

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
 Monthly Stakeholder's Meeting Minutes  
 Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 8:00pm  
 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro**

1. Meeting called to order by President Joe Gatlin at 6:35pm. President Joe welcomed those in attendance and apologized for the absence of refreshments due to unforeseen circumstances. There were approximately 35 stakeholders present. President Joe also announced that all the board members had received a gold, silver or bronze Volunteer Service Award Certificate along with a pin for their volunteer service on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council board.
2. Roll Call:

Joe Gatlin	Present
Mayra Perez	Present
Pamela Newsom	Present
Aphram Khalbourji	Excused
Dan Pasley	Excused
Kara McLeod	Present
Isiah Alexander	Excused
Larry Henderson	Present
Benetta Johnson	Excused
Carrie Scoville	Present
Oliver Buie	Excused
Daryl Seybold	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Bill Roberson	Present
John Delgado Jr.	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Joe Donato	Present

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The following corrections were requested by Carrie Scoville: Add the following changes to:
  - a. Item #9 (Treasurer's Report), [Carrie Scoville recommended removing agency names from unallocated Community Outreach budget recommendations (budget lines 311-320). Treasurer Aphram Khalourji agreed to remove "Amerigas" from the title of line 311, and "Golden Pops" from the title of line 312. Line 311, now "Safety and Security Study" for \$2,000 is to be combined with line 318 "Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Safety Programs at \$500 for a new total of \$2,500." In the last sentence (the wording of the motion) add the word "amended" before Financial Report.
  - b. Item #10 (Finance Committee Report): Add the following: [and support for the YWCA Racial Justice Program in the amount of \$1,000.]
  - c. Replace item #11 (adjourning of meeting) with the following items and place the adjourning of the meeting as item #15:
    - [11. **Land Use and Planning Committee Report:** Sue Castillo announced the upcoming LA Planning Department meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - 12. **Pacific Corridor Community Advisory Committee:** (No Report).
    - 13. **Communications and Outreach Report:** (No Report).
    - 14. **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville submitted a written PCAC report for the record.
    - 15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.] I

- d. Item #2 (Roll Call) add that Joe Donato was present at the town hall meeting but not the board meeting which followed.
- e. Kara McLeod provided the name Ray Buffer as the Representative from the Relevant Stage in Item #7e.

After corrections to the minutes a motion was made by Andrew Silber and seconded by Kara McLeod to approve the minutes. 11 yes votes, 0 no votes. The motion passed.

4. **Report from LAPD:** Helen Pallares reportedly on an undercover stakeout so no official report was provided. She did ask that everyone be reminded to keep their windows locked on their homes even when leaving for just a short trip and also to keep car doors locked.
5. **Mayor's Office:** No report
6. **Councilwoman's Office:**
  - a. Gordon Teuber said there have been a lot of calls about the construction on Harbor Blvd which is impeding traffic. The Council office is working with the Port to make it work more smoothly. The Port has committed to work with the Council Office to help improve the situation. The first phase will last another 30 days, then there will be a break and two lanes will be open, following the break, three more phases will happen.
  - b. Janice Hahn enjoyed the town hall meeting.
  - c. Andrew Silber asked the council woman to put some pressure on the Dept of Cultural Affairs to improve the look of the Croatian Cultural building to make a good example for other property owners to follow.
  - d. Downtown property based business improvement district votes were tallied and passed by 78-22% margin.
  - e. Carrie Scoville asked the council office to provide a pavement management report showing which streets are scheduled for re-paving.
7. **Port of Los Angeles:** Joanne Rodell introduced herself as the project manager for Knoll Hill and talked about the Steering committee which is being formed. The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has appointed two board members to the committee: Bruce Horton and Linda Marinkovich. The Wilmington Neighborhood Council and the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will be making a decision in the next few days. Regarding the consultant contract status, this will be brought to the Board of Harbor Commissioners August Meeting. The project is still on schedule to begin in August, subject to the Board of Harbor Commissioners approval. Veronica Hani from LANI will available to answer questions.
8. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.**
  - a. Rosa Arcadia brought flyers about a public meeting on the topic of Neighborhood Council Elections. They want input from the public on the 2008 Elections. The meeting is Thursday, July 17, 2008 6-8pm. City Hall
  - b. Done reports that there is a 90 day public comment period regarding changes in their funding program. They are asking NCs for formal input on proposed changes to the program. Rosa asked that we take the information to the finance committee to get comments and suggestions.
9. **Public Comment:**
  - a. **Roberta Jones Booker** Re: LAUSD, meeting to discuss the high school to relieve San Pedro High School overcrowding. The meeting will be held Tuesday July 22, 2008 6pm at the San Pedro High Auditorium and is for the purpose of presenting the design of the new high school and give the public information and an opportunity to give comments.

Proposed site is at Angel's Gate/Fort MacArthur Property. Board approved an 810 seat school, reduced from 1200.

- b. **Pat Carroll** Grand Vision Foundation and Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers needed for Taste in San Pedro event and Festival of Tall Ships. They are also looking for sponsors for Grand Vision to get a red bus to transport people downtown. Contact Pat to volunteer. Kara McLeod mentioned that our Public Library will have an Anniversary Celebration the same day.
- c. **Dave Buchanan**. Recently had an opportunity to observe counting of ballots and was very impressed with the way the city clerk handled the procedure. He also made comments on the new fountain on Harbor Blvd by the Cruise Terminal and how lovely it is, thanks to the Port. Fountain will open July 25 at 8pm.

10. **Ray Burch – Election Information.** Ray Burch, Chairman of the Election Committee, announced Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's September 9<sup>th</sup> election. He talked about the Election and who can run for the Board. Our website has our By-Laws and Election Procedures available for review. We will elect 5 at large members for 2 year terms. Important dates: July 8, beginning of the filing period for candidates. Candidate information session is July 30<sup>th</sup>. All events will be here at the POLA High School. August 10<sup>th</sup>, candidate filing period ends. Next day, write in candidates may submit applications but they will not be on the ballot.

11. **Presentations:**

- a. **UNION PACIFIC** – Not Present
- b. **ACE District James Allen** – ACE District plan is coming before the Los Angeles CRA Commission. Certain stakeholders would be representatives for the ACE District. Would like the Board to consider an Action to have someone chosen. **Andrew Silber made a motion that David Buchanan be nominated for this position. Motion seconded by Kara McLeod. 10 yes votes, 0 no votes. Motion passed.**
- c. **GOLDEN STATE POPS ORCHESTRA** – Linda Grimes, President and Executive Director of the GSPO. Talked about the education program that our council supported last year. Proposal to the board to consider participating again this year. Gave a background on the organization. Outreach program puts together a woodwind quartet, led by Steven Allen Fox. Focus was on Music Around the World. Schools involved were: 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Bandini, Cabrillo Avenue, Point Fermin, White Point, Taper Avenue, Barton Hill and 7<sup>th</sup> Street School. Sponsors were CSPNC, Janice Hahn, Don Knabe and the Grand Vision Foundation. 1100 students were reached. Our board sponsored the program in the amount of \$10,000 last year. Stakeholder Dave Buchanan commended the board for having Linda come back and report on how the money supporting the group was used.
- d. **PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE, L.P.** – David E. Wright, Vice President, provided information on the Pier 400, Berth 408 Project which proposes to design and construct a world scale deep-water crude oil import marine terminal at that location. Mr. Wright provided handouts with extensive information on the project. California needs the oil. Kara asked whether there are any other proposed sites other than San Pedro that can take in the oil. Mr. Wright explained that there is only one other site that can accept the oil in this capacity in Louisiana. There were also other questions from the board members and stakeholders.
- e. **NOISE Committee** (Neighborhood Organizations in Support of Education), Yvonne Schuller provided a Power Point presentation on South Region High School No. 15. Key points from presentation were an overview of the location; Issues and Concerns

(Location, Ex-military site, landfills that could contain toxic chemicals, the Cabrillo Fault); Bond Money should be used to improve San Pedro High School before there is consideration of building a new school; and Keep SPHS a 3 year (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades) school. There were several comments and questions from the board. Also, Robert Jones-Booker gave a comment in support of LAUSD. The following resolution was presented and it was asked that LAUSD directly respond to the issues being raised about San Pedro High School. **MOTION: CSPNC is opposed to LAUSD continuing development of South Region High School 15 until an alternative plan with budget comparisons showing improvements and upgrades to San Pedro High School is presented to the community. Andrew Silber made the motion seconded by Joe Donato.** After reading the motion, Joe Gatlin suggested the board wait. David Buchanan made a comment that there is a third side. It was commented that LAUSD is not in the business of making mistakes, but the facts show differently, they make mistakes time after time. A 500 seat school would work much better. LAUSD needs to look towards other options that work. 500 seat school work better. Look toward other options that work. Kara McLeod commented that she feels this is the time not to sacrifice the current students at SPHS. **The board voted on the motion with the following results: 9 yes, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion passed.**

12. **Knoll Hill Steering Committee--Board vote to choose 6 representatives for the Knoll Hill Steering Committee from applications submitted.** Sue Castillo reported that there were 17 applicants for the 6 positions representing the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. A summary of their qualifications were provided to all board members. Two of the applicants who were not Central SPNC board members were available to say a few words. They were Max Pierce and Phill Trigas. The board was surprised that other applicants were not in attendance to give a short summary of their qualifications. A ballot was provided to each board member and 5 applicants with the highest number of votes were chosen for the steering committee. A run off for the 6<sup>th</sup> position was necessary due to a tie for the 6<sup>th</sup> place. After the runoff, the results showed the following individuals chosen for the steering committee: John Delgado Jr., Max W. Pierce, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber, Philip Trigas and Sue Castillo.
13. **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville talked about the PCAC meetings and when they are held. She then presented the motions that will be voted on at the next PCAC meeting.
  - a. **Re: Air Quality Subcommittee motion. Action Item G.1.** The Air Quality Subcommittee adopted this motion on June 4, 2008. The motion was moved by Kathleen Woodfield, Seconded by Dr. John Miller. The motion carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.

<p><b>Motion:</b> The Air Quality Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC request Port staff to put through Motion No. 66 regarding the storage and transport of dredged materials at and to Anchorage Road to the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Additionally, the PCAC requests timely movement of all previously passed motions from POLA to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for their consideration.</p>
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**The Board voted to instruct the PCAC representative to vote yet on the above motion at the next PCAC meeting. 10 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions.**

**Re: Motion for the addendum to the Bridge to Breakwater EIR/EIS. Action Item G.2.** The San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee adopted this motion on June 11, 2008. The motion was moved by Peter Warren, Seconded by Kathleen Woodfield. The vote was taken and Ayes were unanimous in favor of the motion. 3 Ayes, 0 nays, and 0 Abstentions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR ACTION ITEM G.2.

Motion for the addendum to the Bridge to Breakwater EIR/EIS:

**RESOLUTION, PART #1**

Whereas preliminary versions of the Bridge to Breakwater plan do not offer a viable, community-supported alternative for keeping the cruise ship terminal and berths near downtown and north of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and

Whereas the community has produced past alternatives with features that are not included in one comprehensive alternative in the Port's current draft for the San Pedro Waterfront, and

Resolved that the PCAC strongly advises that a new alternative be developed before release of the DEIR and incorporated in the DEIR that contains these elements in a newly revised alternative four:

- Leaves Harbor Boulevard as is and maintains the scenic designation of harbor Boulevard, preserving views and view corridors
- Contains three cruise ship berths north of 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- Requires amping of all cruise ships
- Runs the Red Car line extensively all along the waterfront with stops from Cabrillo Beach to the north harbor including downtown as well as Kaiser Point and the Warehouse One Peninsula
- Moves parking, especially long-term parking, away from the waterfront by undergrounding day-trip visitor parking along Harbor Boulevard and building parking structures for cruise ship passengers along John S. Gibson Boulevard and on Terminal Island
- Creates a promenade from the Bridge to the Breakwater along the waterfront, completing the north/south California Coastal Trail through San Pedro
- Creates a second pedestrian walkway on the landside of Ports of Call
- Builds a boat launching ramp at Kaiser Point
- Expands by 10 acres the tidal pool and salt marsh at Salinas de San Pedro
- Builds land bridges between downtown and Ports of Call, including roof gardens on the parking structures and east-west connecting walkways
- Maintains all berths as shared berths with no terminals dedicated to one vendor

**RESOLUTION, PART #2**

Whereas the Port project description places a cruise ship terminal south of 5<sup>th</sup> Street as its preferred location, PCAC requests that the DEIR/DEIS for the San Pedro Waterfront investigate another alternative that berths a cruise ship along the Main Channel with a water cut to offset navigation problems.

The Board voted to instruct the PCAC representative to vote yes on the above motion at the next PCAC meeting. 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, 4 abstentions.

14. **Motion Re: Meeting Time:** A motion was made by Joe Donato that the Board adhere to the scheduled meeting time of 6:30pm – 9:00pm and that the meeting can only be extended beyond 9:00pm by a majority vote by the board allowing an additional 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Larry Henderson and discussion followed. Andrew Silber stressed that those organizations making presentations need to be well prepared to keep within the allotted time. Kara McLeod felt that all members of the community should have a chance to voice their opinions regardless of how much time that might take. Other board members also spoke in opposition of the motion. David Buchanan commented that items can always be tabled from the agenda to the next month to keep the meetings to a reasonable time. There were various other comments from board members. Vote 5 yes 6 no, motion failed.

15. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Communications and Outreach:** Election flyer has been created. Committee is working on putting together some type of newsletter.
- b. **Pacific Corridor Community Advisory Committee** Re: Redevelopment – Andrew Silber commented that the last meeting was a very short meeting. Regarding the Five Year Plan, a report will be provided at the next meeting of the CAC. There will be a new revised Election of Officers at the August meeting. Their draft by-laws have been written. Andrew then went over several properties in the downtown area that are being asked to clean up their buildings and signage.
- c. **Land Use Planning:** Sue Castillo reported that she will be planning a meeting at the end of the month.
- d. **Finance Committee:** No report.
- e. **PCAC:** Report by Carrie Scoville. The PCAC has voted in new officers. Also, three EIR's are open for comment right now. She explained the procedures for commenting on EIR's. Carrie provided a full written report with detailed information and upcoming meetings. Report available on website.
- f. **COPSS:** Kristina Smith made an announcement on upcoming meetings and commented on the new sponsor, Major Survival, which provides disaster preparedness equipment and will give a discount to anyone mentioning COPSS. She also announced the upcoming Disaster Preparedness Fair being held by the City's Emergency Management Department on September 20, 2008 at Ken Malloy Park in Harbor City. COPSS is partnering with the city to help put on a great event for the Harbor Area Community.

16. **Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith  
Neighborhood Council Administrative Assistant