



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Stakeholder Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, July 12, 2011 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 6:33. The following board members were in attendance: Linda Alexander, James Allen, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo, Scott Gray, Kali Merideth, Julia Parker, Ralph (J.R.) Perez, Carrie Scoville and Andrew Silber. Excused: Alan Ramirez, Bill Roberson, and Phill Trigas. Absent: Harvey Contreras and Kara McLeod. Approximately 35 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **President's Report:** Linda Alexander commented on the following:
  - a. City Council District 15 Office is offering to ride-along with Board members in their neighborhood council district to assess potential problem areas.
  - b. Board members and stakeholders should report streets that need repaving to the Council Office.
  - c. Acknowledgment and condolences to Councilwoman Hahn on the unexpected passing of her mother, Ramona Hahn.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The June 7, 2011 Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. There was a correction made by Kali Merideth on Page 4, Item 11c which should read "\$2500 for field improvements and officiating costs." **Sue Castillo moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Frank Anderson and approved by unanimous vote. Andrew Silber moved to approve the June 22, 2011 Special Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Pat Carroll and approved by unanimous vote.**

### Reports from Public Officials, City Departments, and their representatives:

4. **Report on status of CD15 List of Action Items:** Gordon Teuber gave an update on the various items listed on the CD15 List of Action Items prepared by Andrew Silber. He also commented on the Marshall Court improvements and the proposed Taco Bell project on 11<sup>th</sup> and Gaffey.
5. **Grand Vision:** Announced the launch of "Movies and Memories," an oral history project. They are looking for stories from the community related to the Warner Grand and other theaters in the community.
6. **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong reported on:
  - a. The newly completed LED Traffic Signal Light Conversation program will reduce energy consumption by 85%.
  - b. ATSAC (Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System) Update. There is a reported 10% improvement in congestion and traffic flow.
  - c. Parking Meters. Ricardo has contacted the Department of Transportation policy analyst to obtain a copy of the report on this matter. In addition, the Deputy Mayor of Transportation and General Manager of the Transportation Department have both been briefed on the issue. Andrew Silber asked to be on record stating that he finds it unusual that Ricardo is not being given information from a department within the city. Ricardo responded that those departments were most likely waiting to give him more accurate information to pass on to the neighborhood council once their report is complete.

7. **CRA:** Megan Hunter from the Community Redevelopment Agency reported on the grant submitted for Prop 84 funding of the proposed park on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. She provided a handout of the Concept Design for the \$2.2 million project.
8. **LAPD:** Ron Weaver, Sr. Lead Officer, reported crime statistics. Harbor Station now has a Facebook and Twitter account where information can be accessed. Board members asked questions related to specific crimes in their areas. Officer Weaver was asked about the Goodfellas issue and Shannon Moss was in attendance to give an update.
9. **PORT POLICE:** Officer Stacey Creech reported on the following:
  - a. Grand Opening of the Port Police building scheduled for July 23, 2011.
  - b. I-Watch video will be shown next month.
  - c. There have been recent problems at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Park with vandalism in the bathrooms. The community is asked to report suspicious activity.
  - d. Port Police Centennial is also this month.
10. **PORT OF LA:** Augie Bezmalinovich report on the following:
  - a. Aug 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> are the next Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings.
  - b. Terminal Island Planning Workshop Group Meeting at Custom House, 300 S. Ferry Street on July 13, 2-4 p.m.
  - c. Summer concert series has been a nice success. Thursday nights 7-9 p.m.
  - d. Cars and Stripes event was a great success with an estimated 17,500 attendees.
  - e. USS Abraham Lincoln with a crew of 5,000 sailors will be berthed in the Harbor for Navy Days.
  - f. Cabrillo Way Marina Grand Opening is scheduled for October 22, 2011.
  - g. SP Slip: Construction will be delayed until after the Lobster Fest.
  - h. Proposals will be coming out soon on Warehouses 9 & 10.
  - i. Maritime Museum is getting a face lift.
  - j. Construction should begin at the end of the year on the Downtown Harbor and the Harbor Cut between the Museum and Firehouse.
  - k. Still no news from the Navy on the USS IOWA.
  - l. Front Street: Engineers are talking about a 4 foot widening of the street. An update will be given next month.
  - m. Art Almeida asked about the possibility of adding colorful lights to the Fountain.
11. **PBID:** Steve Robbins reported on the following:
  - a. PBID has changed to a new security service that will provide 20% more coverage.
  - b. Tagger apprehended which has resulted in a drop in graffiti.
  - c. The USS Abraham Lincoln will arrive for Navy Day. PBID is preparing welcome flyers and posters to promote downtown merchants. Red Car trolley will run continuously to bring people from the carrier to downtown. Over 6,000 staff on the four ships that will be in the harbor.
  - d. PBID has removed all but one of the old concrete bus benches. Other improvements include power washing of the sidewalks.
  - e. Trolleys are being renovated and will be used to move people from the Harbor to Downtown.
  - f. PBID has concluded its first quarter of advertising on Times Warner Cable.
  - g. Taste in San Pedro will also be advertised through Cable TV.
12. **Public Comments** on non-agenda items:
  - a. **Allyson Vought:** Food trucks on First Thursdays have been quite successful. ACE has formed a committee to oversee the food truck activities.
  - b. **Sadario Carlson,** owner of El Cuco Restaurant at 1<sup>st</sup> and Pacific had a complaint about an illegal food truck near her business.

- c. **Frank Anderson:** Announced a parade at Banning Park and a Wine Tasting event on July 23<sup>rd</sup> sponsored by the San Pedro Bay Historical Society.
- d. **Mishi's Strudel:** Thanked the Central SPNC for their assistance with the Flavors of Hungary event which was very successful.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 13. **Marymount College:** Presentation by Dr. Mike Brophy, President, on proposed expansion of the Campus. He provided a brief history of the college and how it is connected with San Pedro through its residential sites. Two important partners are the Boys and Girls Club of the Harbor and the Warner Grand. Now that Marymount is a four year college it is expanding into San Pedro with a 6<sup>th</sup> Street Campus (222 6<sup>th</sup> and 420 6<sup>th</sup> Street) , as well as gallery space at the Arcade Building. Dr. Brophy also introduced several staff members. One staff member commented that the Northwest San Pedro NC will be reviewing Marymount's traffic master plan at their July 28th Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting at the City Hall Building at 6:30 p.m. Marymount will also give an update on its expansion plans at the August 8<sup>th</sup> NWSPNC Board Meeting.
- 14. **Taco Bell Project:** Gordon Teuber gave an update on the proposed rebuilding of Taco Bell at 1025 Gaffey. It is currently a 700 sq ft building and the new proposed building would be 1450 sq ft. There are currently 17 parking spaces and the proposed plan has only 11-13. The current plan is to have all the dining indoors, no more outdoor dining. Gordon talked about the issues that concern the neighbors. Comments from neighbors included:
  - a. Sal De Constanzo: Resident of the 700 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Has worked closely with the Council Office and Sue Castillo. This is a corporate owned Taco Bell and in the past has not been a good neighbor.
  - b. **A Motion was made by Art Almeida that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council does not approve Taco Bell's proposal until concerned citizens are satisfied that their needs are met. The motion was seconded by James Allen and passed by 6 yes votes and 0 no votes. The following board members abstained Andrew Silber, Carrie Scoville, Kali Merideth, and Scott Gray.**
  - c. Mona Sutton talked about the challenges the neighborhood has faced with Taco Bell and also thanked the Board for addressing the issue.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 15. **Bylaws:** Scott Gray clarified the minor amendments that were being made to the bylaws. The following motions were presented:
  - a. **Motion made by Pat Carroll and seconded by Andrew Silber to approve minor amendments to the Central SPNC Bylaws in Article 6 Section 2; Article 6, Section 1 and Article 5, Section 9 as presented by the Bylaws Committee Chair. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.**
  - b. **Motion brought forth from the Bylaws Committee to approve the re-ordered Bylaws per the DONE template. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. During discussion Carrie Scoville talked about discrepancies in the boundaries map.**
- 16. **Parking Meters:** Linda Alexander read the contents of the letter to Bill Rosendahl, Chair of the Transportation Committee for the City of Los Angeles, requesting a 4-month trial period of free parking in downtown San Pedro. **A motion was made by Andrew Silber and seconded by Pat Carroll to approve the letter as written. During discussion an amendment was proposed adding the following words: "At the same time we insist that the two-hour limit be strictly enforced to ensure appropriate traffic management." The Board approved the amendment and subsequently approved the amended letter in its entirety.**

**The following committee reports were taken out of order while a quorum of the Board was still present:**

**17. Finance Committee.** Report from Kali Merideth:

- a. **Approval of monthly expenses:** The Board asked for clarification of the Monthly Expenditures for June 2011 and will postponed the vote until the August stakeholder meeting.
- b. **Presentation and Approval of 2011-2012 Budget.** A motion was made by Andrew Silber and seconded by Pat Carroll to approve the 2011-2012 Budget as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**18. Outreach Committee.** Report from Pat Carroll:

- a. **Motion to Approve Expenses Related to Participation in Taste in San Pedro event.** It was determined that the expenses were already included in the newly approved budget and a vote was not necessary.
- b. Next Outreach meeting Monday, July 18, 2011, Think Café, 6:30pm.

**19. Because of the absence of a quorum the following agenda items were put over to the August 2011 Stakeholder meeting:**

- a. **Redistricting Issue:** Update from Carrie Scoville
- b. **Stakeholder Issues:** Update from Andrew Silber on Stakeholder Postal Delivery Issue & Goodfellas Bar Issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- c. **DWP Rate Increases:** (Andrew Silber) Resolution Protesting Rate Increases (Action Item)
- d. **Street Safety Issues:** Motion requesting assistance from Council District 15 to address the following community concerns: The intersection of Pacific Ave & Front Street; the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> & Palos Verdes Street; and the issue of a lack of sidewalks on Gaffey between Elberon Bridge and Channel Street. (Action Item)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- e. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee)** (Carrie Scoville)
- f. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)** (Carrie Scoville)
- g. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment)** (Linda Alexander)
- h. **CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency)** (Sue Castillo/Andrew Silber)

**20. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith  
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