



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL

250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by President James Allen. (**Quorum of 11 Board Members**). Approximately 30 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Sue Castillo	Excused
Karen Ceaser	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Present
Jose Guerrero	Excused
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Excused
Hrant Harutyunyan	Excused
Debra Hunter	Present
Collin King	Absent
Kali Merideth	Resigned
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu 9:30 depart	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present
Danielle Sandoval	Present arrived 6:50
Carrie Scoville	Present

2. **President’s Report:**

- a. **DONE Required Board Training:** President Allen commented on Ethics and other training that is coming up for review/renewal. He stressed the importance of board members following through on commitments and if there is a problem to come and talk to him as there is always a way to get things accomplished.
- b. **Port and Neighborhood Council Presidents Meeting:** At the last meeting the Port did not say much about waterfront development or any of the other initiatives, and is being extremely vague about its commitment to maintaining the Red Car. Allen believes they will have a report from Port representative Augie Bezmalinovich explaining that the Port’s commitment to the Red Car is nonexistent. The board has taken a position on the issue in the past and he believes they will take a position in the future.
- c. **Announcement of a proposed Community Forum on waterfront development/RSP Development:** Allen commented that it is his intention this year to engage the other two San Pedro Area Neighborhood Councils in doing a forum on waterfront development. In the months to come he would like to form a working group of people interested in waterfront development and to work with the other Neighborhood Councils to sort out a community forum to talk about the future of our waterfront.
- d. **Design Review Panel:** In conversations with Sue Castillo, Chair of the Land Use Committee, it was suggested that the NC needs to have a design review panel to deal with issues of development and public art in our community. If you know of someone who is either an architect, a designer or a landscape designer and/or an artist, Allen would appreciate having

their names submitted to himself and/or Sue Castillo so that they can form a working group similar to what they did with the CRA when they were in existence.

- e. **San Pedro Brewing Co's brewery project at the corner of 7th and Centre Street:** The board received a City Planning Department packet that contains all the specs on the project. The primary issue is that they have yet to schedule their final hearing on the project.
- f. **Save the Drop – a visit at the Getty House:** On Friday he was invited to the Mayor's residence for the announcement of the Save the Drop campaign. He and Debra Hunter attended the event. The goal of the campaign is to reach a 25% reduction in water use. We have already achieved approximately 20% reduction.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Gaetano Dan Salvo, a former California Licensed Architect and city planner, commented that he is astonished to learn that the City intends to spend two million dollars to remodel the existing Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Museum. He questions whether the site is a proper educational facility and whether the teachers are credentialed. He believes that the money could be better spent, for example on homeless dormitories.
- b. Alicia Riviera of the Community for Better Environment (CBE) commented that they are members of the LA Collaborative that have been pushing a proposed policy to reduce and prevent pollution. She came a couple of years ago and received Board endorsement of the policy. There is a public hearing Monday, June 15th at 6:30pm in Wilmington and she would like someone from the Board to attend.
- c. Linda Alexander requested that they change the layout in the agenda to move the financial issues to the beginning of the meeting instead of after the break when most of the stakeholders have left.
- d. Michael Gatanz announced the Contra Pedro event at People's Place on June 21st. The bigger picture of Contra dancing is that it is a good form of exercise. He recited death statics for the San Pedro area.
- e. Zamna Avlia requested that the board process his invoice for translation services. The board discussed the invoice and the amount of the invoice and determined to submit the invoice for payment.
- f. J K Drummond commented on public transit. He stated that Phil Washington is the new CEO of MTA. The board should invite him to come speak at a meeting. He also stated that Central San Pedro does not have an MTA fare card dispensing and loading machine. Perhaps the Council could ask MTA about getting a machine in Central San Pedro.
- g. Donald Galaz commented on Dana Middle School's recent graduation ceremony. Of the 500 graduates only 300 were allowed to cross the stage, as the other 200 received "U's" in some academic classes. He also attended the LAUSD meeting where funds for aesthetic and structural improvements were discussed. It was announced that they are bringing back automotive programming. However, the program will be based on Fort MacArthur property. Donald pointed out several problems with that location. He stated that students would have to get TWIC identification cards and that Fort MacArthur is not in the proper jurisdiction.

4. Reports from First Responders (LAPD)

- a. **LAPD Report:** Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua gave a presentation of crime stats statistics for May of this year compared to May of last year. Some of the highlight are as follows:
 - i. Residential burglaries, burglary thefts from motor vehicles and grand theft autos are still high.
 - ii. The total number of part 1 crimes as of the end of this May is 1,008, which is lower than prior years. He is hoping the drop will continue. The Central San Pedro area is down more than 12% over all.
 - iii. Officer Nua mentioned the website crimemapping.com that provides detailed crime statistics.

LAPD Report: *continued*

- iv. Stakeholder question about a lack of traffic enforcement on Gaffey and Pacific. Officer Nua stated that resources are assigned due to need, as established by statistics. There was discussion on bringing back foot patrols.
 - v. Officer Nua thanked everyone involved with the Leland Park Spring Fling event. He said they did a great job and it was an outstanding community event.
 - vi. Karen Ceaser commended Officer Nua and the other LAPD Harbor Division officers that carried the Special Olympics torch.
 - vii. National Night Out will be on August 4th.
 - viii. Officer Nua stated that Donald Galaz asked about doing movie night in Rancho San Pedro again. They are in the planning stage right now. They are going to ask for their mobile medical clinics to be there so that kids can get their school immunizations.
 - ix. Katherine Gray asked for additional patrol and enforcement of illegal Fourth of July fireworks.
- b. **CPAB:** No meeting was held.

5. **Report on May 30, 2015 Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Retreat** (Debra Hunter):
- a. The purpose of the retreat was for the board members to come together as a board and make sure they were all clear on what activities and other things they want to engage in as a board for Central San Pedro.
 - b. She went over the Agenda from the retreat, including the following:
 - i. How do they plan for next year? They want to be sure they are successful in serving what is important to their stakeholders.
 - ii. What roll do you think the board members should have or what kind of activities should the board be taking on.
 - c. She presented a spread sheet with 80 to 100 different ideas from the retreat. Almost all of them are touched by active collaboration with stakeholders, as well as collaborating with the other San Pedro area Neighborhood Councils so they have strength in numbers and so there is no needless duplication of effort.
 - d. President Allen thanked Debra Hunter for a very excellent job as facilitator, the presentation to the stakeholders and all the work she did to organize the actual retreat.
 - e. Please see the notes from the retreat on the Central San Pedro website to be posted shortly.
6. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee:** Debbie Rouser
- a. **Presentation:** Craig Raines, a licensed landscape architect with The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LARAP) presented an overview of the proposed Exit Park on Gaffey Street.
 - i. The Exit Park is located on the corner of Gaffey and O'Farrell Streets. The site was formerly a gas station.
 - ii. The design will include a court of flags, to pay homage to the Sister City program.
 - iii. The paving will be locally quarried stone and California native drought tolerant plantings. There will be benches and fountains. The area will not be fenced.
 - iv. There will be security lighting and cameras.
 - v. The project is fully funded. Completion is anticipated by the end of the year.
 - vi. Carrie Scoville asked about Shell Corporation's remediation pump station being at the front of the site and the response was that it needed to be in that location.
 - vii. Donald Galaz asked about the cost of the project and the response was that the cost is about \$500,000 not including the land, which cost approximately \$300,000, for a total of \$800,000.
 - viii. Debra Hunter asked if it is possible to have exercise equipment for seniors at the site. The representative responded that in the beginning it will not be possible due to the condition of the site so soon in the remediation process.
 - ix. The exit park will not have any restrooms.
 - x. The environmental report is available through the Public Information act from the Department of Recreation and Parks.
 - b. Debbie Rouser passed out applications for the Anderson Park Advisory Board. The deadline for submitting an application is June 30, 2015. She outlined the requirements for interested applicants.

Ad Hoc Parks Committee: *continued*

- c. The first annual Leland Park Spring Fling was coordinated by the Leland Park Advisory Board and LA Recreation and Parks. Many local businesses participated and donated to the event. The PAB wanted to express their sincere gratitude for the donation from the Council. The event was very successful.
- d. Stakeholder Terelle Jerricks asked about the Park Advisory Board selection process. He asked if a person meets all the requirements, what if the applicant is rejected, does the selecting body have to explain the reason. LA Recreation and Parks representative, Craig Raines stated that it was unlikely that someone would be rejected if in fact they met all the requirements. He was not certain if there was a requirement to explain if someone was rejected.

7. Land Use Planning Committee Report:

- a. The board reviewed and discussed a letter to the MTA Board, Councilman Joe Buscaino, and the other City Council members, Mayor Garcetti, County Supervisor Knabe and MTA CEO Phil Washington, plus the **4 MTA board city council members**, about support of MTA maintaining Route 205. (J K Drummond). Wording follows:

To: MTA Board of Directors; Marc Littman, Deputy Executive Officer – Public Relations for MTA; Mayor Eric Garcetti; & Councilman Joe Buscaino

RE: Opposition to transferring Route 205 from MTA

On June 9, 2015 at its regular monthly meeting, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board passed a motion to send this letter of opposition to the above officials

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is in opposition of MTA's proposal to slough off route 205 in the City of Los Angeles between Harbor Gateway Transit Center and San Pedro to Gardena Municipal Transit (Gtrans) in December.

Gardena's City Council is the controlling body for Gardena Transit (GTrans). Almost all the impacted area is in the City of Los Angeles' 15th Council District. Los Angeles residents of San Pedro have little or no influence with the Gardena City Council on a line through our community.

Harsh past history tells us that when MTA casts off a line to a municipal bus operator service hours are cut and frequencies are reduced. San Pedro lost 40% of our service between Weymouth Corners and Redondo Beach via the Peninsula when MTA gave line 225 to PV Transit.

San Pedro already has very limited and insufficient public transportation. It is of great concern that transfer of any current transit route to another municipality or agency in which San Pedro representatives have no influence or participation is a grievous disservice to our community and its residents.

There will be a public hearing soon at the Carson Community Center. This is urgent to maintain some community control through MTA's South Bay Council and its Board of a valuable Harbor Area bus route.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OPPOSES TRANSFERRING ROUTE 205 FROM MTA

Sincerely, Central San Pedro NC

Stakeholder JK Drummond spoke in support of the letter. He gave detailed information about the 205 route. As well as expressed concerns related to no representative from the San Pedro/South Bay area having any influence if the line were to no longer be part of MTA.

Motion by Carrie Scoville to approve amending the letter adding the wording shown above in red print. Motion seconded by Debra Hunter and passed with 9 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Sandoval and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).

Motion from committee, as amended, passed with 9 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Sandoval and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).

8. Port Committee Report: Frank Anderson

- a. Red Car Update: There was no additional information available on this topic.
- b. Motion to reiterate Central SPNC's historic role in discussing waterfront development. (Carrie Scoville): **ITEM TABLED**

9. Port of Los Angeles Report: Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- a. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting is June 18th at 8:30 am at the Port Administration Building. The July 9th and July 23rd will be evening meetings starting at 6:00pm. One will be at Bannings Landing and one will be at the Administration building.
- b. The Port is moving forward with the design of the Sampson Way project. Construction is expected to begin early next year.
- c. The design of the Downtown Square project will be starting up soon.
- d. The Ports Community Grants applications have been submitted and are now closed. They expect to have approval by July of this year.
- e. The Cabrillo Beach boat launch dredging is complete.
- f. The Port held a second Environmental Summit on Thursday May 28th, 2015 the main focus was water conservation.
- g. The John S. Gibson on ramp will remain closed a bit longer. A new bridge is being built at C Street as well.
- i. Mr. Bezmalinovich provided a flyer listing local events around the Port which can be viewed on the Port website at portoflosangeles.org/community/Calendar.asp. Some of the events are as follows:
 - I. Concerts by the Sea every Sunday in June from 12 noon to 5pm next to the Maritime Museum.
 - II. The Mexican Navy Training vessel will be at Berth 46 from June 27th to July 1st. It will be open for tours.
 - III. The annual Car & Stripes Forever will be Thursday, July 2nd from 5:00 – 10:00pm at the Fan Fair Fountain.
 - IV. There will be two Movie on the Water nights, one in Wilmington and one in San Pedro. They will be screening Big Hero 6.
 - V. Navy Days is August 9th and 10th in the outer harbor, San Pedro.
 - VI. The Red Bull Global Rally Cross is September 12th & 13th at the outer harbor, San Pedro.
 - VII. The Lobster Festival is September 25th to 27th at Ports O' Call Village, San Pedro.
- h. James Allen commented on the Red Car and that it is his understanding that the current plan is to shut down the red car after the Lobster Fest. Apparently there is currently no budget to bring the red car back. Debra Hunter asked when do they anticipate having a budget for the return of the red car and Augie responded that they do not see it in the next five years.
- i. Donald Galaz commented that he is excited that for the first time the Port will be hosting the Port Nationals and the Horton's Hay Ride car shows in the outer harbor area. Though he is disappointed that they lost the LA Woody Car Show.
- j. Karen Ceaser commented that the Music by the Sea at the Port was a fabulous event.
- k. The Saturday fish market has re-opened for Wholesale sales.
- l. A stakeholder stated that the parks on 22nd street are poorly maintained and now there is no watering of the areas.

10. CD15 Report:

- a. Ryan Ferguson, Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino, was not in attendance.

11. Reports from other Government Officials:

- a. Marisol Barajas, Field Representative and District Director for Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell reported that the Assembly member represents San Pedro and the surrounding area. She provided contact information and general constituent services information.
- b. Manny Lopez, Interim field representative for Mayor Garcetti introduced himself and provided contact information. He talked about the Save the Drop campaign and said there are two videos available on the lamayor.org/savethedropla website. He also formally invited everyone in attendance to the Minimum Wage signing on Saturday, June 13th, at Martin Luther Park in south LA at 1:30pm.

12. Homelessness Committee Report: Karen Ceaser reported:

- a. The next meeting is on June 17th at 5:45pm at the San Pedro Library.
- b. One of the main issues the committee is working on is transitional housing. A lot of people are being placed in permanent housing through the four local outreach groups. People are also getting Section 8 vouchers; however, it can take some time to find Section 8 housing. She is working on helping people find transitional housing in the meantime.
- c. Ceaser acknowledged Nora and Fernando, members of the audience, who go out on Saturday and Sunday nights to feed the homeless in San Pedro.
- d. Stakeholder Nora commented that she believes there is a need for transitional housing. When she goes out to feed homeless people they meet people who want to become regular members of society.

13. Outreach Committee Report: Donald Galaz

- a. Donald and the Outreach Committee chairs of the other two San Pedro Neighborhood Councils are working on meeting together to discuss items of mutual interest to all three Neighborhood Councils, for example Port issues.
- b. They want the Council to present events, for example a movie night. Also to be more involved in more local events, like the upcoming LAPD movie event at Rancho San Pedro.
- c. They discussed using lawn signs for advertising.
- d. They considered adding reporting conditions of outcome for NPGs. This way the Council can add it to the list of successes of the Council over the years. He suggested that when they are doing outreach at events that they put up a display board listing events and projects where there was involvement by the Central SPNC Board.
- e. The organizer of Music by the Sea invited the Central Neighborhood Council to have a booth at the Pt. Fermin Park Music by the Sea events.
- f. Linda Alexander provided information for purchasing more three eyed fish pins.
- g. The Outreach Committee talked about items they would like to purchase to be used at events.
Motion by Donald Galaz to approve allocating \$1,975 from outreach designated funds to purchase a table, chairs, dolly and an easy up canopy to be used at events, seconded by Danielle Sandoval and passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).
- h. Galaz thanked the board members who came to Music by the Sea to staff the Council booth, in particular, Debra Hunter, Karen Ceaser, Grant Hartwell and James Allen. It was commented that here were not enough food vendors or parking.
- i. Donald will be on vacation starting June 19th and he needs a volunteer to be in charge of the booth for the June 21st Music by the Sea event.
- j. Happy Diner catered the meeting tonight and the food was Vegan friendly.

14. Finance Committee Report. Danielle Sandoval reported:

- a. Approval of Budget Adjustments for remaining part of fiscal year 2014-2015:
 - i. **Motion by Karen Ceaser to approve allocating \$3,298 received from DONE into operations, seconded by Khizaan Obioma-Sahhu and passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).**
 - ii. **Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sahhu to approve moving \$2,000 from Operations to NPG's, seconded by Alexander Hall and passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).**
 - iii. **Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sahhu to approve moving \$4,000 from Advertising to NPG's, seconded by Karen Ceaser and passed with 9 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser and Sandoval); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen and Scoville).**
 - iv. **Motion by Karen Ceaser to approve the 2014-2015 budget as reallocated, seconded by Donald Galaz and passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval, and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstentions (Allen).**

- b. Approval of \$125 for Interpreter Services from April meeting: **Motion from committee to approve \$125 for Interpreter Services from April meeting and passed with 8 yes votes (Anderson, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser and Scoville); 0 no votes; 3 abstentions (Allen, Ceaser, and Sandoval).**
- c. Approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amended amount of \$2,750 for Grand Vision's Meet the Music Program involving local 4th & 5th grade students: **Motion from committee to approve an amended amount of \$2,750 for Grand Vision's Meet the Music Program involving local 4th & 5th grade students passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval, and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstentions (Allen).**
- d. Approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount of \$2200 for the Port of Los Angeles High School Student Newspaper "The Anchor". Note that Donald Galaz recused himself from discussion of this item and left the room. **ITEM TABLED**
- e. Approval of New Audio Recorder for use at Central SPNC meetings at an amended cost not to exceed \$150: **Motion from committee to approve the purchase of a new audio recorder for use at Central SPNC meetings at an amended cost not to exceed \$150 and passed with 9 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval, and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstentions (Allen).**
- f. Board Approval of Bank Statements and monthly expenditures: **Motion from committee to approve May bank statement and monthly expenditures, passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).**
- g. Approval of 2015-2016 Budget:
 - i. **Outreach \$9,450** - Donald Galaz spoke about some of the outreach items the Council could purchase.
 - ii. **CIP \$8,000** – The Council wants to do more Community Improvement Projects. President Allen commented that they need to budget funds for the proposed Futures Forum. It was suggested that they move approximately \$2,000 from CIP to Outreach for this and that they could do that at a later date as opposed to making changes before the submission deadline.
 - iii. **NPG \$4,000** – This is a lower amount than last year.
 - iv. **Elections \$5,000** – It is not known for certain whether this much will be needed.

Motion from committee to approve the 2015-2016 Budget as presented passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval, and Scoville); 0 no votes; 1 abstentions (Allen).

15. Other Reports:

- a. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils):** Frank Anderson – No meeting was held this month.
- b. **PBID (San Pedro Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District):** Katherine Gray reported:
 - i. They discussed the sidewalk repair program.
 - ii. They are still looking for candidates to fill Steve Robbins' seat.
 - iii. There was no update available on the budget for 2015 and promotions that are going to affect downtown businesses. Katherine requested this of Steve Robins and she will follow up.
 - iv. She asked for the budget amount for events for this year, and was told it was undetermined. She asked how much they are spending on marketing and was told \$25,000. She was also told that the funds have already been spoken for, though not yet spent. Last year they only spent \$12,000 for marketing as stated in the audit.
 - v. They will be having another DAY OF THE DEAD event this year.

c. **ACE Report** (Andrew Silber) – no report.

16. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of May 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes:

a. Corrections to May's Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes are as follows: Frank Anderson was excused, not absent; Grant Hartwell's name is miss-spelled and Debbie should be excused, not absent. **Motion by Debra Hunter to approve the May 2015 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Donald Galaz and passed with 9 yes votes (Anderson, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hunter, Obioma-Sahhu, Rouser, Sandoval and Scoville); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen and Ceaser).**

17. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council