

Minutes and Report of the Nov 7, 2012 meeting of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Land Use & Public Works Committee

In attendance were: Sue Castillo, Chair, CSPNC President Linda Alexander, Michael Gatanz, Pat Nave, Liz Schindler-Johnson, J.K. Drummond (Director of the Southern California Transit Advocates/SOCATA), and two Harbor College journalism students on a reporting assignment.

1. Public Comments:

- There are issues related to the 110 Freeway express toll lanes that deserve further investigation (J.K. Drummond)
- Our NC has received a petition from residents on Crestwood Avenue pertaining to the condition of their street paving (Ms. Alexander)

2. Ports O'Call redevelopment. Brief review and discussion of a summary on the 2008 Urban Land Institute Report on the redevelopment of Ports O'Call as prepared by Sue Castillo.

Motion adopted: **The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the 2008 Urban Land Institute Report on the redevelopment of Ports O'Call and requests that the Port incorporate this document into their decision-making process.**

4. Regarding the improvement of the Lilyan Fierman Walkway adjacent to the Warner Grand Theater. Liz Schindler-Johnson reported that City Council at the recommendation of Councilman Joe Buscaino authorized funding of approximately \$187,000 for the design and improvement of this historic downtown walkway, and that LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative) will lead the design process under the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. Planning is to commence this Spring.

Motion adopted: **The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Buscaino include representatives of both the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board and the Grand Vision Foundation in the LANI task force that will design the Lilyan Fierman Walkway Improvements.**

5. Regarding the disposition of parking meter poles left standing after the removal of parking meter heads.

Motion adopted: **The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council finds the parking meter poles left standing after the removal of the parking meter heads to be an eyesore and potential hazard, and supports the removal of these. If downtown street parking spaces are ever to be re-metered, this should be done using centralized, multi-station pay station technology.**

3. Comments on the Transit Services section of the draft San Pedro Community Plan.

Motion adopted: **The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council authorizes its Land Use & Public Works Committee to send the following comments and corrections to Section 4.13 of the draft San Pedro Community Plan to the City Planning Department.**

Pg 4.13-9, In the introductory paragraph, include reference to LADOT's DASH Services.

Page 4.13-9, "Metro Transit Routes" corrections:

- Reference to MTA Line 225/226 is out of date and can be omitted.
- MTA Line 445 no longer exists. Refer instead to MTA Line 450 and its route revisions. Line 450 runs from San Pedro to the Harbor Gateway Transit Center (formerly Artesia Transit Center), and only continues to downtown Los Angeles on weekday peak hours.
- MTA Lines 446/447 no longer exist. Refer instead to MTA Line 246. Line 246 only runs between San Pedro and the Harbor Gateway Transit Center.
- MTA Line 550 should be described as running between San Pedro and USC and Exposition Park during peak hours on weekdays, otherwise only to the Harbor Gateway Transit Center.

Page 4.13-10, Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority (PVPTA) corrections:

- Include PVPTA "Green Eastview" Line

Page 4.13-10, Add : "The San Pedro PBID operates a rubber-tired trolley which circulates through the downtown Arts & Entertainment District with a variable schedule.

Page 4.13-11, Table 4.13-1 "Transit Routes".

- In the table heading, substitute "Agency" for "Operator" because many of these lines are contractor-operated rather than Agency operated.
- Revise Line designations as noted above, and include the PVPTA "Green Eastview" Line.
- Check current bus schedules and update the table.

We also request the addition of a section on Intercity Bus Services, which include:

- AMTRAK Thruway Bus Services to LA Union Station, Bakersfield and connections nationwide.
- Airport Bus of Bakersfield and Airport Bus of Santa Barbara, both of which serve San Pedro's Cruise Terminal.

Other transit-related discussion pertained to both Items 3 and 6:

- We are planning to prepare transit information material to be distributed by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council as a public service and outreach tool. We propose to work with the CSPNC Outreach and Finance Committees in this effort.
- We discussed obtaining the assistance of a Marymount Intern in the preparation of this material. See Agenda for potential motion.
- We discussed currently available transit “apps” and the usefulness of these.
- J.K. Drummond noted that good trip planning tools that identify the various San Pedro transit lines can be found on MTA’s website and on the Google Maps function “Get Directions”.
- Bus transit services should be available between downtown San Pedro and San Pedro’s hospital and medical offices on 7th Street.
- Transit Access Cards or TAPs should be available for sale in downtown San Pedro.
- We should support the creation of a San Pedro Transit Center in downtown San Pedro.