

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Stakeholder's Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 6:30pm
 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro
 (Approved by the Board on April 8, 2008)**

1. Meeting called to order by President Joe Gatlin at 6:41 pm. Pizza and Sandwiches were available from Niko's Pizza.
2. Roll Call:

Joe Gatlin	Present
Mayra Perez	Present
Pamela Newsom	Present
Aphram Khalbourji	Arrived after 8pm but did not enter room
Dan Pasley	Present
Kara McLeod	Present
Isiah Alexander	Excused Tardy 7:09pm
Larry Henderson	Present
Benetta Johnson	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Oliver Buie	Present
Daryl Seybold	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Bill Roberson	Present
John Delgado Jr.	Present
Sue Castillo	Present

3. **February 12, 2008 Minutes:** Sue Castillo requested a change be made in item 3a removing "vote by the Board and Stakeholders" and replacing it with "vote by the Board" as the stakeholders were merely polled. Dan Pasley made a request to read into the minutes a ruling from the City Attorney but his request was refused by President Joe. Kara McLeod asked the following statement be added to the minutes at the end of item #5, "President Joe Gatlin refused to entertain a board vote." Dan Pasley then made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Andrew Silber. Minutes approved by 13 yes votes; 0 no votes.
4. **Presidents Report.** President Joe recognized Richard Pawlowski who had been featured in the last issue of San Pedro Magazine. Joe then explained that speaker cards were not available and anyone wishing to make public comment add their name to the list managed by Kristina Smith, Administrative Asst. to CSPNC. Due to the large amount of administrative work necessary for the by-laws changes at this meeting, Pres. Joe announced that public comment would be limited to two minutes per speaker and asked public officials to limit their reports to five minutes.
5. **LAPD REPORT:** Report from Officer Palares, Senior Lead Officer for Central San Pedro area, acknowledged Pam Newsom, Central SPNC's Secretary for being honored at a recent luncheon. Officer Palares gave an update on recent crimes in the Central San Pedro area. She commented that since the weather is getting warmer, citizens should not leave windows cracked open because most burglaries are due to easy access to homes through open windows and unlocked doors. She suggested that everyone report graffiti and, if available, provide photos to the station so that they can keep tabs on the tagging. She also commented that a neighborhood watch is being formed in the 7th street area and talked about a "car seat" giveaway program through the LAPD. Officer Palares urged the community to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings.
6. **COUNCIL WOMAN'S OFFICE:** Ana Bozic, San Pedro Community Advocate for Janice Hahn, gave a report which included the following items: a) Oil Extraction press release to raise money to offset the city deficit. b) Last Saturday Eastview Little League's Grand Opening was very successful. c) Public parking is available at the 7th Street Lofts parking lot (this is not for overnight parking). d) The New superintendent of Rec and Parks

will hold a meeting on March 19 at 2:00pm at the council office (Our board member John Delgado will be attending that meeting). e) Cal Trans has completed work on Gaffey Street between the end of the freeway and 5th Street.

7. **MAYOR'S OFFICE:** Ricardo Hong gave his report which included the following items: a) The city is right on track in getting more police officers, 500 police officers have been hired and they hope to reach 900 new officers by 2010. b) Mayor's Budget meeting with neighborhood council reps. Our board member, John Delgado, attended. Mayor enjoyed his time with the NC reps. He would like to set them up quarterly. John reported that they talked about public safety, youth programs (investing in youth) and third the infrastructure and business development. The Mayor is opening up to listen to the NC's. Kara McLeod asked if more police officers are being hired, will our San Pedro area get some of our officers back. We lost 30+ officers two years ago. Ricardo responded that Bratton's philosophy is to shift police to areas where crime is up. Kara asked that Ricardo pass on to the Mayor that we don't feel our crime rates should have to go up in order to get more police back.
8. **PORT OF LOS ANGELES:** Capt. Bent Christiansen, Chief Pilot for the Port of Los Angeles, commented that things in the port have been relatively quiet since the last meeting. There will be some activity in the near future related to waterfront improvements. He talked about the Port taking down the LAXT domes. Also, talked about the new Port Police building being constructed, which will be breaking ground in next month or so. Kara McLeod asked Bent to check into the revised waterfront plan which shows the downtown loop for red car being eliminated. David Mathewson, Director of Planning and Resource for the Port responded to Kara's question stating that the red car loop is not off the table but is being studied further. Andrew Silber asked about the Draft EIR for Waterfront San Pedro and it was reported that the final report should be done by the Fall. Red car is not discussed in the current Draft EIR.
9. **DONE.** Rosa Arcadia, Project Coordinator for DONE, announced a Joint Public Hearing with county and city regarding Aging and provided a handout with various locations and dates. Next local meeting would be Thurs, March 13, 2008 at the Wilmington Sr. Center, 1371 Eubank Ave, Wilmington from 10:00am-12:00pm.
10. **BY LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:** President Joe explained to the stakeholders the need for changes to our current by-laws and introduced Ray Burch, Chair of the By-Laws Committee who explained each of the necessary changes. Some of the changes are necessary because of the City Clerk taking over elections in the future. The upcoming election this September will be the last election that we as a council will handle. Several board members requested that it be recorded in these minutes that President Joe was not seated at the board table during By-Laws discussions. Andrew Silber commented "can I ask why there is a side meeting of board members going on while we are trying to change our by-laws?" He asked that it be stopped. Larry Henderson and Oliver Buie left at 7:55pm before the stakeholder vote was held. After full discussion of the proposed changes, Dan Pasley made a motion to accept the proposed changes with the minor revisions provided at this meeting. Andrew Silber seconded the motion. During the stakeholder vote, the following board members left the room: Benetta Johnson, Isaiah Alexander, Mayra Perez and Pam Newsom. With a quorum of board members still present when the motion was made by Dan Pasley and seconded by Andrew Silber, a stakeholder vote was taken. 52 yes votes; 4 no votes. The motion to accept the By-Laws revisions was passed. DONE representatives Mark Lewis and Rosa Arcadia were present during this process. The following revisions were agreed upon during the meeting in addition to those brought forward by the By-Laws Committee: Page 5 under "Article V The Governing Body" Item 5.104 changes the word *members* to "**seats.**" Page 6 under Proposed Change for Section 5.200 change "*through majority vote by the seated 17 Member Board*" to "**through majority vote of the Board.**" Page 8 under Proposed Change for Section 5.600 Removal from office change the following paragraph: "*A board member may be removed from office with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the remaining board members present and voting at a properly noticed meeting. A board member who has failed to attend three regular meetings in a 12 month term without prior written notice or who otherwise fails to perform his or her duties is also subject to removal. The Governing Board will consult with DONE prior to and throughout the removal process.*" It was amended to the following: "**A board member who has failed to attend three regular meetings in a 12 month term without prior written notice or who otherwise fails to perform his or her duties as provided for in these bylaws is subject to removal with cause with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the remaining board members present and voting at a properly noticed meeting. The Governing Board will consult with DONE prior to and throughout the removal process.**" Page 12 under Proposed Change Section 8.300 Setting of the Agenda. Change the last sentence from "*The agenda shall be properly noticed...*" to "**The agenda setting meeting shall be properly**

noticed...”

COMMENTS:

Stakeholder commented, “Point of information and personal privilege, this is my first meeting of this neighborhood council...this is the first time I’ve seen a serial meeting going on in the middle of a meeting with the President of the neighborhood council willingly subverting this by laws process by convincing people to leave in order to remove a quorum from these proceedings....”

Another stakeholder commented that many stakeholders present do not understand fully the English language and thinks that since this is such a big decision that a translator be provided for those people. She was told about being able to contact DONE 72 hours prior to the meeting to ask for a translator.

Kara McLeod thanked all stakeholders for their participation. With the quorum lost, no further board actions could be voted on.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. San Pedro Neighbors for Peace and Justice announced an upcoming Anti-War March and Rally in Hollywood with a bus leaving from 1st and Bandini on March 15, 10am-4:30pm.
- b. Robin Gregg of the San Pedro Youth Sports Association had hoped to speak about Youth Sports and provided a booklet and would like to return during a more functional meeting.
- c. Doug Epperhart/Andrea Adleman announced their new blog “San Pedro News” due to the demise of “More San Pedro.” She asked that community members submit digital photos and news to them for publishing. www.SanPedroNewsOnline.blogspot.com
- d. Lee Rabun talked about June’s Place and their request to the City for a full liquor license (currently have just beer and wine). Since no board action could be taken, it was suggested that he request an extension so that more information could be provided to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. There was a request that this item be placed on the April agenda.
- e. San Pedro Arts, Culture and Entertainment District announced a public meeting on March 15th at the Croatian Cultural Center from 11:00am-2:00pm.
- f. Bob Gelfand of the Coastal San Pedro NC talked about getting neighborhood council members from all the different councils in the area such as the three San Pedro councils and Harbor City’s councils and having a time to socialize and share ideas. He suggested First Thursdays being a time to get together but was asked to have it on an alternate time so as not to interfere with First Thursdays.
- g. Announcement of Teen Conference and request for support. Was referred to Finance Committee.
- h. Kara McLeod commented that a vote for supporting Clean San Pedro would have to be tabled until the April meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Land Use and Planning: Sue Castillo provided a copy of the minutes from the February 27 meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith,
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