



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30, by President Mona Sutton. (A quorum of 16 Board Members). Approximately 65 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Frank Anderson	Present
Terry Bonich	Present
Michael Collins	Present
James Dimon	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Aiden Garcia-Sheffield	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present at 6:50 pm
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Michael Koth	Present left at 9:30 pm
Joanne Rallo	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present at 6:45 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Present
John Stammreich	Excused
Mona Sutton	Present
Allyson Vought	Present

2. **Opening Remarks, Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Recognitions** – Mona Sutton
 - a. Now, more than ever, it's important that we take a moment to reflect. She is excited about the diversity of the board and stakeholders.
3. **Approval of January 10th Meeting Minutes:** Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to approve January 10th 2017 meeting minutes, seconded **Michael Collins**, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Jones, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, 4 abstention(s) (Hall, Koth, Rouser, and Sutton), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).
4. **Announcements:**
 - a. Christian Guzman reported that last Saturday's Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy presentation on native plants, went really well.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
 - a. Bob Milling commented about unattended belongings in front of 525 North Harbor Boulevard. He urged people to use 311.
 - b. Michael Gatanz commented that downtown San Pedro is being shortchanged by the rest of San Pedro, downtown is not healthy. Also, he intends to always speak with respect, and if you feel he is not being respectful please call him on it.

- c. Jerry Gusha announced the Little Fish Theater, March schedule, including Laughter on the 23rd Floor, and Dinner with Friends.
 - d. Angelica Esquivel, a resident of Rancho San Pedro, as translated, she commented about the lack of public community meetings for the residents that the Rancho Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) Board were supposed to have.
 - e. Veronica Mendoza former Rancho San Pedro resident and RAC member, also commented about the current situation at Rancho.
 - f. Donald Galaz refutes the assertions of Veronica Mendoza.
 - g. Dave Behar commented that there is a defamation of character on the agenda.
6. **Public Safety Reports:**
- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Rubright for Junior Nua**
 - i. Officer Rubright gave a brief overview of crime statistics.
 - ii. The Pacific and Gaffey corridors continue to be an issue.
 - iii. Officer Rubright answered questions from board members and stakeholders.
 - b. **LAFD Chef Palacios**
 - i. Chef Palacios announced that on Saturday, March 18, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, they are having a smoke awareness event at Station 48 in San Pedro, 1601 16th Street and Grand Avenue. They will be giving away free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
 - c. **LA Port Police Officer Alvarez** – Not present
 - d. **Rancho Advisory Committee (RAC) Board members of Rancho San Pedro** – Not present
7. **Reports from Public Officials/Representatives:**
- a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino’s office** – San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson
 - i. Ryan Ferguson provided a [written report](#), to view the full report please use the link. Some highlights follow.
 - ii. The Gaffey Street Median construction has begun, and is due to be complete by the end of March.
 - iii. Construction on the Jack in the Box, at 6th and Gaffey has also begun.
 - iv. Ryan Ferguson answered questions from board members and stakeholders.
 - b. **County Supervisor’s Office Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez** – Not present
 - c. **Congresswoman Barragan Office** – Staff Assistant, Ricardo Pacheco
 - i. On Saturday, February 25, at 1:00 pm, at the San Pedro High School Auditorium, the Congresswoman is having a local swearing in ceremony.
 - d. **Mayor’s Office Manny Lopez**
 - i. Mr. Lopez provided a written report, some highlights follow.
 - ii. The Mayor reminded people to use the MyLA311 app to report storm damage.
 - iii. The Mayor announced a push to place 5,000 new trash bins along L.A. streets by 2019.
 - e. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications – Not present
 - f. **Port of Los Angeles Augie Bezmalinovich**
 - i. The next scheduled meetings of the Board of Harbor Commissioners are Thursday, February 16, and March 2, 2017, at 8:30 am the Port Administration building and Thursday March 16, at Bannings Landing at 6:00 pm.
 - ii. He announced that the Port is offering Community Investment Grant Application workshops, on Tuesday April 4, at 6:00 pm at Bannings Landing and on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:00 pm at the Port Administration building. Applications for grants are available on the Port’s website and due by Monday, May 8th.
 - iii. Mr. Bezmalinovich gave a slide presentation on the Harbor Boulevard roadway improvements.
 - iv. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - g. **Assembly Member O’Donnell Sarah Patterson**, San Pedro Field Representative
 - i. Ms. Patterson announced that Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will offer free volunteer tax preparation and electronic filing for low income taxpayers at the San Pedro Library on Saturday, February 25, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

- ii. Every March, the California State Assembly honors women from across the state for their remarkable contributions to the community in celebration of Women's History Month. Nominations are due by March 3rd.
- iii. Sarah Patterson answered questions from board members and stakeholders.

8. **President's Report** Mona Sutton

- a. Appoint Linda Alexander as the official liaison to the Mayor's Executive Directive #17 (Purposeful Aging) for leading a multiyear effort to improve lives of today's older adults and to create a better tomorrow for future generations.

Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to appoint Linda Alexander as the official liaison to the Mayor's Executive Directive #17 (Purposeful Aging), seconded **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 3 abstention(s) (Bonich, Collins, and Sutton).

- b. Appoint Linda Alexander as the official liaison to cooperate with Film LA as directed by the Mayor's office.

Motion by **Allyson Vought** to appoint Linda Alexander as the official liaison cooperate with Film LA as directed by the Mayor's office, seconded **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 14 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Dimon and Sutton).

- c. Approval of contents of [letter to LAUSD](#) Re: Construction of new middle school Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and math (STEAM) Magnet at Christensen Science Center (2201 Barrywood Avenue, San Pedro).

Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to approve the contents of letter to LAUSD Re: Construction of new middle school Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and math (STEAM) Magnet at Christensen Science Center, seconded **Joanne Rallo**, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

9. **Land Use and Planning Committee Report** - Leslie Jones, Chair

- a. Approval of Letter of Support from Committee asking for a parking variance for the Raffaello's Restaurant Project at 465 W. 7th Street.

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Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

- b. 10-Minute Presentation and vote on recommendation of Planning Committee to support the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District Mural Project with a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$10,000 in the hopes of beginning the creation of a Gaffey Great Street Town Center in and around the San Pedro Public Library.

- i. Discussion and general community support. No vote taken on funding.

- c. 5-Minute Presentation by Deanne Dedmon, Senior Recreation Supervisor, followed by board vote on Motion to support the safety and security enhancements at Anderson Park.

Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

- d. Appointment of new chair of Land Use and Planning Committee.

- i. The issue was referred to the committee to select its new chair.

- e. Report on Vision Zero and Mobility Plan (Allyson Vought)

- i. San Pedro will not be receiving any funding from the Mayor's "Vision Zero" program as the area has very low traffic deaths compared to other council districts. Vision Zero, is based on the fundamental principle that traffic deaths can be avoided through strategic, data-driven approaches to engineering, enforcement, education, evaluation, and community engagement.

- ii. San Pedro will also not be getting any added infrastructure from the Mobility Plan 2035, which strives to increase mobility with new roads and bicycle lanes.

10. **LGBT Ad Hoc Committee Report** – Aiden Garcia-Sheffield, Chair
 - a. Approval of name change to the Ad Hoc Committee of LGBT + Allies. Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 1 no (Bonich), and 2 abstention(s) (Guerrero and Sutton).
 - b. Approval of Committee Chair, Co-Chair and Committee Members. Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 3 abstention(s) (Bonich, Guerrero, and Sutton).
11. **Marijuana Regulatory Framework Ad Hoc Committee Report** – Matt Garland, Chair
 - a. Update on Forum held February 17, 2017 – Forum cancelled due to weather, to be rescheduled.
12. **Finance Committee Report** – Danielle Sandoval, Treasurer
 - a. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and Monthly Bank Statement. Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to approve the approve January 2017 MER and Monthly Bank Statement, seconded **Allyson Vought**, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - b. Board member reimbursement of Frank Anderson \$20.37 for plates, napkins and forks. Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to approve reimbursement of Frank Anderson \$20.37 for plates, napkins and forks, seconded **Allyson Vought**, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - c. Board member reimbursement of Donald Galaz \$10.00 for water. Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to approve reimbursement of Donald Galaz \$10.00 for water, seconded **Jose Guerrero**, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - d. Board member reimbursement of Joanne Rallo \$9.00 for candy canes for Holiday Event. Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to approve reimbursement of Joanne Rallo \$9.00 for candy canes for Holiday Event, seconded **Allyson Vought**, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - e. Doug Epperhart \$600 Unpaid Election Bill for Grand Central, 2016 Edition composition & editorial consultation (CeSPNC elections 2015-2016). Motion by **Michael Collins** to approve payment to Doug Epperhart \$600 unpaid election bill for Grand Central, 2016 Edition composition & editorial consultation (CeSPNC elections 2015-2016), seconded **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 4 abstention(s) (Dimon, Koth, Rallo, and Sutton).
13. **Sustainability Committee** Christian Guzman
 - a. Motion to approve [letter to LA Metro CEO and Board of Directors](#). Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, and Vought), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Sandoval and Sutton).
14. **Business Committee** – Michael Koth, Chair – Not present
 - a. Approval of CeSPNC Business Committee Mission Statement

“The CeSPNC Business Committee’s purpose is to give Central San Pedro businesses their own voice on the CeSPNC and to our elected officials. The committee will meet once a month to discuss various issues that contribute or hinder the growth of the Central San Pedro business district and how the committee can work with various government and non-government organizations to assure the Central San Pedro Business District is a thriving, relevant family friendly destination for San Pedro residents and visitors.”

Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

- b. Review and approve letter to be sent to Dave Behar – Item withdrawn

15. Election Committee Report

- a. Update on Status of On-Line Voting for Neighborhood Councils – Danielle Sandoval
 - i. Grayce Liu, the General Manager at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), has been giving a report on the elections.
 - ii. It is being recommending that Neighborhood Council's (NCs) allocate 20% of their annual budget to elections. However, Ms. Liu is recommending that NCs be required to allocate the 20%.
 - iii. It is also being recommend that all NCs be required to have on line voting for their elections. There are still a lot of problems with the on-line voting.
 - iv. Ms. Sandoval also recommends that DONE get additional funding to do outreach for NC elections.

16. Homelessness Committee Report – Danielle Sandoval

- a. Update on Homeless Count – Karen Ceasar, Harbor Area Coordinator
 - i. They had over 50 volunteers, and they counted all their census tracks.
 - ii. The results will not be available until April or May.
 - iii. Alexander Hall commented that Congresswoman Nanette Barragan and the head of LAHSA Public Policy were among the volunteers in the Harbor Area.
- b. Update on Homelessness Liaison Meeting in City Hall. Next meeting March 2nd, 2017 – Report at next meeting
- c. Update on Safe Park Pilot Program – No update
- d. Council File Tracking on Homelessness Issues – Item removed

17. Outreach and Communication Committee Report - Joanne Rallo, Chair

- a. They are updating the council's brochure with current information.
- b. They want to do more outreach to seniors and stakeholders who don't use social media or computers.
- c. They want to have a 'Coffee with the Councils' event with all three councils, so stakeholders can meet all three area NC board members in one place and time.

18. Port Relations Committee Report – James Dimon, Chair

- a. Appoint new Committee Chair – Item withdrawn

19. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – John Stammreich – Not present

20. Reports from Board Liaisons:

- a. **Budget Advocates** – Danielle Sandoval
 - i. Regional Budget Day Feb. 25th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, please attend.
 - ii. They are meeting with the Mayor March 8th, to present their annual White Paper.
 - iii. Report on LA Port Budget Meeting & LAHSA – The Port provided documentation of their budget, they forecast out five years. LAHSA also provided budget documentation.
 - iv. For more information on Budget Advocates please go to <http://ncbala.com>.
- b. **Government Relations** – Danielle Sandoval
 - i. Update on Measure "S" Yes vs. No (Speakers asked to attend) – informational handouts will be posted on the website
 - ii. Update on Measure H ([Handouts available](#))
 - iii. Update on Prop P
 - iv. Report on CD15 Candidate forum – in Wilmington last Wednesday, candidates answered some of the questions submitted.
- c. **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC)** – Frank Anderson
 - i. Approval of Letter to Councilman Buscaino Re: Tracking of Mitigation Measures

Motion by **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield** to approve a letter to Councilman Buscaino Re: Tracking of Mitigation Measures, seconded **Allyson Vought**, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, and Vought), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Sandoval and Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).

- d. **BONC & DONE Reports** – Danielle Sandoval – Item postponed due to time constraints
 - e. **LANCC** (Los Angeles Neighborhood Coalition) – Danielle Sandoval
 - i. There were several Mayoral candidates present who answered questions.
 - ii. Ms. Sandoval recommended that this council appoint a liaison to attend these meetings.
 - f. **City Clerk’s Office** – Danielle Sandoval
 - i. The City Clerk now handles all NC funding. They have some new staff and some staff that came over from DONE.
 - g. **PBID** – Michael Koth – Item postponed due to time constraints
 - h. **Civic University** –Aiden Garcia-Sheffield
 - i. There were approximately 200 people in attendance.
 - ii. The most impactful thing that he learned was that, we as NC board members, can be very impactful.
 - i. **San Pedro Chamber** – Christian Guzman
 - i. Tomorrow the Chamber is hosting a complimentary dinner for people who want to get involved with nonprofits and/or small business.
 - ii. The campaign for honorary Mayor of San Pedro has begun. The campaign is a fund raiser for various local charities.
21. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is March 14, 2017.

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