



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
Monthly Stakeholders Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 6:30pm  
Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 West 5th Street, San Pedro**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by President John Delgado with approximately 30 stakeholders present.

**PRESENT:** Linda Alexander, Frank Anderson, Sue Castillo, John Delgado, Kara McLeod, Raymond Lee Parker, Bill Roberson, Carrie Scoville, Daryl Seybold, Andrew Silber, and Phillip Trigas.

**ABSENT:** Art Almeida, Caroline Brady Sinco, Oliver Buie, and Larry Henderson.

Approval of February 10, 2009 Minutes: Sue Castillo made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting, seconded by Andrew Silber. Passed with unanimous approval.

**President's Message:**

- Report on March 7, 2009 Board Retreat. Retreat was a very interesting and fun meeting. Board members learned a lot. Other comments included that it was good to see short, medium and long term goals; and that it was encouraging to see unity and cohesion with our council board members.
- Comments on appointments to fill two vacant board seats on the CSPNC. Stakeholders were encouraged to consider being appointed to the board.

**Reports from Public Officials:**

**LAPD:**

- Officer Ashcraft filled in for Officer Nua. He commented that San Pedro is getting hit with property crimes, burglary from motor vehicles and from homes. People are not locking their cars with valuables in them. He commented on the LAPD Gang units.
- Raymond Lee Parker asked if the police have any programs for the youth who are being destructive. JIP is the Juvenile Impact Program through the community relations office (the program is similar to boot camp and also the parents are involved.)
- Kara McLeod asked about the officers transferred to Southwest and rumors that our community has new transfers. Officer Ashcraft responded that he has not heard anything to that effect.

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Rosa Arcada):**

- Rosa thanked John Delgado for attending the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting (BONC). Our neighborhood council received a certificate in celebration of our anniversary.
- Regional Budget Day, no one from Central was able to attend. Rosa showed a poster with results of the budget survey based on input from board members in councils throughout the City of Los Angeles. Two reps will meet with the mayor next week. Board members from Central can share their ideas with those reps before they meet with the mayor next Monday. The results of the survey are also on the DONE website. The Mayor's budget will eventually be on line also.
- DONE is requesting that NC's submit successfully completed projects including how much the project cost and the difference it made within the community. DONE will use these

submissions to show the City Council the positive impact of NC's on communities within the city of Los Angeles.

- Upcoming Regional Round Table on ethics and conflict of interest. The city attorney will be handling that class scheduled for Sat April 25<sup>th</sup>. Time and location still to be determined.
- Regional Congress of Neighborhoods will be in May in the Valley area. Doug Epperhart commented on the policy that may penalize board members if they don't take Ethics training.

#### Councilwoman Hahn's Office (Ana Dragin)

- Hahn was re-elected and will be around for another 4 years.
- Increase in parking meter fees. Ana commented that there are 40 free public parking spaces in the Center Street Loft parking lot for people in the downtown area to utilize. The Councilwoman is trying to negotiate new rates for downtown and trying to get permits for employees. Kara McLeod commented that she noticed a spike in people parking away from downtown to avoid the parking fees, which affects the homeowners in that area. Andrew requested that Hahn do everything possible to overturn the raised fees and commented on a Class Action Lawsuit that downtown LA businesses are considering.
- Ponte Vista open house is this Thursday at the Peck Park Auditorium.
- Planning Dept is in the process of upgrading the San Pedro community plan. They had a recent walking tour and have started to have preliminary talks about making 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> a one way street.
- Form 54: Ana brought copies of Hahn's Motion regarding required filing of financial disclosures forms for neighborhood council board members. The councilwoman believes that board members should not be required to disclose any financial information.

#### Mayor's Office (Ricardo Hong):

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Mayor's Day of Service. Ricardo commented on a couple of ideas such as getting downtown businesses together for a one day sale. The Mayor's office will help promote it and provide parking meters incentives. Salvation Army expressed a need to get their building painted. Day of Service could focus on seniors who get neglected. Harbor Towers was approached and they asked if the volunteers and the mayor could serve breakfast. They would like to have 50 or more projects. People in the community can volunteer or be a project captain. The mayors office is raising money for these projects.

#### Port of Los Angeles (Bent Christiansen):

- Knoll Hill: Port's position is that they are not going to weigh in on any decision until the planning process takes its course (LANI and community input).
- All electric trucks are now being built in Harbor City. The first one rolled off a week ago, and the Port has ordered some of these.
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> the Port will start collecting the truck fees as part of clean air action plan. Fees are used to subsidize owner/operators who are buying new trucks to comply with latest pollution standards.
- Hybrid tug boat is now in the Harbor.
- Port has extended the 10% discount for rail to support the Alameda Corridor.
- Downturn in business has affected the port and container count for Feb which was down 18% from last year. Cruise business is down and San Diego is making a play for the cruise ships. The Port's long term construction projects (2 billion dollars over the next few years) will create 6,000 jobs. Projects include: Completing the channel deepening (some more areas to be dredged out this year); Waterfront street improvements and park improvements, re-alignment of Harbor Blvd, these are pieces that will fit into the larger scheme of the Waterfront development.
- Wilmington Waterfront development program has begun.
- Port has new cameras and security systems, 22 million dollar project, up to 800 cameras.

- Port is trying to attract green technology to the port. Next BOHC meeting (can see them online) is on March 19, Banning's Landing in Wilmington at 6pm.
- TWIC (Terminal Workers Identification Card) Program: Bent commented that it will be mandatory to possess a TWIC card in order to enter the Terminal as of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Phill asked about signs.
- Andrew asked if Mr. Zambrano could attend one of our stakeholder's meetings.
- Introduction of Sr. Lead Officer Robert Reynolds of the Port Police. Community relations officer assigned to Terminal Island filling in for Officer Alvarez. Commented on the TWIC program and the UTR (Universal Tractor Unit). He was asked how to get a TWIC card and answered that at the New Dock and Pier S there is a gate look for the TWIC sign.

#### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

- **Andrew Bradley:** Provided handouts related to three programs: 1) Smart RX Prescription Disposal; 2) Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (How to Join a Medicare Drug Plan); and 3) PHRMA (Platform for a Healthy America-Assuring Access to Health Insurance Coverage and Improved Value and Quality).
- **Doug Epperhart:** Commented on the idea of branding San Pedro by involving all three neighborhood councils.
- **Bob Gelfand:** Commented on the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition created about 4 years ago. Chance for NC's to get together to discuss mutual interests. Commented on the types of issues discussed at last meeting (such as parking, loss of rec and parking staffing, recent election).
- **Philip Stout:** He is the Development Director for Beacon House and has attended many Central NC meetings. He introduced himself and commented that he is interested in becoming an Central NC board member.

#### **Financial Report:**

**Kara McLeod made a motion that the board move up the Financial Report and not wait until later in the agenda. The motion was seconded by Andrew Silver. Board voted in favor of the motion.**

Linda Alexander discussed various aspects of the financial report which was included in the agenda packet. She asked that the board approve the following Disencumbrances and Budget Line Adjustments:

##### **Dis-encumbrances –**

- Toberman Legends One on One benefit \$1,000, line 394
- CSPNC unused Pacific Ave Tree Planting funds \$4,900.50, line 301
- Move the funds above to "FY2008/2009 Additional Projects – Other", lines 320/321, with a purpose to be determined.

##### **Budget line adjustments –**

- "Advertisement" \$1,000 (line 107) discontinued from Operations and added to Outreach under "Publicity & Promotion" \$3,000 (line 203) for a new budget line total of \$4,000
- "NC Annual Luncheon/State of the Neighborhood Address" \$3,500 (line 205) discontinued from Outreach and moved to a new Operations category "Board Workshop" (line 107)

**The Finance Committee recommended these changes and made a motion to approve the above. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.** Linda stated that the Finance committee meetings are established at 6:30 on the 3rd Monday of each month at the "Whale and Ale" but could be changed if there is demand. She has \$3500 worth of requests for funding.

### **Consent Calendar:**

Direct our PCAC representative Carrie Scoville to vote as she recommends in support of an Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site Land Use Feasibility Study and a Recreational Boat Ancillary Capacity Study. Unanimous vote in favor of the Consent Calendar.

#### **1. Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site Land Use Feasibility Study**-from the Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee:

*Whereas, the Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee's previously recommended land use changes to the Port of Los Angeles Master Plan have not been adopted by the Port and are currently under review by the subcommittee, and;*

*Whereas, the Port of LA's 40-acre Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site, designated as Planning Area 6 in the proposed amended Port Master Plan is inconsistent with the 2000 Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan that states, "A substantial portion of the Cerritos Channel area of the Port shall continue to be reserved for recreational uses. Approximately 40 acres of land and water are currently developed for marina-related activities, and 40 adjacent acres east of the marina are designated for recreational uses under the Port of Los Angeles Plan, when oil extraction at this location has ceased," and;*

*Whereas, oil extraction equipment on these 40 acres was removed in the 1990's, and; Whereas, the community wishes to develop a master plan for the Wilmington marina/recreational area in order to complete the redevelopment of the Wilmington waterfront, which potentially requires revisions to existing land use classifications.*

**Therefore**, be it resolved, that the Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee moves that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that a land use feasibility study be conducted for the 40-acre Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site to identify uses that are compatible with existing recreational uses, and;

*Be it further recommended that the evaluation include uses proposed in the 1987 Cal Hamilton, Wilmington Harbor Interface Study, the 2006 Cal Poly Wetlands Presentation as well as uses proposed by the Wilmington community and Port Master Plan Subcommittee that include: Boat Yard/Boat Building Facility, Wetlands, Visitor Serving Facilities, Park Space, Golf Course, Botanical Garden, Consolidated Slip Storm Water Treatment Facility, aquaculture (fish hatchery).*

#### **2. Recreational Boat Ancillary Capacity Study**-from the Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee:

*Whereas, according to the Port of Los Angeles website, there are 3935 recreational boat slips in the Port, and;*

*Whereas, there are three boat yards in the Port that service recreational vessels; Colonial Yacht Anchorage, Eddie's Marine and Wilmington Marine Service (Larson's only services vessels over 70 feet), and;*

*Whereas, recreational vessels require a haul out to maintain bottom paint, underwater fittings and/or mechanical apparatuses.*

**Therefore**, be it resolved, that the Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee moves that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that an ancillary study or survey be conducted to determine how much capacity is needed for the 3935 recreational boats moored in the Port of LA in order to comply with Tariff 4, Section 22, Seaworthy Vessel and Vessel Maintenance requirements.

### **Arts & Culture Affairs Committee Report:**

Dan Pasley commented on how well attended the Arts and Culture Affairs Committee meetings have been by board members since November. He talked about our recent Black History event, History in the Making. Dan presented participation awards, and requested additional funding. **A motion was brought forth by the Committee Chair, Dan Pasley, seconded by Sue Castillo, that we approve \$1200 for over budget items and \$600 for framed posters/awards. Motion passed unanimously.** Phill Trigas asked for a video to put on U-Tube.

### **Land Use Planning Report:**

Sue commented on Quimby Funds, and gave a **progress report on the Knoll Hill park-planning process.** **The board voted unanimously in favor of the following two point motion:**

- i) The Port of Los Angeles and Janice Hahn should make the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council a partner to their discussions about a potential land-swap and the disposition of Knoll Hill.**

*ii) Objection to the lack of significant input allowed to Steering Committee Members in LANI's Knoll Hill Park Planning process.*

Discussion on LANI and the public input process. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the last community meeting for Knoll Hill.

**Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) Report:**

Carrie Scoville commented on her written report. She is the chair of the PCAC's Lights, Aesthetic and Noise Subcommittee. Talked about the responses. Refer to written report (available on website, [www.sanpedrocity.org](http://www.sanpedrocity.org)).

**Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area Community Advisory Committee (PC CAC) Report**

(Castillo and Trigas):

- Janice Hahn submitted an idea on the Gaffey Street Pedestrian Bridge but it was rejected by the PC CAC.
- Croatian Cultural Center windows are finally going to be done.
- 7-11 on Pacific was approved and is now going through the design process.
- Harbor Interfaith Project has gone to the review panel.
- Status of the downtown condos (Center Street lofts has 116 units, 93 have sold (81%). Bank lofts have turned into rentals. Two buildings, one on 7<sup>th</sup> Street has 65 unit, 14 leased so far; 8<sup>th</sup> Street has 24 units, 92% leased. The View has just opened up. 316 units, 249 have been pre-sold 79%, 20 have been occupied already. La Salle Lofts under construction 26 units.

**Outreach Committee Report:**

Phill Trigas would like the Newsletter to be ready by end of April. Short discussion on status of Newsletter articles.

**ACE District Report** – no report.

**Board Appointments To Fill Two Vacant Cspnc Board Seats:**

Andrew Silber nominated Phillip Strout, who accepted the nomination. Bill Roberson reviewed the rules. *The board voted unanimously in favor of appointing Phillip Strout as a new Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Member.*

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Castillo, Secretary, with the assistance of Kristina Smith, Neighborhood Council Administrative Assistant.