



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, April 12, 2016 THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by President James Allen. (A quorum of 15 Board Members). Approximately 65 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Scott Andrews	Present
Rudy Caseres	Absent
Sue Castillo	Present left at 8:55 pm
Karen Ceaser	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Alexander Hall	Present arrived at 6:45 pm
Grant Hartwell	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Present
Debra Hunter	Excused
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present arrived at 7:00 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present arrived at 7:15 pm
Ivan Sulic	Present

2. **Opening Remarks:**
 - a. President Allen commented that over the past two years it has been an honor to serve with this board and the community and a humbling learning experience for himself and members of the board. He thanked everyone for participating, particularly over the past few months. If his style of leadership has offended some he apologizes, but he has heard and weighed all of the opinions that have been presented at this board. He has taken them into consideration when weighing out what is best for the common good of this community. He truly believes that the intentions of this board, and those who come before it, have one purpose in mind, to make this community to be the best that it can be, and to create the greatest small town in all of Los Angeles, that is the most inclusive of any neighborhood council in the entire city of Los Angeles. He thanked everyone for being there, for presenting their issues, and he specifically thanked every member of this board for their participation over the course of this term.
 - b. New Board Member Ivan Sulic, was sworn in by Stephen Box, Director of Outreach and Communications, Empower LA.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of March 2016 Board/Stakeholder Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Frank Anderson to approve the March 8, 2016 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, and seconded by**

Ivan Sulic, and passed with 8 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, and Sulic), 0 no, 5 abstention(s) (Allen, Andrews, Ceaser, Gray, and Guerrero), and 2 not yet present (Obioma-Sakhu and Scoville).

4. **Public Comment:**

- a. Laurie Jacobs, Vice President of Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, announced the Pathways to Employment event for harbor area youth ages 16 to 24, on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the San Pedro High School Olguin Campus. Harbor Occupational Center will also be there speaking about careers in trade occupations.
- b. Peggy Sivert Zask runs the nonprofit South Bay Contemporary, at 4th and Mesa, in the Loft Building. Their mission is to bridge contemporary art, science, humanities, and issues of our culture. They are developing educational programs for children, artists and art students. On Saturday, April 23, 2016, they are having a fund raising event called Fresh 2016. The objective is to pull together the community through arts.
- c. Michael Gatanz commented that civility has been an issue at the meetings on both sides. He recounted an interaction at a past meeting that he felt was not civil.
- d. Karen Ceaser announced that on Friday, April 29, 2016, the YWCA is having a Racial Justice Breakfast at 7:30 am. They will be discussing human trafficking and sexual and labor trafficking. The address is 437 W. 9th Street.

5. **President's Report:**

- a. President Allen commented on the upcoming board selection. He encouraged people to visit the website to view the list of candidates and invited everyone to come out and vote in the June 7th and 14th. The polling sites will be announced in the next couple of weeks.
- b. Update on City Attorney's \$2,000 settlement directive over copyright issue (James Allen)
 - i. President Allen commented that they have been asked by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to deal with an issue, which is the use of the three eyed fish logo that they have used in the past. This is known throughout the community as a sort of underground mascot. However, the version that the NC uses appears to have a copyright by one of the former members of the board. This former board member threatened to sue the NC. The lawyer for the City Attorney that represents the NC in legal matters has directed the NC to settle. The NC has been directed to transfer \$2,000 in the budget from one line item to another to cover the cost of the settlement.
 - ii. Board member Donald Galaz requested that the issue not be discussed as the individual was not present to represent themselves and Board member Danielle Sandoval disputed that the issue was being presented by President Allen.

6. **PRESENTATION: Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Mobile Triage Unit.** *(Lisa Powell LCSW, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor of SB 82 Mobile Triage Team and Kim Sasaki, District Chief)*

- a. As a service area District Chief, Kim Sasaki, oversees 35 programs.
- b. Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 covers eight cities, including Long Beach, San Pedro, and other beach cities.
- c. The SB 82 Mobile Triage Team is grant funded project. There is one team per SPA.
- d. Lisa Powell is the supervisor of the SB 82 Mobile Triage Team. The team consists of three social workers, four community workers and they utilize a group of volunteers who have 'lived' experience.
- e. The team goes out into community to outreach to adults 18 years of age and over, and veterans. Their main goal is to link people to mental health services.
- f. They may spend three to six months serving a person prior to referring them to mental health services.
- g. They have made contact with over three hundred people here in San Pedro. For everyone they make contact with that is willing to give them information, they do a Coordinated Entry System (CES) questionnaire.
- h. You can refer anyone to them and they will try to contact them. Their main goal is to build relationships with individuals and hope to convince them to try to make a change.
- i. Christy Estes asked what happens with the mentally ill people who refuse services? Ms. Powell responded that all participation is voluntary.

- j. Ray Lopez asked what they do with those individual who are flat out not willing to accept help. Ms. Powell responded that they just keep going back to make contact with the people. They cannot make anyone do anything they don't want to do.
- k. Lauren Halligan, City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor, reiterated Ms. Powell's comments above.
- l. Board member Danielle Sandoval commented that she thinks that the citizens feel they have to abide by the laws but that others don't. Property owners feel that they pay taxes and we all have rights. Property owners have the right to ask someone to leave their property and if the person refuses to leave then people can call the police. Property owners can post a No Trespassing sign.

7. **CD15 Issues:**

- a. **Update on CD15 Homeless Task Force** (Ryan Ferguson) written report item b.
 - i. Mr. Ferguson outlined the eight steps set out by the task force as included in his written report.
 - ii. Some of the board member and stakeholder concerns were as follows:
 - I. Board member Danielle Sandoval asked Ryan about storage mentioned in step five. She commented that to her knowledge there is an ordinance that if there is storage within two miles that homeless people cannot carry more than a backpack of their personal belongings with them. Mr. Ferguson replied that so far they have not found any property owners willing to provide space for storage. Ms. Sandoval also asked if stakeholders would have input regarding any site that becomes available.
 - II. Board member Karen Ceaser commented that Nicole Wells in the Councilman's office had received an email from a couple of storage companies possibly willing to provide storage and that Mr. Ferguson would bring that email to tonight's meeting. Mr. Ferguson was unaware of the email. He will follow up with Ms. Wells.
 - III. Board member Ivan Sulic asked how much does each sweep cost. President Allen asked if perhaps Mr. Ferguson could provide them with the cost of sweeps since last August to present.
 - IV. Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Mobile Triage Unit District Chief, Kim Sasaki, commented that they would like to coordinate with the Councilman's mental health street team. Mr. Ferguson commented that Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe formed an emergency mental health team to work in conjunction with LAHSA emergency response team that the Councilman has funded. (Board member Karen Ceaser disputed this information).
- b. **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. High Park (formerly Ponte Vista) received their grading permits last week. Grading is scheduled to start this week.
 - ii. Details of the sidewalk repair plan proposed by Buscaino and Krekorian can be viewed at the above link.
 - iii. Mr. Ferguson covered legislative updates included in his written report. Including AB 1900, which authorizes the Judicial Council of California to manage the sale of the San Pedro Courthouse, at fair market value, and to give the County of Los Angeles the option to first purchase the property prior to it being offered to others.
 - iv. The All Fit grand opening is Saturday, April 16, 2016 from, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.
 - v. Saturday April 30, 2016 is the Sharefest workday. To see a list of items the Councilman is involved in please see the written report at the above link.
 - vi. The annul San Pedro Shred: Festival of Skate will be on Sunday, June 5, 2016. Save the date.
- c. **Report from Ad Hoc CD15 Liaison Committee** - Grant Hartwell
 - i. The committee did not meet. They plan to get the list of items for the Council office in order and then provide them to the next committee chair as Hartwell will not be seeking re-election to the CeSPNC Board. If anyone has anything they want added to the list please email him.

8. **Public Safety Reports:** (LAPD, CPAB, Port Police, LAFD, etc)
 - a. Update on marijuana dispensaries (Officer Nua/Lauren Halligan).
 - i. There are no legitimate Prop D locations in San Pedro.
 - ii. There have been thirty-four locations closed in the LAPD Harbor Division area.
 - iii. There are currently three cases active in the Central SP NC area, two criminal, and one civil. There are ten locations under investigation.
 - iv. Halligan's email address is Lauren.halligan@lacity.org.
 - b. Report of what crimes homeless individuals were arrested for during LAPD sweep and/or Hazmat sweep of March 24 or 26, 2016, respectively - Sgt. Catherine Plows, reporting
 - i. There were sweeps conducted in the Harbor Area in March.
 - ii. There were twenty arrests during the sweeps, for offenses including; illegal lodging, outstanding warrants, and narcotics issues.
 - iii. Personal property of twelve individuals was sent to storage. Four of those individuals have claimed their items.
 - iv. The direct phone number of the senior lead office is 310 726-7920.
 - v. President Allen asked if Sgt. Plows would bring a vice officer to speak to the drug issues here in San Pedro.
 - vi. Sgt. Plows commented that Harbor Division has a new captain that has experience with, and is focusing on, the homeless issues in the harbor area.
 - vii. Board member Danielle Sandoval asked about budget issues for the booking van.
 - viii. Board member Donald Galaz asked about an incident on March 19, 2016 when there were approximately three hundred cars on Paseo Del Mar. He wanted to know how many arrest were made that day. Sgt. Plows commented that she did not know, but that she would try to find out and report back.
9. **Homelessness Committee Report:** Karen Ceaser
 - a. Ms. Ceaser had no additional information.
10. **LAUSD:**
 - a. John Larson, Director of Communications for LAUSD Board Member Dr. Valdivia, announced that LAUSD has a Promise Agreement with Cal State Dominguez Hills for all eligible students who matriculate or graduate from LAUSD local district south schools.
 - b. Update on Christensen Science and Sustainability Center.
 - i. Christopher Downing has requested that each neighborhood council send three teachers to the next focus group meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at the Olguin Campus, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: As no teachers were present at the meeting, further outreach will be done.
 - c. Harbor Occupational Center Career Fair, Thursday, May 5, 2016, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 - i. See item 14.b. below.
11. **Reports from Public Officials** (Congresswoman, State Senate, Mayor, etc.)
 - a. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn's office.** German Castilla, District Staff Assistant reported:
 - i. The Army Corps. of Engineers has designated \$14 million in federal funding for repairs to the breakwater.
 - ii. The Congresswoman is working on the Time Warner, Dodger game issue.
 - iii. Congresswoman Hahn has introduced HR 563, the Honoring Our Merchant Mariners Act of 2015, to provide a one-time \$25,000 benefit to nearly 5,000 surviving WWII Mariners as a modest thank you and acknowledgement of their bravery and service.
 - iv. On May 6, 2016, the annual senior briefing event will be held at the Carson Community Center.
 - v. On May 21, 2016, the annual Congressional Art Competition reception will be held at Crafted.
12. **Port of Los Angeles:**
 - a. President Allen asked that it be noted in the record that this is the second meeting with no representation by the port.

- b. James Allen gave an overview of the March 31 Senate Hearing event held to discuss State and Local Emergency Response and Disaster Recovery Plans at the Port of Los Angeles
- c. Report on Alameda Corridor Bonds, SCIG and waterfront development lease: Port representative not present. President Allen commented about the Port's loss in court related to the proposed rail yard. The court ruled that the EIR was insufficient.
- d. CeSPNC Port Committee Report- discussion of SCIG lawsuit decision:
 - i. Board member Frank Anderson commented further on the above issue.
 - ii. Board member Carrie Scoville also commented on the rail yard issue.
 - iii. There will be a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

13. 2016 Selection/Election Committee Report: Chair: Sue Castillo

- a. Request for board approval to hold a candidate forum from 6:00 to 7:30 pm immediately prior to the May 10, 2016 meeting, allowing this to consume a portion of the time usually allotted for our stakeholder meeting. **Motion from committee to hold candidate forum as outlined above passed with 14 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen).**
- b. Update on polling places for June 7, 2016 and Report on Committee Meeting: The Committee is still waiting for confirmation and announcement of polling places from the County.
- c. Discussion of printed candidate statements for the newsletter (limit 250 words) and those posted on the website.

14. Outreach Committee Report: Chair: Donald Galaz

- a. Pathways to Employment event and request for volunteers. Please see item 4.a. above.
- b. Outreach at Harbor Occupational Center Career Fair, possible \$100 expense. On Thursday, May 5, 2016 Flyer. **Motion from committee to approve \$100 expense for Career Fair passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).**

15. Finance Committee Report: Chair: Danielle Sandoval

- a. Approval of monthly Bank Statements and monthly expenditures. **Motion by Karen Ceaser to approve the monthly bank statements and monthly expenditures, seconded by Scott Andrews, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).**
- b. Review budget and possible revisions. **Motion from committee to approve revisions to budget passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scolville), 1 no (Gray), 3 abstention(s) (Allen, Harutyunyan, and Sulic), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).**
- c. Consider approval of NPG for Cabrillo Beach Boosters (Amend amount from \$5,000 to \$2000.). **Motion from committee to approve \$2,000 for Cabrillo Beach Boosters NPG passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), 1 recused (Guerrero), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).**
- d. Approval of reimbursement to Board Member Frank Anderson of \$20.20 for utensils for meetings. **Motion by Karen Ceaser to approve reimbursement to Board Member Frank Anderson of \$20.20 for utensils for meetings, seconded by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu, and passed with 11 yes (Andrews, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Anderson and Allen), 1 out of room (Guerrero), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).**
- e. Approval of expenses for Business Forum not to exceed \$1,000. **Motion from committee to approve up to \$1000 for Business Forum passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).**
- f. BONC update on NPG's to LAUSD and charter schools. No report.

g. DONE update. No report.

16. **Ad Hoc Business Committee Report:** Chair: Danielle Sandoval

- a. Update on downtown business forum, May 25, 2016.
 - i. They have invited PBID, the Chamber, other business entities, business owners, and property owners to help create a vision of downtown.
 - ii. They are hoping to have three sessions address topics such as new business, entertainment, urban greening and other things affecting downtown.
 - iii. They are still working on who will attend, who will be speaking and who will moderate.
 - iv. Stakeholder Dave Behar commented that the event will be tied to the Coastal SP NC public safety summit and selection event at Point Fermin park on May 21, 2016.
- b. Update on trespass signage given by Melanie L. Labrecque.- This item was struck by committee chair.
- c. Update on the creation of a Third Thursday committee. - This item was struck by committee chair.

17. **Budget Advocates Report:** Chair: Danielle Sandoval

- a. Update on radio show dates. The radio shows will air on the following Saturday nights, April 16th, April 30th, and May 14, 2016, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm.
- b. They have completed the White Paper and are finishing up the CD reports.
- c. The Mayor asked the Budget Advocates (BA) if they would like to see the budget before it is presented to the City Council. Absolutely yes.
- d. It was proposed that the BA's have their own dash board similar to what the Mayor has.
- e. Instead of only the annual meeting with the BA, the Mayor wants to meet quarterly.

18. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee Report:** Alexander Hall

- a. Update on Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center Sharefest event.
 - i. They will not be power washing because of asbestos concerns. Instead they will be re-painting and repairing the library. They need seating and conference table. Central SP NC is providing food and they need volunteers.
- b. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz commented that he and others are working on having a Senior Citizen's Senior Prom possibly on Oct 1, 2016 at the Park. He added that the park has totally changed for the better.

19. **Ad Hoc Art Committee Report:** Scott Andrews

- a. No report.

20. **Other Reports:**

- a. **Transportation** - Debra Hunter - not present, will submit a written report.
- b. **HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report Frank Anderson
 - i. Update on HANC/CD15 retreat. HANC is requesting that NC's appoint one board member and one involved stakeholder and an alternate for the upcoming HANC retreat.
 - ii. They discussed the Pierpass program and how it has saved trucks waiting in port to pick up containers.
 - iii. They discussed the Emergency Preparedness Alliance. They want one or two NC members to focus on emergency preparedness issues.
 - iv. The CD-15/HANC retreat is on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 8:30 to 12:30 pm, at Kaiser Permanente.
 - v. Board member Alexander Hall commented that they need a board member and a stakeholder willing to attend the meeting. Mr. Hall will attend the meeting others to be appointed as possible.
 - vi. At the next HANC meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 they will be doing Community Impact Statement (CIS) training.
- c. **PBID Report:** (Katherine Gray)
 - i. They are still working on a mission/marketing statement.
 - ii. They are still working on having a stage at 6th and Mesa Streets for live acts for First Thursdays.

- iii. The Port has purchased two new rubber tire trolleys that will start running on Mother's Day and run through the summer. They are working on having them go to Crafted and perhaps the Lane Victory.
- iv. They discussed preparations for Fleet Week as First Thursday falls in the same week.
- v. Board member Danielle Sandoval reported the following on the meeting:
 - I. She stated that board member Katherine Gray left the meeting early and missed big news on about the sale of the courthouse. The courthouse will be on PBID's agenda going forward as PBID is going to give input on what goes into the courthouse. They are writing a letter with their recommendations on the property.
 - II. Ms. Sandoval suggested that Central SP NC write a letter with recommendations as well.
 - III. Clean San Pedro needs more money and is asking for a raise in its rate. Their yard is over flowing with empty shopping carts and bulky items.
- vi. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz asked if Central SP NC could have an agenda item for moral support for Clean SP.

21. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. A stakeholder commented that Avalon Freight has moved to Swinford.

22. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm. The next meeting is May 10, 2016.

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