



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm See list below for board member attendance. 15 Board members present. Approximately 30-35 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	Excused
Donald Galaz	Present
April Jappert	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Kali Merideth	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Phill Trigas	Present
Allyson Vought	Present
Vacant Board Seat	

2. **President's Report:** Linda Alexander reported on the following:
  - a) Provided an update on the upcoming Mayor's Budget Day which will be attended by Central SPNC's Budget Advocates, Kali Merideth and Frank Anderson.
  - b) Ethics training update. Reminder to all board members that ethics training is required and those not completing the training will be suspended from voting on NC motions.
  - c) Committee chairs were reminded to schedule meetings in a timely manner in order to comply with posting requirements.
  - d) The Port is offering harbor boat tours to the members of the neighborhood council board. This is an opportunity to get a unique view of Port operations.
3. **Vice-President's Report.** James Allen reported on the President's meeting with Councilman Buscaino. At that meeting each neighborhood council had 7 minutes to recite their grievances. Mr. Allen gave an overview of the issues of each neighborhood council. Future meetings with the Councilman will be held on the fifth Monday of the month (when five Monday occur in future months). The next meeting will be in April.
4. **Vacant Board Seat:** Pat Carroll reported that no applications were received by the deadline. March 26<sup>th</sup> is the new deadline for submitting applications for the vacant board seat.
5. **Finance Committee Chair Appointment:** Kali Merideth was appointed as the new Finance Committee Chair by unanimous vote of the Board.

## 6. Public Safety:

### a) LAPD Report: Eve Wight spoke in the absence of Officer Junior Nua.

- A handout of crime statistics was provided. These stats show that crime in the Central San Pedro area is down from this time last year.
- There has been an arrest of the “chain snatching” culprit.
- Skateboard ordinance will be active March 17, 2013. It is hoped that two months of strict enforcement will curb the recent problems.
- A neighborhood cleanup and graffiti abatement event is being planned for April 6<sup>th</sup>. The area covered is 9<sup>th</sup> & Palos Verdes to 19<sup>th</sup> and Mesa.
- LAPD Cyber Block Captain program: Volunteers are being sought to transmit information to their neighbors. Officer Jackie Lopez at the station is the contact person for volunteers.
- Allyson Vought asked for assistance with enforcement of speeding bicyclists on the 300 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Captain Nancy Lauer spoke a few words and introduced Jim Alvarez, the new Patrol Captain. His email address is: [26357@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:26357@lapd.lacity.org). The Facebook page address for Harbor Division can be located at “LAPD Harbor Community Police Station” and will report crime issues to the community.

### b) Review and approve Letter to Chief Beck Re: Full accounting of policies and procedures related to excessive force: James Allen read a draft of a letter addressed to Chief Beck. Captain Lauer made a few comments related to the excessive force issue.

- **Motion to approve letter by James Allen, seconded by Andrew Silber.**
- Pat Carroll moved to amend the letter to be less inflammatory, seconded by Allyson. The motion to amendment failed.
- **Motion by Carrie Scoville to amend the first paragraph, keeping the first sentence and deleting the rest of the paragraph. The motion to amend was seconded by April Jappert and passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no. The full motion as amended was then passed with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes.**
- Wording of letter as amended follows:  
*Dear LAPD Chief Charles Beck,  
We are writing you today to request another Town Hall forum on police policies and procedures in regards to use of force.  
Several months ago, the issue of “use of force” was a hot topic with LAPD and you promised to hold 17 town hall meetings throughout Los Angeles, it is unclear what came of this exercise. It just so happened that your Harbor Area town hall occurred on the very same night that we hold our neighborhood council meeting and many were unable to attend.  
Now, because of the accusations emanating from the Dorner case that involved Harbor Division command and training, we are quite concerned and believe that a review of the “excessive force” policies and procedures needs a public review. Hence, another town hall meeting--one that is better planned and publicized--would seem to be in order.  
The citizens of Los Angeles have long been patient and supportive of the reforms implemented at the LAPD. We now look to see the end results. It would be in the best interests of all for there to be an open discussion with this community at the earliest possible time on the cause of this current incident and the policies/practices regarding “excessive force,” officer involved shootings, and the commitment of the LAPD to Constitutional policing.  
We look forward to your response,  
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council*

## 7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Michael Galantz** from People’s Yoga announced the Swing Pedro event on March 22, 2013. The event will feature a 14 piece big band.
- Katherine Gray** thanked those who assisted with the Pancake Breakfast put on by the Kiwanis Club. The proceeds from the event go to fund birthday parties for the children of Toberman. The next pancake breakfast will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Cory, Harbor Occupational Center:** announced an upcoming Job Fair Thursday, May 9, 2013 9am-12 noon. They are looking for sponsors. Email address: [crr41131@lausd.net](mailto:crr41131@lausd.net)

- d) **Freddie Quintana**: New staff member who is the liaison for Dr. Vladovic to the schools and neighborhood councils. Email is: [Freddie.Quintana@lausd.net](mailto:Freddie.Quintana@lausd.net).
  - e) **Nancy, Sign Up LA**, signatures being gathered from registered voters to regulate digital sites due to safety issues.
  - f) **Alan Johnson, Jericho Developers and the LA Waterfront Alliance**, announced the first public outreach meeting regarding the Ports O'Call Redevelopment scheduled for April 2, 2013, 5:30pm at the Warner Grand Theater.
  - g) **Liz Johnson, Grand Vision Foundation** provided an update on the Meet the Music program and also announced their upcoming fundraiser on April 21, 2013.
  - h) **Sue Castillo**: Spoke on the community plan. They released the plan March 4<sup>th</sup>. March 14<sup>th</sup> it will go before the City Planning Commission, 8:30am, Port Board Room.
8. **Report from Mayor's Office.** Ricardo Hong reported on the following:
- a) Provided a Regional Budget Day overview. Mayor's office is ready to hear feedback from the community.
  - b) Warren Furutani has been appointed as the new Public Works Commissioner starting this week.
  - c) May 15<sup>th</sup> the Mayor will be at Wilmington Park for the installation of an ILWU memorial plaque.
  - d) Los Angeles leads the nation in Leeds certified buildings. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row that LA has been cutting green house emissions.
  - e) Andrew Silber went on record requesting that neighborhood council budgets not be cut further. NC Funding has been cut repeatedly and systematically. He stated that the City is not transparent regarding cuts it has made to its own staff or its own expenses. The City has claimed to share the financial burden fairly and equally with neighborhood councils, however, Mr. Silber does not feel that this has not been the case.
9. **Report from Congresswoman's Office.** Michael Aguilera reported:
- a) Congresswoman Hahn and Congressman Runyan introduced legislation to aid veterans felling domestic violence. This will allow those veterans access to the benefits that should be available to all homeless veterans.
  - b) Congresswoman Hahn released a statement regarding the House Republican Budget.
  - c) Ivan Zulic will be the new Congresswoman's representative to the neighborhood councils, replacing Michael Aguilera who is relocating to a different office.
10. **Report from Senator Rod Wright's Office:** Bill Orton from the State Senator's Office provided two handouts: A map showing the District Boundaries for Senate District 35 and a 2013 Legislation Summary. He provided some highlights from the Summary.
11. **Council District 15 Office:** Kevin Bingham provided a written report which included the following:
- a) Handout provided showing a log of constituent complaints/calls that came into the CD15 office.
  - b) Parking Enforcement Service Request Hotline is 800-222-6366 and GAP (for graffiti removal) 310-519-7233.
  - c) City Council Motion updates 1) Motion to provide preference to companies that manufacture in Los Angeles County when bidding on City contracts for goods; 2) Councilman Buscaino appointed to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Business Tax Reform; 3) Motion modifying LAPD's Use of Social Media Outlets to communicate with residents; 4) Skateboard bombing ordinance takes effect on March 17.
  - d) Update on development at 301 S. Pacific Avenue. An update will be provided next month.
  - e) Kiosk Removal: PBID has agreed to replace the foundation of the kiosk with a planter, possibly within the next month.
  - f) Lilyan Fierman Walkway Improvement Project: The City Attorney's office is holding up the contracts at the moment. CD15 is trying to schedule a meeting with the CA's office to resolve their concerns. Sue Castillo stressed the importance of keeping the Central SPNC involved in the design process.
  - g) James Allen reminded Kevin that we have not yet received a response from the City Attorney regarding the closing of the courthouse. Kevin was asked to discuss this with the Councilman.
  - h) Traffic Light at 11<sup>th</sup> & Gaffey. They should be breaking ground in mid June.

- i) ATSAAC system (request from Central SPNC for report on improvements to traffic since installation of ATSAAC System). Kevin will assist in coordinating a representative to speak at a future meeting on the benefits of the ATSAAC System.
  - j) CD15 met with the LA Food Policy Council initiating a Community Market Conversion Program (Non-profit initiative of Mayor Villaraigosa). This relates to markets providing healthy food options for children in San Pedro. Businesses who are eligible to participate will receive services such as financing and store renovations; business coaching; food retail technical support and marketing.
12. **CD15 Issues Committee Report:** Andrew Silber provided a written report for the board and stakeholders to review. The following items were highlighted:
- a) **Issues Committee Meeting:** There was no representation from the Council Office at the CD15 Issues Committee Meeting. Andrew would like to secure a regular monthly date when the CD15 staff can attend the committee meetings. Kevin was asked to assist in setting such a date.
  - b) **Parking Meter Poles:** Allyson is going to try and secure funding to have them removed.
  - c) **Downtown Signage:** Andrew commented that this is an important issue but not much has been done about it by the CD15 office. Kevin was asked to follow up.
13. **Port Committee Report:** Frank Anderson provided the following updates from the committee meeting:
- a) **Ports O'Call Update:** The LA Waterfront Alliance and Jericho Development are beginning public outreach to garner input from the community on the redevelopment of Ports O'Call. The first public meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Warner Grand.
  - b) **Front Street Beautification Update:** The design was anticipated to be completed by August of 2013. Construction should begin by March of 2014. Completion date is end of February 2015.
  - c) **Pipes at China Shipping:** The Port is working with Chevron to have them removed. Construction began July of last year and should be completed by November of this year.
  - d) **Motion Re: Port acknowledgement of timely receipt of letters.** The motion was being considered due to the lack of acknowledgement by the Port of Central's letter and CEQA comments sent in August 2013. Augie arrived during the Port Committee Report and responded that the letter was received but it was not the practice of the Port to acknowledge every comment letter submitted due to the heavy volume of submissions. Andrew Silber suggested that future letters be sent by certified mail with a return receipt. No action was taken on the motion. James Allen commented that this item relates directly to the following agenda item regarding an MOU between the Port and Neighborhood Councils.
  - e) **Update on MOU Re: Formalization of Communications between Neighborhood Councils and the Port of Los Angeles.** Linda Alexander commented that discussion on the MOU is pre-mature as it is still in the planning stages. James insisted that the item be open for discussion as it is on the agenda. Linda overruled stating that discussion was inappropriate at this time. James moved to challenge the Chair's decision in order to have a discussion on the agenda item. The board voted in favor of the decision to overrule the chair (6 yes, 5 no). Board member made comments on the issue. James explained why he felt it was important to provide input into the drafting of an MOU. Andrew urged all board members to review the MOU document. Linda gave an update on the meeting she attended related to the MOU which is still being revised.
  - f) **Review and Approve Proposed MOU Comments and Consider next action.** The issue will be on the agenda for the next port meeting. No action taken.
14. **Port of Los Angeles Report** – Augie Bezmalinovich gave a brief report:
- a) The Final EIR for the SCIG project was certified on March 7, 2013 by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.
  - b) The Downtown Harbor Water Cut is complete. The Port is currently working on the land side of the project. It should take about a year to complete in hopes that it is ready when the tall ships arrive in August 2014.
  - c) Updates on LA Waterfront website. The site has been revamped [www.lawaterfront.org](http://www.lawaterfront.org).
  - d) This weekend is the Harbor Cup, a regatta event off Pt. Fermin.
  - e) Free public boat tours will be available on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - g) March 13, 6-8pm, there is a Port master plan, Draft EIR public hearing at Banning's Landing.

15. **Land Use and Public Works Committee Report.** Sue Castillo provided a written report.

- a) No meeting in February.
- b) Sue's report provided follow-up on motions/letters approved February 12, 2013.

16. **Finance Committee: Approval of the following Action Items:**

- a) **Approval of monthly expenditures** (Mark Contreras): Tabled till next month.
- b) **Approval of Budget Adjustments:** The following budget adjustments were approved by the Board with a vote of 14 yes, 0 no:

Budget Adjustments				
LINE	CATEGORY	FY12/13 BUDGET	RECOMMENDATION	COMMENTS
<b>OPERATIONS</b>				
102	Board Retreat/Training	\$2,300	Release \$2,300 Move \$600 to line 106 Move \$1,700 to line 401	Admin Asst Increase
102a	Board Retreat 9/29/12	\$700	Release \$215, move to line 401	
104b	Office Equipment	\$0	Add \$500 from line 107	Projector Purchase
105	Bulk Mail Imprint	\$190		Ask Outreach if \$190 still needed
106	Staffing and Temporary Help	\$4,600	Add \$600 from line 102	Admin Asst Increase
107	Translation and Transcription	\$500	Release \$500, move to line 104b	Projector Purchase
108	Miscellaneous Expense	\$2,000	Release \$2,000, move to line 401	
			Subtotal \$3,915.00 to line 401	
<b>OUTREACH</b>				
203	Outreach Events	\$0	Add \$150 from line 203a	Potential NC Forums
203a	Emergency Prep Fair 10/20	\$1,500	Release \$1,091.90 Move \$150 to line 203a Move \$941.90 to line 401	Potential NC Forums
204	Meetings - Food & Refreshments for Stakeholder Meetings	\$2,750	Release \$500, move to line 401	
205	Newsletter	\$5,200		Ask Outreach if \$5,200 still needed
206a	Website Enhancement/Creation - Software/Web Hosting/Email	\$50		Ask Outreach if \$50 still needed
206b	Website Enhancement/Creation - Software/Upgrades	\$5,500		Ask Outreach if \$2,500 still needed
			Subtotal \$1,441.90 to line 401	
<b>COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>				
301	Uncommitted Funds	\$6,140	Release \$6,140, move to line 401	
			Subtotal \$6,140.00 to line 401	
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS</b>				
401	Uncommitted Funds	\$0	Add \$1,700 from line 102 Add \$215 from line 102a Add \$2,000 from line 108 Add \$941.90 from line 203a Add \$500 from line 204 Add \$6140 from line 301	New Balance \$11,496.90

c) **Approve recommendations from Finance Committee Re: Funding of Grant Proposals**

The following funding proposals were presented as recommendations from the Finance Committee:

- LA Harbor College- Children's Theatre Tour \$2000- Materials to build sets, costumes, and coloring books for children
- Grand Vision- Meet the Music \$2500
- SP Bay Historical Society- \$1500
- Spay & Neuter Project of LA- \$1000 - Spay and neuter cats at reduced cost for low income families (\$50 vs \$105)
- YWCA- Annual Health Fair \$1000 (Revised to \$500 during discussion) - Food for staff, printing, advertising, snacks for participants
- **Motion by Andrew Silber to move \$500 from Meet the Music to the Kiwanis for Toberman's Children's Birthdays, seconded by Harvey Contreras. Amendment by Carrie Scoville to take the money from the Health Fair instead of Meet the Music. Motion to amend seconded by Kali Merideth and passed with 7 yes votes, 4 no votes and 3 abstentions.**
- **Motion by James Allen to approve the entire list as amended, seconded by Harvey Contreras. Motion passed with 8 yes, 3 no, 3 abstentions. Pat Carroll recused herself from the discussion and voting. (It was noted that those board members voting "no" included the ones who made the original recommendations at the Finance Committee Meeting).**

d) **Motion to approve consideration of the following grant proposals for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year:** \$2500 for Barton Hill Mural Project and \$1500 for San Pedro International Film Festival.

Motion to amend by James Allen, seconded by Kali Merideth, that these proposals be considered for 2013-2014 if the funding is available and if the two applicants submit their proposals on time. Motion approved with 13 yes, 0 no.

- e) **Motion to approve Finance Committee recommendations for Long Range Marketing Plan through Outreach Committee.** The plan includes total expenses not to exceed \$12,000 for a 12 month program which includes the following: (James Allen recused himself from discussion and voting on this motion): Allyson Vought spoke about the program which included:
- Collateral materials (pins/keychains)
  - Posters
  - Website Redesign
  - Bus Bench Advertising
  - Neighborhood Council Projector
  - Random Lengths Newspaper Advertising

The motion was approved by the Board with a vote of 12 yes, 0 no.

17. **Outreach Committee Report:** Allyson Vought provided her Long Range Marketing Plan as outlined above. Enci Box provided an overview of website statistics.
18. **Budget Advocate Report:** No report.
19. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) Report.** Carrie Scoville provided a written report and gave some highlights from the February 19<sup>th</sup> PCAC meeting:
- a) Pier B Rail yard Update: Thomas Jelenic of the Port of Long Beach presented a proposed rail yard expansion project which would run from the Wilmington Marina to the I-710 freeway behind Piers A and B in West Long Beach. It would directly impact access to the Wilmington Marina which is home to many live-aboard residents.
  - b) Harbor Freeway Expansion Project/Relocation of the Rail Spur: Port of LA Staff explained the fiscal justification for relocating the rail spur at Channel and John S. Gibson, which serves Rancho LPG.
  - c) Carrie Scoville will chair the next PCAC meeting which will have a discussion with Ports O'Call developers LA Waterfront Alliance above the public process for going forward on this project.
  - d) AQMD board approved a "backstop measure" that would be applied if the POLA/LB don't meet their own emission reduction goals.
20. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Allyson Vought referred to a written report which was included in the agenda packet and is available on the Central SPNC website.
21. **Standards and Practices Committee through BONC:** Allyson Vought reported on the items discussed at the last committee meeting.
22. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) Report:** Pat Carroll reported that this year the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a first Thursday and ACE will suspend the first Thursday activities. First Thursday in August will get special attention because it is August 1<sup>st</sup> which begins the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of San Pedro.
23. **PBID (Business Improvement District) Report:** Allyson Vought spoke briefly on items discussed at the PBID meeting: 1) the tree removal issue on 7<sup>th</sup> Street; 2) the lighting on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will be expanded to other streets; 3) The Port of LA will have a radio station starting in April; and 4) the next meeting of PBID is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
24. **Approval of Minutes** of February 12, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting. Pat Carroll moved to approve the February 12, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Marcey Abrons and passed unanimously by the Board.
25. **Adjournment.** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC