



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14(15) Board Members). Approximately 40 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Frank Anderson	Present
Terry Bonich	Present
Michael Collins	Present
James Dimon	Absent
Donald Galaz	Present
Aiden Garcia-Sheffield	Present left at 9:25 pm
Jose Guerrero	Present arrived at 8:30 pm
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Michael Koth	Present left at 9:15 pm
Joanne Rallo	Present
Debbie Rouser	Absent
Danielle Sandoval	Present
John Stammreich	Present
Mona Sutton	Present
Allyson Vought	Present

2. **Opening Remarks, Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Recognitions** – Mona Sutton
3. **Approval of February 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by **Allyson Vought** to approve February 21, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, and Vought), 0 no, 3 abstention(s) (Sandoval, Stammreich, and Sutton), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).
4. **Announcements:**
  - a. Danielle Sandoval announced the annual Sharefest work day on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Visit the [Sharefest](#) website for a list of local projects to volunteer for.
  - b. President Sutton announced that Linda Alexander is resigning from all of her committees, but not her liaisons.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
  - a. John Stinson, from the San Pedro Art Association, announced that this Friday, they are hosting a free comedy night, at 7:30 pm, at the Community Art Machine, at 443 W.6<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - b. Ruben Vigil Sr. on behalf of 15<sup>th</sup> Street School, is concerned about the number of halfway houses and sober living houses so close to the school. No one was informed that the facilities were coming into the neighborhood.

- c. Maria Couch read a prepared statement regarding appointment of a new land use committee chair.
  - d. Michael Koth meeting with Allen Johnson to discuss his proposal for outside dining in downtown. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 am meeting at Jecico Development to discuss reviving the idea. For further information please contact Mr. Koth.
6. **Public Safety Reports:**
- a. **LA Port Police** Officer Stacey Creech Community Resource Officer
    - i. Port police working on homeless issue. They offering services and clean up.
    - ii. Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting, Thursday, 6:30 at Bannings Landing.
    - iii. LA Port Police have a [Facebook page](#).
    - iv. Officer Creech answered questions from board members and stakeholders
  - b. **LAPD** Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua
    - i. Officer Nua gave a brief overview of crime statistics.
    - ii. The Pacific and Gaffey corridors continue to be an issue.
    - iii. Officer Nua answered questions from board members and stakeholders.
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 6<sup>th</sup> and Gaffey anticipates completion by the end of May.
    - iv. On Wednesday, [April 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>](#), LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn is holding two meetings to hear the publics thoughts on land use options for the Courthouse at Port of Los Angeles High School.
    - v. Save the date; San Pedro Shred, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, this year to be held in downtown San Pedro
    - vi. Ryan Ferguson answered questions from board members and stakeholders.
  - b. **County Supervisor's Office** Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez
    - i. Ms. Velazquez thanked everyone for passing the sales tax increase to support homeless services.
    - ii. Ms. Velazquez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
  - c. **Congresswoman Barragan Office** – Harbor Area Field Representative, Morgan Roth
    - i. Senior citizen breakfast this Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, in Carson, at 8:30 am.
    - ii. Mr. Roth contact information; [Morgan.Roth@mail.house.gov](mailto:Morgan.Roth@mail.house.gov), 302 W. Fifth Street, Suite 201, San Pedro.
    - iii. Mr. Roth answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
  - d. **Mayor's Office** Manny Lopez – Not present
  - e. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications
    - i. Not present, but sent a brief report.
    - ii. Superintendent Downing received the board's letter of support for the proposed Magnet school at the Christensen Science Center.
  - f. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmanovich – Not present
  - g. **Assembly Member O'Donnell** Sarah Patterson, San Pedro Field Representative – Not present
8. **President's Report** – Mona Sutton
- a. Support of San Pedro Waterfront Arts District for "Gaffey Murals" (Painting of 4-5 murals along Gaffey Street) in the amount of \$10,000. Permanently tabled.
  - b. Motion to appoint Frank Anderson as new Port Committee Chair.  
**Motion by Christian Guzman to appoint Frank Anderson as new Port Committee Chair, seconded Allyson Vought, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).**

- c. Appointment of PBID Ambassador. Motion by **Joanne Rallo** to appoint Christian Guzman as PBID Ambassador, seconded **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield**, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).
- d. President Sutton made the following comments as transcribed by board member Michael Koth.

*We are going to move on to the president's report (she then passes out paper copies of a Don Galaz Facebook post)*

*and stakeholders, for those of you who don't know what the presidents report is, it's the presidents time to connect with stakeholders, connect with the boards, say some words, and, at this time I want to tell you that unfortunately, stakeholders you're gonna see, for those of you who don't know me um and don't know why I stepped up and (inaudible) to want to be on the neighborhood council board and just briefly that reason why was to bring um my sticktoitiveness, my wanting to have a better San Pedro, me wanting to work hard and respect the neighborhood council uh board for what we can bring forth as an entity, that listens to constituents and that brings forth um uh you know to our elected officials, ideas, brings forth the stakeholders, all their troubles and anything that we can hear about, as other stakeholders. This is not a paid position and I stepped up and in so I wanted to bring my respectful my dignity uh for those of you who do not know, I've been a community activist for many many years on a lot of subjects served on a lot of boards and frankly what I have before you and what I certainly want to say is you're going to see a side of me that never has to see the light of day, typically, however I've been put into a position recently and I have to make some really strong comments this evening during my presidents report.*

*And here goes everybody...after a very contentious finance committee meeting I was approached uh by Danielle Sandoval stating that somebody from the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council specifically uh uh a board member of that Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council had seen a female from our board, from this board, tearing down Vice President Donald Galaz's candidate signs running for neighborhood council as well as the signs for uh Caney Arnold. and that further inferred that this board member from Coastal had witnessed it, had seen uh a car chase had ensued through several several lights and this female from the Central board uh was absolutely seen doing it. That's what was brought forth to me. The further inference was that...it was me...that did it. My comment was, "You must be kidding" and the further inference was well if it wasn't me than whom. My second comment was, "Certainly not my wife Leslie Jones that's been out of town for uh a number of weeks, I'm sorry...didn't happen" and then we went through as to what other female board members it could've been. Certainly not Joanne Rallo, certainly not Debbie Rouser and of course leaving Allyson Vought. And I'll tell you my consternation over hearing it, I have never been more insulted, let alone I feel more disrespected. and I certainly respected uh Danielle by bringing it forth to me. My shocking consternation goes to a level one which hurts me personally and it's uh absolutely uh unbelievable and very demeaning. Now further...any of you would like a copy, further later on in the evening, Donald was president, present, at this finance meeting and unbeknownst to me I get home and get a phone call that it is posted on Mr Galaz's Facebook, of all things...Im not the only...and here's what it is...(reading Don Galaz's FB post) I'm not the only poster or sign being torn down and thrown away...running has brought out people's true colors. Don't look now but the person you may be sitting next to in a neighborhood council meeting or at a beach clean up could be easing a cutco knife in your back while asking for a neighborhood purpose grant"...on the internet. So the direct inference... to me...to me. Excuse me, (hits gavel) Karen...I'm speaking. I'll tell you I've never not just been more insulted but I also feel that, and I'm certainly, excuse me Karen, I'll call (hits gavel) point of order on you maam and that's your first warning...okay? Let me finish and I won't be long winded but, I'm not a victim, I'm not a victim mentality but I'll tell you, these type of allegations, this is a crime, this is a felony, and I have been directly accused by wrong, of wrongdoing. I'm outraged at a new level of disrespect that I've been dealt by a fellow board member and frankly I have uh this is new to me in my life. Let alone to my reputation for what I stand for and everything in between and all the hard work on every committee and in every area that I've tried to be the best doer and given until it's hurt for San Pedro with no personal agenda (inaudible) my board members and my stakeholders. I'll tell you as my hands are shaking, I couldn't be more offended, more upset, more outraged, my character has been put up for slander, it is still currently uh on the internet and on so many levels the des, the level of disrespect I believe that this is uh uh a very egregious and dis-dispicable thing. For a member of a neighborhood council board to do that to any other*

neighborhood council board or stakeholder or certainly um you know or certainly me...so I will tell you I am disheartened, I'm displeased to be accused of a felony and I am also displeased that the level of disrespect has come to the feet and before our stakeholders on the internet and once again it is a very unfortunate thing that we are having to endure as a neighborhood council board that is here to represent and show each other respect and further trying to work together this is not uh uh as you can see this is not the best for comaraderie by any means and it's certainly not productive for us, this kind of behavior for us to move forward as a neighborhood council board. So I'll tell you sir that I'm uh greatly disappointed and frankly this is uh this is content conduct unbecoming and and and not only that but I'll tell you with this level of misconduct of what you have uh what you have done, frankly I would like to call for you to to really reflect and I also like you to reflect on the disrespect and I'd like to call for your resignation because because of what you've done.

Recess call at 7:45 pm. Meeting called back to order at approximately 8:00 pm.

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

- a. Review Letter of Support of Skate Park at Channel and Gibson.

**INSERT LETTER OR LINK HERE**

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), 1 not yet present (Guerrero) and 1 out of room (Sandoval).

- b. Announcement of new chair and appointment of committee members. Allyson Vought is the new chair.

10. **Marijuana Regulatory Framework Ad Hoc Committee Report** – Matt Garland, Chair

- a. Discuss and approve CIS regarding billboard advertising for marijuana.

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to table the motion, seconded **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), 1 not yet present (Guerrero) and 1 out of room (Sandoval).

- b. Discuss and approve thank you letters to Ports O' Call Restaurant, our panel speakers, and Weed Maps regarding their participation in our town hall.

*On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council ad hoc committee on marijuana regulatory framework. Thank you for your generosity and participation in the CeSPNC/CSPNC Marijuana Town Hall Forum. Your Contribution has made a positive impact on our community*

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to and approve thank you letters to Ports O'Call Restaurant, our panel speakers, and Weed Maps regarding their participation in our town hall, seconded **Aiden Garcia-Sheffield**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), 1 not yet present (Guerrero) and 1 out of room (Sandoval).

- c. Donald Galaz commented that the Marijuana Town Hall Forum was held on Ash Wednesday and they had no complaints.  
d. Mr. Garland commented that the Marijuana Town Hall Forum went well and had about 100 attendees.

11. **Outreach and Communication Committee Report** - Joanne Rallo, Chair

- a. Motion to approve "Coffee with Central NC" (Meet/Greet) on April 29 at a location to be determined, to include light refreshments, coffee and tea, not to exceed \$300.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), 1 not yet present (Guerrero) and 1 out of room (Sandoval).

- b. Ms. Rallo read the following statement: The following is a joint statement from the CeSPNC committee chairs Joanne Rallo for Outreach and Danielle Sandoval for Finance. The joint Outreach and Finance committee meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of the month, due to Valentine's Day, when our normal board meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, the monthly board meeting was then rescheduled to fall on the third Tuesday of the

month, normally when our committees would meet as agreed at our neighborhood council board retreat held on November 5, 2016. Because of this move and due to the committee chairs, who have very occupied schedules with their civilian jobs, as well as other meetings they attend for related community reasons they pushed the new date to February 27<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the agenda was submitted to Kristina slightly under 72 hours, and because she was not working on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>, the meeting would have then needed to become a special, or emergency meeting, for giving less than 24 hours notice. The committee chairs thought it would be in the best interest to give the stakeholders ample notice due to the amount of neighborhood purpose grants (NPGs) on the agenda. The next proposed date was March 2<sup>nd</sup>, but then we decided not too due to First Thursday and prior requests have been made over the past couple of years to not have the meeting on First Thursday. So, then we decided on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, which falls on a Friday. We thought this was the only opportunity, because normally our agenda meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of the month making that March 7<sup>th</sup>, and because of my schedule working late on the 6<sup>th</sup>, it seemed like March 3<sup>rd</sup> was the only option alive. It wasn't until after our agenda was revised on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, that we learned the agenda meeting was pushed back even further to the 9<sup>th</sup>. Had we known that in advance, it would have given us another day or two that did not fall on a Friday to have our meeting. Deciding to have the meeting on Friday had nothing to do with religion. In fact, in the process of deciding when to have the meeting, religious days didn't even cross our mind. The committee chairs were disrespected, degraded, demonized, and harassed, by not only other neighborhood council members in San Pedro, and San Pedro stakeholders on social media, text, and emails. We are not of Jewish faith and therefore do not know when those certain days that should be observed are. With February having a short month to begin with, and everything pushed back a week due to Valentine's Day, we only had so many days to choose from, which you can see listed above, was bound to upset someone, somehow.

**12. Finance Committee Report** – Danielle Sandoval, Treasurer

- a. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and Monthly Bank Statement. **Motion by Alexander Hall to approve the approve February 2017 MER and Monthly Bank Statement, seconded Christian Guzman, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Guerrero and Sutton).**
- b. Board member reimbursements: Frank Anderson \$26.51 for Dry Goods; Forks, Plates, Water. **Motion by Frank Anderson to approve reimbursement of Frank Anderson \$26.51 for dry goods, seconded Christian Guzman, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Garcia-Sheffield, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).**
- c. Approval of Budget Adjustments for CeSPNC Fiscal Year 2016-2017:
  - i. Move \$5000 from line item Community Improvement projects to Neighborhood Purpose Grant line Item. **Motion committee, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 4 abstention(s) (Collins, Garcia-Sheffield, Sutton and Vought).**
  - ii. Move \$1500 from Operations Category line item Transcription & Translation to Neighborhood Purpose Grant. **Motion by Michael Koth to approve moving \$1500 from Operations Category line item Transcription & Translation to Neighborhood Purpose Grant, seconded Joanne Rallo, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 3 abstention(s) (Garcia-Sheffield, Sutton and Vought).**
  - iii. Move \$1000 from Outreach Category line item Newsletter to Category Operations line item Audio & Visual Service. **Motion by Alexander Hall to approve moving \$1000 from Outreach Category line item Newsletter to Category Operations line item Audio & Visual Service, seconded Christian Guzman, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Garcia-Sheffield and Sutton).**
- d. Approval of Budget Adjustments for CeSPNC Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

Motion by **Christian Guzman** to approve voting on each item separately, seconded **Michael Collings**, and passed with 10 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Sandoval), 4 noes (Anderson, Garcia-Sheffield, Jones and Vought), and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

- i. Clean San Pedro in the amount of \$2500 to continue regular “Clean ups and Graffiti Abatement”. Motion from committee, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Sandoval), 2 noes (Jones and Vought), and 2 abstention(s) (Garcia-Sheffield and Sutton).
- ii. Library foundation of Los Angeles in the amount of \$1000 for the “Summer at the Library” Program. Motion from committee, passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Sandoval), 2 no (Hall and Vought), and 3 abstention(s) (Garcia-Sheffield, Jones, and Sutton).
- iii. San Pedro Art Association in the amount of \$1500 for the "2017 Harbor-Wide All-Grades Student Art Competition". Motion from committee, passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Koth, Rallo, Stammreich, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 4 abstention(s) (Garcia-Sheffield, Jones, Sutton, and Vought).

13. **Sustainability Committee** Christian Guzman

- a. The board received a response to their letter to Metro. They replied that they plan to convert busses in the Harbor Area, but not for many years. To report excessive exhaust call 213 922-6235 or email Anthony Roman [romanan@metro.net](mailto:romanan@metro.net).
- b. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the municipal building.

14. **Business Committee** – Michael Koth, Chair – Left early

15. **Election Committee Report** – Danielle Sandoval

- a. Update on Status of On-Line Voting for Neighborhood Councils – No report

16. **Homelessness Committee Report** – Danielle Sandoval

- a. Update on Homelessness Liaison Meeting in LAPD on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – No report

17. **LGBT Ad Hoc Committee Report** – Aiden Garcia-Sheffield, Chair – Left early

18. **Port Relations Committee Report** – Frank Anderson, Chair – No report

19. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee** – John Stammreich

- a. Mr. Stammreich commented that for clarification, Section 3, Article 7, the committee creation authorization, ‘*committee chairs, selected by the committee, unless otherwise described*’. So as long as the committee has selected a chair, and if at each meeting, a majority of the committee members feel that we want a new chair, there is nothing in the bylaws that prevents that.

20. **Reports from Board Liaisons:**

- a. **Budget Advocates** – Danielle Sandoval – Postponed due to time constraints
  - i. Report on Regional Budget Day held Feb. 25.
  - ii. Report from Meeting with the Mayor March 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Motion to support the Budget Advocates White paper.
  - iv. Update on Budget Advocates recommendations on Marijuana City Tax revenues.
  - v. For more information on Budget Advocates please go to <http://ncbala.com>.
- b. **Government Relations** – Danielle Sandoval – Postponed due to time constraints
- c. **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC)** – Frank Anderson
  - i. Some of the items discussed at the last meeting were as follows:
    - i. Encourage people to use 311 and the MyLA311 app.
    - ii. Neighborhood Council monthly profiles
    - iii. The mitigation letter passed and was sent to Councilman Buscaino
    - iv. At the next meeting, they will have a presentation in support of the Project Street Legal, for a supervised, controlled raceway for street legal vehicles in the Harbor Area.
- d. **DONE Report** – Octoviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- i. Mr. Rios gave an overview of how boards can be, and need to be, transparent.
  - ii. On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm there will be funding training at Kaiser.
  - iii. There will be a bylaws workshop, on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at Kaiser.
- e. **City Clerk's Office** – Danielle Sandoval – Postponed due to time constraints
- f. **PBID** – Michael Koth – Left early
- g. **San Pedro Chamber** – Christian Guzman
  - i. Today the Chamber had a meeting with the new Executive Director of the Planning Department.
  - ii. Next Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, they are having a free networking dinner on restaurant business.

21. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm. The next scheduled meeting is April 11, 2017.

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