



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 6:32pm by President James Allen. (**Quorum of 13 Board Members**). Approximately 55-60 stakeholders present.

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

2. **President's Report.**

- a. James Allen reported on his meeting with Captain Woodyard and NWSPNC President, Ray Regalado. Items discussed at that meeting included the possibility of opening the Harbor Division jail.
- b. The Port's Feasibility Study for Ports O'Call has been released and will hopefully come before the council for review at a future date.
- c. Leland Park Grand Opening: Debbie Rouser and others attended the event. Leland Park is a prime example of how community activism combined with the political pressure from the neighborhood council can motivate city departments such as Rec and Parks.
- d. The Department of Recreation and Parks is going to award Debbie Rouser Volunteer of the Year Award.

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

- a. **Louis Dominguez:** Candidate for 35th State Senate District announced the special election on December 9th. He hopes to have a large turnout of voters from the Harbor Area.
- b. **Philip Young:** Spokesperson for the Community Health and Human Service Agency. They offer a range of health services. Announced an upcoming Health Fair.
- c. **Jennifer Grab:** A resident in the area near the library commented on problems their neighborhood has been experiencing with homeless individuals and young adults loitering. The library is understaffed so they can't control the parking lot as they used to. The council office sent the Beacon House men to clean up but there is a lot more that needs to be done.

4. **Election of new board member to vacant board seat:**
 - a. Candidate Statements were heard from Gabrielle Dibernadetto and Hrant Harutyunyan. The Board voted using signed ballots. Hrant Harutyunyan was appointed to the vacant board seat by a vote of 10-2. He was then seated with the Board.
5. **Approval of October 14, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Sue Castillo, seconded by Debbie Rouser, to approve the October 14, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes with one minor correction (incorrect name on Outreach Report, change Debbie Rouser to Debra Hunter). Motion passed with 13 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, King, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval), 0 no, 0 abstentions.
6. **Secretary's Report:** A "Motion Sheet" was presented for use by the Board and a short discussion was held about the desired way to present motions.
7. **Reports from First Responders** (LAPD) Officer Junior Nua reported:
 - a. Property crime is down 9% compared to last year. Violent crime has seen a rise of 12.4% throughout the city but it was explained that this is due to the difference in categorizing and reporting of the crimes over last year.
 - b. Strategies the LAPD will continue to implement will be to visiting those released and on probation. The neighborhood prosecutor will be addressing problems with parents of teens.
 - c. Community partnerships with the LAPD is key.
 - d. Young Women's Violence Conference is this Friday at the Crown Plaza Hotel. 9am-4pm
 - e. Next CPAB Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20 6pm at the Harbor Station.
 - f. Officer Nua was asked to address the issue of loitering at the public library.

(Agenda Item 12B addressed at this point in the meeting with no objections. Part of the LUP Report)

8. **Rancho San Pedro Housing** *(agenda item 12b):*
 - a. Sue Castillo gave an update on the proposed expansion of the Rancho San Pedro Social Hall at the southeast corner of First and Centre Streets. The area of the expansion is 3,121 sq feet, and it will be used for programmed activities for the younger residents run by the Boys and Girls Club. The expansion will include a new gym and multipurpose room.
 - b. Rancho residents (represented by RAC) object to the loss of the social hall that they are used to occupying for various resident-run programs. HACLA reps indicated a willingness to meet with residents to work out times and locations during which they may access facilities to continue their programs. An agreement between HACLA and RAC has been reached.
 - c. A motion was brought forth from the Planning and Land Use Committee to support the remodeling of the social hall subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations between HACLA and RAC.
 - d. During discussion of the motion Sanford Riggs, director of Housing for HACLA and Mike Lansing of the Boys and Girls Club were in attendance to talk about the programs that will be available due to the expansion. The expansion will be an opportunity to serve more youth free of charge. This is a two million dollar project.
 - e. Board Members Donald Galaz and Karen Ceaser asked about the soccer field and the garden at the facility and they were assured that these areas would not be affected.
 - f. Motion (see item "c" above) passed by the Central San Pedro Board with a vote of 9 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, King, Rouser, Sandoval), 0 no votes, 4 abstentions (Allen, Galaz, Guerrero, Obioma-Sakhu.)
9. **Port Committee Report:** Frank Anderson gave a brief report which included:
 - a. Update on the status of the Boys Scout Camp (Cabrillo Beach Watersports Center): Stakeholder John (last name not provided) had attended the Northwest SPNC meeting and shared that Laurie Jacobs and Doug Epperhart were writing a letter to the City Council. John suggests that the other councils also write letters and submit them to the Mayor at the same time. The councils are hoping that the Port will hold off on the RFP.

- b. Update on the Feasibility Study: Released today.
- c. Port Master Plan and Port Transportation Engineers studies will be discussed in the Port Committee and brought forth to the full board at a future date.
- d. Stakeholder Robert Brandin commented on a special meeting of the Harbor Commission last Friday. One of the topics brought forth during public comment was the continued misclassification of truck drivers. He would like to see someone on the Port Committee get involved with this issue. (Frank Anderson will put the item on the Port Committee Agenda)

10. **Port of Los Angeles Report:** No representative in attendance.

11. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee Report:** Debbie Rouser reported:

Saturday was the grand opening for Leland Park. Debbie gave some background on how they went from a neighborhood watch group to forming a park advisory board and getting action on upgrading the park. The PAB is planning a big community event on April 4, 2015. The Park Advisory Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Leland Park.

12. **Council District 15 Report:** No representative was in attendance.

- a. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz mentioned that no one has replaced Andrew Silber on the CD15 Report. He would like to see a board member take over as the CD Issues Committee Chair. He was also disappointed that the feral cat issue is no longer being addressed.
- b. Stakeholder John (last name not provided) commented on the feral cat issue. He mentioned that the county supervisors and city council people plan to raise the number of feral cats you can have in an area and the amount of pets you can have on your property.
- c. James Allen commented that the best approach is the trap, spay/neuter and release program. At some point he hopes that a grant will be requested from the neighborhood council to pay for such a program.
- d. Robert Brandin gave a shout out to CD15 for the quick response to complaints about the San Pedro Library.

13. **Land Use Planning Committee Report:** Sue Castillo reported:

- a. Lilyan Fierman Walkway: Sue gave an overview of the improvements. The Land Use Planning Committee recommends endorsing this plan. The following letter was presented for approval by the board:

DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LILLIYAN FIERMAN WALKWAY

*Paul Racs, Director
Office of Community Beautification
200 North Spring Street, Room 356
Los Angeles, CA 90012*

Re: San Vicente Median Improvement Project (Grant Request)

Dear Mr. Racs:

On November 11, 2014, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopted a resolution of support of the Lilyan Fierman Walkway improvement plans that were recently prepared with the assistance of LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative). This walkway is located in Downtown San Pedro, and connects the burgeoning retail corridor of 6th Street with surface parking lots frequently used by visitors and shoppers.

Currently dark, unattractive and uninviting, coordinated improvements to the alley will reshape perceptions, encourage active use, support patronage of the commercial zone and make a lasting impact.

In close partnership with the Office of Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles City Council District 15 (CD15), LANI and Studio 111, a design firm, engaged stakeholders in the process of

developing a community supported design to improve the walkway. These improvements include replacement of concrete with decorative paving, landscaping and planters, installation of canopy lights, signage, benches, and a gateway arch. Improvements to the alley will have a catalytic effect in attracting new interest and economic vitality.

Furthermore, the alley has the ability to become a community gathering place, a part of our Friday Farmers Market, and music and art activities that celebrate the unique cultural heritage of the neighborhood.

We are deeply supportive of this project that would bring great benefit to this community.

Sincerely,

Motion from Committee to send letter of support as presented. Motion passed with 13 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, King, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval), 0 no, 0 abstentions, (newly appointed board member Harutyunyan not yet eligible to vote).

- b. **Update on Toberman Neighborhood Center's request for diagonal parking.** Ryan Ferguson of CD15 attended the Land Use Planning Committee meeting to explain the City's position on this. Toberman representative Bill Keenan did not attend. Ryan explained the LADOT is opposed to diagonal parking due to existing bike lanes. The street would otherwise meet minimum width requirements for diagonal parking. The committee recommended no action until further notice.
- c. **Update on proposed Coastal Development Permit to change the use of the building and parking lot on the 400 block of Ninth St. to a charter high school by Alliance for College Ready Public Schools.** Principal Robert Canosa-Carr attended the Committee meeting and was accompanied by their land use attorney. It was explained that they had all the entitlements and necessary permits "by-right", but that the City and Coastal Commission determined that a Coastal Development Permit was required at a very late stage of development. They did not request that we issue a letter of support, but they would be interested in knowing of any objections to their project prior to the public hearing.

14. **Reports from Public Officials:** No representatives in attendance.

15. **Outreach Committee Report.** Donald Galaz reported on the Committee Meeting:

- a. **San Pedro Holiday Parade:** About a month ago the Chamber asked for funding of \$2,000. Motion by Debbie Rouser to add to the agenda a vote to support the holiday parade in the amount of \$2,000, seconded by Sue Castillo. Elise Swanson from the Chamber gave an update on the parade. Over 9,000 people each year attend and this year they are having many upgrades. After discussion the board approved the motion to add this item to the agenda and to support the holiday parade in the amount of \$2,000. Approved with 10 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Castillo, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Rouser, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Allen); 2 ineligible (Guerrero, Harutyunyan).
- b. **Participation in clean up events:** This suggestion came out of the October outreach meeting. Donald spoke with Council District 15 and they would like a week advance notice to participate. The plan is to target neighborhoods where people want to see change happening. Ask for youth participation. Start in the library area.
- c. **Update on proposed Central SPNC Newsletter:** The proposal is to consider 3 newsletters per year at a budget of \$5,000 per issue. Board members would be responsible for submitting articles. It would require a joint effort to make the newsletter program successful.
- d. **Discuss whether to hold a December Board and Stakeholder Meeting or consider holding a Holiday Meet and Greet in place of the meeting.** The Board voted unanimously

to have a publicly noticed meeting in case there are any items necessary to address and then follow it with a party.

16. **Finance Committee Report** (Danielle Sandoval)
 - a. **Approval of September and October Bank Statements and monthly expenditures:** Approved with 10 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Castillo, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Rouser, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Allen); 2 ineligible (Guerrero, Harutyunyan).
 - b. **Approval of Minute Taking Expenses through Lloyd Staffing:** This item will be placed on a consent calendar next month as a recurring expense.
17. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Frank Anderson gave highlights from the meeting. A full written report was in the agenda packet and will be posted on the website.
18. **Consider support of the following motions passed at the HANC meeting by unanimous vote:**
 - a. **Support of motion for Neighborhood Councils and Alliances to have at least 10 minutes to testify before the LA City Council and LA City Council Committees.** Motion referred back to Centrals HANC Representatives for clarification.
 - b. **Support of motion to allow Neighborhood Councils to carry over NC funds from one fiscal year to the next.** Approved with 9 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Castillo, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Rouser, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Allen); 2 ineligible (Guerrero, Harutyunyan).
 - c. **Support of motion to require LA City Departments to have designated Liaisons with Neighborhood Councils.** Approved with 9 yes (Anderson, Ceaser, Castillo, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Rouser, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Allen); 1 ineligible (Harutyunyan).
19. **Other Reports:**
 - a. **PBID Report.** James reported that PBID's budget has been questioned and audited by the city clerk's office. Due to the audit and because they were rolling over money from one year to the next, they have had to reduce their budget by \$200,000. This will impact certain things in the community. Because the PBID are chartered through the city and the city clerk's office actually collects the revenues as part of the property tax, the city actually gets the oversight of their finances.
 - b. **ACE Report:** James reported that the former CRA district includes the Beacon Street Redevelopment area and the Pacific Avenue corridor. When the CRA was closed down by the state all the money got drained out. However, there is residual money that comes back because of the bonds that the CRA district issues. In the city of LA there is \$84 million that has come back in these bond payments that the state is not taking. The city now has the opportunity to use those funds but have to spend it in the districts from which they came. The bad news is that there is only \$110,000 coming back for Beacon Streets redevelopment area and the Pacific Avenue corridor. Since the CRA CAC no longer exists, the Central council should have some advisory capacity on how that money gets spent with the assistance of ACE. This item referred to the Public Works Committee. Suggestion to prepare letter to send to Joe Buscaino.
20. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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