



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, December 12, 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 6:38 pm, by President Christian Guzman. There was a quorum with 13 Board Members, and approximately 35 stakeholders present.

| Board Members | Roll Call/Attendance |
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| James Allen | Present |
| Frank Anderson | Present |
| Rachel Bruhnke | Present |
| Louis Caravella | Present at 6:50 pm |
| Jane Castillo | Present |
| Maria Couch | Present |
| Brian Dolansky | Resigned |
| Donald Galaz | Absent |
| Matt Garland | Present |
| Jose Guerrero | Present |
| Christian Guzman | Present |
| Alexander Hall | Excused |
| Ryan Hemphill | Seated |
| William Marmolejo | Present at 6:42 pm |
| Claricza Ortiz | Present |
| Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu | Present |
| Danielle Sandoval | Excused |

2. **Opening Remarks from the Chair** – Christian Guzman welcomed everyone and reviewed protocol for public comment.
3. **Possible appointment of one new board member to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council**
 - a. Candidate Ryan Hemphill gave a brief statement and answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
Motion by **Maria Couch** to elected candidate Ryan Hemphill, seconded by **Claricza Ortiz**, and passed with 7 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Garland, Marmolejo, and Obioma-Sakhu), 0 no, 4 abstentions (Couch, Guerrero, Guzman, and Ortiz), and 1 not yet present (Caravella).
4. **Ceremonial distribution of CeSPNC canteens to board members and stakeholders** – Students from Port of Los Angeles High School distributed the canteens.
5. **Reports from Public Officials/Representatives**
 - a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua** – Unable to attend
 - b. **Assembly Member O'Donnell Sarah Patterson**, San Pedro Field Representative
 - i. Ms. Patterson provided a brief legislative update.
 - ii. Now is the time to let them know if you have ideas for legislation for the upcoming year.
 - iii. Her contact email is sarah.patterson@asm.ca.gov.

- iv. Ms. Patterson answered questions from board members and stakeholders.
 - c. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** Octoviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate
 - i. Newly seated board members may vote on everything but funding items.
 - ii. Amendments to bylaws are due to the department by April 15, 2018.
 - iii. The Board may appoint two board members to serve as legal liaisons and attend a Legal Liaison round table at Kaiser on January 31, 2018.
 - iv. The Board may appoint two board members to attend Civic U 2.0, priority will be given those that attended Civic U 1.0.
 - v. An inventory of equipment purchased by the council is required to be reported to DONE. The council has not yet completed an inventory and the deadline to do so has passed.
 - d. **County Supervisor's Office** Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez – Not present
 - i. Though Ms. Velazquez was not present, the board received a letter from Supervisor Hahn regarding Net Neutrality. The letter is posted on the [CeSPNC website](#).
 - e. **Budget Advocates** Danielle Sandoval, Region 12 Budget Advocate – Not present
 - i. They have a Facebook page [LABudgetAdvocates](#), and their website is [ncbala.com](#).
 - f. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office** San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson – Not present
 - g. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** Field Representative Morgan Roth – Not present
 - h. **Office of the Mayor** Manny Lopez – Not present
 - i. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications – Not present
 - j. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich – Not present
6. **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils report** – Frank Anderson
- a. Mr. Anderson gave a brief overview of items discussed at the December 6th meeting, including some of the following:
 - b. The lack of training of new board members by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - c. The disconnect between city departments/entities and neighborhood council leadership.
 - d. The Importance of board retreats.
 - e. Budget Advocates Annual Regional Budget Day is on January 20, 2018. They are asking for each neighborhood council to bring their top three community issues.
7. **Report on Christensen Science Magnet School** – Frank Anderson
- a. Mr. Anderson was again appointed the CeSPNC representative for focus group meetings.
 - b. The Los Angeles Unified School District Board approved the concept of the school, but no funding has been allocated.
 - c. Local District Supervisor Downing would like to come to the February meeting to give an update.
8. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
- a. Michael Gatanz asked if 6th street and Grand Avenue is within Central SP NC's boundaries, and commented about an event that occurred there last Saturday.
 - b. Bob Gelfand, announced a meeting of the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance on Saturday. He commented that they feel people are not prepared for a catastrophic event, and that they are trying and popularizing emergency preparedness through neighborhood Councils.
 - c. Tamara King, from the Harbor Community Clinic, commented that in the future they want to request funds from the council for pediatric items for the clinic.
9. **Discussion and possible action on submitting a CIS for council file 17-0330 in favor of the City of Los Angeles divesting from Wells Fargo and creating a public bank**
 Motion by **James Allen** to submit a CIS for council file 17-0330 in favor of the City of Los Angeles divesting from Wells Fargo and creating a public bank, seconded by **Rachel Bruhnke**, and passed with 12 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).
10. **Discussion and possible resolution to file a community impact statement on council file 09-2564-S1, regarding Los Angeles Public Library security**

Motion by **William Marmolejo** to approve a resolution to file a community impact statement on council file 09-2564-S1, regarding Los Angeles Public Library security, seconded by **Jose Guerrero**, and passed with 5 yes (Allen, Anderson, Caravella, Castillo, and Garland), 0 no, and 8 abstentions (Bruhnke, Couch, Guerrero, Guzman, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz).

11. Discussion and possible resolution to file a community impact statement on council file 17-0725-S1 regarding Truck Drivers / Working Conditions/Port of Los Angeles / Denial of Company Access

Motion by **James Allen** to approve a resolution to file a community impact statement on council file 17-0725-S1 regarding Truck Drivers / Working Conditions/Port of Los Angeles / Denial of Company Access, seconded by **Frank Anderson**, and passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 out of room (Guerrero).

12. Presentation from Lime Bike – Not present

13. Outreach Committee Motions and Report – Claricza Ortiz, Chair

a. Motion to approve refreshments and flyers for two Community Bingo events in an amount not to exceed \$291.

Motion by **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu** to approve refreshments and flyers for two Community Bingo events in an amount not to exceed \$291, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 7 yes (Allen, Anderson, Caravella, Couch, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Garland and Guzman), 3 ineligible (Bruhnke, Castillo, and Hemphill), and 1 out of room (Guerrero).

b. Motion to approve flyer language for December Toy Drive.

Motion by **Matt Garland** to approve language for December Toy Drive flyer, seconded by **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu**, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 2 out of room (Allen and Guerrero).

c. Discussion of board member participation and scheduling for outreach events.

14. Consent Calendar Motions

a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for November.

b. Approval of reimbursements to Donald Galaz in an amount not to exceed \$20. Item removed and not considered as it is an error.

c. Approval of reimbursements to Frank Anderson in an amount not to exceed \$20.

d. Approval of minutes from November's Meeting.

Motion by **Maria Couch** to approve items a and c of the consent calendar, seconded by **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu**, and passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Caravella, Couch, Guerrero, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Garland and Guzman), 3 ineligible (Bruhnke, Castillo, and Hemphill), and 1 out of room (Allen).

Motion by **Frank Anderson** to add the October 12, 2017 meeting minutes for approval, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Guzman, Hemphill), and 1 out of room (Allen).

Motion by **Frank Anderson** to approve both the October 12, 2017 and the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Guzman, Hemphill), and 1 out of room (Allen).

15. Discussion and possible adoption of San Pedro Urban Greening Plan or referral with power to act to the Planning Committee

Motion by **Maria Couch** to approve adoption of San Pedro Urban Greening Plan or referral with power to act to the Planning Committee, seconded by **Rachel Bruhnke**, and passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Guzman, Hemphill).

16. Discussion and possible resolution to support the City of Los Angeles taking back control of the land where the Cabrillo Beach Youth Center now exists and to make the land accessible to the public

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council believes that the public would benefit by having access to the Cabrillo Beach youth facility at 3000 Shoshonean Road, San Pedro. Minors from throughout the Harbor Area would especially benefit from the experience of beach camping and boating.

Therefore the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council resolves to support the Cabrillo Beach youth facility being owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles; the Recreation and Parks Department and/or the Harbor Department should manage the facility for the purpose of establishing a public park which would be open and freely available and accessible for the use of all people.

~~*Be it further resolved that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the Mayor, City Council, and other officials to support our position and direct the Harbor Department, or any other relevant department, to negotiate with the Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts, or current lease holder of the Cabrillo Beach youth facility, for the purpose of buying out any remainder of its lease and for the Harbor Department to provide funding for the annual operation and maintenance of the facility.*~~

~~*Be it further resolved that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the Mayor, City Council, and other officials to support our position and direct the Harbor Department, or any other relevant department, to negotiate with the Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts for the purpose of canceling plans for any future lease and for the Harbor Department to provide funding for the annual operation and maintenance of the facility.*~~

Motion by **James Allen** to amend the motion to substitute the above paragraph, seconded by **Frank Anderson**, and passed with 13 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Guzman, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Motion by **James Allen** to approve the motion as amended, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 13 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Guzman, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

17. Discussion and possible resolution to oppose the eviction of Ports O'Call tenants due to the Port of Los Angeles possibly not following proper procedure in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act

Motion by **Khixann Obioma-Sakhu** to refer the issue to the Land Use Planning and Public Works Committee, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Guerrero, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 2 noes (Anderson and Garland), 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 recused (Couch).

18. Discussion and possible adoption of standing rule(s) to govern the allocation of Neighborhood Purpose Grants

NPGs and CIPs shall be considered by the Governing Board on two occasions in the fiscal year, to be decided by the full board.

- i. Applications for Neighborhood Purpose Grants and Community Improvement Projects must be submitted to the website or the Agenda Setting Committee in the format prescribed by the board.*
- ii. Prior to consideration by the board, the Secretary shall review applications for completeness.*
- iii. Applications for Neighborhood Purpose Grants and Community Improvement Projects must be complete before review at a Governing Board Meeting.*

Motion by **Khixann Obioma-Sakhu** to refer the issue to the Finance Committee, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 12 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

19. Motion to approve an amount no more than \$200 for an NPG for Refuge San Pedro Toy Giveaway and to advertise the event – item not considered

20. Discussion and possible approval to award Grand Vision Foundation, a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for their Meet the Music Program in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 – item not considered

21. Board member comment

- a. William Marmolejo commented that at a previous outreach committee meeting they discussed putting together an event to promote free college in the spring.
- b. Matt Garland commented that he found some old signage from an original San Pedro surf shop and wants to find is an appropriate home and that the City Council passed their cannabis ordinance regarding where businesses will be allowed, he provided some maps.
- c. Claricza Ortiz announced the Toy Drive is Saturday, December 16th, at Ray Deeters Tire Town and that there is a food panty in San Pedro open to anyone.
- d. Frank Anderson is in contact with the representatives for the San Pedro High School modernization plan. They would like to present an update on the project at the January meeting.
- e. Maria Couch is working with Rancho San Pedro Housing for CeSPNC to have a seat on the redevelopment panel.

22. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm. The next scheduled meeting is January 9, 2018.

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