



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, April 18, 2017

San Pedro Regional Library, 931 South Gaffey 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 13 Board Members). Approximately 40 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Frank Anderson	Present
Terry Bonich	Present
Michael Collins	Present
James Dimon	Resigned
Donald Galaz	Present
Aiden Garcia-Sheffield	Excused
Jose Guerrero	Present arrived 6:15 pm
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Michael Koth	Present
Joanne Rallo	Present (Resigned)
Debbie Rouser	Absent
Danielle Sandoval	Present
John Stammreich	Resigned
Mona Sutton	Present
Allyson Vought	Present arrived 6.05 pm

2. **Opening Remarks, Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Recognitions** – Mona Sutton – None
3. **Approval of March 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion** by **Michael Collins** to amend the March 14, 2017 meeting minutes to include Board Member Michael Koth's transcription under President's Report, seconded **Michael Koth**, and passed with 8 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Koth, Rallo, and Sandoval), 4 noes (Anderson, Hall, Jones, and Vought), and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

**Motion** by **Christian Guzman** approve the March 14, 2017 meeting minutes as amended, seconded **Frank Anderson**, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, and Sandoval), 1 no (Vought), and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
4. **Announcements:**
  - a. Board member Christian Guzman announced that on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Wilmington is hosting the Los Angeles Peoples Climate March.
  - b. Board member Allyson Vought, the City of Los Angeles has an [interactive map](#) for the Vision Zero project that give statistics about traffic related deaths in Los Angeles. Also Bike Share is coming to the San Pedro and Wilmington waterfront.

## 5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Maria Couch commented that at the last Land Use committee meeting she attended, she thought they agreed that the meetings would be at 6:00pm not 4:00 pm, however, the last meeting was at 4:00 pm.
- b. Maria Couch also commented that the Principal at Barton Hill Elementary school moved the date of the BBQ to the end of the school year instead of in April. She wanted to thank the Board for their support of the BBQ.
- c. Allen Franz commented that on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the [White Point Nature Preserve](#) is having a volunteer service day starting at 9:00 am for Earth Day. For more information please go to the website.
- d. Rudy Caseres commented that Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council is having their selection on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Cetacean Society Building, in Point Fermin Park, he is running and would like people to come and vote for him.
- e. Mike Collins read from a prepared statement, and provided a copy for the record, the following:

*I can't believe its come to this.*

*I didn't run for a neighborhood council position for the fame, or for any political aspirations. I don't want Joe Buscaino's job, I'm not trying to climb any ladders.*

*I simply ran to be a voice for the community.*

*If the community was for something that I was against I would state my position and listen to theirs.*

*If we disagreed I would vote as they wished.*

*I have no hidden agenda. I have no personal cause.*

*What I have come to realize is that this is not the case with everyone else on my team, and I use that term loosely. We used to be a team but not anymore.*

*What seems to have happened is that power has consumed certain people. Being the President or being a committee chair is an honor and a privilege not a right.*

*The problems that we are experiencing now go way deeper than a community project or an NPG.*

*The problems that we are experiencing now are new and in my opinion due to the addition of Aiden to our board.*

*I voted for Aiden. I actually liked Aiden, a lot when I first met him. Then I got to watch him and see his game.*

*He reached out to me to promote his barber shop asking me "hey Mike you know a lot of people" would you mind spreading the word, and I did, multiple times.*

*He then reached out to me and asked for my help with a construction and city building dept. problem he was having at his home. I made phone calls and helped him again.*

*I sat next to him at council meetings and we got along fine. He then moved to the other side of our table.*

*Then one meeting my normal spot to sit was moved by Mona. She said I was talking about her and making fun of her behind her back. I never did. She told me to sit on the other side, I said no I like where I sit, her response was "you don't want to sit next to Aiden?" Really? Why did she make it an Aiden thing? Maybe that's why he unfriended me on Facebook, or maybe because he had already used me for what he needed as far as his barber shop and construction issues. I don't know?*

*Then I witnessed him disrespect Clean San Pedro and Steve Kleinjen. He called him out saying that they were delinquent in filing with the office of the attorney general of the State of California. He wanted to table the motion. When it was time to vote on tabling it he abstained, Why? He clearly spoke against it and suggested we table it then refused to vote against it. This is called a trouble maker, but one who doesn't want to go on record voting against.*

*I've watched him ask our congresswoman's representative to reference the issue with the airlines hiring foreign employees and tell her that he is on the Government Affairs Division for Flight Attendants. This has nothing to do with neighborhood council and is purely a personal agenda.*

*I've watched him make fun of a stakeholder at an agenda setting meeting calling her out asking if she could even spell a word she had just used. When asked if that is why he joined the council was to make fun of stakeholders he just sat there, no apology.*

*He has caused more division in a few months than anyone can imagine.*

*And for the record I will repeat that I liked Aiden very much when I first met him. Supported him and his business. I voted for the LGBT committee.*

*As for our leadership, there is none. Mona hasn't lead one meeting. John has lead them all.*

*I want you to know that I loved Mona my children love Mona. I am sad.*

*Mona has done several things that have made me uncomfortable.*

*She called me and asked me to vote for Aiden and not Maria or Cesar when there was an open seat on our board. And for the record the reason I voted for Aiden was because he showed up to our meeting (board retreat) and spoke to us and the others didn't, and I liked him at the time.*

*She spoke bad about Don and Danielle to me. A leader doesn't do that. She referred to Maria and Cesar and RSP residents as "those people". This made me very uncomfortable.*

*Mona hasn't followed our bylaws as far as running our meetings, it has been a free for all. One example is the manner in which items are discussed, our bylaws lay out a specific routine to follow, it never is followed.*

*Mona aired her dirty laundry at our meeting.*

*We got upset and wanted to remove her as President.*

*Why is it such an issue with DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)?*

*Why can't it be on the agenda?*

*Why can't it even make the minutes?*

*Why is it such a secret?*

*Something is wrong here. Something is very wrong.*

*Mona why do you want to be President when the board doesn't want you to be?*

*I have heard from multiple people in town that you have said, We can't vote you off (and you're an elected official).*

*And bring it On?*

*Well ok I'll bring it on, Will you step down as President if a majority of the board doesn't want you as President?*

- f. Joanne Rallo read from a prepared statement, and did not provided a copy for the record, she made comments related to her dissatisfaction with the current state of the board. At the culmination of her comments she expressed her desire to resign at the time.
- g. Linda Alexander commented that she is distressed about the personal, and public, nature of the prior two commenters.
- h. Mike Collins commented on Linda Alexander's comment.
- i. Maria Couch commented about President Sutton's comments during the President's report from the March meeting and issues related to Rancho San Pedro.
- j. Mike Koth made comments regarding President Sutton similar to other commenters. He submitted the transcript of his comments for the record:

Well I think there was a famous quote that says, "The buck stops here" and uh it couldn't be more true. When we voted for president I was the deciding vote and I voted for you Mona because I told you I would vote for you and I kept my word. Um, I haven't felt like you have kept your word since then and I was one of the 9 that wanted to remove you as president. And the main reason was back when we were replacing Tunette Powell and you came to me to talk to me about Aiden. and you campaigned for him which was fine, I had no problem with that and I sat down and talked to you. But you spent more time speaking badly of Don, Jose and Danielle than you did about telling me why Aiden should be on the board. And you told that we needed Aiden to keep the numbers in our favor. I spent November and December thinking about whether I wanted to stay on the board because of that. I thought that that was just not worthy of being a president to go ahead and do that and bad mouth other uh board members to another board member. I decided not to and then last meeting your speech where you brought a

personal item to the board and spent 10 15 minutes and I'm watching that whole thing get covered up...I don't know what's going on here anymore. I really don't. I don't know why you're being protected for whatever reason, why a whole 10 15 minute speech is completely omitted from the minutes, Sheryl never misses anything, she's got everything on there and that was like "poof" gone. And I'm like, "why?" So, you're the reason Mona that this board is split because you did it behind everybody's back and it's very disappointing to me because I voted for you and I had faith in you and I lost that.

- k. Danielle Sandoval commented that she is alarmed by DONE's (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) stepping in to change the board's agendas, minutes, and bylaws. She fears that if DONE is continued to be allowed to step in and change the Neighborhood Council's policies, it sets a dangerous precedent.
- l. Danielle Sandoval commented that DONE has a procedure in place to hear grievances. Stakeholders can [file a grievance](#) related to neighborhood councils and/or board members.

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

- a. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) and Monthly Bank Statement. **Motion by Christian Guzman** approve the March MER and bank statement, seconded **Frank Anderson**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- b. Approval of Budget Adjustments for CeSPNC Fiscal Year 2016-2017. No new budget adjustments were made.
- c. Review and Approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Music by the Sea \$1,000. **Motion from committee**, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- d. Approve of an amount not to exceed \$700 for the purchase of clear storage bins, shelving and a padlock for the new CeSPNC storage unit. **Motion from committee**, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- e. Reimbursement to Frank Anderson in the amount of \$54.11 for replenishment of plates, utensils and water for Stakeholders Meeting. **Motion by Alexander Hall** approve reimbursement to Frank Anderson in the amount of \$54.11 for replenishment of plates, utensils and water for Stakeholder meetings, seconded **Jose Guerrero**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

**Motion by Danielle Sandoval** to address the financial items in Outreach (12.a. – e.) at this point in the meeting, seconded **Jose Guerrero**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm due to lack of a quorum. All other items deferred.

**7. Public Safety Reports:**

- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua**
- b. **LAFD Chef Palacios**
- c. **LA Port Police Stacey Creech**

**8. Reports from Public Officials/Representatives:**

- a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office** – San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson
- b. **County Supervisor's Office** Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez
- c. **Congresswoman Barragan Office** – Field Representative, Morgan Roth
- d. **Mayor's Office** Manny Lopez
- e. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications
- f. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich
- g. **Assembly Member O'Donnell** Sarah Patterson, San Pedro Field Representative
- h. **Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate** Danielle Sandoval
  - i. Motion to support Budget Advocates White Paper and Filing of Community Impact Statement on Council File 17-0600.
  - ii. For more information on Budget Advocates please go to <http://ncbala.com>.

9. Announcement of board seat vacancy due to resignation of James Dimon from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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

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

- a. Motion to submit letter of support for Water Taxi Service.
- b. Letter to Council District 15 Re: Parking Situation in our district to include exploring residential parking permits and opening up city parking lots to residents.
- c. Motion to approve letter Re: 456-462 9<sup>th</sup> Street City parking lot.

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

- a. Motion to approve tablet and accessories not to exceed \$1,000 in order to replace the two outdated lap tops.  
**Motion by Alexander Hall** approve purchasing audio video equipment (video camera) and a laptop computer instead of a tablet, seconded **Michael Koth**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).  
**Motion** from committee as amended, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- b. Update on the edits to the Central SPNC Tri-fold Brochure as approved through committee. Item tabled as recent resignations have caused the information to change again.
- c. Motion to return old Central SPNC equipment back to city to include 2 laptops, webcam, go pro.  
**Motion** from committee as amended, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- d. Motion to approve participation in the Barton Hill Community Barbecue at an amount not to exceed \$500 for hot dogs and condiments.  
**Motion** from committee as amended, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- e. Motion for the Central San Pedro NC to have a booth at the Shred Fest Skate Event.  
**Motion** from committee as amended, passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

13. **Sustainability Committee** Christian Guzman

- a. Resolution to support a human health and safety buffer of 2,500 feet from fossil fuel extraction in Los Angeles. Authorization to submit a community impact statement on an ordinance if it is introduced by the Los Angeles City Council. (Passed in committee 3 yes [Anderson, Pinon, Guzman] and one abstention [Roberson])
- b. Resolution to support a Legal and Land Use Analysis that determines the feasibility of a human health and safety buffer of 2,500 feet from fossil fuel extraction. Authorization to submit a community impact statement on such a study if it is authorized by the Los Angeles City Council. (Passed in committee 3 yes [Anderson, Pinon, Guzman] and one abstention [Roberson]).

14. **Business Committee** – Michael Koth, Chair – Not present

- a. Updated on Proposed Outdoor Dining Petition.

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

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

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

- a. Motion to hold an event for Mental Health Awareness.
- b. Homelessness Liaison report

18. **LGBT Ad Hoc Committee Report** – Aiden Garcia-Sheffield, Chair

19. **Port Relations Committee Report** – Frank Anderson, Chair

20. **Public Safety Committee Report** – Terry Bonich, Chair

21. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee** – John Stammreich – Not present

a. Grievance #73

22. **Reports from Board Liaisons:**

a. **Government Relations** – Danielle Sandoval

b. **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC)** – Frank Anderson

c. **DONE Reports** – Danielle Sandoval

d. **City Clerk's Office** – Danielle Sandoval

e. **PBID** – Christian Guzman

f. **San Pedro Chamber** – Christian Guzman

23. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is May 8, 2017.

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