

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Stakeholder's Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 6:30pm
 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro**

1. Meeting called to order by President Joe Gatlin at 6:41 pm. It was announced that Agenda Items 6 through 11 would be taken off the Agenda.

2. Roll Call:

Joe Gatlin	Present
Mayra Perez	Present
Pamela Newsom	Present
Aphram Khalbourji	Present
Dan Pasley	Present
Kara McLeod	Present
Isiah Alexander	Present (Left during meeting and returned)
Larry Henderson	Present
Benetta Johnson	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Oliver Buie	Present
Daryl Seybold	Present
Andrew Silber	Present (Left during meeting)
Bill Roberson	Present
John Delgado Jr.	Present
Sue Castillo	Present

3. **Motion to postpone or table Item #5 (Communications Officer Vacancy)** made by Dan Pasley and seconded by Andrew Silber. Discussion followed. Dan stated that we need to look into the ruling from the City Attorney's office. He also stated that the board is not only appointing a board member but also an Executive Officer. Sue Castillo and Kara McLeod made comments that many action items from previous agendas were not addressed and it was not appropriate to make organizations come back two or three times before they get their issues addressed. Joe Gatlin commented that the Communication Officer issue has been dragging on since October and by having an Executive Board of only three at most Executive Board meetings, this puts a lot of pressure on those three in the event that they are sick or have emergencies and cannot attend. This makes reaching a quorum often difficult. President Joe expressed that he is very eager to get this issue resolved and fill the vacant position. A vote was taken with 7 board members in favor and 7 opposed (chair voted no) and the motion failed. Kara McLeod, the Parliamentarian commented that the Chair can not arbitrarily decide to vote on some issues and not others. According to the By-laws and Roberts Rules of Order, the President only votes in the event of a tie. A second vote was called for on the original motion. There were 7 votes in favor and 7 votes opposed (not counting the vote of the President). The President then broke the tie and the motion failed. President Joe expressed his desire to move forward with the agenda.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** John Delgado raised a question related to the voting on the By-laws at the March 11, 2008 meeting. Ray Burch was present and explained that the By-Laws Changes were voted on as a whole and not individually and the vote was complete. John Delgado also questioned the video taping of meeting. After short discussion Kara McLeod asked for a call on the question of the approval of the minutes. The motion was made and seconded to approve the March 11, 2008 meeting. 10 yes votes, 1 no vote; 2 abstentions. Motion passed and the minutes were approved.

5. **Board Vote to fill Vacancy of Communications Officer:** President Joe called for nominations for the position of Communications Officer. Dan Pasley commented that at the Communications meeting it was discussed that the nominees be given a chance to introduce themselves and speak for a minute or two. Joe Donato, nominee, talked about his qualifications to run for the office. Phil Trigas, second nominee, gave his qualifications. Several board members asked questions of the candidates. The Board Vote was as follows: **Benetta:** Joe; **Carrie:** Phil; **Larry:** Joe; **Aphram:** Phil; **Daryl:** Abstain; **Andrew:** Phil; **Dan:** Phil; **Joe Gatlin:** Joe; **Mayra:** Joe; **Pam:** Joe; **John:** Joe; **Sue:** Phil; **Kara:** Phil; **Bill:** Phil; **Oliver:** Joe; **Isiah:** Joe. There was a heated discussion on whether the vote was legal since Isiah had left the building and the vote was held until he returned. Oliver Buie made personal comments that he felt that there was no need for the type of fighting that was being displayed among board member. Dan Pasley commented that he felt that we are a nation of laws and that we must follow the laws. After the discussion Joe Donato was voted as the next Communications Officer. Kara made a motion that Phil Trigas be Co-Chair of the Communications Committee with Joe Donato. 11 yes votes. 0 no votes; 3 abstentions. Phil Trigas was appointed as the Co-Chair of the Communications Committee.
6. **Reports from Public Officials:**
- a. **Councilwoman's Office:** Ana Bozic talked about budget cuts. She requested that the neighborhood council provide a list of streets and alleys to be re-surfaced next year. She commented on a presentation by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and they want to communicate with the neighborhood councils to work on blighted areas. They have 9-12 students that they work with. Ana also commented that there is a lot going on in Downtown San Pedro and the council office is working with the LAPD. Also, the city is getting trees trimmed, the Farmers Market might be expanding. Gordon Tueber talked about the Welcome Park being expanded to the opposite side of Gaffey at Gaffey and Oliver. Kara asked question about the bridge at the end of the freeway. Ana explained that the area has not yet been released from Cal Trans. Joe Donato made comments about beautifying the bridge. Gordon talked about getting the chain link fence possibly changed to something more ornate. He also commented that the LA Business Journal is doing a five part series on our San Pedro/Wilmington area.
 - b. **LAPD:** Officer Palares, Sr. Lead Officer for Central San Pedro area, commented that property crime is down; 6th Street lofts had a homeowner's association meeting which the LAPD attended and they want more neighborhood watch groups; there is a free child car seat program (flyer was available); Teen conference is April 17th and 250 high school children will be attending at the Crowne Plaza Hotel to hear inspirational speakers etc. Officer Palares commented that the LAPD is doing a lot of youth program and outreach.
 - c. **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong reported that the Mayor will be in San Pedro Saturday at Peck Park Little League opening ceremony. Also, the Mayor will be giving his state of the city address on April 14th, 5pm. Mayor will also be in Wilmington April 26 planting trees on the business corridor at PCH and Figueroa as well as attending the Trade Union March from Hollywood to Berth 87.
 - d. **Port of Los Angeles:** Capt. Bent Christiansen gave an update on the Clean Truck Program and ocean going vessel subsidized programs. Talked about other projects with the Port. Suggested the public attend the Harbor Commissioners Meeting. Video is also available on the website. Next meeting Thursday April 17, 8:30am, at Bannings Landing in Wilmington. Port Police station is being built next door to POLA high school. The station is "green" with solar power etc. Waterfront is moving ahead. EIR will be out the middle of next month. Port will do a presentation to the board to show the community what is coming before the EIR hits the street. 7-8 miles of waterfront to be developed by 2012. David Mathewson is the contact from the Port for the waterfront development as

well as Knoll Hill. Cabrillo Marina re-development is moving along. National Geographic has been airing programs on the Port. Carrie Scoville asked if we can we get goats for clean up at Knoll Hill to work on the weeds. Benetta asked about employment opportunities for the Port. Also asked about construction employment for local trades. Stakeholder asked for cleanup of rubble and debris at dog park area.

- e. **DONE:** Rosa Arcadia gave announcements: Self Assessment needs to be filled out by board members. Also need stakeholder surveys along with the board surveys. Aphram asked questions about funding. April 15th the mayor's budget will be available.
7. **CLEAN SAN PEDRO:** Steve Kleinjan talked about a pilot program they want to implement and they need funds for it. Talked about the Vinegar Hill area and the cleaning up of Pacific all the way to the Harbor Occupational Center. Steam clean bus benches as well. This would be a 6 month pilot program. They will photograph the area and then 6 months later photograph again and visually see the difference. Kara lives in vinegar hill area and stated she would have to abstain from any vote related to funding this project. They have 40 volunteers that work once a month on volunteer day. A motion was made but delayed until later during the meeting in order to first hear the report from the Finance Committee. Dan Pasley felt we should set the amount or at least designate the process by which the money will be spent. Carrie would like to hear the finance committee report before making a decision.
8. Public Comment:
- a. **Irene Mendoza:** Would like to have \$2500 considered to support the Tall Ships Movie Weekend. Festival of Sails will be August 15 through 17. Grand Vision Foundation would like to present a movie weekend showing two of the ships that will be here.
 - b. **Isiah Alexander:** Last Months agenda we were to vote on the teen conference but the meeting was cut short before the vote was taken. \$3,000 was requested on last month's agenda.
 - c. **Linda Alexander:** Finds the funding requests are confusing. The process is useful but annoying. Feels that the process needs to be explained to the community. It was explained to her that a new Funding Request Form has been created and will be used for future requests. Linda also commented that she supports the Tall Ships Weekend that Irene Mendoza spoke about.
 - d. **David Buchanan:** Moved onto 6th Street 6 months ago, new business. Also opened up an Art galley D & D on 7th Street. One of the first people to come to see him was Phil Trigas who talked about the Central NC. Felt Phil did excellent outreach.
 - e. **John Stinson:** He is a board member at Coastal SPNC and a stakeholder in Central and talked about an event on April 26th called National Rebuilding Day. They will be working on a house in San Pedro, owned by a 90 year old woman in a wheelchair. This program works with low income, elderly, families with kids. They need volunteers. Also will be doing programs with disabled vets. See Coastal SPNC's website for more info.
 - f. **Bob Gelfand:** Stakeholder in Central and also a member of Coastal SPNC. Does video taping for City Watch LA (citywatchla.com). Explained the reason why he tapes. Provided a DVD of the tape from Central's meeting last month.
 - g. **Alpha May James:** She is from the NW Council meeting. She was offended by the last meeting and the way it was videotaped and just wanted to give her comment.
 - h. **Isiah:** As a member of the board and also as a youth in football. He feels that each person on the board is part of a team and all have an important part. He feels that there is too much immaturity amongst board members. Would like to see the board work better as a team and come together to solve the problems.
 - i. **Doug Epperhart:** Explained the Brown Act to Isaih and made additional comments in support of videotaping.

- j. **Kara McLeod:** Would like to apologize to anyone who was offended but also explained that this is America, we have laws and we must all abide by them whether or not we feel they are good or not. We must all follow them because that is the way democracy works.
9. **PRESENTATION:** Tom Muller representing Galaxy Commercial, 5th and Harbor 23 story project at Grinder site. Introduced the other members of the Galaxy team. They were also responsible for the View project in San Pedro. They had a Power Point presentation and a handout. Showed a layout of the 23 stories with 18 residential floors, 158 condominiums, 380 parking spaces. The project will have LEED certification. After explaining the project, they answered questions from the board and stakeholders:
- a. Dan Pasley asked about commitments to Union labor being used. The answer was that they are not in a position tonight to make any commitments but they plan on making it part of the plan.
 - b. Tom Moxley talked about union workers not being utilized as promised in the building of the View. The developer responded with how important union is to him.
 - c. Stakeholder: how many units are designated for low income. Answer was that those conversations have not even been started yet.
 - d. Another stakeholder commented on how many non-union workers were used in building parts of “the View.”
 - e. David Buchanan realizes it is extremely early in the process but feels that when the developer starts meeting with the CRA etc, the commitment to low income housing should be made early in the project. Feels marketing after the fact will be important because merely building the structure does not guarantee they will be successfully sold.
 - f. Larry Henderson. Commitments have not been kept in the past with relation to union workers.
 - g. Kara does not feel that it “blends” with the existing neighborhood. Would like to see more details before it goes to the planning committee.
 - h. Dan Pasley says we always take things off the table until we talk to the money people. Talk to the community and ask for their input if you want their support. Go talk to the money people.
 - i. Stakeholder made comments about traffic.
10. **Financial Report.** Aphram Khalbourji provided a print out of the financial report and explained the items. Gave the figure of \$34,762 as available for spending. Also clarified the process for organizations to request funds. The following items were discuss in relation to the financial report:
- a. Linda Alexander talked about honoring teachers through chamber program. The Chamber is hoping for a \$500 sponsorship for four teachers from the Central SPNC.
 - b. **Motion made by Carrie Scoville that we release the funds that were previously encumbered on the following items: Knoll Hill Architect \$4,999, COPSS \$2500 and Habitat Brick, \$1,000. 9 yes votes, 0 no votes. Motion passed.**
 - c. **Motion made by Aphram to disencumber the funds set aside for elections in the amount of \$2,000 (out of outreach and communications and put it into the operating fund). Seconded by Sue Castillo. 9 yes votes, 0 no votes. Motion passed.**
 - d. **Motion to award \$5,000 to Clean San Pedro made by Kara McLeod and seconded by Bill Roberson. 12 yes votes, 0 no votes. Motion passed.**
 - e. Bill Roberson made a motion that we approve those items with paperwork. Seconded by Dan Pasley. Motion removed from floor by Dan after decision was made to go line by line in order to vote on the items needing approval.
 - f. **Motion to strike Item J from the Agenda (J. Motion to request that DONE expedite their review of CSPNC’s new by law changes for election purposes.) made by Kara McLeod, seconded by Bill Roberson, passed unanimously.**
 - g. The following items were voted on individually as motions:

- i. Motion to provide the Tall Ships program through Grand Vision with \$2500. Board voted unanimously in favor.
- ii. Motion to approve \$500 for the Chamber's Teacher Recognition Luncheon. Board voted unanimously in favor.
- iii. Motion to approve \$3000 for the Neighbors for Peace and Justice Group. (\$2,000 towards purchase of audio visual equipment for youth forum, remainder for youth cruise for leadership program) 3 board members recused themselves from voting, 8 yes votes. 0 no votes. Motion passed.
- iv. Motion to approve \$2500 for the San Pedro Youth Sports Association, 8 yes votes, 0 no, 1 recused, 1 abstention, motion passed.
- v. Motion to approve \$3500 for the Dana Middle School After School Program. 10 yes votes, 0 no votes. Motion passed.
- vi. Motion to approve \$2500 for the Candidate Forum, 9 yes votes, 1 no, motion passed. Comments from stakeholder concerned with a forum of this type. Dan Pasley clarified that this is an outreach opportunity and all parties will be represented. We are also working with DONE and the city attorney to keep the forum within legal constraints.
- vii. Motion to approve \$1500 for the Cabrillo Beach Boosters. 9 yes votes, 2 no votes, motion passed.
- viii. \$1500 proposed for the Juneteenth Event was postponed till next month.
- ix. Motion to approve \$1500 for a quarter page ad in the program for Shakespeare by the Sea. 9 yes votes, 0 no votes. Motion passed
- x. Teen CPAB Conference tabled till next month.

11. **Land Use and Planning Committee:** Sue Castillo commented on the importance of the committee. Bill Roberson commented that he feels it is important to strengthen the committee system in light of the developers proposing projects etc. Dan commented that the most widely attended meetings in the past were the Land Use and Planning Committee Meetings. This gives us more credibility with the city offices if we are actively involved in planning issues. Comment from Kara McLeod on the major accomplishment of the Land Use and Planning Committee to get a public park created (Knoll Hill). **Motion to make the committee a standing committee. 10 yes votes, 0 no votes. Motion passed.**
12. **May 1st ILWU protest:** This is a march over the bridge. Still up in the air. ILWU has asked for a work stoppage for that day and they haven't had a response yet. National Union has asked for a stoppage for the war in Iraq. **A motion was made to write a letter of support ; 9 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstain. Motion passed.**
13. **Land Use Planning committee report:** Sue Castillo commented on a letter received from Geraldine Knatz showing support in using LANI for Knoll Hill. Next meeting is April 23rd. They will need volunteers for the steering committee.
14. **PCAC Report from Carrie:** Carrie Scoville provided a written report which can be viewed on the Central SPNC website (www.sanpedrocity.org) under "Port News". Next PCAC meeting will be April 15th at Crowne Plaza.
15. **Finance Committee** meeting was scheduled and date and time will be available on the website.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith,
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