

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Monthly Stakeholder's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 6:30pm
Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro
 (Approved June 10, 2008)

1. Meeting called to order by President Joe Gatlin at 6:33 pm. Joe welcomed the stakeholders and others in attendance.

2. Roll Call:

Joe Gatlin	Present
Mayra Perez	Present
Pamela Newsom	Present
Aphram Khalbourji	Present
Dan Pasley	Excused
Kara McLeod	Present
Isiah Alexander	Present (arrived at 6:50pm)
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:** Correction to April 8, 2008 minutes. Item #5, near end of paragraph, add item in italics as follows: “After the discussion Joe Donato was voted as the next Communications Officer. *Joe Donato suggested and Kara made a motion that Phil Trigas be Co-Chair of the Communications Committee with Joe Donato.*” Correction to item 10d: Add that there was 1 abstention. Correction to item 11. Change “Motion to make the committee a Standing Committee” to “Motion to create a Standing Committee.” **A Motion was made by Andrew Silber to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008 Board and Stakeholder meeting with the aforementioned corrections. The motion was seconded by Kara McLeod. Motion passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes.**

4. **Swearing in of New Communications Officer:** President Joe Gatlin called upon Joe Donato and swore him in as the new Communications Officer.

5. **President's Report:** President Joe Gatlin made an announcement about the Peace and Unity Rally being held at San Pedro High School.

6. **Reports from Public Officials:**

a. **LAPD:** Officer Helen Pallares: Sr Lead Officer for Harbor Area gave an update on recent crime and was happy to report that there was only 1 violent crime in the Central area last week. Biggest problem they are dealing with at this time is theft of gasoline from cars.

b. **Councilwoman's Office:** Gordon Teuber announced that he is filling in for Ana Bozic while she is on maternity leave. He talked about the Improvement District and Councilwoman Hahn's 15% ordinance designed to promote affordable housing. There are new parking meters in downtown San Pedro that are electronic and can use credit cards. They have had good feedback on them.

c. **Mayor's Office:** Gordon shared that the mayor's office put out a user friendly business guide on the internet. No official representative was available to provide a report from Mayor's office.

- d. **Port of Los Angeles:** No report. Presentation later in meeting on waterfront development.
- e. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):** Rosa Arcadia announced the upcoming event Saturday (May 17th) from 8am-4pm. The Department of Neighborhood Council is holding an event called "The Gathering." There are some excellent speakers and breakfast and lunch is also included. Rosa also encouraged people to vote at Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's election next month. Tomorrow is the last day to file as a candidate. She also provided a reminder to board members about the board member survey and encouraged stakeholders to fill out the on-line survey.

7. **Public Comment:**

Pat Carroll: Works with Grand Vision Foundation. Announced that the Tall Ships are coming. Our council supported the films that are part of the Tall Ships festival. August 15-17.

- a. **David Buchanan:** Talked about the upcoming Taste in San Pedro event coming in August. This is the 20th Anniversary of the event and they will be featuring an Artists' Pavilion for the first time, displaying the art of San Pedro Artists.
- b. **Daryl Seybold:** Commented on a fundraiser being held by the San Pedro Neighbors for Peace and Justice. Information can be found at www.spneighbors.org. She also commented on the organization honoring Jim Allen is the Peacemaker of the Year.

8. Presentations:

- a. **ACE District Presentation by James Allen:** ACE refers to Arts, Culture and Entertainment. James Allen provided a handout and explained the purpose of an ACE District. As condos come into this area, we don't want the arts to suffer. Artists go where rents are low. He outlined their plan:
 - i. Halt the loss of artists and art galleries brought about by rising rents
 - ii. Explore affordable artist housing options
 - iii. Establish ways to make the area more business and permit-friendly to working artists, performing arts venues, art galleries, restaurants and merchants
 - iv. Preserve our historic infrastructure and pedestrian friendly town
 - v. Promote our current arts district and build on what we have now.

Dick Pavlowski made comments on low income housing. **Andrew Silber made a motion that our board support the five year plan of the ACE District as presented. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo. David Buchanan, a 7th Street gallery owner spoke in favor of the ACE District Plan. The stakeholders were polled and 33 were in favor of the board motion, 0 opposed. Board members voted 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion passed.**

- b. **Sanitation District – Clearwater Program:** Irene Mendoza introduced the two representatives from the Sanitation District who talked about the Clearwater Program and showed a video. There are two major waste water systems in LA County, 10 water reclamation plants and 1300 miles of trunk sewers. Protecting health and the environment are their top priorities. There was an explanation of the joint outfall system covering 640 square miles, which includes 73 cities and 6 reclamation plants. There is an urgent need to inspect the old tunnels that send the water out to the ocean. In order to repair old tunnels, built in 1937 and 1958, a new tunnel must be built. Construction would begin around 2012 and end by 2020 at a cost of 1 billion-2 billion dollars. More information can be found at their website: www.clearwaterprogram.org Rick Pawlowski, commented on the amount of trucks needed for 8-10 years to remove the dirt etc. Feels the impacts will be horrendous. Kara McLeod gave strong comments on our city having to give up a park for a building site and other impacts. Joe Donato asked if they have looked at industrial areas and was curious what the scenario would be if one of the old discharge tunnels fails since it is so old. Sue Castillo asked the District if they were fully examining the alternatives in their environmental study.
- c. **YWCA:** The Executive Director of the YWCA of Harbor Area and South Bay talked about the YWCA programs. They started here in San Pedro in 1918 and are celebrating their 90th

birthday. She commented on their Racial Justice Outreach Programs which includes a “Week Without Violence” held in October. They are expanding advocacy in the community to continue to help women and girls. Joe Donato made a motion to support the YWCA programs, seconded by Andrew Silber. During discussion it was determined that this had not yet gone to our finance committee. Joe Donato withdrew his motion and Andrew withdrew his second until the appropriate documents have been presented to the Finance Committee.

- d. **Union Pacific** volunteered to move their presentation to our June 10th meeting due to time constraints.
- e. **Port of Los Angeles Waterfront Project Presentation:** Mike Christiansen, Deputy Director of Development and Jan Green-Rebstock, Environmental Project Manager, from the Port of Los Angeles gave their presentation. Mike began by reviewing the comments that came from the public during previous meetings. There were several poster boards showing six project alternatives being considered at this time. The following are some of the comments that came forward from stakeholders in the community who attended previous meetings :
 - a) Don't build high-rises directly on the water.
 - b) San Pedro is a place you go to see ships.
 - c) We want a promenade on the water's edge
 - d) We want to link the downtown with the waterfront
 - e) We want to manage traffic
 - f) We want the Port to take Sampson Way and realign it to have an easy route between the waterfront and Ports o' Call.
 - g) We want Ports o' Call redeveloped (including open space)
 - h) We want to activate the water front to get people there
 - i) We want a compliment to the downtown, something that revitalizes the city
 - j) Transient boating needs to be addressed
 - k) San Pedro is LA's home for cruise ships, but we don't want them in Cabrillo Bay or Kaiser Point
 - l) We want to see the west side of the channel de-industrialized

Mr. Christiansen then showed the proposed project and talked about the various elements: They are working with 400 acres, 8 miles wide. The new waterfront includes a promenade from the bridge to Cabrillo Beach. The promenade will be 30 feet wide. They plan to create a downtown harbor by having a north harbor cut by the Maritime Museum and also revitalize Ports o' Call including a conference center by having developers come up with a plan. They plan to expand and realign Sampson Way; build an outer harbor cruise terminal (two berths) including a parking structure Berth 93 area; create new destinations for the red car (extend it to the beach); include a shuttle service; and create more green space. There are 20 acres of park going in as part of current enhancements and, in addition, they will have 27 acres more open space in the new plan. They are terminating the lease with Westways and plan to move the marine fueling station to the other side of the channel (at berth 240 where Southwest Marine is currently located). The salt water marsh will be upgraded and the promenade will go across it. Jan then talked about the entire SEQA process. She stated that the scoping process was started back in 2005. They are now in the Draft EIR phase. They hope to resubmit it in 1-1/2 months. The Port website will have the document for review. They will then have a public meeting and will also take email comments or written comments sent to the Port. They hope to bring the project to the council by the end of the year. Public comment period is 60 days. Comments from stakeholders include asking for linkage between the waterfront and downtown San Pedro. Specifically the red car coming into downtown San Pedro.

9. **Action Items:**

- a. **Election:** Board vote on location of the Central SPNC's September 2008 Election. **Motion made by Andrew Silber and seconded by Kara McLeod that we hold our election at the Port of**

Los Angeles High School. Board voted 13 yes, 0 no, motion passed.

- b. **Teen conference:** Support of 2nd Annual Teen Conference: The motion on the March agenda March was tabled due to time constraints and not placed on the April agenda. The request had been for \$3,000. The conference was held April 17th and included 300 teens from 17 schools. There was a recommendation from the finance committee to support the Teen conference (cost of putting on conference) in the amount of \$3,000. Motion seconded by Mayra Perez. 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, Isiah recused himself, motion passed.
- c. **Juneteenth Picnic:** Joe Donato made a motion to approve funds of \$3,000 for Outreach at the 28th Annual Juneteenth Picnic at Peck Park. by 3000-4000 people. The motion was seconded by John Delgado. 11 yes, 2 abstentions, 0 no. Motion passed.
- d. **Knoll Hill Steering Committee:** Sue Castillo explained the formation of a committee to work with the Port of Los Angeles on the Knoll Hill project to be built after the termination of the 3 year lease with Eastview Little League. They are seeking 6 members from our Central San Pedro area who will help with the planning process. LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative) will also be involved. Deadline to submit applications will be May 28th when the Planning Committee will meet and choose the committee. Dave Mathewson made comments about the Steering Committee.
- e. **Amerigas Study:** Jody James, board member on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council talked about the dangers of butane and propane storage at the facility. She is requesting unity from all three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils as well as Wilmington to consider having a study made of the dangers of the facility in the event of a disaster such as an earthquake. Andrew Silber commented that he would like to hear from the other side. Janet Gunter spoke in support. Sue Castillo made a motion that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council express our concern about the safety of the Amerigas facility and the safety of the surrounding community, and support the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council in their analysis of this issue. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber. The motion was to include a letter from our council to Janice Hahn. 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, motion passed.
- f. **Town Hall Meeting with Channel 7 ABC TV.** President Joe Gatlin explained the request from ABC to have the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council host a town hall meeting on the night of our June 10th regular board and stakeholder meeting. Board member Bill Roberson is against it. He is concerned about how they edit what they film. Rosa Arcadia also felt skeptical about the meeting. Linda Alexander thought it might bring out a lot of negative comments and make it a forum that is not controllable. Sue Castillo did not feel we should give up one of our meetings for this. David Buchanan feels it's a good idea and might also bring out the positive and stated, "You can't buy that kind of outreach." Kara McLeod commented on how the law works for this kind of event when it is news. John Delgado asked how we would let the stakeholders know about this. Andrew Silber made a motion to support having KABC Channel 7 film a town hall meeting put on by our Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. The motion was seconded by Isaiah Alexander. 11 yes, 2 no. 0 abstain. Motion passed.

10. **Additional Comments:** Candidate forum has been cancelled. Finance committee Meeting Thursday May 29th, 6:30 at Aphram's office, 1121 S. Meyler. PCAC report was distributed and will be posted on the website.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm

Respectfully submitted,
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