



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, April 8, 2014

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 6:30pm by President Linda Alexander. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 13 Board Members – 14 upon seating of new board member). Approximately 80 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Marcey Abrons	Present
Linda Alexander	Present
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Pat Carroll	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Harvey Contreras	Present
Mark Contreras	Excused
Donald Galaz	Present
Jose Guerrero	Seated at beginning of meeting
Leslie Jones	Excused
Michael Boke	Removed from Board
Kali Merideth	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Phill Trigas	Present
Allyson Vought	Present

2. **President's Report**

- a. **Appointment of new Board Member to Vacant Board Seat (Action Item):** Jose Guerrero, candidate for the vacant board seat position, gave a brief statement. Guerrero is a long time resident in San Pedro. **James Allen moved to appoint Jose Guerrero to the vacant board seat and the motion was seconded by Pat Carroll. The board approved the appointment by unanimous vote.**

3. **2014 Selections:** Linda Alexander gave an update on the upcoming selections in June for the Central SPNC Board. More information is available on the CSPNC web site.
4. **Presentation Thanking the Brotherhood of Street Racers:** Linda Alexander presented the members of the Brotherhood of Street Racers with a plaque for their assistance in the 2013 Holiday Parade.
5. **Petition Re: Brotherhood of Street Racers Off Street Track:** Donald Galaz, a member of the Brotherhood of Street Racers, spoke about the group's community involvement with youth and vocational programs. The Brotherhood is circulating a petition to re-open a legal raceway in the San

Pedro/Harbor area to deter the unsafe practices of illegal street racing.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. **Alexandria Torres**, a representative with Women in Non Traditional Employment Routes, spoke about their high school diploma program for San Pedro and Wilmington students ages 16-24. They also offer an employment training program for adult women in non-traditional roles such as construction. Both are offered at the San Pedro YWCA.
- b. **Bob Gelfand** spoke about a public transit concept called Sky Trans that he would like to have presented to the committee that oversees transportation issues and supports future development in the Harbor. He presented a video clip from a San Francisco Area local news station about the concept.

7. Public Safety

- a. **LAPD Report:** Senior Lead Officer Andrey Wilkins provided a map showing crime statistics in the Central San Pedro area and explained how to read the symbols and abbreviations. A short report on crime in the Downtown area was also shared.
- b. **CPAB Report:** Leslie Jones – no report
- c. **Report on Homelessness Forum:** Sue Castillo reported that the forum was a great success. In response to a question from a stakeholder, Sue gave a brief overview of the next steps the committee will take on this important community issue. This will include a brainstorming session.
- d. **Issue with Cats at 571-573 Upland:** Animal Control Officer Lt. Tranzow provided an update on the feral cat issue that has been affecting the residents on Upland Street. He is aware that the problem has been ongoing for over ten years. Some of the Upland Street residents have been working with animal control on the problem. They are provided with permits and free traps so that the cats can be turned in to the Animal Shelter 24 hours a day. Lt. Tranzow answered questions and asked the board to have affected stakeholders contact him directly.

8. CD15 Report on Issues: Ryan Ferguson reported on the following:

- a. **Jail at Harbor Station.** The Councilman is waiting to see if the Mayor includes funding for staffing of the jail in the upcoming city budget. Linda Alexander stated that someone must have done a cost benefit analysis in the past and the Board would like to see any such analysis. James Allen stated that there is a report from 2010 that explains the costs of opening this jail. James has been in contact with Deputy Chief Green who will provide to this report to the Board.
- b. **Lilyan Fierman walkway.** LANI has held the second community workshop for input from the public on the project. They hope to have a final plan by the end of this fall.
- c. **Use of Courthouse and state/county land adjacent to courthouse building.** Linda Alexander asked if the Councilman is actively doing something about the issue. Ryan responded that the Councilman is working on the problem; however, the property is held by the Association of the Courts under jurisdiction of the State, and the City does not have jurisdiction over them. The councilman supports having the property used for something other than a closed down courthouse. James Allen asked if Ryan could provide a contact at the OAC. (It was noted that there was filming being done in the building at the moment and contacting the film company could lead to a contact name.) Ryan will attempt to get that contact information. Michael Gatanz – a stakeholder - stated that there is a difference between inquiring about the issue and expressing the Board's concerns about the property. Mr. Gatanz asked if Ryan's office would be willing to share the written communication from CD15 regarding the property. Ryan stated that he would have to check with his supervisor.
- d. **Citywide Exclusive Franchise System for Municipal Solid Waste.** The City Council voted 12 – 1 to certify the FEIR. The plan will not be implemented until probably 2016/2017.
- e. **Upcoming Events**, full report posted our www.centalsanpedro.org web site.

9. **Congresswoman's Office:** Report from Ivan Sulic:
- a. **Cruise ship crew detained from visiting San Pedro.** Ivan stated that he did not have the letter from the Department of Homeland Security that he had hoped he would have in time for this meeting. However, he spoke to the Director of Homeland Security in Washington D.C. today and the letter has been done, but it is not yet signed by the Director. He expects to have it this week and will email it to board members. In addition he received confirmation that a representative from the Los Angeles field office will be at the May meeting to give a presentation on the issue, and asked that the Board allow 7 to 10 minutes for that representative.
10. **Presentations:**
- a. **Crafted at the Port of LA & Proposed Micro Brewery:** Rachel Waugh, Executive Director of Crafted, gave an overview of the new project at Warehouses 9 and 10. She provided statistics on Crafted at the Port of LA which opened in 2012. They identified four new ideas for uses of Warehouse 9. Crafted supports small businesses and helps them grow with a particular focus on local art and the handmade economy. Brian Mercer talked about Brouwerij West, a micro brewery and bottling facility being proposed at that location. It will include a restaurant and other upgrades. A motion was made by Sue Castillo in support of the new brewery but the motion was subsequently withdrawn as board members wanted to see a Land Use and Planning Committee recommendation for a letter of support to be voted on by the Board at the May meeting.
 - b. **Marymount California University Presentation:** Tom Mead, Executive Director of the San Pedro Waterfront Campus gave an update on the Marymount facilities:
 - ✓ The new name of the college is Marymount California University (MCU). They are now a four year school offering a Bachelor Degree Program and also some Master Degree programs. The MBA program is very popular.
 - ✓ Their primary waterfront location is in the old Northrop building in downtown San Pedro. They also maintain offices in the Arcade building across from the Warner Grand
 - ✓ They are Veteran friendly.
 - ✓ High school students can get a head start on college by taking classes for college credit. They have some of their classes at the San Pedro High Olguin campus.
 - ✓ Residential sites in San Pedro and Rancho PV house approximately 480 students.
 - ✓ The waterfront campus is comprised of older students and has a growing media and arts program.
 - ✓ New internship programs.
 - ✓ Fall 2014 they will be opening up their Klaus Center on 6th Street. It will house a gallery of student's works.
 - ✓ As of today they have logged 50,564 non-profit service learning hours for the last four years, 95% in San Pedro.
 - c. **Front Street - Nuvis Report:** Sue Castillo and Augie Bezmalinovich presented:
 - a. Front Street wraps around the north side of Knoll Hill between the POLA Fountain and Pacific Avenue.
 - b. Renderings were presented which showed the project in more detail.
 - c. The Port of LA expects to have the design phase completion by June and anticipate construction to start in early 2015, with completion approximately Sept/Oct 2015.
 - d. The Port Commission has asked for community involvement on information pylons and landscaping.
11. **Public Announcements**
- a. **John Stinson** presented information about the "All Area All School Art Competition." He stated that entries will be on display at Crafted for three months. He wants to submit a request

for a donation from the Board and will follow up with proper paperwork. He left a flyer for a funding raising event in April.

12. Port Committee and Port of LA Report - Frank Anderson reported:

- a. **Ports of Call:** Negotiations continue with the developer. They were given a 60-day extension from the March 9 expiration date.
- b. **Downtown Harbor:** Completion scheduled for June 2014. There will be an Opening Ceremony.
- c. **Tall Ships Festival:** This is a huge event being planned for August 20-24. The Port is expecting hundreds of thousands of people over the five day period. Booths are available for organizations and also volunteers are needed to assist with the event. Email Craig@Drawevents.com.
- d. **Executive Director Search.** The Mayor has launched a global executive search to fill the position of Executive Director of the Port. Applications are due by April 24th. Interim Director will be a candidate.
- e. **Cars and Stripes:** Friday, June 27th from 5 – 10 pm.
- f. **Free Public Boat Tours,** Sat, May 17, in observance of World Trade Week. Hour-long tours. 10am – 3pm every hour at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and a second location at Bannings Landing, 100 E. Water Street in Wilmington, Berth 186.
- g. **Road Closures** due to port projects were announced and can be found on the www.centrosanpedro.org website.
- h. **Summer Internship Program:** The Port is currently accepting applications. College students can apply. These are paid positions. Applications are due March 15th.
- i. Andrew Silber commented that the detaining of cruise ship crew might be an issue to go before the BOHC.

13. Report on Meeting with Cynthia Ruiz. Linda Alexander reported that at the meeting the top engineer went through various port projects. A report will be available at a later date.

14. Selection Committee: Update on 2014 Selections - Linda Alexander reported that the Board is eager to have candidates and so Board members need to do recruiting. Included in the agenda packet was a draft document of 'Board Member Commitments'. Several Board members made suggestions for some minor changes to the document. **Motion by Pat Carroll to place the "Board Member Commitments" on the agenda as an emergency action item requiring two thirds vote by the Board. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silber and approved with 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions (Jose Guerrero-new board member). Motion by Pat Carroll to adopt the Board Member Expectations as shown below with corrections and include the document in the candidate package for the upcoming Selections. Motion seconded by Sue Castillo and approved with 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions (Jose Guerrero-new board member).**

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Member Expectations

In accepting the position of board member of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, I recognize that with this position comes a commitment to support the organization, its programs, and policies, and to do all that I can to develop and maintain high standards.

I also recognize that with this commitment come certain responsibilities and duties that require time to ensure that our council responds to our stakeholders. In this respect, I will do my best to:

- *Become familiar with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council its policies, procedures, and positions on issues so that I can become an informed member of the council.*
- *Learn and abide by the policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Complete required training in a timely manner.*
- *Act as a resource in defining activities and/or issues/concerns within our council district which can respond to our stakeholders concerns and issues.*
- *Attend board/stakeholder meetings and call or email if unable to attend.*
- *Attend programs and events presented by the council.*
- *Review all council materials/recommendations in advance so that I can help the board make effective decisions.*
- *Exhibit respectful behavior to fellow board members and stakeholders at all times.*

- *Attend the annual planning session/board retreat, and participate in the development, adoption, and implementation of the council initiatives.*
- *Serve on a minimum of one committee of my choosing, or as requested by the President of the council*
- *Recruit at least one stakeholder per year to become active in a committee.*

15. **Finance Committee - Approval of bank statement (Action Item):** The Bank Statement dated 3/21/14 and showing February 26 through March 11 transactions was approved with 12 yes (Abrons, Alexander, Allen, Anderson, Carroll, Castillo, H. Contreras, Galaz, Merideth, Scoville, Silber, Vought), 0 no and 2 abstentions (Trigas, Guerrero).

16. **Other Reports:**

- a. **HANC Report:** No report.
- b. **ACE Report:** Pat Carroll gave an update on the condition of Linda Grimes. Pat will be the interim chair at the next meeting scheduled for April 21st. Bylaws are in the process of being revised.
- c. **PBID Report:** Trolley service has been reduced and has limited services. James Allen is hoping to get a usage count of how many people has utilized the trolley.

17. **Approval of March 11, 2014 Minutes:** The March 11, 2014 minutes were approved with minor formatting corrections. Vote of 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Guerrero).

18. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, NC Asst