



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Stakeholder Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, August 9, 2011 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th St, San Pedro, Calif.

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Linda Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:33. The following board members were in attendance: Linda Alexander, James P. Allen, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo, Harvey Contreras, Kara McLeod, Alan Ramirez, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber and Scott Gray. The following board members were absent: Phill Trigas, J.R. Perez and Kali Merideth.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Board unanimously approved the July 12, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes as presented.
3. **Redistricting Issue:** Carrie Scoville briefly reported on the redistricting maps which can be viewed on line at www.wedrawthelines.gov.
4. **Update on Stakeholder Issues:** Andrew Silber gave a brief update on the following:
 - a. Postal delivery issue involving a stakeholder's dog. Although the issue has been resolved, the residents of that block are not pleased with the outcome.
 - b. Goodfellas Bar issue: Nothing new to report. The LAPD will be asked for updates.
5. **DWP Rate Increases:** Andrew Silber commented that he has not done much about the DWP issue. He attended a briefing by the General Manager of the DWP and asked questions about labor costs, pensions and debt financing which he felt were not answered well. He can provide an update at the next meeting.
6. **Street Safety Issues:** The board briefly discussed the issue of dangerous conditions at the following locations: The intersection of Pacific Avenue/Front Street; the intersection of 14th Street/Palos Verdes Street; and the lack of sidewalks on Gaffey between the Elberon Bridge and Channel Street. During discussion several board members provided personal accounts of the dangers involving that area. **A motion was made by James Allen and seconded by Andrew Silber that the Board send a letter to the Council District 15 Office pointing out the challenges on these streets and requesting assistance. The motion was passed unanimously.**
7. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) Report:** Carrie Scoville provided a written PCAC report in the agenda packet. She explained that there was no meeting in July and there will not be a meeting in August either. However, there is a lot of activity going on which is mentioned in the report. Carrie announced an upcoming meeting scheduled for August 18th at the Port Headquarters from 6pm-8pm relating to the 110/47 interchange. Cal Trans is declaring that this is mitigation. The public has 30 days to comment.
8. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Carrie Scoville provided two months of HANC notes in the agenda packet. There were no action items at the last two meetings. Carrie explained the purpose of the HANC group to stakeholders. HANC is considering putting together a candidate forum for all the CD15 candidates. It will be open to everyone running. A date has not yet been decided. Each neighborhood council should

formulate questions for the candidates. Co-sponsors of the event will be the Chambers of Commerce and the Rotary Club. Andrew Silber commented that he would like to see a process established for questions. It was decided that board members can submit questions to Linda Alexander and she will submit them to HANC. James Allen commented that the action items from past minutes could be used to formulate a platform. A Subcommittee was formed and included the following board members: James Allen, Andrew Silber, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville and Sue Castillo. James Allen offered to communicate with the subcommittee to choose a time and place to meet.

9. **ACE DISTRICT:** Andrew Silber reported on the recent election of officers. The ACE Board elected officers by a majority vote of the seated board members, however, there was a dispute regarding an absentee ballot. At the next meeting on August 8th, that issue was brought up and a vote was taken as to whether the ballot would stand and the majority voted yes and the election of officers remained as follows: Deborah Lewis is Chair, Melanie Jones, Vice Chair, Liz Johnson is secretary. The CRA oversees the ACE and should be contacted if someone is not happy with the outcome. Beate has formed a Committee for area wide grants from the CRA for marketing the ACE. James Allen commented that Liz Schindler is going to be producing banners for the downtown welcome of Marymount College and that it is being done without a competitive bid. PBID has not approved this.
10. **CRA (Pacific Corridor CAC) Report:** Andrew Silber provided a written report on the August 3rd meeting with the following highlights:
 - a. Fresh and Easy, 603-619 S. Gaffey Street: The Design Advisory Panel of the CRA CAC made some requests to the Fresh & Easy architects and adjustments were made to the project entrance and windows.
 - b. Façade program update: Improvements have been made to the 300 block of 7th Street. Walter Beaumont gave information on how to get a façade improvement grant.
 - c. Mojo update (robotic art piece at 7th & Centre. There was a lot of discussion on getting it repaired. (Andrew commented that this could be an action item for the Central SPNC in the future).
 - d. Toberman Village Construction is ahead of schedule and due for completion Dec. 2011.
 - e. Pacific Arts Colony Update (Meta Housing Project): The state's interference in the CRA is part of the slowdown.
 - f. Beacon Street Project Area Debt: The project ends 2013 or 2014 and then TRI continues to come in for 10 years. A bond can be issued for a project, etc.
 - g. Status of State Budget & Assembly Bills 26 and 27. There is currently a dispute as the state wants CRAs to contribute to state funds.
11. **Council District 15 List:** Andrew will report on the progress of the list next month.

Reports from Public Officials, City Departments, and their representatives:

12. **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong introduced the new Port of Los Angeles Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs, Cynthia Ruiz who is in charge of external relations, community relations, PR and government relations. Ms. Ruiz gave a brief statement of her future plans and also commented on the following:
 - a. The Taste in San Pedro Event was a huge success.
 - b. Regarding the recent visit of the Navy ship, she spoke with the commander about the NCIS map issue. She has a commitment to do a de-briefing to make sure a better

job is done in the future. Ruiz also commented that a committee will be formed if there is a future Navy Week.

- c. Andrew Silber commented to Ms. Ruiz about the decrease in cruise ships.

13. PORT OF LA: Augie Bezmalinovich reported on various items:

- a. The next BOHC meetings are scheduled for August 18 & 30 at 8:30am.
- b. Summer concert series continues on Thursdays with a children's entertainment hour from 6pm-7pm.
- c. Navy Week and Taste in San Pedro updates.
- d. Lobster Fest is scheduled for September 16th-18th at the Port O' Call parking lot.
- e. Public Meeting on August 18 regarding the availability of studies concerning on and off ramps (110/47 interchange project). Sound walls might be an issue for the community. The skate park on Channel will be closed during construction.
- f. A meeting is scheduled for August 31st from 6-m-8pm at the Port Admin Bldg, Exec. Board Room where the Bergamot group will share their concept for Warehouses 9 and 10.
- g. Cabrillo Marina Phase II Grand Opening is November 5th, (new date).
- h. SP Slip Update.
- i. Maritime Museum upgrading.
- j. Downtown Harbor. Bids for construction are out and they anticipate groundbreaking at the end of the year.
- k. USS IOWA: No news yet.
- l. Front Street Beautification project: Comments received included the possibility of undergrounding the utility lines. The City is requiring the street to be widened so they have to move utility poles over and they might consider undergrounding those poles.

14. PORT POLICE: Officer Stacey Creech gave a brief report on the following:

- a. Port Police Headquarters Grand Opening was very successful.
- b. The Pacific Voyager will be coming the week of August 21st at Cabrillo Beach to promote environmental issues in the Pacific Ocean. This includes exhibits and demonstrations.
- c. Taste in San Pedro event was successful: She heard of only one arrest.

15. Public Comments on non-agenda items:

- a. **Julia Scoville:** She would like to encourage the Port to include a community room in the Port Police building.
- b. **John McLeod:** Liked the Taste in San Pedro event on the waterfront but it brought to light the need for the promenade closer to the water.
- c. **Kara McLeod:** Need more shade at the Taste.

OLD BUSINESS

16. Taco Bell Project:

- a. Linda Alexander explained that the Central SPNC Board had not publicly noticed that the Taco Bell project update would be an action item and therefore the motion from the July meeting should be reconsidered and a new vote taken. This would require that ¾ of the Board agree. **Pat Carroll made a motion to reconsider the previous motion of July 12, 2011 related to the Taco Bell Project. The motion was seconded by Frank Anderson and passed by 11 yes votes, 0 no votes.**

- b. The following new motion was presented by Sue Castillo and seconded by James Allen: “The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the citizens who worked with Taco Bell in their efforts to improve their facility while also attempting to reduce Taco Bell’s negative impacts on their immediate neighborhood. We acknowledge Taco Bell’s agreement with conditions to reduce such impacts, but strongly support the neighborhood’s request to relocate the access to the private garage located at 722-724 W. 11th Street which is directly impacted by Taco Bell’s traffic flow pattern before this neighborhood council can support the project, we ask that Taco Bell return to the negotiating table to resolve this issue even if additional time will be required to complete this otherwise beneficial project. After a brief discussion and comments from the garage owner, Mona Sutton and Sal De Constanzo, the motion was unanimously passed by the Board.
- c. Andrew Silber made a motion that before the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Taco Bell’s project at this site we need assurance that they will provide cleanliness and trash pickup in the alley, sidewalk and parkway adjacent to their property. The motion was seconded by Kara McLeod and passed unanimously by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- 17. Fresh and Easy proposed at Southwest Corner 6th & Gaffey.** Three current store fronts on 6th and Gaffey will be taken over and the property will be remodeled to accommodate the new Fresh and Easy Express store. The Fresh & Easy group has met with the CRA and adjusted their original plans to accommodate the requests of the CRA Design panel. They will be asking for a Conditional Use Permit to sell beer and wine. The Fresh and Easy Express store is around 4,000 square feet. Liquor sales are being considered during stores hours which are 6am-11pm. A motion was made by Andrew Silber that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council support the proposed Fresh and Easy project at the Southwest Corner of 6th and Gaffey and its request for a Conditional Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine. The motion was seconded by Kara McLeod and passed by the Board with 7 yes votes and 4 no votes.
- 18. Financial Report:** Copies of the June and July expenses were provided in the Agenda Packet. A motion was made by James Allen to approve the June and July Central SPNC expenses are presented. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber and passed unanimously by the Board.
- 19. Outreach Committee:** Pat Carroll thanked those who involved in the success of the Taste in San Pedro event. She announced that a new Outreach meeting date will be announced as soon as it is determined.
- 20. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Smith
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