



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Stakeholder Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 10, 2012**  
**Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St, San Pedro, Calif.**

1. **Call To Order & Roll Call:** Linda Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Linda Alexander, James P. Allen, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo (left at 7:06), Harvey Contreras, Scott Gray, Kara McLeod, Kali Merideth, Julia Parker (arrived at 6:46), Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville and Andrew Silber (arrived at 7:05). Absent: Phill Trigas. Two board vacancies. Approximately 30 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Presidents Report:** Linda Alexander thanked those in attendance and urged the community to vote in the January 17<sup>th</sup> Special Election to fill the vacant Council District 15 seat.
3. **Vacant Board Seats Appointments:** Four applicants were on the ballot: Keva Giddings, Annette Mc Donald, Allyson Vought, and Donald Galaz. Three additional candidates were added to the ballot at the meeting: Delia Meraz, Mark Contreras, and Jose Luis Luna. and the candidate gave verbal statements prior to voting by the Board. The ballots were counted by two stakeholders, Irene Mendoza and Bill Orton. Allyson received nine votes and was appointed to the first seat. There was a runoff among McDonald, Galaz and Meraz. Annette McDonald was elected to the second vacant seat. The newly appointed board members will be seated at the February Board and Stakeholder meeting.

## **Reports from Public Officials:**

4. **LAPD:** Report by Officer Junior Nua:
  - a. 2011 was reviewed and homicides, aggravated assault and theft from vehicles were up from the previous year. Burglary and theft from motor vehicles were extremely high. Residential and commercial burglaries were down.
  - b. Comment on the need for more officers because of the increase in crime in the San Pedro area.
  - c. The new jail at Harbor Division is still not being utilized.
5. **Congresswoman Hahn's office:** Mike Aguilera reported.
  - a. Some of the Congresswoman's priorities are fighting for jobs, bringing the troops home and supporting a clean environment.
  - b. She has been appointed to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the House Committee on Small Businesses. She has also formed the Port Caucus.
  - c. The district office is now within Central SPNC's area at 140 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in San Pedro. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and the Congresswoman is focusing on an open door policy.
  - d. In January they are launching a new program called "Congress on Your Corner" providing the community with an opportunity to talk with the Congresswoman at various locations throughout the district on specific dates.
6. **Office of State Senator Wright:** Bill Orton reported.
  - a. The State is 9 billion dollars in the hole. 16 Billion in cuts were made last year.
  - b. Redevelopment agencies are asking for support in the legislature to extend the dissolution date. The ultimate fate of redevelopment is a hotly contested issue.

- c. Redistricting lines are being drawn and Senator Wright has not yet announced whether he will be running for the 35<sup>th</sup> District seat which will cover all of San Pedro.
  - d. Bill Roberson asked if the Senator has taken a position on taxing commercial properties despite Proposition 13 (Split Roll). Bill Orton will bring the question back to the Senator and report on it at the next meeting.
7. **Office of State Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal.** Marisol Barajas introduced herself and will attend future meetings to represent the Assemblywoman's office. Andrew Silber asked Barajas if she could find out whether the Assemblywoman has any thoughts on how to replace redevelopment agencies now that the state is getting rid of them.
8. **Council District 15 Report:** The Board asked that it be in the record that there was no representative from the Council office in attendance.
9. **Port of Los Angeles:** No report.
10. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
  - a. **Anise Goldfarb:** Reported on an upcoming Youth Fair and hopes to get support from all the local neighborhood councils.
  - b. **Edison Samuel:** He is the new General Manager of San Pedro Inn and Suites on 1<sup>st</sup> and Gaffey. They are trying to bring more business to the community. They have new owners and a new management team. They are renovating the hotel to become a "Best Western Plus."
11. **Letter of Support from community to bring USS IOWA Veterans Association Reunion to San Pedro:** Katherine Gray reported. Scott Gray recused himself.
  - a. They are urging the group to come to San Pedro for the Reunion with headquarters at the DoubleTree Hotel.
  - b. Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Senator Wright and the Mayor have sent letters of support to the Reunion Committee.
  - c. **Andrew Silber moved to send a letter of support from the Central SPNC to the USS Iowa Veterans Association requesting that the lodging for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup> Reunion be brought to San Pedro and not Long Beach, seconded by Kara McLeod and approved unanimously by the Board.**
12. **Mayor's Budget survey:** The survey will be released in the next few days and there will be a submission deadline of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a critical piece in putting together the City Budget and all board members and stakeholders are urged to participate.
13. **Motion to Approve a CD15 Ad Hoc Committee:** Andrew Silber is tracking activity, requests and concerns on issues that are important to the Central SPNC and where support or assistance is requested from the Council Office. It has been suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed and that committee will work closely with the new Councilmember for CD15. **Motion by Julia Parker to form an ad hoc committee to track activity, requests and concerns that need assistance and support from the Council District 15 Office. Motion seconded by Carrie Scoville and approved unanimously by the Board.**
14. **Port Committee:**
  - a. **Consider Support of Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Motion regarding Rancho LPG:** No action taken. Carrie Scoville commented that the PCAC did pass a motion at their November meeting related to Rancho LPG.
  - b. **Update on APL EIR.** Community meeting scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> and comments can be submitted until February 17, 2012.

- c. **SCIG EIR:** Frank Anderson commented that this action item will be dealt with in a motion under the PCAC report. The Central SPNC Port Subcommittee chose to support the efforts of PCAC in this issue. (See PCAC motion below in item #17).

**15. Outreach Committee:** Pat Carroll brought forward the committee report comprised of:

- a. **Motion from committee to approve \$2,000 sponsorship of Docs Rock Program at San Pedro High:** After discussion, this item was deferred to the Finance Committee and the motion was withdrawn.
- b. **Vote to encumber \$625 for Warner Grand for Docs Rock Film Festival:** Motion postponed and deferred to Finance Committee.
- c. **Motion from Committee to approve funding of up to \$500 for Outreach Project (Central NC booth refreshments for the participants of February 2012 Clean Up Day put on by Senior Lead Officer Nua).** The Board approved this motion with 9 yes votes and 2 no votes.

**16. Finance Committee:** Kali Merideth reported.

- a. **Motion from Committee to adjust the budget as follows:**  
Move \$500 from General Operating Expenses to Board Retreat/Training;  
Move the following funds to line 301 (Community Improvement Projects):
  - i. \$600 (104a) Office Supplies
  - ii. \$1,000 (105) General Operating Expense
  - iii. \$287.95 (201) Advertising/promotional material
  - iv. \$1,000 (202) Election Outreach
  - v. \$250 (203b) Outreach Events
  - vi. \$250 (205) Food & refreshments
  - vii. \$480 (206b) Newsletter #2
  - viii. \$3500 (207b) Web enhancement; andMove \$500 (203a) Outreach Events to LAPD Cleanup (203c – new category)  
**Motion approved unanimously by the board.** Total of \$7,367.96 moved to CIP (Community Improvement Projects).
- b. **Kara McLeod moved to approve the December 2011 monthly statement as presented, seconded by Pat Carroll and passed unanimously by the Board.**
- c. Funding requests from the community will be listened to at the Finance Committee on Monday, January 24, 2012, 6:30pm at the Whale and Ale.

**17. PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee):** Carrie Scoville provided a written report which was included in the Agenda Packet. The Board addressed the following action item (related to item 14c above) which will be on the agenda for the next PCAC meeting:

- a. The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee adopted a recommendation for the PCAC related to the SCIG EIR Project at their next meeting. Carrie Scoville recommended that a vote in favor of the motion by the PCAC Rep from the Central SPNC. **The Board voted unanimously in favor of directing the PCAC Representative from Central SPNC to vote in favor of the following motion:**

***Motion on BNSF Southern California International Gateway DEIR:***

*WHEREAS, the Port of Los Angeles (the Port) has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Southern California International Gateway project "the Project" to be operated by project applicant BNSF Railway, and*

*WHEREAS, the Project will displace a number of local businesses which occupy the area subject to the development of the Project, and*

*WHEREAS, Fast Lane Transportation, Inc. (Fast Lane) is one of those businesses subject to dislocation, and*

*WHEREAS, Fast Lane is the only local business subject to dislocation as the result of the development of the Project which owns the land upon which it operates, and*

*WHEREAS, the Port has identified a relocation site for Fast Lane Transportation, Inc. in the DEIR, and  
WHEREAS, the relocation site is operationally deficient and inadequate to support the continued operation of Fast Lane in its present state, and  
WHEREAS, Fast Lane seeks to continue to operate its business in Wilmington and retain in excess of one hundred jobs it supports, and  
WHEREAS, the lack of a specific and adequate relocation plan in the DEIR creates unacceptable uncertainty resulting in difficult operating conditions for Fast Lane, then  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee recommends to the Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC), that PCAC recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners to direct Port staff to make sufficient Port land available to Fast Lane Transportation to ensure Fast Lane can relocate and continue its operations within Wilmington.*

**18. HANC:** Report on highlights from Carrie Scoville (full report available on Central's website)

**19. ACE:** Linda Alexander reported.

- a. Sad news because of the scheduled dissolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency and lack of new redevelopment funds. Everything is on hold.
- b. Ace district as an entity will not go away just because there is no funding. There has been discussion about alternate means for funding and considering a nonprofit organization.

**20. CRA:** Andrew Silber reported that the CRA Community Advisory Committee did not meet last month. The Supreme Court of the State of California upheld the state's decision to dissolve the CRA. Many people on the Citizens Advisory Committee would like to find alternative means to make sure redevelopment continues if not from the State then from some other source.

**21. PBID:** No report.

**22. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting:** Motion by Andrew Silber, seconded by Kara McLeod, to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes with a correction on Page 4, item 12a, \$400 should read \$500. Approved unanimously by the Board.

**23. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith (reviewed by Secretary, Scott Gray)  
Administrative Assistant to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
These minutes approved by the Central SPNC Board on February 14, 2012