



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, November 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 pm, by President Christian Guzman. There was a quorum with 9 Board Members, and approximately 35 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Rachel Bruhnke	Seated
Louis Caravella	Seated
Jane Castillo	Seated
Maria Couch	Present
Brian Dolansky	Seated
Donald Galaz	Excused
Matt Garland	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
William Marmolejo	Present
Claricza Ortiz	Present
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Seated
Danielle Sandoval	Present

2. **Opening Remarks from the Chair** – Christian Guzman welcomed everyone and reviewed protocol for public comment.
3. **Appointment of up to six new board members to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council**
  - a. Each candidate gave a brief statement and answered questions from the board and stakeholders. See above for candidates elected and seated.  
**Motion** by **James Allen** to appoint the elected candidates, seconded by **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).  
**Motion** by **Matt Garland** to elect a Vice President to fill vacancy, seconded by **Danielle Sandoval**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).  
**Matt Garland** nominated **James Allen** to serve as Vice President passed with 7 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Hall, Marmolejo, and Ortiz), 1 no (Sandoval), and 2 abstentions (Guerrero and Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).
4. **Selection of a legal liaison**  
**Alexander Hall** nominated **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu** to serve as legal liaison passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 1

abstention (Guzman), and 5 inelegable (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**5. Selection of a homelessness liaison**

**Alexander Hall** nominated **himself** to serve as homelessness liaison passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 inelegable (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**6. Discussion of a resolution to authorize Claricza Ortiz, Maria Couch, Alexander Hall and Christian Guzman to file community impact statements**

**Motion** by **Danielle Sandoval** to add newly elected Vice President James Allen as a CIS filer, seconded by **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**Motion** by **Danielle Sandoval** to appoint authorized Claricza Ortiz, Maria Couch, Alexander Hall, Christian Guzman, and James Allen to file community impact statements (CIS), seconded by **James Allen**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**7. Reports from Public Officials/Representatives**

- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua**
  - i. Officer Nua gave a brief overview of crime statistics.
  - ii. Office Nua answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **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 to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council website.
  - ii. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from board members and stakeholders.
- c. **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](mailto:sarah.patterson@asm.ca.gov).
  - iv. Ms. Patterson answered questions from board members and stakeholders.
- d. **Budget Advocates** Melanie Labrecque, Region 12 Budget Advocate
  - i. They have been working with the Executive Director of cannabis about producing Cannabis Service Announcements.
  - ii. They have a Facebook page [LABudgetAdvocates](#), and their website is [ncbala.com](#).
- e. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** Octoviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate – Not present
- f. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** Field Representative Morgan Roth – Not present
- g. **County Supervisor's Office** Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez – Not present
- h. **Mayor's Office** 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

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

- a. Michael Gatanz made general comments about the way the chair runs meetings.
- b. Alan Franz from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy announced that the Beauty of Nature film series will be shown on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Warner Grand Theatre, at 4:30 pm.
- c. Amar Depp, community organizer, from Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LANE), they want to bring attention to the exploitation of local truck drivers.
- d. Ziggy Mrkich founder of San Pedro International Film Festival announced they are showing It's a Wonderful Life on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Warner Grand Theatre.

## 9. Land Use, Planning and Public Works Committee Motions and Report

- a. Discussion and possible action on submitting a [Community Impact Statement](#) in opposition to full fee implementation detailed in Council File Council File 09-0969.

*Summary: Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes any significant increase in appeal fees for planning and land use appeals filed by non-applicants.*

*“Full cost recovery” hinders the public and affected property owners to appeal decisions. The Ordinance, as proposed, will have a dampening effect on a governmental duty to provide a fair and impartial system of reviewing decisions accessible to all; not just a privileged few.*

*The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council proposes that a fee structure similar to options two and five of the August 14, 2017, CAO/Planning Report.*

*The Council proposes the following structure:*

*Charge 65 percent of full cost recovery (\$8,800) for applicant appeals. For non-applicant appeals, those living within 500 feet of the project shall qualify for one of the following subsidized fees: 1) \$150 for residents participating in the Department of Water and Power’s (DWP) Lifeline Program; 2) \$677 for residents participating in the DWP Low Income Discount Program; or, 3) 50 percent of full cost recovery (\$6,769). For applicant and nonapplicants living outside of the 500-foot radius, the appeal fee shall be at 85 percent of full cost recovery (\$11,507). To qualify for a Hardship Exemption fee, a resident shall provide a current utility bill for a property within 500-feet of the project site that demonstrates they are enrolled in the DWP Lifeline or DWP Low Income Discount Program.*

*The remainder of the fees for non-applicants should be subsidized by the General Fund.*

**Motion** by **Christian Gusman** to amend the motion to substitute the above motion text for the motion text approved out of committee included in the agenda package, seconded by **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 7 yes (Allen, Anderson, Garland, Guzman, Hall, Marmolejo, and Sandoval), 1 no (Couch), 2 abstentions (Guerrero and Ortiz), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

- b. Discussion and possible approval of a letter to Port of Los Angeles regarding removal of red car tracks.
- c. Discussion and possible approval of a letter regarding Trolley Service to the Park and Ride on Beacon Street.

**Motions** above from committee, as amended, passed with 6 yes (Anderson, Couch, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, and Marmolejo), 0 no, 3 abstentions (Allen, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 1 out of room (Garland), and 5 inelegable (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

## 10. Presentation by the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy

- a. Albert Ramirez announced that on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm at Narbonne High School, they are having a ‘Campaign for the Schools L.A. Students Deserve’ event.
- b. He provided a handout with information about their efforts to reclaim our schools LA.
- c. Mr. Ramirez answered questions form the board and stakeholders.

## 11. Presentation by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance on the Low-Income Weatherization Program – Not present

## 12. Presentation on the San Pedro High School campus modernization project – Not present

## 13. Possible discussion and action to approve a comment letter on San Pedro High School’s campus modernization project – *Item not addressed due to there being no presentation above.*

## 14. Outreach Committee Motions and Report – Claricza Ortiz, Chair

- a. Discussion and Possible action to approve an amount not to exceed \$75 for Community Conversations on the General Plan, hosted by the Los Angeles Planning Department and co-hosted by the Central San Pedro NC.

**Motion** by **Danielle Sandoval** amend the motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$75 to pay Priority One to print flyers in English and Spanish for the November 29<sup>th</sup> Community Conversations on the General Plan, hosted by the Los Angeles Planning Department and co-hosted by the Central San Pedro NC, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen,

Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**Motion** by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve the motion as amended for an amount not to exceed \$75 to pay Priority One to print flyers in English and Spanish for the November 29<sup>th</sup> Community Conversations on the General Plan, hosted by the Los Angeles Planning Department and co-hosted by the Central San Pedro NC, seconded by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

- b. Discussion and possible action to allocate an amount not to exceed \$300 for November Food Drive Event and December Toy Drive Event.
- c. Discussion and possible action to allocate an amount not to exceed \$860 for community peace walk on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Discussion and possible action to allocate an amount not to exceed \$1000 for Winter Wonderland at Harbor Regional Park.

**Motion** by **Alexander Hall** to amend the motion to an amount not to exceed \$600 for Winter Wonderland at Harbor Regional Park, seconded by **William Marmolejo**, and passed with 5 yes (Anderson, Couch, Garland, Hall, and Ortiz), 2 noes (Guerrero and Marmolejo), 0 abstention, 2 Recused (Guzman and Sandoval), 1 out of room (Allen), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**Motion** by **Alexander Hall** to approve the motion as amended for an amount not to exceed \$600 for Winter Wonderland at Harbor Regional Park, seconded by **William Marmolejo**, and passed with 5 yes (Anderson, Couch, Garland, Hall, and Ortiz), 2 noes (Guerrero and Marmolejo), 0 abstention, 2 Recused (Guzman and Sandoval), 1 out of room (Allen), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

- e. Discussion and possible action to participate in the Spirit of San Pedro Holiday Parade in December at the \$1000 level.

**Motions** above from committee, items 14.b., c., and e., passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Allen), 2 Recused (Guzman and Sandoval), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

#### **15. Homelessness Committee** – Alexander Hall

- a. Discussion on a resolution to request that a homelessness shelter be located in Los Angeles Council District 15, which is part of Service Planning Area 8. Resolution to include authorization to file a community impact statement for council file 17-1287. *Item pulled from consideration by chair of committee.*
- b. Discussion on a resolution to oppose Los Angeles council file 17-1121 as is. Resolution to include authorization to file a community impact statement asking for an amendment that makes a pilot program public for other organizations to bid on.

**Motion** from committee passed with 8 yes (Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), 1 out of room (Allen), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

- c. Possible allocation of an amount not to exceed \$100 in snacks for volunteers at the January Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Homeless Count.

**Motion** from committee passed with 8 yes (Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Allen and Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

#### **16. Issues Committee Motions and Report**

Resolved that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts the following as a Standing Rule: The Issues Committee will emphasize its jurisdiction in the following manner: items not under the purview of other committees that are forwarded to it by the board or brought to it by stakeholders, and to a lesser extent items referred or not acted on by other committees, with the approval of committee chairs.

**Motion** from committee passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).



**17. Possible resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles** – to view [motion](#) please go to the Central San Pedro NC website.

**Motion** by **Alexander Hall** to approve resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles, seconded by **James Allen**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**18. Finance Motions**

- a. Discussion and possible approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2017.  
**Motion** by **Maria Couch** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2017, seconded by **James Allen**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).
- b. Discussion and possible approval of reimbursement not to exceed \$10 for Donald Galaz for refreshments.  
**Motion** by **Maria Couch** to approve reimbursement not to exceed \$10 for Donald Galaz for refreshments, seconded by **James Allen**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).
- c. Discussion and possible approval of reimbursement not to exceed \$9 for Frank Anderson for refreshments.  
**Motion** by **Maria Couch** to approve reimbursement not to exceed \$9 for Frank Anderson for refreshments, seconded by **James Allen**, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).
- d. Possible budget adjustments from Operations Budget to the Outreach Budget in an amount not to exceed \$2000. *Item not addressed due to time constraints.*

**19. 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 addressed due to time constraints.*

**20. Discussion and possible action on submitting a Community Impact Statement in support of City Council File 15-0198-S1, regarding adapting to —and controlling — urban heating** – *Item not addressed due to time constraints.*

**21. 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** – *Item not addressed due to time constraints.*

**22. Discussion on not having a Regular Board Meeting in December**

**Motion** by **Alexander Hall** to not have a regular board meeting in December, seconded by **William Marmolego**, and failed with 0 yes, 8 noes (Allen, Anderson, Couch, Garland, Hall, Marmolejo, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 2 abstentions (Guerrero and Guzman), and 5 ineligible (Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Dolansky, and Obioma-Sakhu).

**23. Discussion of a Special Meeting to approve San Pedro Urban Greening Plan or referral with power to act to the Planning Committee** – *Item not addressed due to time constraints.*

**24. Discussion and approval of minutes from October's Special Meeting** – *Item not addressed due to time constraints.*

**25. Board member comment** – None

**26. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm. The next scheduled meeting is December 12, 2017.

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