



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

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 6:32pm by President Linda Alexander. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 15 Board Members). Approximately 25 stakeholders present. Pat Carroll gave an update on the status of Ethics and Funding training of board members.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Marcey Abrons	Present
Linda Alexander	Present
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Excused
Pat Carroll	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Harvey Contreras	Present
Mark Contreras	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
April Jappert	Excused
Leslie Jones	Present
Michael Boke	Present
Kali Merideth	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Phill Trigas	Present
Allyson Vought	Present

2. **President's Report:** Linda Alexander commented on the following:
 - a) The Code of Civility needs to be addressed and will be referred to the Bylaws Committee.
 - b) An announcement was made regarding the Congress of Neighborhoods scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2013.

Reports from Public Officials:

3. **Report from Congresswoman Janice Hahn's Office:** Ivan Sulic provided a written report which included the following topics:
 - a) Hahn released a statement regarding President Obama's Decision to seek congressional authorization for military action in Syria.
 - b) Hahn has been selected to serve on the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
 - c) Hahn leads the Los Angeles Delegation in introducing a resolution honoring the upcoming 2015 Special Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

4. **Council District 15 Office:** CD15 Representative, Nicole Wells, reported on the following.
 - a) Update on the upgrades at Leland Park which include fencing, lighting.
 - b) Brief comments on the feral cat issue on Upland.
 - c) Lilyan Fierman Walkway: The Council Office is working on this
 - d) Warner Grand: Crack in the terrazzo, no update was provided.
 - e) Request for trail between Summerland and Channel: CD15 is trying to get this included in the Leland Park upgrades.
 - f) 6th and 7th Street One Way: CD15 Office is looking into the issue.

5. **Port of Los Angeles:** No representative in attendance.

6. **LAUSD:** Francisco Canche, representative from Dr. Richard Vladovic's office, introduced himself and offered to help stakeholders with any issues involving LAUSD.

7. **DONE:** Amber Meshak, representative from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, introduced herself to the Board and gave an update on the Congress of Neighborhoods. She is able to provide education related to neighborhood council work to board members.

8. **Public Safety:**
 - a) LAPD: Officer Nua provided crime statistics and answered concerns from stakeholders on the recent shootings at 5th and Gaffey.
 - b) Port Police: No report.
 - c) Central SPNC Public Safety Liaison: Leslie Jones spoke briefly about an upcoming open house at the Harbor Division Police Station.

9. **Police Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee:** James Allen provided an update on the Police Town hall Meeting. The committee continues to meet weekly to plan a successful event.

10. **Presentation by the Historical Society:** Doris Therault thanked the board for their participation in the project "Windows into the Past". A brochure has been produced and will be available next Friday.

11. **Clean San Pedro – Letter of support to clean Leland Park hill area and portions of North Gaffey:** Steve Kleinjan is asking for a letter of support for their grant application with the Harbor Community Benefits Foundation. The grant is to expand the Clean San Pedro efforts down Gaffey to Five Points as well as in the opposite direction to Paseo del Mar. **Motion by James Allen, seconded by Andrew Silber to approve the letter as presented:**

Subject: Letter of support for Clean San Pedro Inc Beautification, Blight Removal and Employment Grant
Dear HCBF,

We enthusiastically support the Grant being submitted by Clean San Pedro Inc. to patrol and remove blight such as litter, weeds, graffiti, illegally posted signs, rubbish, broken glass and any other form of blight that can be removed from our streets and public places by the Clean San Pedro Inc. team.

We understand this effort will also provide employment opportunities to entry level job seekers and teach the importance of the relationship of beautification to the protection of our environment, the safety of our children and the improvement of the quality of life in our community.

Clean San Pedro's efforts will include miles of streets and public places in and around the Port including the connecting streets between the different Neighborhood Councils in San Pedro and the community of Wilmington and Harbor City.

As a Neighborhood Council that borders the Port of Los Angeles, this proposal addresses many issues within our area of concerns, including Leland Park hills area and portions of North Gaffey.

Motion to amend by Sue Castillo to add to the final paragraph "for the purpose of cleaning Leland Park hills area and portions of North Gaffey." Motion to amend seconded by Pat Carroll and passed unanimously. Motion to approve main motion with amendment passed unanimously.

12. **Ad Hoc Leland Park Committee** – Kali Merideth spoke about the LANI Grant for Leland Park upgrades. The following letter was presented for approval:

Harbor Community Benefit Foundation
150 W. 6th Street, Suite 203
San Pedro, CA 90731

We, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, (CSPNC) are writing to express our full support of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative's (LANI) grant application for Leland Park located at 863 S. Herbert St. San Pedro, CA 90731.

Previously a flourishing park in our community, Leland has recently fallen into disrepair. Due to budget cuts in the City of Los Angeles, Leland Park was stripped of its Manager, who organized appropriate activities for children and families, and the park itself has been virtually abandoned by the Recreation and Parks Department. In turn, this park became a refuge for graffiti sprayers, drug dealers and the homeless. It was so deteriorated that neighborhood children were not allowed to utilize the park. Our Central San Pedro district is sorely lacking in parks, Leland Park being the largest is the only one big enough to have a baseball diamond.

Fortunately, a recent surge in community involvement and public outcry has prompted city officials to act. While any changes to the park are still in the developmental stages, with your help, we remain hopeful Leland Park can be restored to its former self.

We thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter, and would gladly answer any questions you may have.

Motion by Andrew Silber, seconded by Pat Carroll to approve the letter. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- a) **Judy Gordon from Rainbow Services** gave an update on the organization which provides shelters and services for homeless women and victims of domestic violence.
- b) **Michael Gatanz of People's Yoga** announced an event called SP Tri Art on September 21-22 with dance, music, culture, art, entertainment, crafts, face-painting, etc.
- c) **Lanny Nelms, LAUSD**, reported on a new proposed education center next to City Dock One. He also gave an update on the Science Center.
- d) **Lawanda with Justice for Murdered Children** spoke about the recent shooting on 5th and Gaffey.
- e) **Carrie Scoville** reported that a new Harbor Commissioner, Patricia Castellanos, will be going for approval before the City Council. EIR will be released on Yang Ming terminal (north of China Shipping). This is an opportunity to raise the issues of upgrading the lighting that affects the community.
- f) **James Allen** announced the annual Home Tour event sponsored by the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy.

14. **Committee Reports:**

- a) **Land Use, Planning and Public Works Committee Report:** Sue Castillo provided an update on Alan Johnson's Proposed Plan for the Maritime Museum and Ports O'Call. A written report was provided in agenda packet. The next Land Use, Planning and Public Works Committee is scheduled for September 16, 2013 at the Croatian Cultural Center 6:30pm.
- b) **Ad Hoc Homeless Committee:** Sue Castillo provided an update on her recent committee meeting. Dr. Brophy has agreed to be our moderator and for Marymount California University to be a partner for the Spring Homelessness Town Hall. A motion to approve \$200 for forum expenses for an October 24th event was postponed.
- c) **Port Committee:** No Report. Next Committee Meeting – September 18, 2013
- d) **CD15 Report (Andrew Silber):** No report.

- e) **Outreach Committee:** Allyson Vought reported:
 - i. Offered stakeholders a special “Central Fish Pin” for signing up on the email list.
 - ii. Asked board members to continue participating in the program to gather email addresses.
 - iii. Announcement of the Townhall Meeting with the City Attorney and also the upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods event.
 - iv. Provided an update on the School Safety Meeting that Allyson, Leslie and Mona attended. The plan is to reach out to all the high schools and try to engage some of the youth. This will be a collaboration of community members, high school deans and counselors, Police departments, etc., sharing information on quality of life issues involving the youth.
 - v. Bus benches Update: 10 bus benches around town.
 - vi. Vote on purchases from approved Outreach Budget (Action Item): No action taken.

- f) **Finance Committee:** (Kali Merideth) Approval of expenditures as follows:
 - i. Review of Monthly expenses for July & August.
 - ii. Review of Budget with Revisions. Carrie Scoville provided a detailed review of the Budget and talked about what revisions might be necessary in coming months. These will be discussed further at the next Finance Committee Meeting.
 - iii. **Motion by Andrew Silber to approve the following costs, seconded by Kali Merideth:**
 - 1. Approval of expense of plaque for Ricardo Hong \$69.12. (line item 105A)
 - 2. Software Licenses: 1 - Debut Video Capture Software Pro Edition \$29.99; 1 Video Pad Video Editor Masters Edition \$35.00 (Line Item 105B)**Motion passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions.**

15. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Allyson Vought provided highlights from the written report which included:

- a) The proposed Development Services Department: This relates to the creation of a department which would incorporate all of the current Planning; and Building & Safety Departments and the Plan Check Sections of Transportation, Fire and Engineering.
- b) City Attorney’s Town Hall meeting October 3, 2013 sponsored by the HANC. Motion to approve \$50 towards event refreshments. Motion withdrawn.

16. **BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) Report:** No report.

17. **Reports from Community Partners**

- a) **ACE:** Pat Carroll reported briefly on the meeting yesterday. The following new officers were elected: Linda Grimes, President; Deborah Lewis, Vice President and Pat Carroll, Secretary.
- b) **PBID:** Allyson Vought reported that PBID approved this year’s “Day of the Dead”. Trolley service has been approved. The proposed research facilities next to City Dock One were also discussed. Trolley ambassadors to meet cruise ships.

18. **Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting:** **Motion by Pat Carroll to approve minutes, seconded by Allyson Vought. Motion passed with 10 yes votes, 1 no vote and 2 abstentions (Silber & Alexander).**

19. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm. Next Board and Stakeholder Meeting October 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith