



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President James Allen. (**Quorum of 13 Board Members**). Approximately 80 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Scott Andrews	Present
Rudy Caseres	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Karen Ceaser	Present
Brandon Debrichy	Absent
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Excused
Jose Guerrero	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Present
Debra Hunter	Excused
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Excused
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present

2. **President's Report:**

- President Allen commented that all meeting agendas are posted 72 hours in advance. Anyone who wants advance notice can get on the email list to receive an email notice of a meeting.
- He clarified that when he as Chair of the meeting excuses himself temporarily, he hands the gavel to the Vice President who presides over the meeting in his absence until his return.
- Update on board member training and renewal of ethics:** Board members who have not completed both or either of these items, were asked to have them completed in the next 30 days.
- Report on Port Meeting with NC Presidents:** Two days before the meeting they received a review of the China Shipping EIR. There is a notice of preparation and a scoping meeting has already been held. The Port is attempting to amend the China Shipping EIR. The China Shipping EIR came about from a lawsuit against the Port which demanded that there were environmental mitigations. The Port is trying to amend the terms of the settlement.
- Report on Congress of Neighborhoods event:** To be addressed later in the meeting.

3. **Presentation: The YMCA's Youth and Government Program.**

- Youth and Government delegation is a youth enrichment program that is hosted by the YMCA. It is a statewide program with over 3,000 youth delegates. Approximately 200 of those delegates come from the Harbor area.
- This year due to a shortfall in fundraising the program costs \$1,500 per delegate.
- They attend three conferences a year, two in Fresno and one in Sacramento. At these conferences they mimic state government procedures in order to learn the procedures first

hand.

4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. Marcus Musante introduced himself and announced that he is running for Congress.
- b. John Stammreich from the San Pedro Elk's lodge commented that all the rumors are false, they are rebuilding. They have a new contractor. There is an open meeting on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, in the parking lot of the lodge. Everyone is welcome, however, you must be a member if you want to ask a question.
- c. Nancy Richardson from the Garden Church on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The church is open on Fridays during the Farmers Market, on First Thursdays and they have a church service on Sunday starting at 3pm. This Friday they are having a Networking at Noon event in conjunction with the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, and on October 25<sup>th</sup>, they are having a harvest celebration. On Tuesdays they have a Little Sprout program from 10am – 12pm for children to learn about gardening.
- d. Sunny Lopez commented that having Board and Stakeholder meetings on week nights makes it very difficult for many people to attend. Though she feels that even if she and others like her cannot come to the meetings it is still the Board's responsibility to represent her/them (stay at home Moms and folks working nights). She wants to push the point that they don't want homeless encampments in their neighborhoods.
- e. Keith Anthony commented that he is homeless. He sees the type of homeless that don't want help, but not all homeless are like that. There are homeless people that are homeless due to extenuating circumstances and don't want to be on the street.
- f. Monica Weston gave her time to Robert Campbell who did not provide a speaker card. He commented that he is extremely concerned about the way the Board conducts themselves. He does not believe the Board is representing the stakeholders.
- g. Melanie Labreque created a Facebook page called San Pedro Business Report Card. The focus of the group is to help businesses to remove homeless people and panhandlers from their businesses. They provide businesses with signs and correspondence to their corporate offices for assistance with the homeless problem.
- h. Mariam Urrutia read part of a chapter from Roberts Rules of Order related to the Chair taking a short break during the meeting. She feels that the Board should focus on the positives in San Pedro to build up San Pedro.
- i. Robert Brandon, a former Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board member, made general comments about being a neighborhood council board member.
- j. Gayle Fleury stated that there is a Facebook page called The Daily Constitution that posts excerpts from the Constitution. It is not political, it is purely educational, and has information about how government works.
- k. Rudy Caseres commented about people who are substance abusers. He feels that often these people are self-medicating, due to mental illness. Accordingly, he asks that people do not rush to judgement about these people.
- l. Grant Hartwell commented about being involved with the Neighborhood Council at the committee level. Committees are more intimate and give more opportunity for lengthy input.

5. **Public Safety Reports:**

- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Adriana Bravo, filling in for Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua:**
  - i. Crime statistics for all the Harbor Division areas were reviewed with particular emphasis on the Central San Pedro area
  - ii. There have been three robberies in the last few weeks at the Ninety Nine Cent store. Young males are following elderly people at the store, knocking them to the ground from behind and stealing their jewelry.
  - iii. There has been one homeless narcotics related arrest, and seven homeless trespassing arrests for the reporting period.
  - iv. Anderson Park is on LAPD's radar and they have met with some elderly stakeholders who are afraid to go to the park as they have been verbally assaulted by people at the park.
  - v. Foot beat units have been implemented in downtown San Pedro. They cover Gaffey from 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> street and east of Gaffey to downtown San Pedro.
  - vi. A stakeholder asked if they have seen a rise in crime since the implementation of Prop 47. Officer Bravo does think that crime has increased due to Prop 47.

- vii. A stakeholder stated that at Anderson Park they have a lot of prostitution, fighting, drug sales and drug use and when LAPD is called they often don't show up. Officer Bravo stated that it is not always possible for them to arrive in a timely manner and that all calls are coded, but that they do come, sometimes undercover.

6. **Joint Land Use Planning and Port Committee Meeting Report** (Sue Castillo)

- a. Board member and Land Use Planning Committee Chair Sue Castillo met with the Land Use Planning Chairs of Coastal and Northwest Neighborhood Councils and they are developing a list of issues to work on together.
- b. Update and Clarification on SB-399 Tidelands and Submerged Lands Bill: This bill has been passed and there is no provision to allow permanent housing on tidal lands. She will continue to monitor the bill.
- c. Discussion and possible comments on the Community Impact statement (CF #14-1330) related to the Market Feasibility Study for Housing and Hospitality put out by the City of LA and the Port of LA. The study includes several sites in and around downtown San Pedro and the Waterfront. The following was presented for board approval:

**Subject: Community Impact Statement on Council File 14-1330 regarding the San Pedro Waterfront Market Feasibility Study**

*The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council would like to thank the City for undertaking this study for the purpose of creating housing in response to the real housing crisis in Los Angeles.*

*The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council declares that greater residential density would be good for downtown San Pedro. It would create more demand for local goods and services, and thus make more available: it would help us build a functional, pedestrian-oriented urban core; it would lead to a more sustainable local economy. Your listed parcels, and many others in downtown San Pedro, could accommodate many new or rehabilitated dwelling units and accomplish these positive effects.*

*So will the City of Los Angeles take the next step and commit to investing in housing production in neighborhoods that qualify as appropriate targets for more density? There may be many incentivizing actions that the City could take, such as a reduced fee schedule (no fees?), expedited permitting, and City-provided off-site improvements (adjacent street, and sidewalk and utility work). A cost-recovery based fee schedule does not make the most sense for development that builds economic sustainability. Perhaps County and State funding that is intended to increase the housing supply could help support this.*

*And let us not forget transportation – healthy growth in downtown San Pedro will be limited without strong public transit options that connect us to the rest of Los Angeles, the new Silver Line is a step in the right direction, but we are still urging the MTA to provide us with a light rail connection to the rest of the South Bay.*

*We hope that this study will result in some great projects for San Pedro. That said, we still must remark on the absurdity of housing in Warehouse One, Kaiser Point, or in the Maritime Museum. We support preserving the Tidelands according to the California Tidelands Protection Act.*

**Motion from committee to the Community Impact statement (CF #14-1330) related to the Market Feasibility Study for Housing and Hospitality put out by the City of LA and the Port of LA, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Allen).**

- d. Discuss proposed closure of Defense Fuel Support Point Facility on North Gaffey and temporary re-use. The following letter was presented for board approval:

**Subject: Closure of the San Pedro Defense Fuel Support Point and Proposed Temporary Re-Use.**

*Dear Joe,*

*The neighborhood council has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Complete or Partial Closure of the Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP). We noted that their operations ceased in June of last year, and that all of the above ground water remediation has reached the 95% completion phase. The Navy is moving toward complete closure of the facility.*

*We recognize this site as an opportunity to provide space for persons living in their vehicles or camping on the sidewalks to get off the streets of San Pedro. If sanitary facilities were provided, and charitable meal operations as well as other support services were centered there, a temporary, emergency-response “village” could be created that would improve the standard of living for our neighbors without shelter until such time as permanent supportive housing could be provided for those who need it. On-site support services might result in persons being able to get back on their feet into self-supporting living – how much easier it would be to do that once one has a secure place to sleep as well as regular sanitation and meals!*

*Some might comment that there are ball fields there, and we cannot allow the children to come into contact with “the homeless.” Of course the ball fields are already well fenced and secured from the DFSP operations areas. Currently our children already come into contact with the homeless on far less favorable terms today on our street and sidewalks. There are not many places that could so safely accommodate such a temporary village in all of San Pedro.*

*Please consider this option and discuss it with the appropriate DFSP personnel as soon as possible, or find another site that would work as well in time for the coming winter season.*

Some of the public comments are as follows:

- i. Bob Bryant, member of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council commented that this property is in the middle of the Northwest Neighborhood Council's area. He urged Chair Sue Castillo to consult with the Land Use Planning committee of the Northwest Neighborhood Council.
- ii. A stakeholder concerned that the Board is proposing something that is not in their own region, or well thought out, and not supported by Central San Pedro NC stakeholders.
- iii. A stakeholder doesn't want to build another skid row here in San Pedro.
- iv. Stakeholder Nick Rojas, a student at San Pedro High School, thinks the motion is flawed and might create another Hooverville or skid row.
- v. Dr. Bill Fleury worked at Kaiser in quality control. He suggests that the root cause of homelessness be looked at. He thanked the Board for trying to address the homeless issue.
- vi. Board member Rudy commented that he believes a non-binding poll of audience can be taken on a motion.
- vii. A stakeholder commented that the bottom line is they do not want encampments in San Pedro.

**Motion by Danielle Sandoval to table the above letter to Councilman Buscaino on proposed closure of Defense Fuel Support Point Facility on North Gaffey and temporary re-use. Motion to table seconded by Hyrant Harutyunyan and passed with 9 yes (Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, and Sandoval), 3 no (Anderson, Castillo, and Scoville), and 1 abstention (Allen).**

## **7. Budget Advocates Report**

- a. Update on October 17, 2015 Regional Budget Day – Danielle Sandoval
  - i. Danielle is one of three Harbor Area Los Angeles Budget Advocates. They represent the entire Harbor Area.
  - ii. These advocates work with the Mayor on matters of money. Recently the Mayor announced that he is approving \$100,000,000 for homelessness. The Regional Budget Day is an opportunity to have your voice heard on how that money gets spent.
  - iii. The Regional Budget Day is at POLA High School on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 12pm.

## **8. Reports from Public Officials**

- a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office.** San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided a written report (to view the full report please go to [centralsanpedro.org](http://sanpedrocity.org/council-district-15-reports-to-central-spnc/) <http://sanpedrocity.org/council-district-15-reports-to-central-spnc/>), some of the highlights are as follows:
  - i. The first meeting of Councilman Buscaino's Homelessness Task Force will be this month. The first assignment of the task force is to create a plan for the coordinated consolidation of food banks in town.

- ii. Ryan provided an update on the crack in the terrazzo at the Warner Grand Theatre.
  - iii. Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study: The study will be presented to the public on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Port Administration building, from 6pm – 7:30pm.
  - iv. Legislative updates.
  - v. Upcoming events.
- b. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn's office.** German Castilla, District Staff Assistant reported:
- i. Congresswoman Hahn hosted a workshop for Hispanic small business owners in Lynwood today.
  - ii. On Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am the Congresswoman is hosting her annual prayer breakfast, please call (310) 831-1799 to RSVP to the event.
  - iii. They are still working on HR 3544, the Safer Citizens act of 2015 which is intended to keep law enforcement and communities safer.
  - iv. Congresswoman Hahn released a statement as to why she voted against HR 702. The statement can be viewed in full at <http://hahn.house.gov/press-release/congresswoman-hahn-releases-statement-vote-against-bill-lift-ban-oil-exports>.
  - v. Hahn is still working on a debt relief bill she introduced intended to alleviate student loan debt for those who have been preyed upon by for-profit institutions that have gone out of business leaving students still owing on their loans.
- c. **LAUSD Board member Dr. Vladovic's office.** Director of Communications, John Larson reported:
- i. There will be increased traffic enforcement, particularly around elementary schools, in response to complaints of reckless driving.
  - ii. There will be a public meeting regarding the start date of the school year. The date, place and time are yet to be determined.
  - iii. The district is looking for a new superintendent. The interim superintendent is stepping down in September. There will be a public forum to give the public an opportunity to voice their criteria for a new superintendent. The date, place and time are yet to be determined.
  - iv. President James Allen asked if there is a census on the number of homeless students in district 8 of LAUSD. Mr. Larson responded that it is a very sensitive subject and is a matter of privacy for students.
  - v. Board member Donald Galaz asked about the grant for structural improvement plan. He wondered if some of those funds could be used to support an automotive program.
  - vi. Board member Karen Ceaser asked if Mr. Larson was a member of Councilman Buscaino's Homelessness Task Force. He stated that he is.

9. **Homelessness Committee Report:** (Karen Ceaser)

- a. Resolution Addressing Mayor's Homelessness Crisis Declaration (See Attachment A to these Minutes for full wording of proposed resolution).

Some of the concerns that were voiced regarding the proposed resolution follow:

- i. Sunny Lopez commented that micro housing mentioned in the Mayor's proposal was not defined and she wondered why the Board's proposal does not request a definition.
- ii. Michael Gatanz feels that the Board is anti-business, not representative of its stakeholders, and have no concern for downtown San Pedro.
- iii. Linda Alexander, a former Central San Pedro Board member commented that this Board works very hard. This motion is an attempt to deal with some of the homeless issues that affect downtown.
- iv. A stakeholder commented about the public restrooms being problematic on skid row and that perhaps these same problems may occur here too.
- v. Dr. Bill Fleury requested that the Board get an expert's input on the homeless problem.
- vi. Michael Koth, owner of Off the Vine Wines, asked LAPD what the code would be for calls about problems that might arise around the proposed public restrooms.
- vii. George Palaziol has talked to people from programs in other states. He says that the geography here means that those programs will not work here.
- viii. Board member Donald Galaz commented that from his experience gangs are not concerned with restrooms. Gangs are concerned with people from out of the area coming in and causing fights.



- ix. Board member Danielle Sandoval commented that the letter needs to go back to committee to be cleaned up as it is too vague and generalized. It should also state a council file number.

Carrie Scoville attempted to amend the Resolution and her amendments were seconded by Sue Castillo but the motion to amend failed with 5 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Hartwell, and Scoville), 6 no (Caseres, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Harutyunyan, and Sandoval), and 2 abstentions (Allen and Andrews).

Motion by Danielle Sandoval to table the Resolution Addressing Mayor's Homelessness Crisis Declaration, seconded by Hyrant Harutyunyan, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 1 no (Castillo), and 1 abstention (Allen).

- b. Review of Letter from Long Beach Rescue Mission
  - i. After much discussion Board member Alexander Hall suggested that they invite both Sergeant Plows and a representative from the Long Beach Rescue mission to come to either a homeless committee and/or stakeholder meeting to further discuss the issue.
- c. Approval of letter in response to article in San Pedro Today
  - i. Board member Sue Castillo suggested that this also be discussed when both parties as stated above are present.
  - ii. Motion by Karen Ceaser to table approval of letter in response to article in San Pedro Today, and seconded by Alexander Hall, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Allen).
- d. Approval of open letter to the community: There were various suggestions from board members to improve the proposed letter (Original letter as presented attached to these minutes). The sentences below shown with strikethroughs were suggested deletions. However, the motion to approve failed with 5 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Hartwell, and Scoville), 7 no (Andrews, Caseres, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Harutyunyan, and Sandoval), and 1 abstention (Allen).
- e. Approval of holding meeting with NC Council Presidents and Chairs of Ad Hoc Homeless Committees to discuss Homelessness in the Harbor Area.

Motion from committee to approve holding meeting with NC Council Presidents and Chairs of Ad Hoc Homeless Committees to discuss Homelessness in the Harbor Area, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval and Scoville), 1 no (Caseres,), and 1 abstention (Allen).

10. **CD15 Issues Report** - Grant Harwell reported that he and Ryan Ferguson have been meeting regularly to go over a list of issues that the Board wants follow up on from Councilman Joe Buscaino's office.

11. **Port Committee Report** (Sue Castillo for Frank Anderson, Chair)

- a. Discussion and potential action regarding request for extension of public comment period on the China Shipping NOP/EIR. postponed due to time restraints.
- b. **Port of Los Angeles Report:** Augie Bezmalinovich, Community Affairs Advocate at Port of Los Angeles:
  - i. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings are Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am at the Port Administration building.
  - ii. The John S. Gibson on and off ramps are now fully open.
  - iii. The C Street on and off ramps are closed through early December.
  - iv. The Port had a four cruise ship day on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will have a three cruise ship day on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - v. The Port is holding a Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) public information and interactive CAAP update community workshop on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 3pm – 5pm, at Bannings Landing.
  - vi. An NOP for a supplemental environmental impact report for the China Shipping container terminal was released on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Port is working on the

China Shipping project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which has a public process that will ultimately result in action being taken to Board of Harbor Commissioners. The Port invites interested members of the public and media to participate in the public CEQA process. The period for submitting written public comment closes on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

- vii. For events around the harbor visit the Port of Los Angeles website at <https://www.portoflosangeles.org/community/Calendar.asp>. Some upcoming events were announced.

12. **BREAK** – no break taken.

13. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee** Alexander Hall

- a. Update on PAB (Park Advisory Board) at Anderson. Item moved to next meeting due to time constraints.

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

- a. Presentation of Draft RFP for Rebranding. Item moved to next meeting due to time restraints.

15. **Finance Committee Report**

- a. Board Approval of Bank Statements and Monthly expenditures. **Motion by Alexander Hall to approve Bank Statements and Monthly expenditures, seconded by Donald Galaz, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Allen).**
- b. Review, Discuss and Consider Approval of NPG for Art in Motion \$1500. Which is the San Pedro International Film Festival.  
**Motion by Sue Castillo to approve NPG for Art in Motion \$1500, and seconded by Alexander Hall, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Allen).**
- c. Board Member reimbursements
  - i. Karen Ceaser for refreshments for Homeless Forum \$71.09 **Motion by Alexander Hall to approve reimbursement to Karen Ceaser for refreshments for Homeless Forum \$71.09, seconded by Carrie Scoville, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Allen and Ceaser).**
  - ii. Frank Anderson for water at Music by the Sea \$10.38 **Motion by Alexander Hall to approve reimbursement to Frank Anderson for water at Music by the Sea \$10.38, seconded by Carrie Scoville, and passed with 11 yes (Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Allen and Anderson).**
  - iii. Danielle Sandoval for printer ink \$17.99 **Motion by Sue Castillo to approve reimbursement to Danielle Sandoval for printer ink \$17.99, seconded by Donald Galaz, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, and Scoville), 0 no, and 2 abstention (Allen and Sandoval).**
- d. Approval to purchase Go Pro Mini SD Card for camera to video upcoming CeSPNC meetings.  
**Motion by Donald Galaz to approve purchase of Go Pro Mini SD Card for camera to video upcoming Central SPNC meetings, seconded by Danielle Sandoval, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Allen).**
- e. Approval to purchase Go-Pro Housing, tripod mount and stand not to exceed \$100. **Motion by Donald Galaz to approve purchase of Go Pro Housing, tripod mount and stand not to exceed \$100, seconded by Danielle Sandoval, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Allen).**

16. **Other Reports:** Reports moved to next meeting due to time constraints.
  - a. **HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report (Frank Anderson)
  - b. **PBID Report** (Katherine Gray)
  - c. **ACE Report** (Scott Andrews)
  - d. **Animal Services:** Possible appointment of liaison to Animal Services Department.
17. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of September 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Sue Castillo to approve September 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes, seconded by Danielle Sandoval, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Allen).**
18. **Announcements**
  - a. Board member Alexander Hall announced that the LAHSA homeless count will be conducted in January. They need many volunteers in order to get an accurate count as a great deal of funding for homeless issues is based on the count.
19. **Adjournment** : The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm. The next meeting is November 10, 2015.

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



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

**ADDRESSING MAYOR'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Mayor Garcetti's Declaration that homelessness has reached a crises stage in the City of Los Angeles and that it has now become a priority matter for budgeting, planning, and utilizing \$ 100 Million Dollars annually of available resources of the City, together with any contributions from the County, State, and Federal Governments, to resolve.

WHEREAS, the community of San Pedro is currently experiencing its share of homeless individuals who are in immediate need of restrooms, showers, laundry, and personal storage facilities while awaiting even transitional shelter before more permanent solutions are developed and implemented.

WHEREAS, developing and implementing permanent housing solutions may well require years of effort, there are a number of incremental steps that may immediately be initiated to provide for basic human needs and to promote health among the homeless, and to assure overall community health, cleanliness, and safety.

Among these are:

- Use of old Metro buses as portable restroom and shower facilities;
- Provide for public restrooms at several convenient locations in the downtown business district.
- Identification and dedication of underused public property for reuse as temporary shelter, equipping same with suitable hygienic facilities, laundry, and lockers.

THEREFORE, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Councilman and the Fifteenth Council District's Homelessness Committee to seize the initiative by pressing forward with such incremental steps.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests advance notice and opportunity to be heard about, and advised concerning, any proposed actions, and to included as a recipient of any reports made to the Councilman.