



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm. Board members in attendance: Harvey Contreras, Kali Merideth, Julia Parker, Phill Trigas, Art Almeida, Pat Carroll, Frank Anderson, Linda Alexander, Scott Gray, Allyson Vought, Bill Roberson, James Allen, Andrew Silber, Sue Castillo, Carrie Scoville and Annette McDonald. Excused: Kara McLeod. Approximately 37 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Selection Announcement:** Bill Roberson announced that the Selection/Election is scheduled for June 12, 2012 and gave an overview of the process. The deadline is currently scheduled for May 10 to be a candidate on the ballot.

### REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS

3. **PORT POLICE:** Officer Stacey Creech reported on the Emergency Preparedness classes being held at the Port and open to the public. RSVP is required. Classes are being held on various dates between April 11<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>.
4. **LAPD.** Captain Billy Hayes reported:
  - a. The Central San Pedro area has had a 13% decrease in crime compared to this time last year. There is a continued down trend. The biggest issue in the San Pedro area has been the continued increase in property crime, especially burglary/theft from motor vehicles.
  - b. Gang injunctions have helped curb crime along with checking compliance on parolees.
  - c. Andrew Silber asked for more specific crime statistics and comparisons for Central San Pedro at future monthly meetings.
  - d. Capt. Hayes gave an overview of how officers are deployed based on crime statistics from the previous year.
  - e. Update on the Harbor Division Jail: Capt. Hayes does not see the jail opening until the city's financial situation improves.
  - f. Officer Nua announced a post Summer Health Fair and asked for assistance from the Central San Pedro NC.
5. **CD15 Committee Report:** Andrew Silber gave an overview of the CD15 Action Item list that the committee has created. The report was available in the agenda packet.
6. **Council District 15 Report.** John Larson reported:
  - a. Announced grand opening of Plaza Park, Thursday April 12, 2:30pm, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets.
  - b. Friday the City Attorney will be presenting some legal options with regards to Target's driveway flooding issue.
  - c. Jail issue is being worked on by the Council Office. They hope to get at least the Men's Jail open at Harbor Division.
  - d. The Council office has a new website at: LA15th.com
  - e. The latest information from the White Point Landslide reports no movement since the recent rains. Reports are coming in the next few weeks, then the city can move forward to determine a solution for rebuilding etc.
  - f. Negotiations continue on the parking meter Issue.

7. **Congresswoman's Office:** Mike Aguilera reported:
  - a. The Congresswoman sent a letter to the EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson, regarding the Rancho LPG facility and that this is a concern for the community.
  - b. Hahn met with officials at the White Point Landslide and is laying the groundwork for solutions.
  - c. Gave update on legislations (handouts were available).
  - d. Hahn held her first meeting with the Small Business Advisory Council and will also be meeting with the Veterans Advisory Council. The purpose of these councils is to help create legislation that will help move the Congresswoman's agenda forward.
  - e. Hahn is an original co-sponsor for the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012 which strengthens the abilities of the federal government, states, law enforcement, and service providers to combat domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault.
  - f. Hahn also pushed through an amendment through the Small Business Committee to make the Small Business Compliance Guide available in Spanish.
  
8. **Mayor's Office.** Ricardo Hong reported:
  - a. Mayor invites everyone to the city's annual Cyclavia (bicycle event). Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Mayor signed an ordinance to streamline the permitting process which had not changed since 1946. The ordinance will be effective May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Comment from James Allen that it would be nice to see a "One Stop" Permit Process at San Pedro City Hall.
  - d. April 18<sup>th</sup> the Mayor will have his annual State of the City address at Paramount in West LA.
  - e. Annual Budget will be released April 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Carrie Scoville asked Ricardo to relate a message to the Mayor that the neighborhood councils should have their budget's restored to the original \$50,000.
  
9. **Senator's Office.** Bill Orton, representative from Senator Roderick Wright reported:
  - a. A list of accomplishments of the Senator was provided as well as a list of legislation that the Senator introduced.
  - b. Senator Wright is proposing that regulations be put in the books and take affect only twice a year. It was explained that currently regulations can be proposed at any time and then get put on the books after a 30 days period. This makes it difficult for anyone affected by state regulations to keep track of changes.
  
10. **Port Committee Report.** Frank Anderson reported that the following items were discussed at the last Port Subcommittee Meeting:
  - a. Announcement of a soft opening on June 22<sup>nd</sup> of the new Crafted at the Port of LA in Warehouses 9 & 10. Grand opening will be June 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. SR47/110 Connector Road Update. Construction on sound walls, easements etc. should start around Summer 2013.
  - c. USS Iowa lease update: The last public meeting was well publicized and well attended.
  - d. Downtown Watercut: Scheduled for completion in 2014 when the tall ships arrive.
  - e. Ports Of Call and Front Street were also discussed.
  - f. A motion passed by the committee was not on the agenda for action and will be presented on a future agenda.
  
11. **Port of Los Angeles Report.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
  - a. Announced upcoming BOHC meetings.
  - b. The annual LA Waterfront public meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> was well attended and can be viewed on the Port's website.
  - c. Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> the Port of LA will be providing Public Board Tours.
  - d. Cars and Stripes event will be Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Annual car show and fireworks.
  - e. Summer Concert Series starts July 12<sup>th</sup> every Thursday until August 30<sup>th</sup> (except on First Thursdays).
  - f. Taste in San Pedro is scheduled for August 3-4 at the Ports O'Call Village area.
  - g. Navy Days this year is scheduled for August 15-19<sup>th</sup> at Berth 87.
  - h. The Lobster Fest is planned for September 13-16 at Ports O'Call Village.

- i. Andrew Silber commented that he appreciates all that the Port is doing to improve the community.

12. **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville reported:

- a. At the last PCAC meeting there was a presentation by the Port on their Terminal Island land use plan. The Port held workshops with 36 existing and future tenants and government agencies to see what they would like to see on Terminal Island. It has been presented to the Harbor Commission and will eventually become part of the Port Master Plan.
- b. At the PCAC meeting there will be a presentation on the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation which is the non-profit organization formed to disburse funds to the community resulting from China Shipping/Trapac mitigation.
- c. Carrie also attended an event related to the Toll Group, a trucking company that will be voting on whether to become part of the Teamsters union. If it is successful, it will be the first closed shop union trucking company at the Port in 30 years.
- d. Carrie commented that she would like to see Terminal Island become part of the neighborhood council district.

13. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. **Michael Gatanz:** Announced an event at the Warner Grand called “Dancing with the Stars in San Pedro.”
- b. **Scott Carter:** Talked about the future parking issues that may develop with the USS Iowa arrival. His suggestion is the increase parking by having angled spaces.
- c. **Slobadan Dimitrov:** Announced the Cevapcici Festival scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>. They are seeking assistance for this year’s event which they hope to expand. More information is available on their Facebook page.
- d. **Lanny Nelms:** Representing Dr. Vladovic’s office at the LAUSD. Gave an update on budget issues and cut backs related to adult education which included two ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) handouts.
- e. **Mario Mungaray of Beacon House:** Spoke in opposition of the ordinance for care facilities. This issue will be discussed at the upcoming Planning and Land Use Committee.

14. **San Pedro Chamber of Commerce:** Betsy Cheek gave a presentation with the following highlights:

- a. The Chamber’s job is to grow the economy. The chamber currently has 466 members and four new corporate partners. Their emphasis is on small business. Laura Duarte in their office works with small businesses. An upcoming event for small business owners is “Boot Camp 101” scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Congresswoman.
- b. They have reached out to the USS IOWA, the Port, Crafted at the Port of LA, Marymount and LA Harbor College. The Chamber looks forward to the USS Iowa’s arrival.
- c. The new Chamber Directory will be available at the beginning of June.
- d. Farmer’s Market Free Speech Issue: The oversight committee has met and has written a new document for the market manager which addresses some of the concerns of the community.

15. **Bureau of Sanitation:** Steve Casares from the Bureau of Sanitation Recycling Division talked about the ban of single use plastic bags. The issue is now going in front of the City Council for a vote. There will be a 6 month educational program to educate the public. Bag ban will affect most grocery stores.

16. **Bylaws (First Reading):** The Revised Bylaws were provided to the board members through email. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) has accepted the revisions but also recommended additional changes. Scott Gray read those changes being suggested by DONE and

being considered by the Bylaws Committee.

17. **Review of Board Retreat:** Scott Gray reported that the Retreat held on March 24<sup>th</sup> was very successful and well attended. Notes from the retreat were included in the Agenda Packet. A short overview was provided to stakeholders.
18. **Outreach Committee:** Pat Carroll gave a brief report:
  - a. A potential email address provider was discussed at the Outreach Committee but it was determined that this was not the best way to improve outreach.
  - b. Social media and on-line outreach will be enhanced.
19. **Finance Committee:** Kali Merideth reported:
  - a. **Approval of Monthly Expenses:** Motion by Andrew Silber to approve the monthly expenses as presented, seconded by Pat Carroll. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Motion from Finance Committee to move \$1500 from line 208 to line 301 bringing line 301 to a total of \$1885. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
  - c. **Funding Proposals.** Committee recommends the following funding:
    - i. Harbor Occupational Center – Job Fair - \$500 – for Outreach/Economic Development (a representative from Harbor Occupational Center was in attendance and gave more details on the Job Fair).
    - ii. Barton Hill Elementary – Outdoor Murals - \$1500 for paint and paint brushes.- Youth/Community.
    - iii. The Motion from the Finance Committee recommending funding of the two proposals above was passed by the Board with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes.
20. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)** Allyson Vought provided highlights from the meeting held April 4, 2012. A copy of the meeting notes was included in the agenda packet and will be accessible on the website. Important issues from the meeting that the Central San Pedro NC needs to review are the Bus Bench Issue, Sidewalk and Curb Repair Issue, and the Solid Waste Proposal which will affect the business community. Carrie Scoville commented that DONE is going to hold Leadership Training throughout the city.
21. **ACE District Report:** Linda Alexander commented on the discussions at the last ACE Meeting which primarily related to the ACE budget.
22. **Approval of Minutes from February, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting:** A motion was made by Pat Carroll to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Julia Park. Motion carried unanimously.
23. **Secretary's Report:** Scott Gray reported on a response from Dr. Knatz to Central's recent letter requesting that the Port look into an off street racing facility. Linda Alexander reported on a conversation with a Clearwater project representative in response to our letter requesting an extension on the public comment period.
24. **Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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