

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Stakeholders Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 6:00 pm
 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:48pm by President John Delgado, with approximately 30 stakeholders present.

1) Roll Call:

Alexander, Isaiah	Absent
Alexander, Linda	Present
Almeida, Art	Present
Anderson, Frank B	Present
Buie, Oliver	Present
Castillo, Sue	Present
Delgado, John Jr.	Present
Henderson, Larry	Present
Johnson, Benetta	Absent
McLeod, Kara	Present
Parker, Raymond Lee	Present
Pasley, Dan	Present
Roberson, Bill	Present
Scoville, Carrie	Present
Seybold, Daryl	Absent
Silber, Andrew	Present
Trigas, Phill	Present

2) Approval of Minutes: After board members reviewed the minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting Art Almeida made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections emailed to the Administrative Assistant by Secretary Sue Castillo. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber. 9 yes votes, 0 no votes. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

3) President's Message:

- a) President John Delgado asked all Veterans in the room to stand so that everyone in attendance could salute the Veterans for their service to our nation.
- b) Our board is in the process of planning a board retreat to set our goals for the next year. This is a public meeting, and stakeholders will be given a report on the results of the retreat.
- c) Our board will be appointing two new board members in December to fill the vacancies created by two recent resignations. Ray Burch described the process of selecting two new board members per our By-Laws and he announced that the period for filing an application is November 11, 2008 to December 5, 2008. Forms were available at today's meeting and will also be made available on the website www.sanpedrocity.org
- d) Our board is appointing a new member for the Knoll Hill Steering committee to fill a vacancy created by a resignation. Applications are open to all of our stakeholders.
- e) Announcements:
 - i) San Pedro Community Plan Update Meeting November 12th, 5 am-8 pm, Peck Park Auditorium.
 - ii) Harbor Area Planning Commission Meeting November 18th, 4 pm, Warner Grand Theater (note: this meeting was cancelled).
 - iii) Harbor Freeway toll lane project meeting November 13th, 6:30 pm, Peck Park Auditorium
 - iv) Knoll Hill Community Meeting, November 19th, 6:30 pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel

4) Reports by Public Officials:

- a) **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong announced that the Mayor wants to educate youth about green jobs at the 2008 Environmental Youth Conference. The Conference will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at the Los Angeles Convention Center from 8am-1pm. A bus is provided for commuting to the conference. Ricardo also commented on the Mayor's Budget Survey stating that it was the "best way to get the Mayor's ear". The mayor will look at the responses from the community to help him make his decisions on the budget. Surveys are due by January 12th, and can be taken on-line through a link on our website: www.sanpedrocity.org. Our representative will attend the Neighborhood Council Roundtables and Presentation of Survey Results in January of 2009.
- b) **LAPD:** No report (today is a city holiday).
- c) **Councilwoman's Office:** No report.
- d) **DONE** (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment): No report.
- e) **Port of Los Angeles:** Bent Christiansen, POLA representative, spoke on the following items:
 - i) Clean Air Action Plan and Truck Program are moving along (some legal challenges are being made on it by FMC).
 - ii) The Waterfront Development Project is the major issue being discussed at the Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting which is scheduled for November 20, 2008 at 8:30 am at Banning's Landing. Kara McLeod asked Bent Christiansen if he could find out if the trucks being used in the construction of the Clearwater Project (storm drain outfall to be constructed in Terminal Island) are going to be held accountable to the clean truck program. Bent will report back on that issue at the next meeting.
 - iii) Caltrans Lot on Beacon Street. Development discussions are just beginning.
 - iv) Stakeholder Question: Soledad Garcia asked Christiansen about the Port's involvement in the Harbor Freeway Toll Lane Project – no information is available at this time.
 - v) Board Member Question: Carrie Scoville asked about the dirt pile at the southwest slip north of Black Hill. Recent heavy winds blew the dirt up and created a dust cloud and this is an ongoing problem. She would like to know what is the Port going to do about it. This was supposed to be a temporary dirt pile and has been there for 3-4 years.

5) Public Comment:

- a) **Kara McLeod:** Announcement that from December 4th through the 7th, the Warner Grand will be presenting "A Christmas Carol", a musical play with carolers, ghosts, and Scrooge.
- b) **John Papadakis:** Read a lengthy written comment asking the community to support the Port's proposed Waterfront Development project. He feels this project will bring environmental justice to the citizens of San Pedro, will provide public access to the waterfront, and will increase economic opportunities for our community.
- c) **Soledad Garcia:** Discussed the DWP's Solar Initiative, which she claims is a blank check that does not provide any detailed information or cost analysis, and that this issue by-passed the DWP Board of Commissioners and the Neighborhood Councils. Kara McLeod asked that this item be put on the agenda for December so that our council can get more information.
- d) **Dorota _____:** Thanked the Central SPNC board for appointing her as one of our SPACE committee representative. She attended a Nov. 10 meeting at the Chamber of Commerce and was told that only one person can represent our neighborhood council. She would like to be that representative.

- e) **Andrea Adleman:** Gave an update on the recent neighborhood council voter forum. She thanked Central for having a great board turnout, and for supporting the advertising in the Daily Breeze.
- f) **Philip Strout Beacon House:** Thanked the council for sponsoring the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner. Our Council is the primary sponsor and we will be on all of their publicity, and we may display our banner at their event. The event will take place this year on Thanksgiving Day from 11am-3pm. They will have an opening ceremony and would like to have a representative from the Central SPNC there.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report:** Linda Alexander gave her report and provided a packet of information which included Finance Committee meeting notes. Our net worth is \$63,977. We have \$28,000 allocated for community outreach, newsletters, forums and administration. The only action item was a request from Harbor Interfaith for \$500 in support of their outreach calendar. Our logo is on the back as a sponsor. **Dan Pasley made a motion to provide funds in the amount of \$500 for advertising on the Harbor Interfaith Calendar. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberson and the board voted in favor with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes. Andrew Silber abstained. Motion passed.**
- 7) **Presentation from the Port of Los Angeles on the San Pedro Waterfront Project.** Arley Baker, head of communications for the San Pedro Waterfront Project, provided handouts and gave a Powerpoint presentation with an overview of the project: The Port would like to hear the community's concerns, likes, dislikes, and allow them to ask questions on the record. Baker announced that the timeframe for this project is only 5 to 7 years. This presentation is available on the Port's website.
- 8) **Camilla Townsend, President of San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.** Congratulated the new board members and the new President, John Delgado. Camilla commented that what is being presented right now is a Draft, and the question is, do we like the proposed plan, one of the four alternative plans, no plan or another plan such as the community-generated "sustainable" plan. The Chamber and other entities such as the neighborhood councils need to make a decision by Dec. 8th (end of comment period). The Chamber had yet to vote on a final position, but Camilla felt that she could express most of their thinking at this time. The Chamber is looking at how the project will affect the community's quality of life, and not just its impact on business. They will not support the "Preferred" plan of the Port but expect to support Alternative 4, with modifications, specifically: a) 50,000 sq ft of new development at Ports O'Call; b) Preservation of the character of landmark institutions such as the San Pedro commercial fishing slip, the Ports O'Call Restaurant and the San Pedro Fish Market; c) Extension of the Red Car Trolley into downtown San Pedro; d) Keep the existing intersections of Harbor Blvd with 5th and 6th Streets; e) Include the 13th street pedestrian bridge. They are also opposed to parking structures on the waterfront.
- (At this point in the meeting the lights in the meeting room went off but the speakers continued with their verbal presentations)*
- 9) **Peter Warren:** He attended this meeting as a representative of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood council. He is also part of the LA Group for a sustainable waterfront plan, which he described as similar to the Port's Alternative 4 with some modifications. This is sustainable because it maintains the existing downtown cruise ship terminal and Ports O'Call. The area south of 22nd Street should be focused on new education and research projects. Warren said that the Port was not disclosing how many bus trips there would have to be to move passengers from a downtown parking garage to their proposed outer harbor cruise terminal.
- 10) **June Burlingame Smith:** Made a few comments and agreed with the Chamber of Commerce position as described by Townsend. She is also a member of the sustainable plan group, which is most akin to the Port's Alternative 4.

- 11) **Gary Dwight:** Representing the Cabrillo Beach Boosters, he spoke about us needing to make connections between downtown and the waterfront. He feels that we need more recreation for our youth, kayaking etc.
- 12) **Bob Gelfand** suggested that we request the Mayor to get involved in making the Port to listen to the community.
- 13) **Kara McLeod** strongly stated that we should not let the Port intimidate us. She felt that there is significant community consensus in what is good for San Pedro, and that we need to go to Councilwoman Hahn, the Mayor and the Harbor Commission and demand more respect for community opinion.
- 14) **Art Almeida:** Described how the community saved the Cabrillo Bathhouse.
- 15) **Sue Castillo:** Suggested that, due to the late hour, we have another meeting to achieve board consensus. **Kara McLeod made a motion that the board meet on Tuesday, November 18th, to discuss the Waterfront Plan and reach a consensus. The motion was seconded by Art Almeida and the board voted unanimously in favor. Motion passed.**
- 16) **Committee Reports:**
 - a) **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville presented a detailed report from the PCAC meeting. Full notes can be seen on our website: www.sanpedrocity.org. On Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 2 pm, the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee will review 35 proposals for mitigation projects.
 - b) **Outreach Committee:** Phill Trigas reported that he chaired the first Outreach Committee meeting with the new board on _____. They discussed some of the items that the Central SPNC needs to promote. Phill will present a more formal report at the next meeting which will include a comprehensive outreach plan.
 - c) **Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area CAC:** Andrew Silber reported that at the last Pacific Corridor CAC meeting consultant SMWM hired by the Port made an extensive presentation regarding the waterfront development, which they called a seamless waterfront plan. Many CAC members did not agree with SMWM that the Port's plan would do anything to further the seamless waterfront concept.
 - d) **Standing Rules Committee Report:** Chair Bill Roberson reported that at the recent Sanding Rules Committee meeting they did not write any new standing rules but discussed several items, including what standing rules are, excused vs. unexcused absences, and who may preside over our agenda setting meeting. There was agreement that the highest-ranking CSPNC officer present would preside as soon as a quorum was reached. A written report was provided.
- 17) **Ethics Training:** Andrew Silber commented that he would like to see that all board members have taken ethics training by January 1, 2009. The City of Los Angeles provides online training that can be accessed through the DONE website.

The meeting was adjourned 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Neighborhood Council Administrative Assistant