



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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 6:37pm by President James Allen. Quorum of 12 Board Members at beginning of meeting. See roll call below. Approximately 40 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	Excused
Jose Guerrero	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Excused
Debra Hunter	Present
Collin King	Excused
Kali Merideth	Present
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present
Danielle Sandoval	Arrived at 7:50pm
Carrie Scoville	Excused

2. President's Report

- a. **Update on status of board member Code of Conduct compliance** - James Allen asked for a show of hands of which Board members had completed the required Code of Conduct form.
- b. **Update on BONC discussion of on-line voting for neighborhood councils** – James Allen stated that BONC is proposing on line voting for Neighborhood Council elections possibly starting in 2016.
- c. **Appointment of Board Member to represent Central SPNC in Alta Sea Project:** Motion by Karen Ceaser to appoint Hrant harutyunyan as representative to the Alta Sea Community Advisory Panel. Motion seconded by Alexander Hall and passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen)
- d. **Review and approve letter to LAPD Chief Beck Re: Neighborhood Council President Meetings:** Stakeholder Linda Alexander announced that at the HANC meeting on April 1st at Kaiser this issue is going to be addressed with high ranking LAPD representatives. There was additional board discussion. The following letter was presented to the Board for approval:
Dear Chief Charlie Beck, LAPD
As the President of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council I would like to share our council's concerns with you regarding both the rotation of the captains and the continued closure of the jail at Harbor Division. I would like to have the opportunity to share these concerns with you in person along with the other harbor area neighborhood council representatives at your earliest opportunity. Perhaps at

that time you could introduce us to the new Harbor Division captains so that they too could understand our concerns.

Thank you for your consideration in setting up this meeting.

Respectfully Yours,

James Allen, President Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Motion by Galaz to approve letter as presented, seconded by Hall and approved with 6 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Merideth); 4 no votes (Ceaser, Hartwell, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser); 2 abstentions (Allen, Hunter)

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. **Lydia Gutierrez** – Candidate for LAUSD School Board District 7 asked for consideration of her candidacy and gave an overview of her experience. The run-off election is May 19, 2015.
- b. **Debbie Rouser** – commented that Mayor Garcetti announced his 2015 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils. For more information email Octaviano.Rios@lacity.org or hanc639@yahoo.com.
- c. **Gerald Realor** – Announced a Contra Dance at People's Place on Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 3:30 – 7:00pm.
- d. **Michael Gatanz** – commented on small business concerns. Asked that the Board be more considerate of small businesses when acting in general.
- e. **James Dimon**, President of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council announced on March 28, 2015 from 1:00 – 4:00pm Coastal SPNC is holding a Safety Summit at Bogdonovich Park. There will be representatives from the Mayor's office, LAPD, LAFD, local schools and parks.

4. **Elks Lodge Letter of Support:** Discuss letter from San Pedro Elks Lodge requesting a letter of support for the new building design: Brian Kite from SRK Architects gave an overview of the proposed reconstruction design of the damaged lodge. James Dimon an Officer of the Lodge commented on the importance of the Lodge to the community. Sue Castillo asked if they had presented their request for support to the other San Pedro Neighborhood Councils. **Motion to endorse the new design plan of the Elks Lodge in concept as presented. Moved by Obioma-Sakhu, seconded by Galaz and passed with 9 yes votes (Anderson, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser); 0 no votes; 3 abstentions (Allen, Castillo, Ceaser)**

5. **Presentation:** Lonna Calhoun, Founder and Director of COPE Preparedness, gave a presentation on the Map Your Neighborhood Program related to Emergency Preparedness. They are a non-profit, all volunteer organization teaching neighborhoods to focus on self-reliance to become self-sustaining in case of a major emergency. They received a grant from the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation. They are offering a free training program called Map Your Neighborhood on April 4, 2015, from 9:00 – 11:00am at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center, 1300 W. 7th Street, San Pedro.

6. Reports from First Responders

- a. **CPAB Report** – No report.
- b. **LAFD:** The new Los Angeles South Bureau Commander, along with the Assistant Bureau Commander and the Local Battalion Chief, gave an overview of the new organization of the department as well as other information. They now have an office in the San Pedro City Hall building at 638 S. Beacon St., Suite 374. They referred to the following websites for further information: LAFD.org; MySafeLA.org and the web app PulsePoint.org. On the PulsePoint app you can sign up for alerts to LAFD calls in your area. They was a short question and answer period after their presentation.
- c. **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua reported on crime statistics which show that that there has been an increase in assaults. Statistics were shown of year-to-date part one crimes in all of San Pedro. Part one crimes in the Central San Pedro area for February 2015 show an increase of 12.7% compared to the same period last year. Part of that is due to some of the definitions of crimes changing causing the numbers to increase. He announced that the next CPAB meeting will be on Thursday March 19, 2015. He also announced that Harbor Division is having an open house on March 21, 2015.
- d. **Port Police:** – Officer Stacey Kreech gave updates on the following:

- i. Graffiti on the newly constructed sound walls for the John S. Gibson on ramp. She asked if you see activity call the Port Police as it is their enforcement area.
- ii. Homeless population increase. They are working with LAHSA and LAPD quality of life task force to address the issue.

7. **Port Committee Report** (Frank Anderson)

- a. **Review and approve Motion Re: Establishing a Port Advisory Board.** Frank suggested to the Board that perhaps the item should be referred back to the Port Committee for more input. James Allen gave a brief overview of port issues related to this item. Board member Debbie Rouser read an email from Pat Nave with an alternative proposal. There was further discussion by the Board and Stakeholders.

The following motion was brought forth by the committee for Board approval:

Move to establish a Port/Community advisory board

Purpose/Membership/Meetings

- 1. *The Port Advisory Board (PAB) shall provide oversight of Port commercial activities affecting the community, including but not limited to EIRs, DEIRs, NOPs, etc.*
- 2. *The PAB shall consist of 15 to 17 neighborhood stakeholders, 12 elected by the six neighborhood councils (Central, Coastal and Northwest San Pedro), Wilmington, Harbor Gateway and Harbor Gateway North), and the remainder selected by CD 15. All members shall be ratified by the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC);*
- 3. *Members shall meet on a monthly basis with Port staff and other City departments that may be involved. Members' terms shall be at the discretion of the electing/selecting bodies (e.g. neighborhood councils, CD 15);*
- 4. *Duties*

- A. *To provide oversight of Port commercial activities;*

- B. *To provide greater public access to the waterfront through better and more creative planning, the Port shall:*

- 1.) *hire a dedicated planner;*

- 2.) *establish an Art Advisory Group (ARG) to consult on the best uses for the one percent (1%) of community art funding that will be generated from Port development projects;*

- 3.) *review the Port Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs in order to document, preserve and protect cultural landmarks;*

- 4.) *complete alternative means of transportation to make waterfront plans (e.g. Ports O'Call) viable by:*

- a.) *extending the proposed light rail from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), using the already established rail line right-of-ways;*

- b.) *completing the Red Car Line from Banning's Landing to Cabrillo Beach*

Send To: Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) and Gene Seroka

Motion from committee approved with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Merideth, Rouser, Sandoval, Hunter); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen, Obioma-Sakhu).

- b. **Cabrillo Youth Watersports Center (Boy Scout Camp):** Update on proposed stakeholder survey: No update provided.

- c. **Ports O'Call Update** – provided in Port of Los Angeles Report below.

- d. **Port of Los Angeles Report.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- i. The next three Harbor Commission meetings are Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 8:30 am, at the Port Administration Building in the Board Room, 425 Palos Verdes Street, Thursday April 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm, at Banning's Landing, 100 E. Water St., Wilmington and Thursday April 16, 2015 at 6:00 pm, at Port Administration Building in the Board Room, 425 Palos Verdes Street.

- ii. The labor dispute between the Port and the ILWU has been resolved.

- iii. Ports O' Call update: The exclusive negotiation agreement with the LA Waterfront Alliance expires on March 9, 2015. A letter of Intent with the LA Waterfront Alliance was

approved on February 19, 2015, and commences on March 10, 2015 and expires in four months.

- iv. The Sampson Way Realignment design is moving forward and will likely break ground the beginning of next year. At that time operation of the red car will be suspended through the construction period, approximately 18 months. During that time the Port will provide alternate transportation in lieu of the red car. After construction there will be light rail laid in the intersection which is not the type of rail used by the red car. James Allen commented that he received three different answers on the red car in twenty four hours. Mr. Bezmalinovich stated that regardless the current cars will not be able to be used. The Port will be looking into what to do about this in the future.
- v. Boy Scout Camp RFP's have been submitted and are being reviewed.
- vi. The Port of LA has a summer internship program. The deadline for submitting applications is March 15, 2015. See the Port's website for all the information.
- vii. The Port is having a STEM (science, technology, engineering & mathematics) presentation on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Bannings Landing, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, from 11:00am – 2:00pm.
- viii. North Gaffey Phase II Beautification is now in the design stages. On Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 2:00pm Mr. Bezmalinovich will be leading a tour of the project area. Meet at the Caltrans lot adjacent to the skate park under the I-110 freeway. The project will be discussed further at the next Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:00pm.
- ix. John S Gibson presentation: Mr. Bezmalinovich presented a slide show updating the ongoing reconfiguration of the on and off ramps adjacent to the Harbor Division Police Station. The construction was started in March of 2014 and is due to be completed ahead of schedule in early 2016. The skate park is due to close on April 6, 2015 for approximately 9 months. He outlined some of the planned closures due to construction.

8. Land Use Planning Committee Report:

- a. **Update on Gaffey Great Streets Project:** Sue Castillo reported that the third and final workshop was held on February 26th. Lane reductions are no longer part of the proposal. They did not present any options for street furniture or landscaping for people to vote on as promised. The Draft Conceptual Plan is due to be released the last week of March followed by a committee meeting on April 2, 2015. If you have concerns or desire to participate contact Sue Castillo or write to planning@centralsanpedro.org.

9. Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee Report:

- a. **Review and approve Proposal to utilize Anderson Senior Center for Homeless Services:** Karen Ceasar stated that since their meeting of February 23rd that the second floor of Anderson Senior Center was supposedly condemned. She went to Building and Safety and it was confirmed that it is not condemned. She toured the vacant second floor space and found that it is in disrepair but that it could be useable. On March 5th she toured the facility with Greg Spiegel, the Homeless Policy Director for the City of LA and Sheri Weaver of Harbor Interfaith. They also toured other local locations to possibly be used for homeless services. The following motion was brought forth by the Committee:

MOTION Re: Anderson Memorial Senior Center

Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness proposes further discussion and input from stakeholders on usage of portions of the underutilized facility known as Anderson Memorial Senior Center, 828 S. Mesa, San Pedro. Proposed usage to include services for homeless seniors and other residents in the Central San Pedro District.

This motion requests approval to explore various options to upgrade and activate this Rec and Park facility for the benefit of quality of life services and activities for the entire community.

There was further discussion by the Board and Stakeholders. **Motion from committee passed with 12 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceasar, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval, Hunter); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).**

10. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee Report** – Debbie Rouser reported:

- a. **Board approval of Central SPNC sponsorship of the Spring Fling Event at Leland Park, June 6, 2015.** This action item was addressed during the Finance Committee Report.
- b. **Update on Anderson Park Senior Center services** – Debbie Rouser referred the board to the facility's report on pages 11 and 12 in the agenda package. She has been working with Philip Young of a nonprofit on Leland Park and he has some great ideas for programs for seniors that could be implemented at Anderson Senior Center. They just need to coordinate with Recreation and Parks. James Allen recommended that perhaps a joint subcommittee meeting be held within the next week. Debbie Rouser agreed and said she is working on doing that.

11. **CD 15 Report:** Ryan Ferguson provided highlights from his written report.

- a. The Administration of Courts (AOC) and the County of Los Angeles are still in negotiations on the San Pedro Court House. The County has first right of refusal for the property.
- b. The townhomes at the corner of 8th and Center have been approved by the City Council's Planning and Land Use Committee and the City Council and is now moving forward with building and grading permits.
- c. HACLA received responses to their RFP from 9 very qualified firms for the Rancho San Pedro feasibility study and they are being reviewed.
- d. The new angled parking stalls on 7th street have had the meter heads removed until meters can be placed that directly correspond to the parking stalls. There is still a 2 hour limit for parking.
- e. The portion of Capitol Drive where substandard work was done has been redone. Striping should occur within the next two weeks, weather permitting.
- f. There are HVAC units being installed at the Harbor Animal Shelter. The work should be complete by the end of the month. All construction is due to be completed by the end of November.
- g. The traffic signal at Western and Westmont/Delasonde is now functional. Further evaluation is being conducted for more improvements.
- h. Question from the Board regarding the feral cat issue. Ryan emailed the Neighborhood Prosecutor and Animal Services for an update, he has not yet received a reply.
- i. Council Member Price is hosting a series of Economic Development Committee meetings on the citywide minimum wage issue. See website for dates, location and times.
- j. Question from Board member about the Harbor Division jail. The Council Member is working on this and continues contact with the Mayor asking that the jail be opened and staffed.
- k. The Navy in conjunction with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed full or partial closure of the fuel facility at DIFSP San Pedro. The Navy is hosting a public meeting for the public and agencies to learn about the proposed project and provide their input for consideration on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Crown Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro.
- l. On Saturday, March 14, 2015 there is a Community Workshop at Peck Park Recreation Center, from 10:00am – 2:00 pm, for the Western Avenue Design Guidelines.

12. **Reports from Public Officials:**

- a. Congresswoman's Hahn's Office. German Castilla reported:
 - i. On March 18, 2015 Congresswoman Hahn is hosting an informational event for nonprofits at the Wilmington Municipal Building.
 - ii. Congressional Art competition applications are now open to high school students see website for more information.
 - iii. On May 22, 2015 they are hosting their annual Senior Briefing at the Carson Community Center.
- b. LAUSD President Dr. Vladovic's Office. John Larson reported:
 - i. On Saturday, March 14, 2015, they are co-hosting with Representative Mike Gipson a California State Budget Town Hall at Wilmington Center from 10:00am – 12:00pm.
 - ii. At the Board meeting today Dr. Vladovic voted against keeping the extended calendar for LAUSD school year and the reduction in force.

13. **Outreach Committee Report** (Donald Galaz, Chair)

- a. **Consider proposal to hold joint committee meetings with Land Use Planning, Outreach and Port Committees.** The Committee discussed holding joint Committee meetings. The item was tabled for further consideration.
- b. **Newsletter Update** – Elizabeth Glazner presented her services for the on line newspaper. She is requesting a contract for her services. He will invite her to come back to next meeting for more information.
- c. **Update on Neighborhood Purpose Grant submittals** – Anyone wanting to request NPG funds should attend the next Outreach Committee meeting on March 16, 2015 to make their request.
- d. **T-Shirts:** DONE called him back about T-Shirts, Tom Soong said it is acceptable to use council funds to purchase t-shirts for Board Members.
- e. **NPG Funding:** The next Outreach Committee meeting is March 16, 2015. Anyone interested in petitioning the Council for NPG funds should attend this meeting to make their presentation.
- f. **Ports O'Call:** The Committee discussed ideas for the Ports o' Call redevelopment. One idea is to have a suggestion box at First Thursday's for Stakeholders to give recommendations.
- g. **Outreach on Valentines:** The Valentine's Day event for First Thursday did not take place due to issues with the purchase of the roses.
- h. **Leland Park event:** Donald Galaz would like to use the Leland Park Spring Fling as an outreach event and proposes to purchase a banner for the event. He will bring this item to the next Outreach Committee meeting.
- i. **On-line newsletter:** Debbie Rouser commented that it might be a conflict of interest with City approved vendors to contract with Elizabeth Glazner for the on line newspaper. If they used Elizabeth Glazner more than four times in a year she would have to be an approved vendor. She stated that Tom Soong suggested that a pay as you go approach would be more workable. She could do the newsletter and then they could post the newsletter to the website and there would be no conflict.

14. **Finance Committee Report:** Danielle Sandoval reported:

- a. Reports were presented in the agenda package for Board review. The deadline for the fiscal year for financial items is June 22, 2015. Also, the budget for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2015 is due by July 1, 2015. Danielle suggested that the new budget be worked on at the Board retreat. The date for the retreat has not yet been set. They are still waiting for Board members to respond to the Doodle Poll of possible dates for the retreat.
- b. **Approval of Expenditures:** Balance remaining in the checking account is \$3,600.00, which is reflected on the February MER. **Motion from Finance Committee to approve the monthly bank statements and expenditures as presented passed with 13 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, hall, Hartwell, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval, Hunter); 0 no votes; (Absent: Scoville, Gray, King, Harutyunhan)**
- c. **Repair of Laptop:** The Board purchased a Mac Book Pro and it needs to be repaired by reloading the operating system. Team Nerds provided a quote of \$170.00 for the repair. **Motion from committee to approve \$170.00 for repair of the laptop by Team Nerds passed with 13 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, hall, Hartwell, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval, Hunter); 0 no votes; (Absent: Scoville, Gray, King, Harutyunhan)**
- d. **Warner Grand Theater** submitted an Invoice for the Board's use of Warner Grand staff at the joint committee meeting. The Board was unaware there would be a charge incurred for this. The invoice is for \$63.55. **Motion from committee to approve the Warner Grand expense of \$63.55 passed with 13 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, hall, Hartwell, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval, Hunter); 0 no votes; (Absent: Scoville, Gray, King, Harutyunhan)**
- e. **Code of Conduct** – there are still Board members who have not yet met this requirement. DONE sent Danielle the items in the agenda package. Per DONE, Board members who have not met the requirement by the April deadline will be suspended from the Board by DONE.
- f. **ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:**

- i. **Approval of expenditure for sponsorship materials for Leland Park Spring Fling in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00** - Debbie Rouser and Frank Anderson recused themselves from the discussion and vote and left the room. Justine on behalf of the Leland Park Advisory Board made a request for a donation. Donors are provided a banner for the Leland Park Spring Fling event on June 6, 2015. Banners will remain on display at the Park for six months after the Spring Fling. The donated funds go to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation, not directly to Leland Park. The LA Parks Foundation has contributed to multiple projects at Leland Park. The Outreach Committee is going to work on verbiage for the banner to be presented to the Board at a future meeting. **Frank Anderson and Debbie Rouser recused themselves and left the room during this agenda item.** Motion by Obioma-Sakhu to approve sponsorship materials for Leland Park Spring Flin in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion seconded by Merideth and approved with 7 yes votes (Ceaser, Galaz, Hall, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Hunter); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen, Hartwell); 2 recused (Anderson, Rouser). The following members were no longer in attendance during this item: Castillo and Guerrero.
- ii. Approval of budget adjustments: Motion to move \$2500 from advertising line item to newsletter line item; and move \$5350 from advertising line item to NPG's line item passed with 13 yes votes (Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, hall, Hartwell, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Rouser, Sandoval, Hunter); 0 no votes; 0 abstentions. (Absent: Scoville, Gray, King, Harutyunhan)

15. **Approval of February 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve February 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes by Galaz, seconded by Hartwell and approved with 8 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Merideth, Obioma-Sakhu, Hunter); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen, Sandoval).

16. **Other Reports:**

a. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)**

- i. The Committee discussed staffing of the new Harbor Division jail. Opening the jail could take 78 LAPD officers off the street to staff it. There are 8 jails in the city, 5 of which were closed.
- ii. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will be holding Ethics, Open Government, and Funding training on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6:00 – 9:00pm at Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center, 25825 Vermont Ave, Harbor City.
- iii. The HANC discussed the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Code of Conduct requirement. The deadline for fulfilling the requirement is April 3, 2015. For Neighborhood Council members who do not wish to sign the Code of Conduct there is now a 7 minute video available on the Departments website that can be viewed as an alternative. At this point if a Board member has not completed one of the two requirements by April 3rd they are not eligible to vote on funding issues. Questions are being raised as to whether BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) has the legal authority to enforce this requirement. This is being explored with the City Attorney.
- iv. The next HANC meeting is April 1, 2015 and will focus largely on the issue of opening the new jail. There are several people from LAPD scheduled to attend.

b. San Pedro Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District Report – no report

a. ACE Report – James Allen wants to have a board liaison for this entity.

17. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheryl Akerblom
 for Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council