



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Tuesday, June 8, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th St, San Pedro, Calif.

Call to Order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:42pm. Present: Pat Carroll, Linda Alexander, Carrie Scoville, John Delgado Jr., Frank Anderson, Phill Trigas, Scott Gray, Andrew Silber and Phillip Strout. Absent: Sue Castillo, J.R. Perez, Bill Roberson, Kara McLeod, Caroline Sinco-Brady, Daryl Seybold, Art Almeida and Julia Parker. Approximately 20 stakeholders and guests present.

President's Report:

- President John Delgado Jr. thanked all in attendance and made comments on the elections. He thanked Slavkos for the refreshments.
- Called upon Scott Gray to announce the upcoming Cars and Stripes event July 2nd being held by the Port of Los Angeles in collaboration with other organizations. The event will take place by the Fountain.
- There was also an announcement about the Beacon House Annual Dinner which scheduled for Sat. June 26th at 5:30pm with a Wild West theme.
- Andrew Silber commented that our community is about to enjoy a Visitors Bureau in San Pedro.
- Pat Carroll commented on the second "Grand Central" newsletter that was distributed and thanked Linda Alexander and Carrie Scoville for their assistance.

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

Councilwoman Janice Hahn's Office: Ana Dragin reported on:

- The PBID has finished tree trimming in the downtown area with a total of 77 trees trimmed. Some on 5th street. The project is now complete and made a big difference in the appearance of the area.
- Closing of marijuana dispensaries. They are working with the City Attorney. Process might take longer than anticipated. The ones in San Pedro are not permitted correctly.
- Anderson Senior Center will be renovated. Funding allocated for improvements of the building. They have a termite problem and the building is old and needs a lot of work.
- ADA Ramps: Bureau of Street Ramps will be putting in 47 ramps on Gaffey. Once the light synchronization contractors are finished, the street ramp project will begin.
- Million Trees LA project: They will be passing out free citrus trees this Saturday at Home Depot from 8:30-1pm. About 100 trees will be passed out on a first come, first served basis.
- Staff changes at the Council Office: Cindy has moved to DWP. Terry McKinnon will be taking those responsibilities. Dolores is also leaving and Erica Velasquez will be the District Director for the entire district.
- Andrew asked about the street light synchronization and re-asphalting the streets where they were dug up. Ana commented that the Mayor is serious about resurfacing and wants to double the miles this year. Carrie asked if we can make recommendations on streets to be added to the list and was told to submit any requests to Ana.

LAPD. Officer Ashcraft (filling in for Officer Nua) reported on the following:

- Violent and gang crime is down. The biggest problem is property crimes which have escalated in San Pedro.
- Grant theft auto is most prevalent in the downtown San Pedro district. The LAPD now has squad cars with cameras that read license plates to track stolen vehicles.
- Burglaries from residences can be avoided by keeping your property well lit.
- Andrew Silber asked about recent drug traffic problems on 7th street where there have been higher incidences of loitering etc., especially in the area near Godmothers. Officer Ashcraft will notify the Narcotics Division about these issues. It was also mentioned that the PBID security is assisting in reducing crime in the downtown area.

Mayor's Office: Ricardo Hong was not able to attend the meeting today. Andrew Silber commented on two issues: A letter written protesting the closing of the San Pedro court house, which has received no response from the Mayor's office. Andrew also wrote a personal letter to the mayor as a citizen asking him to pursue the SS Iowa option since it is up for grabs. He has had no response from the Mayor's Office on this issue either.

Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich was not in attendance. Bent Christiansen commented that he had nothing specific to report other than the 2010-2011 budget for the Port has been passed and reflects a 15% reduction. Revenue is expected to be down 5%. There is a lot construction going on. Container traffic is slightly increasing. Andrew commented that Augie had emailed him with an update on the Front Street project. He would like the Augie to report on what is being done to replace the cruise ships that are leaving. Bent commented that the Port has a Marketing Division that works on developing cruise ship business and perhaps a representative from that division could do a future presentation.

PBID Report: Linda Alexander gave short report on PBID which included:

- The results of the recent tree trimming can be seen in a picture found in the most current issue of the Chamber journal.
- Steve Robbins spoke to the joint merchants group and he mentioned that PBID is working with the City of LA on street scape furniture.
- The Port, the Chamber and PBID are hosting a travel agent presentation.

Public Comment:

- Steven, a Central Stakeholder residing in the 500 block of Upland Avenue commented on the feral cat problem in his neighborhood. Carrie Scoville offered to discuss the issue further after the meeting.

Finance Committee Report:

- Linda Alexander talked about the Finance Committee meeting and thanked Carrie Scoville for her excellent work on the reports. The Finance Report was included in the Agenda packet. No decisions on expenditures are being made until DONE gives them the final figures.
- Carrie reviewed the financial report she prepared for the end of May with estimates for expenditures in June. She commented that there is a \$13,120 roll over. The reports included a pie chart with expenses and a bar chart showing encumbrances, etc. She gave an overview of the proposed budget for next year which includes three issues of the newsletter, the cost of an outreach consultant and website upgrades. There is only \$5400 remaining for community improvement projects.
- Andrew made a motion to accept and adopt the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Pat Carroll and passed with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes.

- There was a short discussion on the issue that the Finance Committee did not want to make a recommendation on the community organizations that presented proposals in January. None have yet received funding. In addition, about three organizations have mailed proposals in since that time. Some entities have asked when they can submit proposals and they were told probably July. It was recommended that the Board should decide what are the most important areas of focus for our council in order to accomplish our priorities and goals. We should consider these before we decide how the funding will be handled.
- Andrew Silber talked about the three questions on the Finance committee report. He feels that we should open it up to anyone applying but to explain to those who pre-applied that they don't have to resubmit but have to tell us that they want to be included. It was Andrew's recommendation that the cost of refreshments be reduced from \$250 to \$200.
- Linda Alexander suggested that the Board look at the priorities that were discussed at our last retreat.
- Phill Trigas agreed that the Board should set priorities first before choices for funding are made.
- Andrew Silber supports humanitarian causes that affect our district.
- We can make a statement about our priority.
- Dennis Paul, Organization Development specialist and non-profit expert introduced himself and made suggestions about matching funds.
- **Pat Carroll made a motion that whatever funds the CSPNC has available to disburse to community organizations in 2010-11 be prioritized to the underserved youth and families in the community through food banks, public safety and health initiative and graffiti abatement and after school educational programs. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber and then passed by the Board with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.**
- **Pat made a motion to open the process of submitting proposals to all community organizations and to notify both past and new organizations of the priorities that are set and the financial limitation be an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Furthermore, previously submitted proposals do not have to be resubmitted but can be modified to fit the criteria. The motion was seconded by Philip Strout and then passed by the Board with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes.**
- The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held in July.
- Carrie Scoville added that we have completed the first and second quarter audits and sent them in.
- Discussion on how often proposals will be asked for. Linda Alexander said that the Finance Committee would like to post calls for proposals in August and possibly a second call in February if funds are available.

Rancho Residence Advisory Council update: Linda Alexander gave an update on the meeting last week where the concerns that Veronica brought to the board were discussed. She brought forms that their group is required to submit to HACLA. Linda stated that during that meeting they learned a great deal. The \$25 per unit per month being discussed is given by HUD to HACLA. \$15 goes directly to the Resident Council for their use. Insurance is paid by HACLA. They get around \$500 a month. The main concern of the Advisory Council was that there were misunderstandings and they are pushing for more transparency from the City. Ricardo Hong is asking the city to break down the costs etc. Our council is taking a part in making sure that this issue is rectified. There will be a follow up report at the July meeting.

Communities for a Better Environment: This agenda item was covered in a discussion at the HANC meeting and will be covered in the HANC report.

Sidewalk Ordinance Update: Andrew has not yet sent the letter but will handle it. He has no idea where the issue stands right now with the City Council.

Elections: Per the CSPNC By Laws, the new Board is not officially seated until July so we don't know officially until July how many board seats will be vacant. At the July meeting John will announced how many board seats are open and stakeholders interested in filling a vacant board seat should attend the July meeting. Applications will be made available.

Port Community Advisory Committee Report (PCAC): A written report was included in the agenda packet. Carrie talked about the highlights. Andrew commented that we should voice our opinion to the Mayor to appoint a local resident to the vacant seat on the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Carrie also talked about possible future conflicts regarding Gambol. The next PCAC meeting will be the 15th and Carrie will be chairing that meeting.

HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report. Carrie Scoville provided an overview of the report which was included in the agenda packet. Julia will be chairing the meeting next month. HANC report will be available on our new website.

SB1818: Carrie gave a quick overview of the SB1818 issue. She strongly suggests we have our Land Use Planning Committee look at this.

Cell Company Announcements: There have been two applications for electricity boxes by AT&T in our district. One is proposed at 12th and Leland, the other at Crestwood and Cabrillo by Leland Park. Our Board may want to review them.

ACE District Report: Linda reported that ACE put out a request for proposals and received about 30. They have \$70,000-\$80,000 for Arts, Entertainment and Cultural. They will be presented at the ACE board meeting at 4:00 next Monday (14th).

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 11, 2010 meeting and one correction was made. **A motion was then made by Andrew Silber that we approve the minutes with the one correction, seconded by Frank Anderson, and passed unanimously by the Board.**

Other Comments:

- WOW (Warners on Wednesday) is scheduled to start on the 26th.
- Andrew Silber made comments about the Warner Grand issue and feels that our Board is going to have to take a position on this. Linda said that it is premature because they first have to put out the RFQ or designate that they know qualified entities. So until we see the RFQ's we should wait before we take a position.
- Andrew Silber talked about Northrop vacating from downtown San Pedro. They occupied 7 floors and that downtown office building. Andrew feels that the Central SPNC should put pressure on Janice Hahn's office to find out what they are doing to help economic development due to the loss of a major tenant. We need to send a letter from this board to Janice Hahn asking her to apply all the resources at her disposal to be sure the town isn't left with such an enormous gap.
- Carrie Scoville thanked John Delgado for his excellent work during his term as Board President.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council