



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President Linda Alexander. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 13 Board Members). Approximately 120 stakeholders present.

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

### 2. Presidents Report

- a. **Training/Attendance Update:** The Status of Board Member Attendance & Ethics/Funding training was reviewed.
- b. **Brotherhood of Street Racers:** The Board passed a motion to approve awarding a certificate of appreciation to the Brotherhood of Street Racers for their assistance in the holiday parade. (Moved by Pat Carroll, seconded by Sue Castillo).
- c. **Report on Quarterly Presidents Meeting with Joe Buscaino:** Linda Alexander gave highlights of the meeting held January 27, 2014. A written report was included in the agenda packet and is also available on the [website](#).

### 3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. **Donald Galaz,** Brotherhood of Street Racers (originally formed by the LAPD in the late 60's): Spoke about public safety and getting illegal racing off the street. Money generated from a proposed raceway would go back into the community in the form of vocational training.
- b. **Titus Smith,** Brotherhood of Street Racers: Spoke about getting a legalized track to get racing off the streets in order to keep the community safe.
- c. **Randy Warner, Art Gonzalez** and other members of the Brotherhood of Street Racers also spoke in support of a legalized racing track on Port property.

- d. **Maria Salas** spoke on the issue of Homelessness and mentioned the locations of the homeless shelters in the area. She also commented on what services a “drop in” center for the homeless should offer in order to be effective.
- e. **Sabrina Perez** talked about her experience as a homeless person and the resources that became available to her.
- f. **Rebecca Silva** of the non-profit organization, Clancy’s Annex, spoke on the proposed homeless services center on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- g. **Stakeholder** spoke about the increase of homeless people in our community. Announced a meeting being held at Kaiser that he urges the community to attend.
- h. **Steve McKee, Grant Carner Jr., Kirsten Carner and Ursula Carner** spoke on the ongoing issues of a cat infestation/hording in their neighborhood (@ 571 Upland) which has created a public nuisance.
- i. **J K Drummond:** Spoke about the need of a transit center and better coordination between buses from Los Angeles to the Harbor Area, as well as the need for additional bus shelters (bus stops).
- j. **Elaine Clark:** Spoke in opposition of the City Council’s proposed tax on homeowners for fixing the streets.
- k. **Katherine Gray, San Pedro Visitor’s Center:** The Visitors Center is now open, 10am-4pm between Crown Plaza Hotel and Enterprise Car Rental. Cruise passengers are arriving a day or two early and asking for maps and places to dine.
- l. **Lanny Nelms:** Reported that the Science Center has received funding for the next school year. There is also funding for a school bus to transport local elementary students to the Center.
- m. **Chris:** Stakeholder spoke on the issue of homelessness and is in support of a Resource Center for the Homeless instead of a shelter.

#### 4. **Public Safety:**

- a. **LAPD** – The new Senior Lead Officer, Andrey Wilkins, was introduced. He has been with the department for 21 years. The last ten years he has been the Senior Lead Officer for Harbor City and is now looking forward to working in the downtown San Pedro area. Leslie Jones asked whether crime stat information in a format that is easy to understand could be provided at future meetings.
- b. **CPAB Report** – Leslie Jones reported on the following:
  - i. The CPAB has been working on setting their goals for 2014. The next meeting is February 20 at the Harbor Station, 6:30pm.
  - ii. There is also a Safety Meeting Feb. 12 at Dana Jr. High at 10am. The community and council members are welcome to attend. Law enforcement and school advisory people meet to work on issues related to the high school and junior high school.
  - iii. James Allen asked if the LAPD shares any reports on “Use of Force” with the CPAB and if so, it would be helpful to have those reports also shared with the neighborhood council. Leslie agreed to check if any such reports are available at this time.
- c. **Opening the Harbor Division Jail:** Leslie has been gathering information and will present a letter for approval next month.

#### 5. **Port of Los Angeles Report** – Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- a. Announced the upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioner meetings.
- b. Update on the Downtown Harbor Project: Completion is expected in June 2014.
- c. Tall Ships will be here in August 20-24. Non-profit organizations and vendors can request a booth by contacting. [tallshipsfestival@portla.org](mailto:tallshipsfestival@portla.org). More info is available on the website: [www.TallShipsFestivalLA.com](http://www.TallShipsFestivalLA.com)

6. **Homelessness Forum Update** – Sue Castillo reported on the progress of the ad hoc committee. A forum is planned for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday Night at the Grand Annex with a focus on the “chronic homeless.” Solutions will be discussed with a panel of experts.
7. **Special Speaker. Councilman Joe Buscaino – State of San Pedro:** Councilman Joe Buscaino addressed the board and stakeholders answering questions submitted to him by the board. Items discussed were:
  - a. Public Safety (Community based policing) – Harbor Area #1 in crime reduction in the entire City of Los Angeles. Cyberwatch effort (social media tools) helps prevent crime.
  - b. Public Infrastructure – Core City Services (Streets, trees, lighting etc.) Importance of being responsive to fixing our streets, filling pot holes, trimming trees, continues to be a priority. How do we pay for it? We are looking at a series of hybrid approaches to solve the funding issue.
  - c. Economic Development – LA Waterfront Alliance and the waterfront development has brought excitement and interest to the downtown area. Jobs and public safety go hand in hand.
  - d. Increasing jobs – starts at the waterfront. Projects such as the Marine Research Center will bring in green tech jobs.
  - e. Phase out the gross receipts tax to make Los Angeles more business friendly.
  - f. Mural Program – The Councilman supports such a program.
  - g. Courthouse – The property sits in the hands of the Association of Courts so we are anxious to see what they are going to do with it. Once they make a decision, the NC’s will be included in the process for what should go there.
  - h. Great Streets Program – Focus on Gaffey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. Gaffey needs a face lift. Healthy infrastructure is important. Log onto the Councilman’s website and fill out the poll.
  - i. Homeless Service Center – Relationship building is key. The Council office continues the dialogue with the property owner proposing such a center. The Councilman would prefer to see funds go the existing facilities that are already in place.
  - j. Racetrack – The city is finally listening. Councilman is looking into finding a one-mile stretch suitable for a track for street legal racers.
  - k. Question about retention of crew onboard ships. Councilman has had dialogue with the Congresswoman and the Federal Government and will continue to work on this issue.
  - l. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries: The original 130 MMD’s should be allowed to operate but all others should be closed. This is an ongoing issue that the Council Office is working on.
  - m. Staffing the Jail: What impact would it have on crime if we had a fully staffed jail at Harbor Division? Response: The problem is that it is a budgetary issue. The Councilman can ask the Mayor to include it in his budget and see what happens.
8. **Port Committee:**
  - a. **Motion Re: NCPAC (Proposed Committee to act as a replacement for the PCAC):** Frank Anderson commented that more input is needed from the other neighborhood councils before a final draft of a motion can be presented. The item will be on the next Port Committee meeting agenda as a discussion item.
  - b. **Ports O’Call Update:** The Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) between the LA Waterfront Alliance and the Port was extended to March 9<sup>th</sup>. ENA’s require three public outreach meetings so the group should be holding meetings in the near future to provide updates on the project.
  - c. **Front Street Update:** Most of the pipes have been removed and the design of the project is progressing. The hydraulic phase is complete. The anticipated completion for the design is June 2014. Construction should begin in December 2014.
  - d. **SR47/110 Project:** Construction begins this month and will improve the entrance to the 47 and 110. During this project, the freeway onramp by the Harbor Police Station will be intermittently closed.
9. **Discuss proposal to create an ad hoc committee focused on the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Policy**

**Changes:** Linda Alexander proposed an ad hoc committee be formed. Motion by Pat Carroll, seconded by Andrew Silber to form an Ad Hoc Committee focused on policy changes brought forth by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions.

**10. Finance Committee**

**a. Approval of December and January Bank Statements:**

- i. Motion to approve December 2013 Bank Statement as presented in the agenda packet passed with 11 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Carroll, Castillo, M. Contreras, Galaz, Jones, Merideth, Silber, Trigas and Vought), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Alexander, H. Contreras).
- ii. Motion to approve January 2014 Bank Statement as presented in the agenda packet passed with 11 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Carroll, Castillo, M. Contreras, Galaz, Jones, Merideth, Silber, Trigas and Vought), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Alexander, H. Contreras).

- b. Andrew Silber commented that he has completed the financial training, however, no documentation was provided by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and they claim they have found no record of the training. James Allen suggested that this is an issue that could be further discussed in the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee designed to deal with DONE and BONC type issues.

**11. Outreach Committee.** Allyson Vought reported that there are now 1400 email addresses in the Email Blast system.

**12. HANC Report.** A written report can be found on the Central website.

**13. PBID Report:** Allyson Vought announced the names of the new board members on the PBID and commented on the additional lights that have been installed.

**14. ACE Report:** Pat Carroll reported that ACE is transitioning into a different type of organization and the details are being worked out. Andrew Silber commented that the PBID will be looking at branding designs to be used for signage etc. throughout the district.

**15. Approval of January minutes:** Andrew Silber moved to approve the January 14, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting minutes, seconded by Pat Carroll. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

**16. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith, NC Asst