



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

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 6:33pm by President James Allen. (**Quorum of 14 Board Members**). Approximately 40 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Excused
Sue Castillo	Present
Karen Ceaser	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Excused
Debra Hunter	Excused
Collin King	Present
Kali Merideth	Present
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Present

2. **President's Report**

- a. **Update on status of board member Ethics and Funding Training.** Danielle Sandoval gave an update on those board members who are not compliant according to DONE.

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda**

- a. Bill Roberson gave comments related to effective uses of the Anderson Center to address the homeless population in San Pedro.
- b. **Dominique Marino:** Announced an upcoming event at the LA Harbor Boys and Girls Club.
- c. **Angelica Esquivel, Elizabeth Barajas, Judith Montejano and Veronica Mendoza** commented on the Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study. She is asking that her community be involved in the negotiations with HACLA, RAC and Council District 15. They would like someone to come to the next Central San Pedro NC meeting to address the questions of the Rancho Residents regarding the Feasibility Study.
- d. **James Baeza:** Commented on the Great Streets initiative, Light Rail, and the Harbor Jail. He stressed that it is time to embrace the spirit of cooperation between city departments. Opening the Harbor Jail should be in integral part of redevelopment plans.
- e. **Katherine Gray:** Announced a Kiwanis Pancake Extravaganza event January 31, 8am-11am. Andrew Silber from the Whale and Ale will be the celebrity chef.

4. **Reports from First Responders:**

- a. **LAPD:** Officer Nua reported on end of year statistics. San Pedro did very well in their efforts for reducing crime with an average of 10% reduction. There is also a 9.8% reduction in

property crime in the Central San Pedro area. The overall message was that neighborhood watch groups working with Senior Lead Officers is a very successful way to reduce crime.

5. **Port Police:** Offer Creech reported on outreach by the Port Police. Their officers are going out to speak with the homeless. While the sound walls are being constructed, the Port Police will be addressing issues with Graffiti.
 - a. **CPAB Report:** Collin King reported. The main topic was Sunken City where a lot of arrests are being made. There is a group trying to re-open Sunken City for public use.
6. **Port Committee Report:**
 - a. Carrie Scoville reported for Frank Anderson and referred to page 3 of agenda packet related to the Port's Public Access Facility Funding Policy. On January 6th, the Harbor Area neighborhood councils met with local Chambers of Commerce to address the Port's Public Access Facility Funding Policy and to discuss a resolution that would be presented to the Port.
 - b. President James Allen has been to two meetings with Port officials on the subject. Their proposal is attempting to reduce the amount of money they are spending on developing the waterfront in San Pedro and Wilmington (the LA Waterfront). There are ongoing discussions and it is unclear at this point as to what the resolution is going to be. The resolution being proposed tonight addresses the main concerns of the neighborhood councils (NC's). This is the first time in the past 30 years that Mr. Allen has seen all the NC's and Chambers come together to collaborate on an issue that affects the entire community.
 - c. Pat Nave reported that the Northwest San Pedro NC was the first to address this and all the leaders are agreeing that we need to speak with one voice. The resolution is formalizing what the NC thinks about the issue so the Port can see that everyone is serious.
 - d. The following Resolution was presented for approval by the Board:

RESOLUTION Re: Public Access Facility Funding Policy

WHEREAS, the Port of Los Angeles ["Port"] is proposing a Public Access Facility Funding Policy ["Policy"] that limits the amount the Port will spend on constructing the improvements promised in its 2009 approved waterfront development EIRs [the "Funds"]; and

WHEREAS, the Port also proposes to limit funding for maintenance and operation expenses for public access facilities; and

WHEREAS, many of the improvements included in those EIR's have not been constructed and have now been removed from the Port budget and Capital Improvement Program [CIP];

WHEREAS, the Port proposes to deduct environmental expenses and threatened litigation and settlement expenses from the Funds; and

WHEREAS, many Public Access Facilities in the Port are actually mitigations constructed for specific Port industrial improvements; and

WHEREAS, Port financial reports, including the 2014 Harbor Revenue Fund report, show that the Port has sufficient funds in its Unrestricted Cash accounts, other accounts, and Operating Income accounts, currently and on average at least over the last ten years, to fund the improvements listed herein; and

WHEREAS, the Port has not included sales tax revenue, the City share of possessory interest taxes, business license taxes, bed taxes, impacts on employment, or small business opportunity in its calculation of return on investment in Public Access Facilities; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the Port's past efforts and accomplishments to improve the LA Waterfront and urge the Port to continue fulfilling its obligation to develop and improve the tide and submerged lands for the benefit of the people of the State of California, especially the substantial land areas of the Port that are not suitable for industrial development but are suitable for Public Access uses; and

WHEREAS, the Port has proposed its Policy without soliciting input from Neighborhood Councils, thereby raising issues addressed in Sections 907 and 910 of the City Charter, such as notice, opportunity to provide input, and monitoring of City services;

NOW THEREFORE, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council [CENTRALSPNC] hereby requests that the Port table its draft policy and instead work with the five Neighborhood Councils in the harbor area and the three local Chambers of Commerce to revise the draft policy in a way that is supportable by the Port, the Neighborhood Councils, and the Chambers; and

FURTHER RESOLVES that the Port, in its 2015-2016 budget and Capital Improvement Program ["CIP"], fund the following six projects [the "Projects"] from the approved 2009 EIR's without applying any limitations contained in the proposed Policy:

- a. Complete the final design work for the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project, using the approved Wilmington EIR, the Port Master Plan and Wilmington's Community Guiding Principles.
- b. Design and construct the Sampson Way/Harbor Blvd realignment.
- c. Enhance access to Wilmington waterfront via Avalon which is direct, functional, and aesthetically pleasing so it enhances rejuvenation of downtown Wilmington via pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle access to Banning's Landing/waterfront prior to closure of Avalon and Fries.
- d. Complete the promenade South of the Town Plaza through Ports of Call to Alta Sea.
- e. Complete the promenade along the Wilmington Waterfront (demo Catalina Freight buildings) with an Observation Tower, dedicated pier(s) which include dock space for Wilmington Youth Sailing Center, LAMI to finish tall ship, and restaurant/retail development.
- f. Construct the Town Plaza at the foot of 6th street.

THE CENTRALSPNC FURTHER RESOLVES, that in addition to including the Projects in its 2015-2016 budget and CIP, the Port instruct its staff to proceed this fiscal year with preparing the specifications, RFP's, contracts, bids, etc. and award the contracts for the work on the Projects; that the Port provide the Neighborhood Councils with quarterly status updates regarding the Projects; and THE CENTRALSPNC FURTHER RESOLVES that in redrafting its policy, the Port recognize that

- a. Substantial portions of the Port lands are not suitable for industrial development and can only be developed for non-industrial, visitor serving facilities including recreation and education, and that the Port's general plan recognize the importance of their stewardship of these lands.
- b. Such non-industrial facilities may have a return on investment that include revenues to the City and public [such as sales taxes, business license taxes, City share of possessory interest taxes, bed taxes, job growth, small business opportunities] if not the Harbor Revenue Fund, and should be included in the Port's return on investment calculations,
- c. Many facilities the Port considers to be Public Access Facilities, including some of the Projects, are mitigation for the recognized environmental impacts of industrial facilities, and
- d. The costs for the facilities included in [c] above, and for their maintenance and operation, should be considered as costs of the related Port industrial facilities and operations.

- e. Carrie Scoville's commented on the impacts of the Port's Plan on San Pedro and Wilmington. She emphasized that this is the first time that the community has come together to unite for a good quality waterfront for everyone. This is a government owned Port for the city and the people of Los Angeles. **Motion by Carrie Scoville to adopt the Resolution as presented above. Motion seconded by Sue Castillo and passed with 11 yes votes (Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Harutyunyan, King, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 3 abstentions (Allen, Gray, Rouser).**

7. Port of LA Report. Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- a. Provided the dates of the upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting.
- b. Negotiations with the Waterfront Alliance for the development of Ports of Call continue. The exclusive negotiation agreement was been extended until January 8th, but there are two 30-day extensions.
- c. The Port is moving forward with the design of Sampson Way.
- d. Boy Scout Camp proposals are due January 15th.
- e. Augie announced the two community meetings being held regarding the Port's Public Access Funding Policy (January 22nd at Banning's Landing and January 31st at the Warner Grand.
- f. Regarding Sound wall project by the Port around the 47 freeway: Graffiti issues are being handled by the Port Police.
- g. San Pedro Waterfront Parking Study: The Port has looked at all the parking within the Port's area and all of downtown. The study is on-line.
- h. There will be a Lunar New Year's Festival at the Downtown Harbor on February 21st from 3-7 and it will include cultural entertainment, crafts, food and a fireworks finale.

8. CD15 Report: Ryan Ferguson provided highlights from his written report.

- a. Update on Ponte Vista. Demolition should be completed during the 1st quarter of this year and grading will begin after that.
- b. Legislative updates were provided related to:
 - i. The Councilman introduced a motion to negotiate a lease for the property at 501 North Mesa, San Pedro in hopes of provided the GAP program with new office space.

- ii. Recommendations have been submitted for the naming of the intersection at Gaffey & Capitol as Di Carlo Square.
 - iii. In November, Buscaino introduced eight motions with regards to the Bureau of Streets Services Reform. This will increase efficiency.
 - iv. Update on study related to assessment district for street lighting, as well as sidewalks and streets.
- c. The Ground Breaking event for the Gaffey Street Hey Rookie is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015, 12:30-1:30pm.
 - d. Karen Ceaser asked about a contract that Buscaino signed with LAHSA to fund an emergency response team to go out and conduct outreach and offer services to homeless individuals. Karen would like details about this in Ryan's report next month.

9. Land Use Planning Committee Report:

- a. **Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan:** Sue gave a report on the Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan meeting held January 8th. At that meeting the Councilman reported that lane reductions have been taken off the table. No action was taken by the Central Board on this issue.
- b. **Letter of Support Re: CD15's funding request for Gaffey Street Improvements:** This item was tabled.
- c. A developer has contacted Sue Castillo related to property at the Southeast corner of Palos Verdes and 9th. She will meet with the developer tomorrow and report back to the board.

10. Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee Report:

- a. **Homeless Count:** There was a discussion on Central SPNC's sponsorship of an event related to the Homeless Count coordinated by LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) to be held January 28, 8pm-midnight. Karen Ceaser gave an overview of the event. The deployment center will be at the Harbor Division Police Station Community Room. Board members Alexander Hall and Karen Ceaser are Deployment Site Coordinators. Volunteers can sign up on the LAHSA website. There will be a 45-minute training prior to going out in the streets to count the homeless individuals.
- b. **Action Items:**
 - i. Execute Agreement with LAHSA titled MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, OPT-IN PRPROGRAM FOR THE 2015 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT.
 - ii. Designate Karen Ceaser and Alexander Hall as Opt-in Lead Coordinator and Opt-in Assistant Coordinator, respectively, as well as our Deployment Site Coordinators.
 - iii. Provide \$150 for Event volunteer refreshment.
 - iv. The board initially approved the motion as presented in the agenda packet for the Homeless Count event. A point of order was called by Carrie Scoville stating that the motion was in direct conflict with city rules in that NC's cannot enter into MOU's. **An amended motion was presented by Carrie Scoville, seconded by Sue Castillo and passed with 9 yes votes (Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Hall, King, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention (Allen) and 4 ineligible (Gray, Guerrero, Harutyunyan, and Rouser). Motion as amended and approved follows:**
The Central San Pedro NC Ad-Hoc Committee on Homelessness recommends that the Council act as local coordinator and co-sponsor for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.
 1. *The Central SPNC supports the 2015 (Biennial) Homeless Count (the "Event") taking place throughout the County of Los Angeles January 27-29th); this Event takes place in San Pedro on the evening of Wednesday, January 28, 2015.*
 2. *The Central SPNC will recruit volunteers who will carry out the counting Event. Training provided by LAHSA and/or trained volunteers will take place immediately preceding the Event. We designate Karen Ceaser and Alexander Hall as local coordinators of the event. These persons plan, coordinate and implement Event activities in our jurisdiction/district, and are required to provide weekly updates on volunteer recruitment and resources committed to the Event.*
 3. *The Central SPNC will recruit local volunteers and manage the required individual waiver and release forms.*
 4. *The Central SPNC will provide \$150 for event volunteer refreshments.*

11. **Congresswoman's Office representative:** German Castilla gave a brief report on the following:
 - a. The National Freight Trust Fund (HR51-01) will provide a steady fund for infrastructure for our national freight network at no cost to the business owners or the taxpayers.
 - b. Hahn is keeping an eye on the negotiations between the PMA and the ILWU.
12. **Outreach Committee:** Donald Galaz provided an overview of the meeting held on January 2, 2015. The topics discussed were an on-line newspaper with submissions from the Board; a Board Retreat with a possible outside facilitator; Community events and youth programs; Community Outreach to engage stakeholders and provide information on resources; an Information Graph to track attendance at the meetings. The following action items were approved by the Board:
 - a. **Motion to approve recommendation passed by the Committee to attend the Farmers Market and hand out roses for Valentine's Day to stakeholders/senior living and attach an invitation to our neighborhood council meeting; including approval of an amount not to exceed \$327 for expenses. Motion passed with 5 yes votes (Galaz, Hall, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Scoville); 0 no votes; 4 abstentions (Allen, Castillo, Ceaser, Sandoval); 5 ineligible (Gray, Guerrero, Harutyunyan, King, Rouser).**
 - b. **Motion to approve recommendation passed by the Committee to hold a board retreat and discuss hiring an outside facilitator to facilitate the retreat. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Harutyunyan, King, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Scoville), 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen, Rouser). Tom Soong from DONE offered to send some samples of retreat agendas to the Board.**
 - c. **Motion to approve recommendation passed by Committee to create a master list of calendar events that need outreach support. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Harutyunyan, King, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Scoville), 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen, Rouser).**
 - d. **Motion to refer to the Bylaws Committee a change to the bylaws at the next round of changes making the Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee a standing committee of the board. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Harutyunyan, King, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Scoville), 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen, Rouser).**
 - e. Debra Hunter and Alexander Hall volunteered to be in charge of creating an Info Graphic (Matrix) to track Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's activities in the community.
13. **DONE Report:** Thomas Soong provided DONE updates.
 - a. The Empower LA on-line newsletter should have been received by all board members.
 - b. Funding documents have been streamlined and shorter documents are now being used.
 - c. Tom provided an explanation of the issues on the Central SPNC funding requests that had been returned for additional paperwork.
14. **Finance Committee:** Report from Danielle Sandoval, Treasurer.
 - a. **Approval of monthly bank statements and monthly expenditures:** **Motion to approve the monthly expenditures through 1/12/15 as presented in the agenda packet. Motion approved with 9 yes votes (Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Hall, King, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen); 4 ineligible (Gray, Guerrero, Harutyunyan, Rouser).**
 - b. Danielle provided an update on outstanding funding requests.
15. **Approval of November 12, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Sue Castillo, seconded by Carrie Scoville to approve the November 12, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion passed with 12 yes votes **Minutes passed with 12 yes votes (Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Harutyunyan, King, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).**
16. **Agenda item 13b** (appointment of Grant Hartwell as Central SPNC liaison to CD15) was tabled until next month.
17. **HANC REPORT:** Alexander Hall provided highlights from the HANC Meeting. Details can be found in the full report which will be posted on the Central SPNC website.

18. Other Reports:

- a. Ad Hoc Parks Committee: No report.
- b. PBID Report: Katherine Gray talked about a PBID Marketing Program related to PBID offering \$5 discount cards to all restaurants and tracking where the customers are coming from. The PBID voted on the renewal of street and sidewalk service agreement with Beacon House.
- c. ACE Report: James Allen reported that the organization has been renamed and is now the LA Waterfront Art District in San Pedro. ACE formally collapsed into a 501-C3 non profit. There has been some opposition as it was done without public notice and elected a new board without a formal agenda. Allen is surprised by the lack of transparency.
- d. Donald Galaz read a paragraph from the Bylaws referring to duties and power of all board members being required to participate in at least one Central SPNC Committee. He wants to see more participation by ALL board members. Donald also expressed his embarrassment that all board members have not completed their funding and/or ethics training. President Allen asked that all board members become compliant by the next meeting.

19. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith
for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council