



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 14 Board Members). Approximately 55 stakeholders present.

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

2. **President's Report:** Linda Alexander spoke on the following topics
 - a. President's meeting with Councilman Joe Buscaino:
 - ✓ At this meeting the issue of opening the Harbor Division jail was discussed and the Councilman urged community members and neighborhood councils to write letters to Chief Beck (with a copy to Councilman Joe) requesting that he take a serious look at finding a way to fund the jail.
 - ✓ Councilman Joe also asked that the neighborhood councils keep open lines of communication with the new Harbor Commission.
 - b. Central San Pedro NC's appointed budget advocates, Frank Anderson and Kali Merideth, are asked to attend the upcoming "Neighborhood Council Budget Day" on October 26th and get the Harbor Jail issue on the city's agenda to be discussed with the budget advocates.
 - c. An ad hoc committee was formed to consider the possibility of creating a youth committee connected to the Central SPNC. The following board members were appointed to the committee: Donald Galaz, Sue Castillo, Allyson Vought and Leslie Jones. Students and community members were encouraged to participate. Leslie Jones spoke about the Teen CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) and suggested that another Youth Committee may not be necessary.

- d. Board members were provided a form to choose a date for the Board Retreat. A tally of the forms resulted in November 16th as the preferred day.
 - e. An Election Committee and Chair will be appointed at the November meeting to generate community involvement in the upcoming "Selection" of board members which will take place in 2014.
2. **Report on Pothole project:** April Jappert reported on the Neighborhood Blitz Program that the City implemented to address pot holes and roadway repairs in each neighborhood council district. Eight locations were chosen in the Central SPNC area.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
- a. Jody Davidson: Business owner who is concerned with crew members on cruise ships not being allowed to leave the ship when docked in the Port of Los Angeles, although they are allowed to leave the ships in other ports.
 - b. Eli Wegger and several other stakeholders spoke in opposition of having the Maritime Museum relocated. Their concerns came from a recent presentation by the Ports O'Call developers who discussed possibilities of upgrading the Maritime Museum.
 - c. Michael Gatanz announced an upcoming "Peedro Swing" event at People's Yoga.
 - d. Carrie Scoville spoke in support of legislation (SB811) currently before the Governor. SB 811 would require Caltrans to include and analyze a project alternative designed by community groups as part of the I-710 Corridor Project (south-end).
 - e. Susan Cabrera spoke on her concerns with a lack of street lighting on 1st Street in the area below Bandini Street (900 block). The issue was referred to the CD15 Committee.
 - f. Lawanda Hawkins announced an upcoming event sponsored by her organization, Justice for Murdered Children, and also introduced Ruben Karo, Pastor of Warren Chapel on Elberon Street in San Pedro, who is also new to the community.
4. **Speaker:** Jeremy Sidell, Chief Development and Communications Officer, PATH (People Assisting The Homeless). The following points were addressed:
- ✓ A Homeless Census every year is required by the Federal Government.
 - ✓ Los Angeles has the highest population of homeless individuals.
 - ✓ LAHSA manages all of Los Angeles County (except for Long Beach and Pasadena)
 - ✓ LAHSA reported 11% of South Bay's unsheltered population is located in San Pedro.
 - ✓ San Pedro has 1800 transitional beds.
 - ✓ An overview of the South Bay Coalition for the Homeless was provided.
 - ✓ PATH is celebrating their 30th anniversary.
5. **Homelessness in the Harbor Area:** Sue Castillo reported on the results of her initial inquiries into the subject of homelessness. An Ad Hoc Committee was created with the following committee members: Kali Merideth, Donald Galaz, Phill Trigas, Harvey Contreras, Marcey Abrons, and Karen Cesar with So Bay Coalition for the Homeless.
6. **Councilman's office:** Kevin Bingham reported on the following:
- a. **Reward for Hit and Run Crimes Motion:** The Councilman presented this motion to the city council which offers a reward up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals that leave the scene of a traffic collision resulting in damage to public and/or private property and up to \$25,000 for hit and runs that result in bodily injury.
 - b. **Sidewalk Reconstruction fee elimination:** This program will eliminate fees associated with sidewalk construction that is undertaken by the adjoining property owner.
 - c. CD15 has a new website with a place for the community to submit ideas.
 - d. **Proposed one way streets at 6th and 7th Street.** This is just an idea being presented.
 - e. **Renaming of trails in honor of Ray Patricio.** The Peck Park Trails have new signage in honor of Ray Patricio who was instrumental in improving Peck Park.
 - f. CD15 recently held an interdepartmental meeting focused on homelessness.

- g. Upcoming events were also announced.
- h. Comment from Sgt. Catherine Plows: The Police Department has made it a directive for all CPAB's to look into homelessness.

7. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- a. Announced the next upcoming BOHC meetings and also announced the new harbor commissioners from San Pedro: Patricia Castellanos and Anthony Pirozzi. Dave Arian has also been retained as a Commissioner.
- b. Dr. Geraldine Knatz has announced her retirement and will be leaving the Port of Los Angeles on November 8th.
- c. Twenty applications were received for the grants.
- d. The Ports O'Call Redevelopment team will hold their next public meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 5:30-8:30pm at the Warner Grand Theater.
- e. Other events were announced.

8. **LAUSD:** Joseph Martinez, Liaison for Local District 7, introduced himself and provided his contact information: 213-241-6385.

9. **LAPD:** Officer Nua provided statistics for September. Problem areas continue to be burglary from motor vehicles (out of 36 incidents, 19 of the vehicles were unlocked). There were also 15 stolen cars. Nua commented that Harbor Division has obtained about 10 more officers to assist with curbing the crime in the area.

10. **Public Safety:**

a. **Report on Police Town Hall Meeting:**

Sgt. Plows reported on the LAPD's experience with the Town Hall. This was a difficult experience for her as it relates to planning the event. She feels the outcome could have been better. She also commented on funding of a Young Women's Violence Prevention event.

- b. **James Allen** gave a brief report and will be submitting a full written report next month.

11. **Finance Committee:**

- a. Approval of Bank Statements: Kali Merideth reviewed the August and September 2013 bank statement.

The board approved the August 2013 Bank Statement with 9 yes votes (Merideth, Scoville, Allen, M. Contreras, Silber, Anderson, Vought, Jones and Castillo), 0 no votes, 1 abstention.

The board approved the September 2013 Bank Statement with 9 yes votes (Merideth, Scoville, Allen, M. Contreras, Silber, Anderson, Vought, Jones and Castillo), 0 no votes, 1 abstention

- b. Approval of Budget Line Item Adjustments as recommended by the Finance Committee (A net total of \$3836 into line 301) as follows:

- i. \$100 from line 106 postage to line 301 CIP
- ii. \$2,200 from line 107 temporary staff to line 301 CIP
- iii. \$250 from line 108 translation to line 301 CIP
- iv. \$700 from line 204 stakeholder meeting expenses to line 301 CIP
- v. \$140 from line 206B website enhancement to line 301 CIP
- vi. Release \$2,000 from line 310 utility box murals
(above revisions adds \$3,836 to line 301 CIP for a new total of \$6,336)
- vii. \$1000 from line 301 CIP to line 103 facilities rental
- viii. \$554 from line 301 CIP to 105B equipment

The board approved the above budget adjustments with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

12. **Leland Park Ad Hoc Committee:** Frank Anderson talked about a Park Advisory Board being formed. Trees have been trimmed and cameras have been installed. Electricity has been restored so the sprinkler system will now be working. Fencing and increased security are also in place. The next ad hoc committee meeting will be held on October 18, 2013, 6pm at the park. Once the Park Advisory Board is in place, there will be no further need for the ad hoc committee.
13. **Port Relations Committee Report:** Frank Anderson reported:
- a. Update on meeting with Cynthia Ruiz, Deputy Director External Affairs, Port of LA: Linda Alexander, Donald Galaz and Frank Anderson attended the meeting. The new Harbor Commissioners were announced along with updates on current projects. The Port did not provide any clear indication about how matters previously handled by the PCAC would be addressed. It will be brought up again at the Port Committee meeting.
 - b. Port's Annual Waterfront Meeting – Frank attended the meeting and announced that stakeholders can view the entire video on Central SPNC website. He provided highlights from that meeting.
14. **Land Use, Planning and Public Works report:** Sue Castillo announced that there will be a Committee meeting on Thursday, October 10th and there will be a presentation on a proposed townhouse development at 8th and Centre Streets.
15. **Outreach Committee Report:** Allyson Vought reported:
- a. 311 app on smart phones. You can report illegal dumping, pot holes etc. Simple way to give the location and the offense. Link will be put on the Central website.
 - b. Congress of Neighborhood Councils: Allyson attended the Congress and reported that it was very informative.
 - c. Reminder that Outreach is the responsibility of all board members and to continue gathering email addresses of stakeholders.
 - d. We now have 12 bus benches. Outreach wants to purpose these for community announcements in the future.
 - e. Allyson asked for all board members to provide what information they would like on their business cards.
16. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report.** Linda Alexander gave a short overview from the meeting. A written report was also included in the agenda packet. Carrie Scoville also gave a brief report from the City Attorney's Town Hall Meeting commenting that it was constructive and positive.
17. **Reports from Community Partners**
- a. **ACE:** No report.
 - b. **PBID:** Allyson Vought reported:
 - i. 7th Street parking lot is getting upgraded.
 - ii. The PBID security contract has been renewed and they are going to be considering 24 hour security service for downtown San Pedro
 - iii. First Thursday marketing program was approved.
18. **Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting:** Motion by Andrew Silber, seconded by Sue Castillo. Approved with 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
19. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith