

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Stakeholders Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 6:00pm
 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:53pm by President Joe Gatlin. The following roll call was taken:

2. **Roll Call:**

Alexander, Isaiah	Absent
Alexander, Linda	Present
Almeida, Art	Present
Anderson, Frank B	Present
Buie, Oliver	Present (arrived 6:52)
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	Present
Silber, Andrew	Present
Trigas, Phill	Present

3. **Approval of Minutes:** **After board members reviewed the minutes from the September 9, 2008 meeting Sue Castillo made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Andrew Silber. 9 yes votes, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.**

4. **Presentations by Interim Chair:** Ray Burch, Interim Chair, thanked the outgoing board and spoke briefly about each member individually. Gordon Teuber, representing the Councilwoman's Office also formally thanked those outgoing board members and provided certificates to each one. The outgoing board members were: President Joe Gatlin, Vice President Mayra Perez, Secretary Pam Newsom, Treasurer Aphram Khalbourji and Communications Officer Joe Donato.

5. **Introduction and seating of new board members:**

- a. Dan Pasley introduced Raymond Lee Parker. Mr. Parker is relatively new to San Pedro, moving here 3-4 years ago. His wife Bonnie Parker is the daughter of Flora Parker of the Historical Society. Mr. Parker's hopes to reach out to the youth of San Pedro and also the Arts Community.
- b. Sue Castillo introduced Linda Alexander. Ms. Alexander has been participating in the public affairs of San Pedro for several years. She has been attending CSPNC meetings for some time.
- c. John Delgado introduced Frank B Anderson who serves on several boards as well as youth associations. John talked about Frank's love of our community.

- d. Carrie Scoville introduced Art Almeida, a lifelong San Pedran, raised in the Black Hill area. He is active in the labor union, historical society and other community affairs.
 - e. Andrew Silber introduced Phill Trigas. Phill is a relative newcomer to San Pedro and after moving to our community quickly became involved in land use committees and associations involving the downtown area.
6. **Selection of new executive officers:** Ray Burch explained the procedures for selecting new executive officers per our By-Laws. **He opened up the nominations for the five executive positions and the board voted as follows: For Office of President, John Delgado Jr. accepted the nomination and board voted in favor 13 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention. For the Office of Vice President, Andrew Silber accepted the nomination and the board voted in favor 13 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. For the Office of Secretary, Sue Castillo accepted the nomination and the board voted in favor 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. For the Office of Treasurer, Linda Alexander accepted the nomination and the board voted in favor 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. For the office of Communications and Outreach, Phill Trigas accepted the nomination and the board voted in favor 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
7. **Special Thanks:** Joe Gatlin arrived at this point in the meeting and Ray Burch thanked him for his past work. Joe said a few words about his many years of service to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Gordon Teuber presented him with a certificate from the Councilwoman's Office. The newly appointed President, John Delgado Jr. then presided of the remainder of the meeting.
8. **Reports by Public Officials:**
- a. **LAPD:** not present
 - b. **Councilwoman's Office:** Gordon Teuber discussed the following items:
 - i. **New proposed project in San Pedro by New Economics for Women organizations:** Councilwoman Hahn made a request to use 1.2 million dollars of affordable housing funding for their project. The board requested that a presentation be made at our Land Use Planning Committee meeting regarding the project.
 - ii. **Proposition A:** Gordon Teuber then spoke as a private citizen stating that the Councilwoman would like support on her measure to fund anti-gang programs.
 - iii. **Congress of Neighborhood Councils:** Gordon spoke briefly on this item.
 - c. **Port of Los Angeles:** Bent Christiansen, representative from the Port of LA spoke on the following items:
 - i. **San Pedro Waterfront EIR:** Bent provided copies of the San Pedro Waterfront EIR documents to board members and interested stakeholders. Information is also available for review on the Port's website. He commented that several public meetings are planned where the PCAC committees will meet. (October 27, 6pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel). EIR comment period ends on December 8th.
 - ii. **Amp program** (alternative marine power, electric power for ships): The program is moving ahead. China Shipping was the first to utilize the alternative power for their docked ships and has been doing it for around 2 years. Evergreen and NYK are ready to use it. This is part of the Clean Air Action Plan.
 - iii. **Clean Air Action Plan:** The truck program went into effect October 1st and they have 95% compliance at this time. This is a 4 year program that eventually will bring all trucks into 2007 compliance. Bent commented on new contracts that will create new jobs.
 - iv. **Improvements by the Port:** 22nd Street and old Union Oil Tank Farm are under construction. Westways is now closed. Regarding the Cal Trans lots at Beacon and

Harbor, there has been some preliminary talk between Port and CRA and Cal Trans as to developing the lot at a future date.

- v. **Board of Harbor Commissioners Meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for October 23.

- d. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE):** Rosa Arcadia welcomed all the new board members and thanked Aphram for his hard work as Treasurer. The newly appointed Treasurer, Linda Alexander, will need to complete Treasurer training. Funding orientation is available for other board members and stakeholders. Rosa suggested that the Central Neighborhood Council have a retreat at which time Andrew Silber asked the new Executive Committee to set up a retreat and also talked about the importance of Ethics Training which can be completed on-line. Rosa commented on the Congress of Neighborhoods event and thanked Phill Trigas for his work on the Congress which had an attendance of 400-500 people. The Mayor spoke about the current budget status, he expects the city to be under budget 400 million dollars for next fiscal year which means that there are going to be a lot of belt tightening measures. Rosa urged everyone to fill out the Budget Survey before the deadline of January 12, 2009. (Link to the survey can be found on the Central SPNC website: www.sanpedrocity.org)

9. **Public Comment:**

- a. **Dorota:** Talked about her position as Central SPNC's representative for the ACE District and she will bring back a report from the next meeting. She requested a letter be provided to the Walter Beaumont, Chair of the ACE District Committee, stating that she and Ray Buffer have been designated as the Central ACE District reps .
- b. **Andrea Adleman:** Update on Voter Forum. She would also like the Presidents of NC's to participate at the upcoming event.
- c. **Ray Patricio:** Congratulated the new board and talked briefly about North Gaffey Plaza Park. Commented that there is need of a sidewalk on North Gaffey from the Elberon Bridge.
- d. **Doug Epperhart:** Commented on what he thinks should be a priority for our council and that is downtown San Pedro. There are so many organizations and hopefully they will all work together to improve the area which is a somewhat uninviting place with filthy sidewalks and no trees. He feels that more simple things need to be done and thinks that our neighborhood council should be the driving force. In response to Doug's statements, Andrew Silber was adamant that those people who complain about Downtown need to get involved on committees and help make the change.
- e. **Art Almeida:** Commented on Ray Patricio's question about the bridge and need of a sidewalk. In response to Doug and Andrew's comments, he stated that he wants to defend those things he approves of that are going on to improve downtown.
- f. **Linda Alexander:** Announced an upcoming Halloween event on November 1 which the downtown merchants, restaurants, and art galleries are hosting.
- g. **Kara McLeod:** Urged everyone to come see Batboy the Musical.
- h. **Raymond Lee Parker:** As a new board member he was curious if the youth of our community are invited to our meetings and other board members responded that they are definitely welcome and urged to attend and voice their opinions and get involved.

- 10. **DWP Oversight Committee:** Soledad Garcia congratulated the new board and commented that our council needs to replace Ray for the Oversight Committee (advocacy committee). Phill Trigas offered to take that position. Soledad explained the purpose of the DWP Oversight Committee and the reason for the new committee that was formed called the DWP Committee (Advocacy).

President John Delgado confirmed the appointment of Phill Trigas to that Advocacy Committee.

11. **Mandate for Standing Rules Committee:** Dan Pasley explained that part of our new By-laws state that this board once seated will form a Standing Rules Committee that will report at the next meeting on recommendations for Standing Rules. Dan nominated Bill Roberson to the position of Interim Chair of such a committee. Bill Roberson said a few words and would like to get some volunteers for the committee. **Andrew Silber made a motion that we create a Standing Rules Committee. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo. 13 votes in favor, 0 no. The motion passed. Andrew made a second motion to make Bill Roberson Interim Chair of the Standing Rules Committee. The motion was seconded by Dan Pasley and the board voted in favor with 13 yes, 0 no.** Art Almeida, Dan Pasley, Aphram Khalbourji, Linda Alexander, Carrie Scoville agreed to be on the committee.
12. **Review and confirmation of Committees:** Dan Pasley talked about the need for committees and feels we should review the list of current committees and committee chairs and discuss the possibility of additional committees. He would like to see such a list placed on the website for the community to access.
13. **Selection of PCAC Rep and Alternate. Bill Roberson nominated Carrie Scoville for the position of PCAC Representative. Carrie talked about the PCAC and its 8 subcommittees which means there is a vital need to have an alternate that could also represent Central at the PCAC meetings. Andrew Silber nominated Oliver Buie as the alternate and he accepted. The board voted in favor with 13 yes for Carrie, 0 no and 13 yes votes for Oliver Buie 13 yes, 0 no.**
14. **Land Use and Planning Committee:**
 - a. **Waterfront Development:** Sue Castillo talked about the Port releasing their list of plans and alternate plans for the Waterfront Development. Comments are due Dec. 8. On October there will be a public meeting. Her comments relating to the plans were that we need to keep the cruise terminals downtown. Sue then explained the purpose of the newly formed San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee with June Burlingame Smith as the Chair. June was available to say a few words about the subcommittee. She has grave concerns about having a cruise terminal at Kaiser Point. The goals of the new committee are: 1. All berths to be located at the inner harbor. 2. Provide linkages to downtown and the community. 3. Provide links to and protection of existing open space. 4. Expand salt water marsh habitat. 5. Plan and develop Ports O' Call 6. Create a diversity of parking options. 7. Create a plan that reflects the Port's sustainability goals.
 - b. **MTA Rail Line:** Sue talked about the MTA's New Rail Line. She would like to find a time to do a public forum with them along with other neighborhood councils.
 - c. **Knoll Hill:** Melendrez Design Partners have been chosen to work on the Knoll Hill Project. Nov. 1st there will be a project walk. Nov. 19th will be a public meeting for the community plan.
 - d. **Downtown walking tour letter.** Sue will be writing a letter to the Councilwoman's Office regarding the suggestions brought forth for the downtown area from people attending the recent Walking Tour put on by our Land Use and Planning Committee. The letter will be signed by our new president.
15. **Finance Committee Report:** As outgoing Treasurer Aphram Khalbourji talked about the transition and offered assistance to the new Treasurer, Linda Alexander. He provided a Finance Committee Report.

16. **Communications and Outreach.** Phill talked about successful elections and the success of the Disaster Preparedness Fair held in September. Being involved with the Communications and Outreach Committee for the last four months has given Phill a taste of what needs to be done and he would like to work towards an outreach plan.
17. **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville, handed out her written report. The report included information on the 2006 POLA Emissions Inventory, the POLA/LB Clean Truck Program, the Governor's Signing of a Drilling Bill and his veto of the Container Fee Bill; the United Nations' International Maritime Operations vote to cut SOx and NOx emissions from ships; the San Pedro Waterfront DEIR; China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Fund Projects; and outlines upcoming events. The full PCAC Report can be found under PORT NEWS on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council website: www.sanpedrocity.org.
18. **Pacific Corridor Community Advisory Committee Report:** Andrew Silber provided his report. He commented about Rafique Khan retiring from the CRA and his positive impact on the community. Andrew also talked about the San Pedro community plan update which is a valuable issue. He feels that we, as a council, need to ask Janice Hahn to include the waterfront in the San Pedro Community Plan. He also talked about Gaffey Street from the end of the 110 Freeway to 9th Street and now that Cal Trans has relinquished the maintenance of that area to the city, the city will be able to improve the area which Cal Trans never did. Other issues he discussed were: Clean San Pedro received funds from the CRA to continue cleaning; the Historic preservation overlay zone and expansion of the zone; and the benefit of Pacific Avenue street lights from 4th to 9th Streets. **Andrew Silber made a Motion that the secretary contact the Mayor's office to send a representative to our monthly meetings. The motion was seconded by Art Almeida. The Board voted in favor of the motion with 13 yes votes, 0 no.**
19. **Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

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