



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by BONC Commissioner, Doug Epperhart. The names of the new board members were called as follows: Marcey Abrons, Linda Alexander, James P. Allen, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo, Harvey Contreras, Mark Contreras, April Jappert, Leslie Jones, Annette McDonald, Kali Merideth, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber, Ron Tanimura, Phill Trigas and Allyson Vought. All were in attendance and all were then seated as the new board. Approximately 35 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Election of Central San Pedro NC Officers:** Doug Epperhart gave an overview of the election process for officers. The following officers were elected:
 - a. **President:** Linda Alexander and James Allen were nominated for the position of President. Linda Alexander was elected President with 9 votes (James Allen 8 votes).
 - b. **Vice-President:** James Allen and Mark Contreras were nominated for the position of Vice-President. James Allen was elected Vice President with 11 votes (Mark Contreras 6 votes).
 - c. **Secretary:** Mark Contreras and Pat Carroll were nominated for the position of Secretary. Pat Carroll was elected with 10 votes (Mark Contreras 7 votes).
 - d. **Treasurer:** Mark Contreras was nominated for the position of Treasurer and elected unanimously by the Board.
 - e. **Communications/Outreach Officer:** Marcey Abrons and Allyson Vought were nominated for the office of Communications/Outreach Officer. Marcey Abrons was elected with 9 votes (Allyson Vought 8 votes).
3. **Appointment of Committee Chairs:**
 - a. **Port Committee:** Frank Anderson was appointed as Chair of the Port Subcommittee by unanimous vote.
 - b. **Land Use Planning Committee:** Sue Castillo was appointed as Chair of the Land Use Planning Committee by unanimous vote.
 - c. **Finance Committee:** Annette McDonald was appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee by unanimous vote.
 - d. **Bylaws Committee:** James Allen was appointed as Chair of the Bylaws Committee by unanimous vote.
 - e. **Election Committee:** James Allen moved that the appointment of a Chair for the Election Committee be postponed until the August meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo and passed unanimously.
 - f. **Outreach Committee.** It was announced that according to the Bylaws, the Outreach Committee is chaired by the Outreach Officer.
4. **Appointment of Central SPNC Representatives to other community organizations:**
 - a. **HANC:** Allyson Vought was appointed as the HANC representative with Carrie Scoville appointed as alternate by unanimous vote of the Board.
 - b. **PCAC:** Carrie Scoville was appointed as the PCAC representative with Annette McDonald as the alternate by unanimous vote of the Board.

- c. **ACE:** Pat Carroll and Leslie Jones were nominated to the position of ACE representative and gave 1 minute candidate statements. Leslie Jones was elected with 9 votes (Pat Carroll 7 votes).
- d. **DWP-MOU:** Sue Castillo moved to postpone the appointment of a DWP-MOU representative, seconded by Pat Carroll. The motion to postpone was carried unanimously.
- e. **PBID and Police Advisory Board:** The Board was in agreement to place this appointment on the agenda for August.

5. Public Safety Reports: No public safety officials were in attendance to provide reports.

6. Public Comments (with no objection from the Board, this agenda item was addressed out of order).

- a. **Katherine Gray** spoke about the USS Iowa reunion and thanked the entire community of San Pedro for the successful effort of welcoming over 750 USS Iowa veterans and their families. The Admiral was happy with how the reunion went. John Delgado family was specifically thanked for their volunteer work.
- b. **Lanny Nelms** reported the good news from the Board of Education that there will be an adult program this year. The principal of Harbor Occupational Center will also be the principal for those programs at Narbonne Adult School etc. Lanny also commented on upcoming initiatives that will be on the ballot. He feels that even if they are passed, they will not solve all the problems. He would like to see a public forum held for all the NC's in the area at some point in the future.
- c. **Bill Roberson** thanked Kristina Smith for her work on the Central NC elections.
- d. **Andrew Silber** thanked the San Pedro Visitors and Convention Bureau for their hard work on the USS Iowa Reunion.
- e. **Chad Williams** spoke about Beacon House and the services they are able to offer the community. Jose Alvarez, also from the Beacon House, also talked about their outreach panels for the youth.

7. CD15 Committee Report:

- a. Andrew Silber reported on the CD15 List. A copy of the list was provided in the agenda packet. Andrew talked specifically about the Parking Plan and also signage.
- b. James Allen commented that the Council Office should recognize a district that we have already created. He is prepared to write a letter in support of that. James was asked to bring such a draft letter to the ad hoc committee.
- c. The Board endorsed that the ad hoc committee chaired by Andrew Silber continue its work on the CD 15 list.

8. Council File update regarding opening a Council file requesting that a Neighborhood Prosecutor be assigned to San Pedro: James Allen made a motion to forward the document on page 5 of the agenda packet to the HANC so that a council file can be considered and submitted by all the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils. The motion was seconded by Annette McDonald and passed unanimously the Board.

9. Council District 15 Report. John Larson reported:

- a. Fourth of July went smoothly. All the departments worked together to make it happen.
- b. Parking Meter Plan: They hit a slight snag in the Transportation Committee but there should be a report by August on what it will cost so that the program can move forward.
- c. CD 15 Update List: John gave updates on some of the items on the CD 15 List.
- d. Andrew Silber specifically asked about the status of staffing the Harbor Station Jail. John Larson responded that they are still working on it.
- e. Rancho LPG Tanks:
 - i. John reported on the recent Public safety meeting for all bulk storage facilities.
 - ii. Leslie Jones proposed that the board watch the recent video presented at a meeting held at Holy Trinity Church. She also recommended that all board members review the article on City Watch that was also informative. (www.hazardsbegone.org).

- iii. Bill Roberson commented that he was not happy that so many officials left at the break time and didn't listen to the community members. He would like to see another meeting where public officials stay and listen to the community.
- iv. James Allen suggested that a land swap with Rancho LPG should be considered. This was referred to the Port Committee as a topic.
- f. Michael Gatanz commented that he would like to have all the government offices address the issue of the parking meter personnel.

10. Congresswoman's Office: Mike Aguilera provided a legislative update which included the following:

- a. The Congresswoman's Port Security Bill Passed the House.
- b. Congresswoman Hahn Applauds National Freight Policy in the Surface Transportation Bill.
- c. The Congresswoman voted for extension of low student loan rates.
- d. The Congresswoman issued a warning against possible immigration reform fraud.
- e. Announcing upcoming events sponsored by the Congresswoman's Office.

11. Mayor's Office. Ricardo Hong reported:

- a. The Mayor met with Councilman Joe Buscaino and they discussed what they could do for Veterans. They agreed to host a celebration in November at Pier 87 in front of USS Iowa. Members from 50 organizations will be attending the planning meetings.
- b. Michael Galantz would like to see VFW post here in our community.

12. Port Subcommittee: Frank Anderson reported that there was no meeting and announced the next meeting to be held on July 25, 2012. Frank would like board members to submit agenda items.

13. Port of Los Angeles Report: Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- a. Announced upcoming BOHC meetings (July 19th and August 2nd).
- b. Provided an update on the USS. Parking at Berth 87 is open. www.pacificbattleship.com.
- c. Crafted at the Port of LA is now open and has had a lot of good reviews.
- d. Summer concert series starts this Thursday. Every Thursday except First Thursday through August; the Taste in San Pedro events is scheduled for August 3 & 4; Navy Days is being held August 15 through 19; and the Lobster Festival dates are September 14-16.
- e. Community meeting/Public workshop on the Port Master plan is July 16.
- f. Construction continues on the Downtown Harbor, SP Slip, and Plaza Park. In addition, the Westways Tank farm is being demolished.
- g. Construction on Front Street is for a new Scanning Station which will be utilized for cruise ship safety by scanning commercial trucks. Operated by Port Police.
- h. A Final Concept of Front Street was presented. The design should be completed by August 2013 and construction should start March 2014 with a February 2015 completion date. There will be an opportunity for neighborhood councils to give input on the RFP process when a contractor is selected for Front Street.
- i. Port's O'Call update. Sue Castillo mentioned that the neighborhood councils hope to have a community meeting of its own related to Port's O'Call. A letter will be sent to Dr. Knatz related to this issue.

14. PCAC Report: Carrie Scoville provided highlights from the written report which was included in the agenda packet. The following motions were addressed:

- a. **Motion to support relocation of Valero tank farm in Wilmington.** Andrew Silber moved that the PCAC representative vote to support of the PCAC Motion, seconded by Kali Merideth and passed unanimously by the Board.
- b. **Motion in support of Federal quiet zone for freight rail in the Port.** Frank Anderson moved that the PCAC representative vote in favor of the motion, seconded by Andrew Silber. The motion passed with 15 yes votes and 1 no vote.
- c. **Waterfront Expansion Meeting.** James Allen requested that the Central SPNC representative to PCAC take our letter and approved motion regarding expansion of the ACE District to the waterfront expansion meeting.

15. Update on Free Speech Issue: James Allen reported on the progress of Central's actions in support of Free Speech at the Farmer's Market.

16. Land Use Planning Committee Report: Sue Castillo provided a written report on recent committee work which was included in the agenda packet on Page 10. She commented that the Director of City Planning wants the Neighborhood Council to contribute to their program on Great Streets/Great Neighborhood. The next meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee will be held on Thursday July 26th. Sue also plans to call a public meeting for input from the community on the redevelopment of Ports O'Call.

17. Outreach Committee:

- a. Pat welcomed Marcey Abrons, the new Outreach Chair.
- b. Marcey will schedule a date for her first Outreach Committee Meeting for July.

18. Agenda Item #8. Board Approval of revised Letter Re: Issue Concerning Release of Impounded City Official Vehicle. The letter was included in the agenda packet. **Pat Carroll moved that the letter be sent as presented, seconded by Andrew Silber and passed unanimously by the Board.**

19. Finance Committee Report:

- a. Motion by Pat Carroll, seconded by Allyson Vought to approve the monthly expenses as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes.
- b. Approval of new budget for 2012-2013 on new template. Kali Merideth presented the previously approved budget in the new format required by DONE. **Pat Carroll moved to approve the budget as presented in the new template required by DONE, seconded by Andrew Silver. Motion carried with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes.**
- c. Open funding cycle: Kali explained the difficulty with the current funding cycle which makes it difficult to take action on time sensitive funding requests, especially as they relate to upcoming events. After discussion, the following motion was returned to the Finance Committee for further consideration: *"The Finance Committee has voted to allow requests for funding to be heard by the Finance Committee through the 12 month cycle. If approved by the Finance Committee, funding requests will continue to be brought to the full board for approval. The Finance Committee asks for the board approval of an open funding cycle throughout the fiscal year."*
- d. Adjustment of 2011-2012 Budget. **Motion by Pat Carroll to move Class C Line Items 303, 305, 306, and 308 from Community Improvement Projects into Class D. Neighborhood Purposes Grants Line 401. The motion was seconded by Carrie Scoville and passed with 16 yes votes and 1 abstention.**

20. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils): Allyson Vought reported that there was no HANC Meeting and therefore no report to present.

21. ACE Report: No report.

22. Approval of minutes from June 12, 2012 Meeting: The first item on #3 referring to "the \$280/wk that PBID invests in security" was corrected to read "the money that PBID invests in Security". **Motion by James Allen to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Pat Carroll and passed unanimously by the Board.**

23. Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, NC Administrative Assistant