



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:33pm. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Marcey Abrons	Present
Linda Alexander	Present
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Pat Carroll	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Harvey Contreras	Present
Mark Contreras	Present
April Jappert	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Annette McDonald	Present
Kali Merideth	Absent
Carrie Scoville	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Phill Trigas	Present
Allyson Vought	Present
Vacant Board Seat	Position filled during meeting

2. **President's Report:**
- NC President's Meeting with Councilman Joe Buscaino was postponed and will be rescheduled.
 - Announcement of Central's participation in the San Pedro Holiday Parade.
3. **Board vote to fill vacant board seat.** Two candidates submitted applications by the October 30, 2012 deadline, Donald Galaz and William Scott Carter. Both candidates were present and gave short candidate statements. **12 board members were present at the time of voting. Donald Galaz received the majority of votes and was seated as the new board member.**
4. **Presentations:** Webmaster Enci Box gave a presentation on her work with other neighborhood councils on the use of social media for neighborhood council outreach and potential website enhancements for the Central site.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
- Mona Sutton:** Talked about the Skateboarding issue. She would like the board to consider a letter of support to the City Attorney asking them to push forth their ruling and

regulation. Law enforcement is ready to enforce and improve public safety. (Referred to the CD15 Issues Committee).

6. **Public Safety:**

- a. **LAPD Report:** Senior Lead Officer Nua provided a handout to the board members with crime statistics. Robberies went up 42% in San Pedro compared to last year. (Down 20% in the Central San Pedro NC area). Rape incidents are up but are mostly “acquaintance” rapes. The LAPD is conducting outreach with sober living homes, House of Hope and local bars in the form of a rape prevention flyer. Petty theft from motor vehicles continues to be an issue. The Safety Collaboration Meeting is held the First Wednesday every month, 6:30pm, at the Croatian Center. Officer Nua also announced an upcoming “Winter Wonderland” event for underprivileged children. Donations are being requested from the community and can be delivered to the Harbor Station.

- b. **Report from Police Community Advisory Committee:** Leslie Jones emphasized the need to support the “Helping Badge” program. James Allen commented that statistics on “Use of Excessive Force” from the LAPD representative would also be helpful.

7. **Port Committee:** Frank Anderson reported on items discussed at the last Port Committee meeting:

- a. The committee received a Front Street Update including a timeline for Removal of Pipelines and tree planting. Regarding the Front Street beautification, the anticipated design completion date is August of 2013. Bidding will take 6 months. Start of construction is anticipated around March 2014 with completed February 2015.
- b. Removal of billboards on Port property (Pacific Ave. from Front St. to Channel): The billboards are not within the project limits and therefore the Port has no plans to remove them. The Central Port Committee has asked for a process of removal. This issue will be discussed further at the next Port Committee meeting.
- c. China Shipping Phase III: Construction started July of this year, anticipated completion date of November 2013.
- d. Scanning Station: Has been repaved.
- e. Ports O’Call RFQ Process update was discussed. Port’s Review Board of five members is looking over applicants.
- f. Andrew Silber commented on the lack of representation by the Port at the NC meetings. President Linda Alexander commented that a meeting was held with the Port Director regarding this issue.
- g. **Report from Meeting held with Port Representative, Cynthia Ruiz, and Neighborhood Council Presidents:** James Allen reported that Port Personnel are interested in continuing bi-monthly meetings at the Port Administration Building for strategic engagement with the Neighborhood Councils.

8. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee).** Carrie Scoville reported:

- a. At the last PCAC meeting there was a presentation on AMEX (the “sock” on smoke stacks that helps lower emissions from ships). The AMEX captures 90% of ship emissions. PCAC members will be attending a demonstration of the project.
- b. The PCAC passed the motion on the Wilmington Marina to issue an RFP on the empty space.
- c. The PCAC said farewell to city attorney Tom Russell, the City attorney assigned to the Port. He has retired and is now at the Port of San Diego. His replacement will be Justin Houterman.
- d. Front Street landscaping: Carrie has a meeting schedule with Teresa Pizano to go over the landscaping project related to Front Street beautification between the Vincent Thomas Bridge and Pacific Avenue.

- e. Motion by Annette McDonald, seconded by Pat Carroll to authorize Central's PCAC Representative the flexibility to vote yes or no on the following PCAC Recommendation: The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee (WWD) supports a minimum 3 year lease extension agreement, with a 45 day option to extend as needed, between the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LA DWP) and Valero for the two tanks.
Motion passed by the Central San Pedro NC with 11 yes votes and 2 no votes.

9. **Council District 15 Office.** Kevin Bingham reported:

- a. **Comprehensive Map of the Street Improvement Plan.** Kevin was not able to get a timetable but provided a packet showing pavement assessment addressing the quality of the streets in San Pedro for this year. A map of all projected work for this year was shown on the handout.
- b. **Parking Meters Division** of Street Services has updated all of the meters with the new rates. No decision has been made yet on removing the empty poles left behind from the meters that were removed. Allyson Vought commented that she is anxious to see the empty poles removed.
- c. **Kiosk in lot 735 (6th & Mesa).** The Councilman pushed DOT to remove signage that directs people to the Kiosk. They are trying to get the structure either stored or recycled. PBID is also involved in discussion related to the Kiosk.
- d. **Lilyan Fierman Walkway:** LANI will be the contractor for the Lilyan Fierman walkway. A start date has not yet been determined.
- e. **Neighborhood Watch groups.** The Councilman has created Facebook pages for various neighborhood watch groups giving the community a chance to communicate online.
- f. **Landslide update:** Crews are handling Phase I involving re-grading of the slope and removal of old guard rails and concrete.
- g. **Plaza Park:** The walkway is finished and the irrigation system is being installed. A viewing deck and staircase will be installed, should be finished by next spring.
- h. **Ponte Vista:** The EIR has been released.

10. **CD 15 Issues Committee Report.** Andrew Silber reported:

- a. A written report was provided.
- b. **Brush Clearing:** Andrew thanked CD15 for getting removal of brush in the gully off 13th Street.
- c. **Wayfinding Signage:** Motion from committee: *"The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council asks that CD15 pursue the Port of LA's original proposal for the design of wayfinding signage for downtown San Pedro and its waterfront attractions, as presented to the CRA CAC by the Port and drafted by Seibert Perkins Design."* **Passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**
- d. Written report provided.
- e. New issues are coming up and will be on the agenda for the next CD15 Meeting including the issues of pursuing a water Taxi service from San Pedro to neighboring communities.

11. **City Council Motions.**

- a. James Allen gave an overview of City Council File 12-1681 and the recent City Council motion being considered regarding potential policy changes whereby neighborhood councils might exercise their right to petition for boundary changes.
- b. Doug Epperhart provided an overview on City Council File 12-1682 and the recent City Council motion being considered regarding Stakeholder Affirmation by Factual Basis. One recommended solution is to limit the number of seats on the board open to factual basis stakeholders. This is an issue that does not need urgent attention at this time. There is plenty of time to formulate a position as a neighborhood council. The issue was referred to the Bylaws Committee for further discussion.

12. **LAPD Commanding Officer Nancy Lauer:** Brief updates included:
 - a. Harbor Division is looking forward to partnering with the neighborhood councils.
 - b. James Allen asked if there would be any future meetings on "Use of Force". Lauer said she does not have plans to hold such meetings but is happy to respond to any questions or concerns from the neighborhood council and provide any data that might be requested. She commented that complaints of excessive force are very rare in the Harbor Area.
 - c. In response to questions regarding the skateboard ordinance, Lauer suggested working with the Council Office on this issue.
 - d. Crime stats are looking good. However, there has been an increase in thefts. Share with neighbors that they need to lock car doors and refrain from leaving anything of value visible. Lock garages.

 13. **Port of Los Angeles Report.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
 - a. **BOHC:** Announced upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings.
 - b. **Catalina Express:** Construction is complete.
 - c. **50th Annual Los Angeles Harbor Afloat Parade:** Saturday December 1, 6pm. Councilman Joe Buscaino will be the Grand Marshall.
 - d. **Fountain event:** Port of LA will have a Holiday Performance at the Fountain, Friday December 7, 7-9pm at the Fountain, local choirs will perform.
 - e. **Port Master Plan** is moving forward. The Draft EIR should be released by year's end.
 - f. **SP Slip** Project is almost complete. The Ghost Fish sculpture will be installed soon and a dedication ceremony will be announced.
 - g. **Downtown Harbor** project continues with an expected completion date of summer 2014. The water cut went smoothly.
 - h. **Westways:** Tanks have been demolished.
 - i. **City Dock One:** The final EIR was certified.

 14. **Motion Re: Neighborhood Council Involvement in policies and practices of LA City Departments.** *The following motion was moved by James Allen, seconded by Andrew Silber and passed with 14 yes votes, 1 no vote. "Be it resolved, that it is in the inherent interest of the City of Los Angeles to have the involvement of the L.A. harbor area neighborhood councils, that have been chartered by the people, in the policies and practices of the various departments of this city, including those of the Los Angeles Harbor Department."*

 15. **Land Use Planning Committee Report.** Sue Castillo gave a short verbal report and addressed the following action items:
 - a. **Motion from Committee:** The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the 2008 Urban Land Institute Report on the redevelopment of Ports O'Call and requests that the Port incorporate this document into their decision-making process. *Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.*
 - b. **Marymount College Motion:** Motion by Carrie Scoville and seconded by Andrew Silber to refer agenda item 15b (motion to encumber up to \$400 to be used for stipends this fiscal year to engage intern/s from Marymount College to work on specific projects for this council) to the Finance Committee. *Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.*
 - c. **Motion from Committee:** The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council authorizes its Land Use & Public Works Committee to send the following comments and corrections to Section 4.13 of the draft San Pedro Community Plan to the City Planning Department as follows:
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Pg 4.13-9, In the introductory paragraph, include reference to LADOT's DASH Services.

Page 4.13-9, "Metro Transit Routes" corrections:

--Reference to MTA Line 225/226 is out of date and can be omitted.

--MTA Line 445 no longer exists. Refer instead to MTA Line 450 and its route revisions. Line 450 runs from San Pedro to the Harbor Gateway Transit Center (formerly Artesia Transit Center), and only continues to downtown Los Angeles on weekday peak hours.

--MTA Lines 446/447 no longer exist. Refer instead to MTA Line 246. Line 246 only runs between San Pedro and the Harbor Gateway Transit Center.

--MTA Line 550 should be described as running between San Pedro and USC and Exposition Park.

Page 4.13-10, Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority (PVPTA) corrections: Include PVPTA "Green Eastview" Line

Page 4.13-10, Add : "The San Pedro PBID operates a rubber-tired trolley which circulates through the downtown Arts & Entertainment District with a variable schedule.

Page 4.13-11, Table 4.13-1 "Transit Routes".

--In the table heading, substitute "Agency" for "Operator" because many of these lines are contractor-operated rather than Agency operated.

--Revise Line designations as noted above, and include the PVPTA "Green Eastview" Line.

--Check current bus schedules and update the table.

We also request the addition of a section on Intercity Bus Services, which include:

--AMTRAK Thruway Bus Services to LA Union Station, Bakersfield and connections nationwide.

--Airport Bus of Bakersfield and Airport Bus of Santa Barbara, both of which serve San Pedro's Cruise Terminal.

Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board

- d. **Transit Map:** Request that our Outreach Committee prepare to reproduce the San Pedro Community Plan's full-color public transit map for distribution to the community as a public service and NC outreach tool, and forward an estimate for printing and distributing this document to our Finance Committee for final NC action. No action was taken on this agenda item.
- e. **Lilyan Fierman Walkway:** (Motion from Committee) The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Buscaino include representatives of both the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board and the Grand Vision Foundation in the LANI task force that will design the Lilyan Fierman Walkway Improvements. **Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.** (Sue Castillo to write letter.)
- f. **Parking Meter Pole Removal:** (Motion from Committee) The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council finds the parking meter poles left standing after the removal of the parking meter heads to be an eyesore and potential hazard, and supports the removal of these. If downtown street parking spaces are ever to be re-metered, this should be done using centralized, multi-station pay station technology. **Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.** (Sue will write letter).
- g. **Improvement of bus stops:** Suggestion to send a letter to Councilman Buscaino regarding committee recommendations to improve one or more bus stops in our NC area. No action was taken on this agenda item.

16. **Finance Committee:** Annette McDonald reported on the monthly expenditures. Motion by Annette McDonald, seconded by Pat Carroll to approve the monthly expenses as presented.

Motion passed with 14 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention. Motion passed.

17. **Outreach Committee Report.** Marcey Abrons reported:
- a. **Newsletter:** The deadline for the newsletter has been pushed back to February 8th.
 - b. **Outreach Flyer:** Flyers announcing our meetings have been created and are being distributed.
 - c. **Social Media Motion:** Motion to approve an agreement with Enci Box Photography and Web Design to replace Katie Peraudeau who was voted upon at the September Board Meeting and is no longer available. Agreement with Enci Box is for expanding the Central SPNC's outreach to stakeholders through enhancement of the website, Facebook Page and social media avenues for a 6 month trial at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. **Motion passed unanimously.**

18. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Carrie Scoville gave highlights from the written HANC report included in the agenda packet (available on the website). The following motions were then presented for approval:

- a. **Approval of resolution requesting that the Planning Department provide a 90 day review period for all Draft Environmental Impact Reports:**

Whereas Neighborhood Councils were established under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles "to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs," and

Whereas Charter Section 907 requires the City to provide notice to neighborhood councils" as soon as practical," and to provide a "reasonable opportunity to provide input before decisions are made," and

Whereas the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes a minimum 45 day period for public comment on all draft Environmental Quality Reviews (DEIRs) clearly seeking public comment, and

Whereas CEQA does not establish a maximum time for such review, and

Whereas Neighborhood Councils generally meet monthly on a set date, and

Whereas the overwhelming majority of neighborhood councils have Planning and Land use, or similar, committees to review such documents and develop comments prior to the Neighborhood Council considering comments, and

Whereas 45 days does not provide sufficient time for Neighborhood Councils and their committees to gather public input and prepare public comments,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that, in accordance with Charter Sections 900 and 907, City Council establish a 90-day minimum review period for all Draft EIRs unless this time is waived by the impacted Neighborhood Council/s;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council open a council file for this

Moved by Allyson, seconded by Leslie Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Approval of resolution requesting that the Planning Department provide a copy of Mitigated Negative Declaration to the affected Neighborhood Council and extend the comment time from 20 days to at least 90 days.**

Whereas Neighborhood Councils were established under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles "to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs," and

Whereas Charter Section 907 requires the City to provide notice to neighborhood councils" as soon as practical," and to provide a "reasonable opportunity to provide input before decisions are made," and

Whereas the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes a minimum 20 day comment period for draft Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs), and

Whereas CEQA does not establish a maximum time for such review, and

Whereas Neighborhood Councils generally meet monthly on a set date, and

Whereas Neighborhood Councils may want to review and comment on draft Mitigated Negative Declarations for projects impacting their communities, and

Whereas there is currently no system in place to notify Neighborhood Councils when an MND is filed, and

Whereas 20 days does not provide sufficient time for Neighborhood Councils to review and adopt comments,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council:

1. Requests that, in accordance with Charter Sections 900 and 907, City Council direct the Planning Department to develop a system for providing a copy of all draft MNDs to the affected Neighborhood Councils, and

2. Extend the 20-day minimum review period to at least 90 days.

Moved by Allyson, seconded by Leslie Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Motion Re: Authority of HANC representative:** James Allen explained the purpose of the motion and read the wording as follows:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council does hereby authorize our duly elected HANC representative to act and vote for the best interests of the CSPNC board on all matters that come before the HANC that cannot be voted on by our board in a timely manner and that necessitate immediate action. These votes must be reported back to the CSPNC board at the very next regular meeting for affirmation by this board.

A reckless disregard in representing the board or the unethical use of this privilege for personal gain may result in the removal from the CSPNC board with a simple majority vote of the board at any of its regularly scheduled meetings.

This motion shall be added as an amendment to the current bylaws by a majority vote of the board.

After a short discussion on the pros and cons of the Motion, it was referred to the next Agenda setting meeting due to time constraints.

19. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) Report:** No report.

20. **Approval of Minutes** of October 9, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting: **Approved as presented with no objection.**

21. **December Meeting:** The board agreed to have no meeting in December.

22. **Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC