



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Stakeholder Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 14, 2012 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Linda Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. The following board members were in attendance: Linda Alexander, James P. Allen, Art Almeida, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo, Scott Gray, Annette McDonald, Kali Merideth, Bill Roberson, Karrie Scoville, Phill Trigas and Allyson Vought. Excused: Harvey Contreras, Kara McLeod, Julia Parker and Andrew Silber. Approximately 28 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **President's Report:** Linda Alexander reported.
 - a. Update on Ethics Training
 - b. No objection from board members to move the Agenda Item related to Funding of Programs and hear this item directly after Public Comment.
 - c. The following new board members were seated: Allyson Vought and Annette McDonald
3. **Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting:** Pat Carroll moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Carrie Scoville. Correction by Linda Alexander to remove item 19C related to ACE motion which was not on the agenda for that ACE meeting. The Board approved the minutes unanimously with the above revision.
4. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich announced:
 - a. The Vice President of China is coming to the Port of Los Angeles to visit China Shipping.
 - b. Harry Bridges Blvd is now open to traffic in both directions.
 - c. San Pedro Harbor groundbreaking scheduled for March 15, 10am (Thursday).
 - d. Annual LA Waterfront public meeting, Thursday March 29 6-8pm Crown Plaza Hotel.
 - e. A PowerPoint presentation was shown with updated information on all the projects planned for the waterfront which included Front Street, Catalina Express, USS Iowa, Downtown Harbor, Plaza Park (city project), SP Slip, Cabrillo Marina, Lane Victory and Cabrillo Beach.
 - f. The Port is working to improve the water quality in the inner harbor.
5. **Update on USS IOWA from Cynthia Ruiz, Deputy Executive Director, External Affairs:**
 - a. Ms. Ruiz is the bureau Director in charge of government affairs which includes working on local, state and federal issues. She also manages media and community relations.
 - b. The Port is absolutely committed to bringing the ship to San Pedro. It will be placed at Berth 87. They are in the middle of the EIR process which ends March 7th and then it will go to the Commission for final approval. This project will bring a much needed critical mass to the waterfront.
 - c. In response to question about Knoll Hill, Ms. Ruis stated that Eastview Little League is still looking for a new location.
 - d. Ms. Ruiz also commented on a recent article that was blown out of proportion related to the vessel known as the "Angelena." She explained that the Port received a grant to retrofit the "Angelena" to make it more energy efficient. This is a boat used by the Port for education, marketing, and general public relations.
6. **Visitors Bureau Update:** Scott Gray reported that the Visitors Bureau has facilitated getting the USS IOWA Veterans Association Reunion to San Pedro in July. They want to get the community involved and will be working to get sponsorships from local businesses. The Doubletree Hotel will be the main location for the visitors with overflow at the San Pedro Hotel and Suites on First and Gaffey.

REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS

7. Public Safety Reports (LAPD, LA Port Police, PBID Security)

- a. LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Nua gave an update on crime in the local area. Property crimes such as theft from motor vehicles and property crime appear to be coming down. Board members apprised the officer of problem areas that they would like addressed.
- b. PORT POLICE: Officer Stacey Kreech reported that the Port Police are moving into the new building next month. She also provided the telephone number 310-732-3500 for citizens to report any problems at the 22nd Street Park which is Port property.

8. Mayor's Office: Ricardo Hong reported:

- a. He urged everyone to take the Mayor's Budget Survey. The more people in San Pedro that respond to the survey, the more their voices will be heard in City Hall. The results will be reported on March 10th.
- b. The Mayor's office is working on improving their small business assistance program and have assigned the following liaison: Nancy Thyme 310-909-6529.
- c. Suggestion from a board member to "recycle" the Redevelopment Office.

9. Council District 15 Report: Jacob Haik, District Director for Councilman Joe Buscaino, introduced himself as well as the new San Pedro Field Deputy, John Larson, and Ryan Ferguson, Special Advisor and Council Aide. The Council Office number is 310-732-4515. Comments included:

- a. No tolerance on gang violence. Wilmington is doing a walk every month with community members and the LAPD.
- b. Parking meter issue: Councilwoman Hahn's motion to remove the meters is still in committee. It will be a tough fight but they are willing to take it on. In the meantime they will cut the rates in half.
- c. City Hall building in San Pedro has a video room where public comments can be given during the city council meetings instead of constituents traveling to downtown Los Angeles.
- d. Request from a board member to continue the ride-along program that Janice Hahn started.

10. Congresswoman's office: Mike Aguilera reported.

- a. Congresswoman Janice Hahn (CA-36) announced the introduction of H.R. 3836, the SBA Loan Paperwork Reduction Act of 2012. The legislation would make permanent a program within the Small Business Administration (SBA) to reduce paperwork and streamline the application response time for business loans up to \$250,000.
- b. Hahn has also introduced legislation (HR3838) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to make grants to ports to enable ports to employ high school students during the summer.
- c. Mike announced upcoming events and commented that the San Pedro office will continue to stay open late on First Thursdays.

11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. **Michael Gatanz:** provided a handout with information for Downtown San Pedro Economic Development. The report focuses on two elements: Hotel & Lodging and Residential-Housing Element.

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Kali Merideth)

- a. The board reviewed the following funding requests passed in the Finance Committee. James Allen and Pat Carroll recused themselves from the discussion and voting:
 - i. GSPO (Golden State Pops Orchestra, May 19, 2012 Stage Side Chat) \$1000
 - ii. Rainbow Services \$2500
 - iii. Angel's Gate Cultural Center ("Into the Wilderness") Project \$1000
 - iv. Grand Annex (Meet the Music Program) \$2500
 - v. Docs Rock Program at San Pedro High School \$3000

The above recommendations were approved by the board with 8 yes votes and 1 no vote.

- b. Approval of Monthly Expenses: **Kali Merideth presented the monthly expenses and after review by the board they were approved unanimously.**

13. Certificate for Los Angeles Harbor Area Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Award winner:

Scott Gray announced that the recipient was not in attendance.

14. Mayor's Budget Survey Announcement: Scott Gray encouraged all board members and stakeholders to fill out a budget survey which is also available on line. He stressed the importance of participating.

15. Retreat Follow Up: Scott Gray provided a ballot to board members to assist in selecting a date to hold the board retreat.

16. Review of Administrative Assistant Procedure List. Scott Gray directed the Board to the Procedure List included in the agenda packet and stressed the importance of all board members following procedure when submitting information to the Administrative Assistant for upcoming committee and stakeholder meetings, etc.

17. Discussion on Free Speech Issue at Farmer's Market. James Allen requested that this agenda item be addressed at the next meeting.

18. Expansion of ACE District: James Allen commented on Central's previous Motion from November 2011 and presented a letter of support to be sent to Councilman Joe Buscaino. The wording of the letter follows:

Dear Councilman Joe Buscaino:

On November 8, 2011 at the monthly board and stakeholder meeting, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council board passed the below referenced motion recommending the expansion of the Arts, Culture and Entertainment District (ACE) to include portions of the waterfront where the USS Iowa will reside and going south along Beacon Street to connect to the Crafted in Los Angeles development at warehouses 9 & 10.

We believe that this is a forward looking proposal which anticipates certain cultural activities that should be contained within one district and that would allow for the better marketing and promotion of San Pedro's cultural assets. It is our hope that you could propose this through a council motion for swift action seeing as how there are obvious benefits and negligible costs to the city.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Respectfully, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

(The motion referred to in the letter is included in the November 2011 minutes available on the website).

After discussion, Annette McDonald moved that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Board send the presented letter to the council office requesting that the City Council take action. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo and passed with 9 yes votes, 2 no votes.

19. CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency): Sue Castillo would like to see the Central SPNC take a role in continuing economic/community development that was previously being addressed by the CRA. She plans to outreach to CRA members and invite them to attend the January 22nd Land Use Planning Committee meeting in hopes of bringing together a general committee where discussion on the issue can begin. Sue referred the Board to documents included in the agenda packet requested that the Board review them and plan on attending the committee meeting for further discussion.

20. Community Impact Statements: Sue Castillo spoke about the previously approved Community Impact Statement related to the city's sidewalk repair ordinance which is no longer timely. No action recommended at this time.

21. 8th Street Park Update: Sue Castillo commented on a recent proposal for a community garden at the vacant parcel on 9th Street. This item will be discussed at the Land Use meeting on the 22nd. (No action taken).

22. Off Street Racing Track: Donald Galaz gave background on the issue of illegal street racing and referred to a letter that was included in the agenda packet from Team Sheriff Racing. Captain Hayes of the LAPD has informed Galaz that if the neighborhood councils provide letters of support for an off street racing

track, then he will then get involved. This issue was also discussed at the Port Subcommittee and there was a suggestion to send a letter of support to Geraldine Knatz with a copy to the Councilman and the Harbor Commission. **Pat Carroll moved that the Central San Pedro NC Board delegate the final wording of a letter of support to Linda Alexander and Carrie Scoville and that the letter be sent to the Port Director, the Council office and the Harbor Commission. The motion was seconded by Scott Gray and passed unanimously by the Board.**

23. Stakeholder Issue Update Re: Criminal activity in parking lot on 9th Street: This issue will be brought to the attention of the LAPD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

24. OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Pat Carroll reported.

- a. February 18 – Central SPNC is supporting the Neighborhood Watch Clean Up Day
- b. June 12th – Proposed date for election/selection for Central San Pedro NC Board
- c. There will be a deadline for candidate statements in order for them to be included in the newsletter.
- d. Target date for the newsletter is May 29th.

25. PORT COMMITTEE: Frank Anderson reported.

- a. Provided an update from the committee meeting held Jan 30th. The committee discussed Front Street and the current work being handled there by the Port which includes the installing of fiber optic cables.
- b. IOWA: Comments on the EIR must be in by March 7th.
- c. APL was discussed and the comment period ends Feb. 17th.
- d. The next port committee meetings will be held on February 29th and March 21st.

26. PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee): Carrie Scoville reported on highlights from her written report:

- a. The PCAC passed a motion recommending that Port staff make sufficient Port land available to Fast Lane Transportation to ensure that they can continue their operations within Wilmington.
- b. Draft EIR's have been released on the following: Al Larson Boat Shop, USS Iowa project and the POLB TTI Grain Terminal.
- c. Carrie commented Central SPNC needs to appoint an alternate to PCAC. This item needs to be put on the agenda for next month.
- d. At the next PCAC meeting potential agenda items are: status report on the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation projects; update on the Alameda Corridor utilization/destination; and a report on the Terminal Island Land Use Plan Workshops.

27. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils): Carrie Scoville reported:

- a. Highlights were given from the written report.
- b. Central SPNC needs to appoint a representative to the HANC. This item needs to be on the agenda for next month.

28. ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment): No report.

29. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

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