



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL

250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro

6:00 p.m. Refreshments. 6:30 p.m. Call to Order & Roll Call

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President James Allen. (A Quorum of Board Members was present). Approximately 150 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present left at 6:45 pm
Frank Anderson	Present
Scott Andrews	Present
Rudy Caseres	Present
Sue Castillo	Present left at 6:45 pm
Karen Ceaser	Present
Brandon Debrichy	Absent
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present left at 9:00 pm
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Present arrived at 6:50 pm
Hrant Harutyunyan	Excused
Debra Hunter	Present
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Excused
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present arrived at 7:00 pm

2. **President's Report**:

- a. Report on Neighborhood Council President's meeting with Port of Los Angeles. At the meeting the China Shipping terminal and the Port's supplemental EIR was discussed. This significant piece of rearrangement of the Port's policy on the China Shipping terminal is essential to the health and safety of this community as it relates to air quality, noise pollution, and traffic. The issue was presented in the context of President Allen's request to the Port for an accounting of the China Shipping mitigation funds, of which \$65 million were settled between the parties, including the Port. The funds have been used for several improvements in the community, including the Hey Rookie Pool, and they are to be used for the aesthetic improvements along Front Street. The changes proposed by the Port significantly alter the original mitigation settlement as it relates to air quality, noise pollution, and traffic.
- b. 2016 Selection/Elections: An election committee will review and complete the Stipulation Worksheet to be presented to the full board before submission to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). The Stipulation Worksheet is to set the required parameters for next June's board election/selection procedures.
- c. Board member Danielle Sandoval read an email from DONE with the names of people whose ethics training is out of date. It stated in part that per the bylaws board members who have a lapse in prior ethics training certification shall be suspended from the board until such time as they come into compliance with ethics training requirements.

Accordingly, these board members may not be a part of tonight's meeting. If these members can provide proof that they are in compliance with ethics training requirements they may participate in this evening's meeting. **Motion by Rudy Caseres to approve that members who do not have their certificates and who DONE specifically referenced be suspended from tonight's meeting, seconded by Danielle Sandoval, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hunter, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Allen and Castillo).**

3. **Remarks from DONE representative, Thomas Soong:**
 - a. Did not attend meeting.
4. **Approval of October 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes.** **Motion by Karen Ceaser to approve the October 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alexander Hall, and passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Gray and Hunter).**
5. **Presentation by Make Music LA:** (Make Music LA/MMLA) engages all communities of Los Angeles in an annual cross-cultural celebration of the power of music and art through musical performances by amateurs, students and professionals. Enriching lives through the universal language of music, MMLA desires to expand the horizons of residents of every age by unlocking their artistic imagination to enable lifelong learning, and creative invention.
 - a. MMLA is about you and about bringing people out into the streets to celebrate music.
 - b. The idea started in France 34 years ago. Now it is a holiday in France.
 - c. They are going into their 5th year and they have held prior events throughout the Los Angeles area. Over 24 US cities participate, New York being the largest.
 - d. To participate go to their website to register. It is completely free to both the artist and the public.
6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Please note last names are listed if the public comment card was legible.
 - a. **Ivan Sulic**, from Congresswoman Janis Hahn's office, presented a certificate of recognition to the Council for thirteen years of service to San Pedro.
 - b. **Warren Furutani**, candidate for Senate in the 35th district which includes the Harbor Area, gave a brief statement.
 - c. **Marcus Musante**, candidate for Congress in the 44th district, gave a brief statement.
 - d. **Regina Fernandez and Gale Fleury**, co-owners of Seaside Studios San Pedro, are having their 2nd annual free Heart in the Park event at Anderson Memorial Senior Center, on Saturday, November 21st, from 12 pm – 4 pm. It is a demonstration and display of professional artists in the community.
 - e. **Bill Roberson** a member of the Anderson Park advisory board (PAB) commented that the PAB meets every other Thursday. Their goal is to turn Anderson back in to the community park it was meant to be.
 - f. **Mark Hartzell** commented about public transit and monthly passes available to homeless, seniors and disabled, for \$1.50 a month. These passes cannot be sold.
 - g. **Alexander Hall** commented on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) homeless count to be held on January 27th, from 8 pm – 11 pm, headquartered at Anderson Park. The count is now conducted every year. It is important as the results dictate funding for services. He asked for volunteers.
 - h. **Monica Weston** commented that the San Pedro waterfront is underdeveloped. Some local people have created an organization called Save our LA Waterfront. They have a form letter on their website (www.saveourlawaterfront.com) to the Mayor, and Council man Buscaino they would like people to send. She also commented that the majority of the community does not want homeless encampments in the San Pedro.
 - i. **Eric K.** commented that the homeless problem here in San Pedro is not as bad as it is in other places. He is ashamed that a Council that has a conscience and has taken a humane position is being targeted for their actions by people who via social media are declaring themselves the conscience, character and culture of San Pedro.

- j. **Sunny Lopez** asked if the Board has taken a position on billboards, particularly electronic billboards. She also commented that she is the mother of a homeless veteran who suffered from PTSD and stated that helping homeless is really hurting homeless.
- k. **John C.** asked that the Council work with the other area Neighborhood Councils to get the community cleaned up. For example city sponsored trash pickups, street sweeping and park cleanups. He feels that this would go a long way toward mitigating the impact of the transient population.
- l. **Fernando E.** commented that it has been about a year since they began feeding and assisting homeless people. He would like people to go out with them to experience firsthand the situations of these people. He also commented to the audience in general asking for their solutions, and that if they are not willing to be part of the solution, then they are part of the problem.
- m. **Augustine Hernandez Veda** commented that he and his family feed and help homeless people. He doesn't see that homeless people are a problem. He doesn't think people should be so hard on homeless people.
- n. **Nora Velia**, from a homeless assistance group, displayed several hygiene products that she and her group regularly provide to homeless people. She commented that these items are things that the rest of us take for granted.
- o. **Carrie Scoville** announced that every Wednesday there are prop 47 expungement clinics at Building Healthy Communities, in Long Beach, at 920 Atlantic Ave., Suite 100, from 10 am – 4 pm, phone (323) 572-4341.
- p. **Allie Clark**, from Saving San Pedro, read a prepared statement, the crux of which was her displeasure with the Board's support of homeless people and the homeless situation in general.
- q. **Michael Gatanz**, from Peoples Place stated they are having a Contra Dance event. He commented that downtown is dying again due to the ruckus about the homeless situation.
- r. **George Palaziol** commented that homeless individuals can get a three day supply of hygiene items at Harbor Interfaith. He announced that the Chamber needs 40 volunteers to assist with traffic and crowd control for the Holiday Parade.
- s. **Joanne Rallo** read a prepared statement, primarily related to the removal of James Allen from the Board.
- t. **Craig Goldfarb** commented that he is organizing an effort to get the on and off ramp area at Channel and Mira Flores cleaned up. Accordingly, he is coming to the Council for matching funds to the \$1,000 allocated by Northwest Neighborhood Council.
- u. **Robert Campbell** commented that the Council is not being representative of its stakeholders.

7. **Public Safety Reports:**

- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua:**
 - i. Crime statistics for Harbor Division areas were reviewed with particular emphasis on the Central San Pedro area.
 - ii. The quality of life unit is out making contact with, and offering services to, area homeless people.
 - iii. Harbor Division, Robbery Detective, Richard Rivera, talked about the three robberies of elderly people at the Ninety Nine Cent Store.
 - iv. LAPD has closed down two medical marijuana dispensaries, one on Gaffey Street and one on Pacific Ave. They also closed one that evening.
 - v. The Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meets the third Thursday of each month at the LAPD Harbor station at 6:30 pm. Johnathan Crystal from the City Attorney's office who handles medical marijuana dispensary issues will be the guest speaker at the next CPAB meeting on November 19th.

8. **Reports from Public Officials**

- a. **Senator Isadore Hall.** Erika Velazquez, district representative, read a prepared statement thanking the Board for their leadership on the homeless issue in San Pedro and acknowledging that the State Legislature also needs to act.

- b. **Office of Dr. Vladovic, LAUSD Board member.** John Larson, director of communications, reported the following:
 - i. On November 18th and 19th there will be meetings for the revision of the LAUSD local control and accountability plan (LCAP). See the LAUSD website for more information.
 - ii. There will be a meeting on the Comprehensive Modernization plan, related to infrastructure improvements on Friday, November 13th, at San Pedro High School, at 6 pm.
 - iii. LAUSD is still taking public comment on the selection of the next Superintendent, though the meetings have already taken place.
- c. **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 or use the following link: <http://sanpedrocity.org/council-district-15-reports-to-central-spnc/> some of the highlights are as follows:
 - i. Lilyan Fierman Walkway update. The project plans are still under review with the Bureau of Engineering and are going through the B-permit application process. LANI has met with the Bureau of Engineering and are finalizing paver specifications.
 - ii. A crossing guard is in place at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and O'Farrell Street.
 - iii. Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study update: The Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study will be presented to the community on Wednesday, November 18th, in the Harbor Commission Board Room, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Your attendance at this very informative meeting is highly encouraged.
 - iv. Night at the Aquarium is Monday, November 30th, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Bring an unwrapped toy for the Councilman's toy drive to receive admission to the event.

9. **Budget Advocates Report**

- a. Report on October 17, 2015 Regional Budget Day. No report given.

10. **CD15 Issues Report:** (Grant Harwell)

- a. **Council District 15 Representative Report**
 - i. Board liaison Grant Hartwell wants the following issues to be added to the list of items for follow up:
 - I. How is CD15 implementing the LA Sustainability Plan?
 - II. Business owners in the Del Mar Plaza at 10th & Gaffey came to the meeting stating that since the Tobacco store opened in the plaza there have been problems with vagrancy and related issues.
 - ii. Board member Karen Ceaser asked when CD15 issues became a committee. She thought that Grant was only a liaison.
 - iii. Board member Danielle Sandoval stated for the record that she was opposed to the CD15 issues meeting. Accordingly, she contacted DONE and was told that if there are concerns they should be brought to the City Attorney. Board member Alexander Hall suggested that at the next agenda setting meeting they consult the bylaws for clarity on the issue.
- b. Resolution to Collaborate with Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. The following resolution was brought forth for review:

Resolution to Collaborate with Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Whereas the issue of homelessness has become a major issue for the community of San Pedro and the surrounding areas and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has called for there for it to be deemed a "state of emergency" and
Whereas this issue affects all of the residents of the city regardless of boundaries

Therefore the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council agrees to collaborate with the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council for the purpose of addressing solutions to this common problem and working to address the common good for all the residents of the two districts that they serve.

- i. Board member Alexander Hall suggested that the motion be sent to the homeless committee.
- ii. Board member Rudy Caseres commented that this motion is not the same as the motion passed at last month's meeting. This is a motion brought forth by President James Allen.
- iii. Board member and Chair of the Homelessness Committee, Karen Ceaser, confirmed that this motion was brought forth by President Allen. She further commented that this motion could be sent to the homeless committee to be dealt with.
- iv. James Dimon, President of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, commented that he feels this motion came out of his attempt to mediate an end to the acrimony between President Allen and members of Saving San Pedro. He did not write the letter that was presented by Mr. Allen. If all the Harbor Area NC's could work together the impact on the homeless problem would be huge. Coastal San Pedro's motions of this sort come from committee.
- v. Board member Alexander Hall commented that he contacted DONE and that DONE is willing to do mediation between board members. He also contacted the City Attorney and they are willing to do mediation between board members and also between board members and members of the community.

Motion by Carrie Scoville to table the resolution to collaborate with Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, seconded by Rudy Caseres, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Sandoval and Scoville), 1 no (Hunter), and 0 abstention(s).

11. **Port Committee Report:** (Frank Anderson, Chair) No report given.

- a. **Port of Los Angeles Report** (Augie Bezmalinovich). Due to time constraints, the Port of LA Representative was not able to provide his report. Therefore, updates on the following items will be presented at a future meeting:
 - i. Front Street Aesthetic mitigation
 - ii. China Shipping SEIR
 - iii. Sampson Way Project
 - iv. Cal trans 110/47 Interchange project.

12. **Land Use Planning and Public Works Report:** No report given.

13. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee:**(Alexander Hall)

- a. Update on Anderson Park:
 - i. At the last meeting of the committee they toured the park inside and out.
 - ii. The new Anderson Park Advisory Board (PAB) is taking the lead in revitalizing the park.
 - iii. The Board will be sending out a survey with approximately eight questions to get an idea what the community wants to focus on at the park.
 - iv. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz asked for clarification of restrictions for use of Anderson Park. He thought originally it was for seniors only. An unidentified stakeholder offered clarification. It is a fully existing park of the City of Los Angeles. The building itself was dedicated by the donor to seniors, however, its use has expanded since then.

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

- a. **ACTION ITEMS:** Approval of Motions brought forth from the Joint Meeting of the Outreach and Budget & Finance Committees were presented for board approval as follows:
 - i. Motion to support the San Pedro Holiday Parade in the amount of \$1,500 to the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. **Motion from committee to support the San Pedro Holiday Parade in the amount of \$1,500 to the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall,**

Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

- ii. Motion to approve \$500 for Saving San Pedro/Harbor Interfaith Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Drive in conjunction with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council with the stipulation that the Central San Pedro NC logo be used on their outreach flyers. Motion from committee to approve \$500 for Saving San Pedro/Harbor Interfaith Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Drive in conjunction with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council with the stipulation that our council logo be used on their outreach flyers, passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Gray).
- iii. Motion to support POLA High School Basketball Program in the amount of \$2,000 pending the completion of the necessary NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) documents.
Motion by Donald Galaz to amend the motion as follows: to support POLA High School **JV** Basketball Program in the amount of **\$1,800** pending the completion of the necessary NPG (Neighborhood Purposes Grant) document, and seconded by Danielle Sandoval, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
Motion from committee as amended, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
- iv. Motion to approve expenditure for Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Holiday Mixer/Pot Luck in the amount of \$500 and utilize Anderson Senior Center as the venue for the event. Motion from committee to approve expenditure for Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Holiday Mixer/Pot Luck in an amount not to exceed \$500 and utilize Anderson Senior Center as the venue for the event, passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, and Scoville), 2 no (Caseres and Sandoval), and 2 abstention(s) (Ceaser and Gray).

15. Finance Committee Report:

- a. Board Approval of Bank Statements and Monthly expenditures. Motion by Danielle Sandoval to approve the October bank statements and monthly expenditures, seconded by Rudy Caseres and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
- b. Reimbursement to board member Frank Anderson for purchase of water in the amount of \$21.00 for stakeholder meeting.
Motion by Danielle Sandoval to amend the reimbursement to board member Frank Anderson for expenses from stakeholder meeting to **\$11.50** for water, seconded by Rudy Caseres, and passed with 10 yes (Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Anderson).
Motion by Danielle Sandoval to approve the amended reimbursement to board member Frank Anderson for expenses from stakeholder meeting to **\$11.50** for water, seconded by Alexander Hall, and passed with 10 yes (Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Anderson).
- c. Discuss possibility of supporting Rainbow Services Fundraising with \$500 for outreach materials (tabled). Danielle Sandoval moved to table the motion to support Rainbow Services Fundraising with \$500 for outreach materials, seconded by Donald Galaz, and passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Hunter and Sandoval), 1 no (Scoville), and 1 abstention(s) (Hall).

16. Homelessness Committee Report: (Karen Ceaser)

- a. Discuss hosting a Fundraiser for Harbor Interfaith Services at the Warner Grand and Presentation of Budget for Event. The following motion was brought forth:

MOTION FROM HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Homelessness wishes to host a showing of the movie "The Soloist" at the Warner Grand Theater on Thursday, December 3, 2015, as a fundraiser for Harbor Interfaith Services.

- i. Board member and committee chair Karen Ceaser commented that per sale tickets for the event will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Ticket prices for event day purchase have not yet been determined.

Motion from committee to support hosting a Fundraiser for Harbor Interfaith Services at the Warner Grand in an amount not to exceed \$875, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

17. Review and approve potential new ad hoc committees:

- a. **Create an Ad Hoc Arts Committee chaired by Scott Andrews.** Motion by Carrie Scoville to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Arts Committee chaired by Scott Andrews, seconded by Karen Ceaser and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 1 no (Caseres), and 0 abstention(s).
- b. **Create a Downtown Business Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Danielle Sandoval.** Motion by Grant Hartwell to approve the creation of a Downtown Business Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Danielle Sandoval, seconded by Rudy Caseres and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

18. Other Reports:

- a. **HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report (Alexander Hall):
 - i. The newly appointed Board of Neighborhood Commissioner Josh La Farga introduced himself.
 - ii. Ray Regalado from the new San Pedro Community Homeless Task Force answered questions and got feedback.
 - iii. Diana Nave presented information on a pending Billboard Ordinance.
- b. **PBID Report** (Katherine Gray)
 - i. The new director of the PBID, Lorena Parker, attended the meeting.
- c. **ART District Report** (Scott Andrews)
 - i. They held their first meeting last week. One of their goals is to discover what happened to some of the assets that the Planning Commission had intended for San Pedro.
- d. **Animal Services:** Appointment of Katherine Gray as Animal Services Liaison. Motion by Alexander Hall to appoint Katherine Gray as Animal Services liaison, seconded by Karen Ceaser and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

19. Announcements

- a. Board member Debra Hunter commented that there was a meeting a couple of months ago at the Warner Grand, at which changes to the route of the Metro 450 line were briefly discussed. She strongly recommends that everyone participate in advocating for better rapid transit in San Pedro.

20. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm. The next meeting to be announced.

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