

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Stakeholder's Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 6:30pm
 Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro
 (Approved by the Central SPNC Board on February 12, 2008)**

1. Meeting called to order by President Joe Gatlin at 6:35 pm. President Joe welcomed those in attendance and talked about the two new businesses in the Central NC area that recently had ribbon cutting ceremonies and were utilized for refreshments for tonight's meeting. Pizza was available from Niko's Pizzeria and dessert from Mishi's Streudel. President Joe also thanked Bent Christiansen and the Port of Los Angeles for the beautiful calendars that were available for those in attendance.
2. Roll Call:

Joe Gatlin	Present
Mayra Perez	Present
Pamela Foster-Newsom	Present
Aphram Khalbourji	Present (6:57pm)
Dan Pasley	Present
Kara McLeod	Present
Isiah Alexander	Present
Larry Henderson	Present
Benetta Johnson	Present (left at 8:59pm)
Carrie Scoville	Present
Oliver Buie	Excused
Daryl Seybold	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Bill Roberson	Present (7:12pm)
John Delgado Jr.	Present
Sue Castillo	Present

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the November 13, 2007 Board and Stakeholder Meeting were reviewed. Minor correction by Sue Castillo (change the word "slant" to "diagonal" on page 2, first line of Item #7). **Kara McLeod made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Sue Castillo. (11 yes votes, 0 no votes). Minutes approved.** Previous minutes on the agenda for approval were tabled until February with a request that the minutes in question be forwarded to all board members before the stakeholder meeting for review.
4. **Presidents Report:** Pres. Joe Gatlin talked about a Calendar of Events created at the beginning of the year so that input for specific events our neighborhood council would like to support can be received from stakeholders and board members. Joe would like to see an Ad hoc committee formed to create such a calendar. Sue suggested that this be handled by the Finance Committee. Joe said that he would prefer an ad hoc committee that gives input to the entire board so that everyone can be part of the process. Joe would like the committee to bring the information to a regular stakeholder meeting. Dan thinks that as we change our by-laws, we need to identify what constitutes a gift and what constitutes outreach. We need to identify what our objectives are and what we want to accomplish with the money we have to distribute. Joe suggested board members and stakeholders email us with their ideas. Benetta would like to see what we spent last year and the year before. So we have a better perspective of what is going on.
5. **Vote in October to Dismiss board member.** President Joe talked briefly on this topic where the city attorney got involved. He would like the board to move forward as we have positive things to do in our community and we need 17 board members to participate. We will be searching for someone to replace that person who would be in office until July. Pres. Joe would like to see the position taken by someone who has been part of the process and knows what is going on. Kara McLeod commented that since elections are coming up it might be a good idea to form a communications committee and give someone the opportunity to work with that committee to better understand how everything works and to get their support. Dan Pasley and stakeholder, Phill Trigas, expressed interest in creating such a committee. Andrew Silber suggested that the board decide on a description of duties so that the person knows what they have to do. The By-laws currently define the Communications/Outreach duties. **Sue Castillo made a motion that this item be placed on the agenda for the**

February stakeholder meeting. Motion seconded by John Delgado. Dan suggested that we hold a Communications committee meeting in January to discuss. Benetta would like to take part. (Stakeholder poll: 14 stakeholders in favor, 0 oppose. Board members: 11 yes vote, 0 no). Andrew agreed to host a Communications Meeting. 6:30pm Jan 22nd at the Whale and Ale.

6. Reports from Public Officials:

- a. **LAPD.** Officer Palares reported on San Pedro crime. There was a dip in crime around New Years. Increase in batteries. Property crimes were down. Significant dip for 2007 specifically gang crimes and crimes as a whole. Downtown business watch continues. New business openings: Port Hole, Crimsin. Things are looking better downtown. Doug Epperhart asked about graffiti and the increase. Because the gang units are doing more arrests, the graffiti is striking back against the police. Hard to catch taggers.
- b. **COUNCIL WOMAN'S OFFICE.** Ana Bozic reported on 1) the RV's parking situation, signs are going to be posted, however, not in January as expected. This issue is going before the city council at the end of the month and signs should be posted in March. 2) Regarding the relinquishment of Gaffey to the City. This issue is still held up in Sacramento. 3) Gaffey Business watch will be meeting next month. The area of 5th and Gaffey currently has the most issues. 4) Graffiti: The councilwoman has found monies and more GAP cars will be available to remove graffiti. 5) There will be an upcoming notice of a San Pedro Safety Peace Gathering. 6) Gaffey Street Improvements Subcommittee will be formed and should be contacting neighborhood councils.
- c. **MAYOR'S OFFICE.** Ricardo Hong welcomed the youth from the San Pedro Youth and Government program. He commented that it has been 2-1/2 years since mayor has been elected. Ricardo passed around a handout. Talked about the Waterfront. End of last year mayor made a point to let the staff know he wants to work on that issue. They are working with the councilwoman's office to push it forward. Kara McLeod asked about the Transit Center. Andrew Silber asked about parking study and synchronized traffic signals. Ana Bozic stated that downtown parking is one of their goals and she will include Andrew in any meetings they have.
- d. **PORT OF LOS ANGELES.** Cpt. Bent Christiansen gave an update on the Waterfront. There are interim improvements being made, some bids went out, construction should start in February, includes the downtown plaza, foot of 6th Street, safer pedestrian crossings and parking area at Sampson Way and 22nd Street, possibly an outlook of some sort near Warehouse No. 1. Should start construction next month. This year the Union Oil tank farm (22nd street landing) will be a 16 acre open space, landscaped area. Fountain at cruise terminal is near completion, should be operational this summer. EIR process is open to the public. Andrew Silber commented that a workshop would be good to show the public the changes to the original plan. Kara McLeod asked Cpt. Christiansen to find out if the EIR plan could become available on the port website. Additional comments from Cpt. Christiansen were to announce the Port's Teen program at 100 W. 5th Street, Monday through Friday; Knoll Hill Construction is on the way; and his final comment that by 2012 plans are to reduce pollution from trucks in the harbor area by 80%. President Joe suggested people send emails to us regarding questions for the Port and we can then ask Bent to respond at a future meeting.
- e. **DONE (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment):** Rosa Arcadia announced a meeting on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30pm at Harbor Gateway Branch Library, 24000 S. Western, Harbor City where board members and stakeholders could meet representatives from the City Clerk's Office who can answer questions about the new Election Issue. Carrie Scoville asked Rosa about New Board Member training and Rosa commented that she will send out another email to decide on dates.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Jeffery Jones from Narbonne High School commented that he was invited by board member Isiah Alexander to see how the neighborhood council works.
- b. Gautam Dutta from New America Foundation. Talked about Instant Runoff Voting.
- c. Domenick Miretti talked about the ILWU Memorial proposing it to be part of the Knoll Hill improvements. Sue Castillo would like to see this as an agenda item with a full presentation in the future.
- d. Carrie Scoville, commented on "Impact 2008", a special conference being held by Cal State Long Beach and their Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies. The event takes place at the Queen Mary on January 16, 2008. The conference relates to innovative maritime

partnerships Advancing Cargo Transport.

8. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.** Joe introduced Camilla Townsend who talked briefly about the Chamber of Commerce and their Business Journal. Camilla thanked the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council for using the Business Journal with a distribution of 12,000 and thanked our support of the Chamber. Comments were also made on the success of the recent Miracle on Mesa event. Andrew Silber moved that we donate \$3,000 to the 2007 Miracle on Mesa event. John Delgado seconded the motion. Kara McLeod voice her concern that we are not adhering to a financial budget. Dan opposed taking any action this evening. Would like to look at the whole financial picture before we make a decision. Would like to see us move forward with something with an identifiable outreach objective. Aphram Khalbourji made comments related to funds available. (18 stakeholders yes, 0 no) (9 yes from board members, 5 opposed, motion passed).
- b. **Motion from By-Laws/Election Committee.** A recommendation was brought forth from the January 7th Meeting of the By-Laws/Election Committee Meeting that the board accept DONE's option No. 3 relating to our upcoming election. The option read as follows: Proceed with elections as currently scheduled under the current process in the Citywide Election Procedures. The Independent Election Administrator will conduct these elections with administrative approval and assistance from DONE. (13 yes votes, 1 opposed, 1 abstained).
- c. **Letter of Protest.** Kara McLeod made a motion that the board send a letter of protest to DONE and the City of Los Angeles protesting an inappropriate time to respond to the request brought forth by the City Council and that the entire procedure and imposition of the city Clerk taking over our election without our permission. (No second needed as motion came from By-Laws/Election Committee). 10 yes votes, 4 no votes (yes votes from John Delgado, Daryl Seybold, Andrew Silber, Dan Pasley, Bill Roberson, Sue Castillo, Kara McLeod, Carrie Scoville, Isiah Alexander, Aphram Khalbourji, no votes by Mayra Perez, Pam Foster, Larry Henderson and Benetta Johnson). Motion passed. Dan Pasley read a possible draft of the letter and Pres. Joe suggested the letter be from the entire board as opposed to just Dan Pasley. Sue suggested we accept the letter as is. Dan stated that he still wanted to polish the letter. Kara suggested we have more than one draft to present it at next meeting. Bill Roberson asked if we could email the draft to board members and it was said that such action would be a violation of the Brown Act. Put on Agenda for next meeting. Joe asked for the letter be ready for the next executive board meeting. Kara, Dan and Joe stated they would create drafts. John Delgado asked if the letter would make any difference. Comments were that we should speak up. Doug Epperhart made comments that he felt it is important to get such a letter on the record. Andrew Silber wanted to be sure that the opinions of the board on the letter of protest would be part of the minutes.
- d. **Mayor's Budget Day.** Our board needs a representative for the February 23rd event. John Delgado volunteered.
- e. **Legends One on One Event at Toberman.** President Joe gave details on this event. Basketball celebrities will be attending. Larry Henderson moved to support the event for \$2500. Seconded by John Delgado. (Stakeholders 7 yes, 3 opposed, 1 abstain). Board vote: 4 yes, 7 no, **motion did not carry.** Dan Pasley made a motion to authorize \$1,000 based on the Finance Committee recommendation, seconded by Andrew Silber. (stakeholders 15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained) (board members: 9 yes, 2 no, 3 abstained). Motion passed for \$1000. Kara McLeod made comments on our procedures in giving money to organizations.
- f. **Beacon House,** Motion by Dan Pasley to approve \$500 for rent/office space. Aphram suggested that we just receive an invoice from Beacon House as office expense. After discussion, Dan Pasley withdrew the motion as no additional approval was needed.
- g. **POLA High School, Central's use of auditorium.** This item was tabled and moved to finance committee meeting.
- h. **Forum at San Pedro High School in February.** This is related to safety. Leaders of the community will be involved, City Attorney office and others. Date not yet determined. We will offer our support in the amount of \$500 through refreshments etc. Kara McLeod asked if there was any other way besides outreach that this could be supported as our Outreach fund is close to depleted. Daryl Seybold made a

motion to support the event in the amount of \$500, second from Isiah Alexander. (Stakeholders 13 yes votes, 2 opposed, 1 abstained. Board members: 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions motion carried).

- i. **Black History Event in Late February at Warner Grand.** John Delgado made a motion to support the event in the amount of \$2500, Larry Henderson seconded the motion. Stakeholders 9 yes, 2 no, 2 abstained. Board members: 6 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions. Motion carried. Comments: Dan Pasley wanted to know who the check goes to and what it is for. Pres. Joe commented that it may not be necessary to spend the entire \$2500. Event is produced by JP Productions. Carrie Scoville supports the event but would like to see a presentation from an organization for these types of requests for money. Sue Castillo does not want to support something until it goes through the finance committee. Kara McLeod would like to know why these items don't come to us sooner. Stakeholder who works in fundraising commented that she is concerned that more detailed proposals aren't presented before they are voted on. Joe Gatlin commented that this is the reason for a full year calendar of events being developed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Pacific Corridor Community Advisory Committee Report:** Andrew Silber talked about Andrew gave report on Pacific corridor Community advisory committee Re: redevelopment. Five year plan has been approved with CRA funds. Streetscape discussions were also started with a display of street lamps, paving improvements, trash cans etc.
- b. **Land Use Committee.** Sue Castillo passed out a letter from Geraldine Knatz in which she offered the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council the opportunity to work with the port in the future planning for Knoll Hill. Outreach in the form of workshops will be coming in the future. Would like the neighborhood council to request that the Port hire a consultant, possibly LANI. Sue Castillo made a Motion to put LANI on the agenda for February and give a presentation. (Recommendation came out of Land Use Committee therefore doesn't need a second). (Stakeholder poll: 16 yes, 0 no) (Board 13 yes, 0 no). Announcement of City of Los Angeles requesting Citywide Needs Assessment (on-line survey) Community Workshop Thursday, Jan 24, 6:30 at Peck Park. Sue asked if there was any interest in have a specific planning committee meeting dealing with traffic issues only. Andrew Silber asked questions about Quimby funds.
- c. **PCAC Report:** Carrie Scoville gave her report. Distributed a handout showing agenda items for next week's meeting. Showed schedule of 17 projects for proposed funding for projects in Wilmington. Gave a more detailed description of the Wilmington projects that the PCAC will be voting on at the next meeting. Talked about \$50 million China Shipping mitigation funds. Gave an excellent description on how the funding works and how the State Lands Commission operates. Andrew Silber made a motion that our council support the recommendations of the PCAC. Daryl Seybold seconded the motion (stakeholder poll 13 yes, 0 no 1 abstain) (Board members, 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain). Next meeting is Tuesday at Crown Plaza. Joe Gatlin made comments about the racial problems (nooses hanging on back of trucks) that have happened at the port that were recently discussed at PCAC.
- d. **Youth Liaison.** Pres. Joe talked about creating an ad hoc committee which would include youth liaisons from our community. Isiah Alexander volunteered to chair such a committee.
- e. **Finance Report.** Aphram Khalbourgi handed out his report. \$50,000 available balance. Finance committee met on Nov. 29th and allocated the \$50,000. Therefore, items voted on today were not included. Pres. Joe explained to those present that many times allocated funds do not necessary get utilized and that money is left for other distribution. Aphram stated that he would like to see an action item for next meeting that we have standard rulings regarding many matters and events. Finance meeting the fourth Thursday 6:30 1121 S. Meyler Street, San Pedro. Agenda item for next meeting that a standing rule be adopted that the Finance committee report will also precede the agendized requests for funding.
- f. Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:48pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant