PCAC that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BHC) that the Port continue to designate Colonial Yacht Anchorage's existing land and water space for recreational uses and to preserve the existing uses that include a boat yard, a launch ramp and marina slips.

   The Port designate Colonial's storage yard and surrounding slips on the southwest corner of Anchorage and Shore Roads for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center, separate from any future lease of the boat yard, launch ramp and marina slips.

4. **Wilmington YMCA Swimming Pool Funds** - The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee approved the following recommendation on August 9, 2011.

   Recommendation:
   The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee supports the request from the Wilmington YMCA for an additional $500,000 for cost overruns on the swimming pool project that was funded by the China Shipping Mitigation. The overrun came from increased construction costs and the unanticipated remediation costs for methane gas.

   The Committee directed Gary Kern, the Chair of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee, to draft a letter of support proposing that the money be drawn from any remaining mitigation funds / TraPac funds or from the Port's Harbor Revenue Fund.

Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
NOTES
October 5, 2011
CHAIR: Rosalie Preston, Harbor Gateway North

NC's Present: Linda Alexander & Carrie Scoville (Central San Pedro), Doug Epperhart (Coastal San Pedro), Tom Houston, Grant Reed, and Greg Donnan (Harbor City), Joyce Fredricks, Rosalie Preston and Lu Watson (Harbor Gateway North), Katy Carlson and Erik Beermann (Harbor Gateway South), Diana Nave (Northwest San Pedro)

Others Present: Flor Rodriquez & Mario Lopez (IDEPSCA), David Greene (San Pedro Democratic Club), Chuck Taylor (Butterfield Communications)

Day Laborer Program

IDEPSCA is contracted by the City of Los Angeles to run the Day Laborer Program. Nearly 3 years ago the program moved from Vermont, in Harbor Park on across from Kaiser, to Figueroa Place on the other side of the Park. When they moved they received a three year right of entry permit from Recreation and Parks which has expired. They also received relocation funding to help them connect to water and power. For a variety of reasons, the connections have not yet occurred and now cannot occur without the renewal of the Right of Entry Permit. If the funds are not spent by the end of December, they will loose them. IDEPSCA is seeking support to obtain that renewal. In the meantime they must bring in bottled water and have a generator to create minimal electricity for urgent needs. The site operates from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm in a 60 x 40 modular trailer. Last year their budget was reduced by 20% so they are now open Tuesday through Saturday, closed Sun & Monday.

This site is one of five sites they operate throughout the City of Los Angeles. This site serves approximately 650-700 individuals per week of which about 20% get jobs. In addition the program provides workshops such as ESL & Parenting and assistance with emergency food and clothing. They recently conducted a health far at the site. Staff regularly visits Home Depot and other locations to encourage the workers to use the center. They also reach out to contractors to encourage them to use the site for their hiring.

In response to questions they indicated that they welcome donations of all kinds such as water, coffee, cups, and printing of fliers. Doug suggested they ask Neighborhood Councils to be sponsors. It was also recommended that they aske the refineries and Kaiser for funding.

Doug moved and Tom seconded the following motion:

> The Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils endorses the renewal of the Right of Entry Permit with the Day Labor Center on Figuerora Place for as long as possible.

Motion carried with yes votes from Harbor City, Harbor Gateway North, Harbor Gateway South, and Coastal San Pedro. Northwest San Pedro and Central San Pedro abstained because this issue has not been considered by their respective Boards.

The secretary was asked to send letters to the General Manager for Recreation and Parks with copies to Larry Frank, Ricardo Hong, and CD 15.

Krekorian Motions

Grayce Liu was sick today and could not attend the HANC meeting. She sent an e-mail which Diana forwarded to everyone stating:

> I was going to just let folks know about the town hall results and remind them about the work groups. I've attached the notes and minutes from the town halls and the one work group we've had on funding on Monday in case you want to email it to everyone, but all of this information is also on the EmpowerLA.Blogspot.com site along with the dates for the remaining work groups. Please let folks know that they should comment on the blog if they can't make the workshops and if their Board won't be taking action on the motions. Otherwise, there might be a serial meeting situation.

Rosalie said it is important for people to pay attention to these motions. Doug says that in looking at the comments from the various meetings there does not seem to be any consensus. Concerns were raised specifically about the proposed use of a competitive grant process to access any funds for community projects.

2014 Elections

Meeting with City Clerk seemed mostly to be a meeting to tell us there would be another meeting and seemed very heavy on City staff, particularly in light of the budget crisis. The next round of meetings is scheduled for this month= Peck Park on Oct 18 and Mark Ridley Thomas Center on Oct 26 for this area. At this meeting it is expected that the City Clerk will describe the different possible scenarios and provide some cost figures. They are trying to quantify how many people/NCs prefer each type of election. This will be compiled in a report to City Council who will make the final determination regarding the conduct of the 2014 elections. It was pointed out that this last election cost $13,000 per Neighborhood Council.

2012 Elections

The City Clerk announced at their meeting that the Elections Task Force would be reconvened to write up a selection process for the 2012 elections. Doug said that was news to him, however, Coastal has been working with the DONE and the City Attorney's office to develop a selection process and he will share the info with everyone. He noted that it appears the City Clerk will sign off on the concept of individual ballots so long as those ballots are signed by the voter. Doug indicated that it is important to also take up the issue of the Factual Basis Stakeholder.

The City Council instructed the City Attorney's office to draft language to automatically extend all terms of office ending it 2012 to 2014. Diana made the following motion:

The HANC opposes the automatic extension of Neighborhood Council Board member terms ending in 2012 to 2014 and requests a change in the Plan for Neighborhood Councils to allow Neighborhood Councils who chose to do so, to conduct their own elections in 2012.

Motion carried with yes votes from Harbor City, Harbor Gateway North, Harbor Gateway South, and Coastal San Pedro. Northwest San Pedro and Central San Pedro abstained until this is considered by their respective Boards.

Candidate Event

Doug reported on the Candidate Event scheduled for Sat Oct 22 at Harbor College in the Seahawk Center. The schedule is

12:00 – 1:00 = answers posted to advance questions; opportunity to interact with candidates
1:00 – 3:45 Forum
3:45- 4:00 Straw Poll

There will be a table for NCs to promote themselves

BONC Vacancy

Ester Cepeda has resigned from BONC. Several people have submitted applications for the position including Greg Donnan, Doug Epperhart, and Bill Roberson (Central)

Economic Report

Diana shared economic information that had been presented to the City Council by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The information was provided Citywide and also by Council District. Many areas of concern still exist.

- Gross business receipts dropped by 8.5% in 2009 although this improved by 0.4% in 2010. Just three Council districts contributed to this growth. CD 15 was not one of them.
- Sales tax rose in every district except one but receipts were still 6.4% lower than they were two years ago. In CD 15, sales tax rose by 0.7%, well below the citywide average. In the prior year it had fallen by 14.1% in our area
- Citywide job growth moved into positiove territory for the first time since 2007 however the deficit created during the recession remains substantial. CD 15 had the highest growth rate, 10.6%
- The top sectors for Gross Receipts citywide were: Professional services, health, finance, retail, information, real estate, admin & waste Services, wholesale trade, and accommodations & food. Of this group only information had any significant growth while accommodations declined the most
- For CD 15 the top sector by far whas wholesale trade and this whas were most of the growth occurred. A 45.8% growth in wholesale trade receipts in CD 15 was not enough to keep pace with last year's tally.
- Averyge wages in CD 15 are well below the city average and we rank 7 out of the 15.
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Next Meeting – Wed November 2, Harbor Gateway North to Chair