

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Stakeholders Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, September 9, 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:**

Joe Gatlin	Present
Mayra Perez	Present
Pamela Newsom	Present
Aphram Khalbourji	Present
Dan Pasley	Present – Arrived 7:19
Kara McLeod	Present
Isiah Alexander	Excused
Larry Henderson	Present
Benetta Johnson	Excused
Carrie Scoville	Present
Oliver Buie	Excused
Daryl Seybold	Present
Andrew Silber	Excused
Bill Roberson	Present
John Delgado Jr.	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Joe Donato	Present

3. **Approval of Minutes:** After board members reviewed the minutes from the August 12, 2008 meeting Sue Castillo made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Kara McLeod. 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, 3 abstention. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

4. **Reports by Public Officials:**

LAPD: Not present.

Councilwoman’s Office: Gordon Teuber reported on the following:

- a. **Skateboard issue:** There are only a few signs up in downtown San Pedro. Most of them came down when the decorative poles were put up and so far the city has not been pressed to put them back up. Some people want them some people don’t.
- b. **Upcoming Event/Meetings:**
 - i. Emergency Preparedness Fair, Sept 20 10-2pm at Harbor Regional Park.
 - ii. Friday September 12, 9am-noon in Carson, there is a workshop to learn more about the issue of 110 Frwy congestion pricing (Toll lane).
 - iii. Zero Waste Plan Workshop put on by the Sanitation Department on September 16 at 6pm, 707 C Street, Wilmington.
 - iv. Walking tour of Ken Malloy Park September 17.
 - v. Meeting about the Property Based Business Improvement District. September 24, Crowne Plaza Hotel. Public meeting for those who are property owners in downtown San Pedro.
- c. Kara McLeod asked Gordon what is going on with Plaza Park Beacon Street? Gordon says there are improvement plans but funding is an issue because the Department of

Recreation and Parks doesn't have the money. He commented that the Port through China Shipping Mitigation Funds Phase II may be doing some work there. Kara specifically wanted to know if any improvement would involve the stairs? Gordon said maybe. He also commented on Stephanie Mardesich's great work with clean up. Sue Castillo asked about the status of Bandini Canyon? Gordon commented that the bids closed but he does not have a specific start date at this time. Joe Gatlin thanked the Council Office for the Stop sign at 3rd and Mesa.

- d. **Cabrillo Beach:** Council woman thinks that the Port should fund the boathouse regardless of mitigation funds.
- e. **Parking Meter Issue:** The Council Office received a lot of calls about the increase in parking meter rates. Gordon explained that this issue was part of city budget process, and wasn't an item that came before the council. Chamber of Commerce wants it to roll it back because we are an enterprise zone.

Mayor's Office. No report.

Port of Los Angeles: Bent Christiansen reported on news from the Port.

- a. Lobster fest is scheduled for September 19th 20th and 21st at Ports O' Call.
- b. Clean Air Action Program: A decision was made by the judge yesterday on the truck program, and the official decision will be announced on Thursday. 8,400 trucks signed up under the new concession program. 2,000 of those will be 2007 compliant which means they will be much cleaner. Trucks servicing the port can be no older than 1989. In four years they hope to bring all trucks up to 2007 standards. At the present time there are approximately 16,000-17,000 trucks servicing the area.
- c. New Construction: After 7 years of no construction the port is now working on its Capitol Improvement Program of \$4 billion over the next 10 years. Some of the projects include: Outer harbor cruise terminal, deepening of channel, environmental improvements, other waterfront projects. 123 million dollars of construction going on in the Harbor and 270 billion dollars worth of construction projects coming up in the next few years. Future plans for water cuts etc. Parking lot and landscaping improvements at 22nd street and Sampson way. 18 acre park on 22nd where old tank farm was previously housed. Also made comments on Cabrillo beach cleanup.
- d. Percentage of these jobs are set aside for local hires around 30%. Mechanism for getting these jobs is kind of convoluted. Best to go to the Port's website to learn about jobs and where to go.
- e. Knoll hill is moving ahead.
- f. Construction project by Cal Trans in the works at the parking lot on Beacon and Harbor. Some development being proposed there. This is off port property. Plans may include Parking structures and commercial development.
- g. Questions from Board Member: Joe Donato asked questions about what will be in the 22nd Street Park? Bent commented that they plan grass, walking paths, open space and parking.
- h. Westways terminal has shut down and is being dismantled.
- i. Los Angeles County Fair: The Port will have a presence there. They have a mobile trailer with exhibits.
- j. New fountain on Harbor Blvd is a big hit with most people, also, 30,000 people rode the red car last month.
- k. Port Police is still recruiting.
- l. Next Board of Harbor Commissioners is scheduled for September 18 at 8:30am at Bannings Landing, Wilmington.

DONE (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment): Representative Rosa Arcadia reported that the City Clerk has updated the council file management system. Take a look at the city clerk's

website and see the features. Also upcoming event: October 11th: Morning with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at the Community Budget Day 8am-11am. The afternoon will feature the Congress of Neighborhoods providing community based trainings and dialogues.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- a. **Mark Wells:** Target October 8 may have a pre-opening. Rzncho PV Traffic Safety Commission, Monday, Sept. 22, 7pm at Fred Hess Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd, their commission will be conducting a public forum re: mitigation aspects on Western in relationship to the Ponte Vista Development. City of Rancho PV has a stake in whether changes are made to the mitigation proposals of Ponte Vista. This is the reason for this public forum. 2nd Public forum being conducted for Ponte Vista. Google Ponte Vista blog to get more information.
- b. **Frank Anderson,** Youth Sports Association: First annual peck park alumni dance sept 20, Simons, good food, comedy, entertainment. \$40 tickets. Non profit, money supports park programs, equipment uniforms.
- c. **Kara McLeod:** Bad Boy the Musical being held October 9th Warner Grand. Free glow in the dark fangs.
- d. **Carrie Scoville:** Sept 20 2pm, Warner Grand, Festival of Sacred Music.

6. **Union Pacific:** Provided a presentation on the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility Modernization Project which included highlights of the Modernization Plan. The ICTF opened in 1986. It is a key link in moving the country's goods. It will reach its capacity by the end of 2008. They need to increase capacity, efficiency and reduce the impact on the community. All cranes will become electric (no more diesel). Idling times of trucks will be reduced with new technology on gates etc. 74% reduction of emissions because of the new technology. The presentation ended with a question and answer period.

7. **Finance Committee:** Aphram Khalbourji provided the financial report. We currently have \$67,000 to spend for this year. Aphram then gave a summary of items needing attention:
- a. **Little Fish Theatre** submitted some documentation and request for \$3,000.
 - b. **Beacon House** request for \$500 for Thanksgiving program.
 - c. **Muriel Olguin** event \$450 was discussed for an event honoring Muriel.
 - d. **Golden Pops.** After their July presentation they submitted a request for \$10,000.
 - e. **Tri Arts** requested \$1,000 today.
 - f. \$7400 left for improvement projects, outstanding \$15,000 to vote on for the whole year.
 - g. **Relevant Stage:** Aphram submitted a request to DONE for \$1500 based on the last meeting, although it was not reflected in the minutes and Aphram would like approval today.
 - h. Aphram Khalbourji then made a motion to approve \$500 for Beacon House. \$500 for the Tri Arts, \$500 for the Little Fish Theatre, \$450 for the Muriel Olguin event, \$500 for Golden State Pops program, and \$1500 for The Relevant Stage. The motion was seconded by Dan Pasley. Joe Donato asked for a friendly amendment to the motion because he felt that the Golden State Pops program helps children who can't afford instruments and he would like to increase the \$500 to \$1,000. The friendly amendment was accepted by Aphram who made motion, but Dan Pasley withdrew his second. The entire motion was then withdrawn.
 - i. **Golden State POPS motion: Joe Donato then made a motion to give the Golden State Pops \$1,000 to support their music program for youth in the community. The motion was seconded by Mayra Perez. Dan Pasley felt we already gave 20% of our budget to support it and would like to keep it at \$500. The board then voted: 6 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain, motion passed.**

- j. **Little Fish Theatre motion: Sue Castillo made a motion to support the Little Fish Theatre in the amount of \$500. The motion was seconded by Joe Donato. The board voted, 9 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention. Motion passed.**
- k. **Muriel Olguin motion: Dan Pasley made a motion to present a Lifetime Achievement award to Muriel Olgin. Event to be held the first available Saturday and approval of expenses in the amount of \$450. Joe Donato seconded the motion. The board voted, 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, 3 abstentions. Motion passed.** Dorota with the Madeo Gallery will work with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council on this event.
- l. **Beacon House motion: Bill Roberson made a motion to approve funds of \$500 in support of the Beacon House Thanksgiving Day program. The motion was seconded by Dan Pasley. The board voted, 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.**
- m. **Tri Art Festival Motion: Aphram Khalbourji made a motion to support the Tri Art Festival put on by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$500. Pam Foster seconded the motion. 1 yes vote, 3 no votes, 6 abstentions. Motion failed.**
- n. **The Relevant Stage Motion: Dan Pasley made a motion to affirm that a motion was passed and should be added to the August Minutes reflecting that \$1500 was approved in support of the Relevant Stage program. The motion was seconded by Daryl Seybold. Board voted 8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.**

8. Land Use Planning Committee Report:

- a. Sue Castillo reported on the July walking tour discussion at the Land Use Planning committee held August 7th where the committee settled on some action. Sue provided handouts with examples of letters that the committee would like to send to the Port and Councilwoman Janice Hahn. **A motion was brought forth from the committee to finalize the letters and send them to the Port and Janice Hahn. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberson. The board voted: 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. Motion passed.**
- b. **Proposed 7-11 Store:** The proposed 7-11 store is just outside of our boundaries and therefore it was decided that no action be taken by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Kara McLeod commented that a lot of people are upset on yet another liquor store being added to the neighborhood. A very productive meeting was held with the 7-11 people who were very responsive and assured that there would be no hard liquor sales or fortified liquors; they are addressing security and graffiti.
- c. **Bandini Canyon,** the committee hopes to work with some homeowners.
- d. **Knoll Hill Steering Committee:** LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative) talked about hiring the landscape architect. There will be a series of three community meetings to bring ideas to the table for the design.

9. Mayors Budget Day. Appointing of a representative for October 11, 2008 event. Linda Alexander agreed to be the representative; Sue Castillo will try to attend with Linda.

10. Presentation by Andrea Adleman: With the high level of interest in the presidential election this year, Andrea is hoping to have the local neighborhood councils co-sponsor a non-partisan voter education forum. The event would be held Tuesday October 21st, two weeks before the election at the Cabrillo Marina Community Building. **A motion was made by Sue Castillo and seconded by Bill Roberson that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council support the forum and assist with outreach expenses in an amount not to exceed \$800. 8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.**

11. Alternate for the ACE District: Joe Gatlin explained that our current representative, Dave Buchanan will be out of town for several months and our council needs to appoint representatives

to be alternates for the ACE District meetings. Ray Buffer and local artist, Dorota, expressed their interest in representing the council. **Kara McLeod made a motion, seconded by another board member that Ray Buffer and Dorota be appointed as the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council representatives at the ACE District meetings and report back to the council. Board voted in favor with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention. Motion passed.**

12. **Election Results:** The Independent Election Administrator thanked the volunteers for their honesty and fairness. He provided the results of the election. There were 308 voters. Below are the results:

13. Silvan Arguello 11
Rosa Elvira Quintaro 41
Max W. Pierce 5
Phill Trigas 198
Joey T. Pedroza 14
Pedro Araujo Reyes 13
Frank B. Anderson 165
Linda L. Alexander 194
R. Price-Guinn 3
Vernon C. I. Connolly 4
Margie Maxwell 14
Renee Sanchez Durbin 10
Wenceslao Murillo 2

Arthur A. Almeida 163
Aphram Khalbourji 15
Raymond Lee Parker 154
Heidi Bartlett 9
Jason Herring 1
Ray Buffer 21
I. Tollstrup 0
James Brown 80
Joe R. Gatlin 73
Mayra Perez 62
Pamela Foster Newsom 62
James Cordero 65

The newly elected board members, Phill Trigas, Frank Anderson, Linda Alexander, Arthur Almeida and Raymond Lee Parker, will join the board effective next month.

14. **Communication and Outreach Committee:** Phill Trigas reported on a second mass mailer. He commented that he enjoyed working with Joe Donato on the Outreach Committee. He made an announcement about the upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods event on October 11, 2008 which is combined with the Mayor's Budget Day. Phill explained that the breakout sessions in the afternoon are for people who want to learn more about neighborhood councils. There will also be an open forum with the city council members. Other items that needed discussing were the Emergency Preparedness Fair being held September 20 and the need for volunteers to man the Central NC booth.

15. **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville reported that there was no meeting in August and therefore her written report which is available online focused primarily on upcoming events and meetings.

16. **Thank you.** Board member, Dan Pasley, thanked all the community members who ran for the five board positions and urged those who did not get elected to consider getting involved with committees. He specifically thanked President Joe Gatlin for his years of service. He also urged the community members who came out to vote today to consider attending the Central Neighborhood Council meetings every month on the second Tuesday.

17. **Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith
Neighborhood Council Administrative Assistant