STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012
Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

6:00 p.m. Refreshments; 6:30 p.m. Call to Order & Roll Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

2. President’s Report
   a. Appointments:
      i. Appoint Representative to ACE (Arts, Culture & Entertainment) District.
      ii. Appoint Liaison to PBID (San Pedro Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District).
      iii. Appoint Representative to Community Police Advisory Board.

3. Public Safety:
   a. LAPD: Sgt. Plows Presentation (10 min)
   b. Report from Police Community Advisory Committee (Leslie Jones)
   c. Presentation: Presentation on LADOT Safety Signs by Eric Wright (5 min)

4. CD 15 List of Issues: Update from Andrew Silber
   a. Motion to change CD15 ad hoc committee to standing committee (Action Item)
   b. Motion to approve letter to CD 15 regarding signage designation of San Pedro’s Cultural Arts District (James Allen)(Action Item)
   c. Update from CD 15’s Economic Development and Planning Director Alison Becker on various land use issues incl. parking lot maintenance, signage, sidewalk repair, kiosk at plaza park, street tree plan etc. (15 min)

5. Port Committee:
   a. Committee recommendations on comments to be submitted on Port of LA Master Plan. (Action Item)
   b. Presentation of Rancho LPG 12 minute DVD.

6. Reports from Public Officials (Congresswoman’s Office, Mayor’s Office, Port of Los Angeles)

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (see *Note on Page 2)

8. Motion to Support Westchester Town Center Neighborhood Council Re: Health Regulation Changes for Food Trucks (possible action item)

9. Land Use Planning Committee Report (Sue Castillo)
   a. Update on Proposed Gas Station at 311 N. Gaffey
b. **Motion** Re: Letter of support for Off the Vine Wine’s application for new permit for expanded area.

c. **Motion Re: Keep LA Beautiful Grant:** “Central SPNC to authorize the submittal of a grant application to the City of Los Angeles for the “Keep Los Angeles Beautiful” grant opportunity for the installation of a parklet on the west side of Centre Street between 6th & 7th Streets. Furthermore, the Central SPNC shall set aside up to $4,000 as the matching funds needed to receive the grant.”

d. **Motion** to approve change in Committee name from Land Use Planning Committee name to Land Use Planning & Public Works Committee

10. **Finance Committee:**
   a. Approval of monthly expenses (Action Item)
   b. Update on DONE’s Election costs
   c. Motion to assign two signators for the Purchase Card (Action Item)

11. **Outreach Committee Report** (Marcy Abrons)

12. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee):** No action items. No meeting in August.

13. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report** (Allyson Vought)
   a. Update on Neighborhood Prosecutor Issue

14. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) Report** (Linda Alexander)

15. **Approval of Minutes** of July 10, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting (Action Item)

16. **Adjournment.**

*NOTE: (1) Public comments (on non-agenda items) are limited to 3 minutes each. Members of the public are further entitled to speak on any agenda item following the presentation of that item for three minutes. (2) The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council may adopt positions by resolution on any of the above items.

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August 13, 2012

VIA FAX

Honorable Carmen Trutanich
City Attorney
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, 8th Floor, City Hall East
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear City Attorney Trutanich:

It has come to our attention that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council ("Neighborhood Council") is planning to present a 12-minute video regarding our North Gaffey Street terminal at their next meeting on Tuesday, August 14th. While we appreciate the constitutional protections of free speech, the video contains blatantly inaccurate information and portrays a dangerous scenario whereby our facility is shown in the crosshairs of a sniper rifle, outlining the best targets to create the most havoc at our facility. The video has been produced by a group of San Pedro neighborhood activists.

Considering recent national media attention to random "copycat" acts of violence by rogue individuals, we are gravely concerned that such depictions might promote similar breaches of the peace and threats to public safety in our community. Therefore, we hope you would agree that the Neighborhood Council's (a City advisory body) showing of the video, which includes such an inflammatory scenario, is very ill-advised, as the public showing poses a threat to the general public. We also hope you will understand that the safety and welfare of our workforce is of paramount importance, in this regard.

Rancho requests that you instruct your Deputy City Attorney, who staffs the Neighborhood Council, to advise the Neighborhood Council President, Linda Alexander, that removal of the activist’s Rancho LPG video from the Neighborhood Council’s August 14, 2012 Agenda, and any future agenda, is imperative and must occur prior to the video's presentation to the general public.

As the Neighborhood Council meeting and video presentation are scheduled for this upcoming Tuesday evening, prompt action by your Office is respectfully requested. We would be pleased
to provide a copy of the video at your Office's request. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this important matter.

Very Truly Yours,

RANCHO LPG HOLDINGS, LLC

[Signature]

John H. Kyles
Senior Attorney

JK:dms

Cc: Scott Sill, Plains Midstream Canada
    Ronald Conrow, Plains Midstream Canada
August 15, 2012

Mr. Joe Buscaino  
Councilmember, 15th District  
Los Angeles City Council  
638 S. Beacon Street, Suite 552  
San Pedro, CA 90731

Subject: Cultural Arts District Signage

Dear Councilman Buscaino,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is concerned about signage and way finding in our district and we have come to realize that in the City of Los Angeles most, if not all, of the recognized Cultural Arts Districts have designated signs that define the boundaries of these districts. Our San Pedro Arts Culture and Entertainment district does not.

The ACE District Plan was not only approved by the CRA/LA Commission and the DCA Commission, but was funded and approved by the City Council itself. It deserves to have the same kind of official designation that other cultural districts have within the city.

Could you have your staff look into which department of the city handles this sign problem and request that this deficiency be remedied? Also, could your representative communicate with us on the process and timing until it is accomplished? If the department or your staff need any guidance in this matter we stand ready to lend a hand.

Thank you for your continued good work on behalf of the citizens of San Pedro and the entire CD 15. We appreciate your acknowledgment to this correspondence.

James Preston Allen, Vice-President CSPNC  
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board
List of items communicated to Councilman Buscaino from Central San Pedro NC on behalf of the stakeholders & governing board of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council district.

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<td>Can CD15 find &amp; resurrect the Port design plans as presented to CRA CAC by Gordon Teuber?</td>
<td>Auggie Bezmalinovich</td>
<td>(310)732-3506</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ABezmalinovich@portla.org">ABezmalinovich@portla.org</a></td>
<td>Alison &amp; Augie have unearthed the attached document, &amp; the board should review &amp; discuss this starting draft to see if it wants to continue down this path.</td>
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<td>If Land Use Committee compiles a list of violations, then:</td>
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<td>can CD15 communicate to us who is responsible for inspection?</td>
<td>John Larson</td>
<td>(310) 732-4515</td>
<td><a href="mailto:john.larson@lacity.org">john.larson@lacity.org</a></td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>can CD15 host a regular monthly meeting of Land Use committee, w/City of L.A. Dept(s). responsible for enforcement?</td>
<td>Alison Becker, AICP Director, Economic Development &amp; Planning for CD15</td>
<td>(213) 473-7015</td>
<td><a href="mailto:alison.becker@lacity.org">alison.becker@lacity.org</a></td>
<td>&quot;Such meetings are unfortunately not feasible due to the overall staff shortages on the part of City departments, which is likely to get worse following the nature of the budget cuts we anticipate.&quot;</td>
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<td>Replace remaining Norman ad bearing bus benches with new contractor Martin Outdoor Media bus benches - several of these remain at the intersection of Pacific Ave &amp; 7th St, at</td>
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<td>Add: Repair of the alley curb return at 726 S. Pacific (ADA violation in the path of access to a downtown parking lot). Add: Improvement of the bus</td>
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<td>Community-based planning for the future of Ports O'Call: Central SP NC recommends that a community forum be held this summer to take advance public comments on the proposed redevelopment of Ports O'Call, in order to pro-actively prepare this neighborhood council to respond to Port redevelopment actions. This community forum should be sponsored by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, or, the three San Pedro neighborhood councils acting together if it is agreed to do this cooperatively. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has voted to request from the Port inclusion of Central SP NC on the redevelopment planning board.</td>
<td>Need Board help from CSP NC</td>
<td>Request assistance from CD15 to bring Central Sp NC &amp; Port of LA to the table to discuss methods for input of NC thoughts to selection/planning of Ports O'Call redevelopment. As of 7/27/12 this will need integration of many outside bodies to call a forum and to ensyre that their members all attend.</td>
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Extraordinary Meeting of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Port Relations Committee
August 12th 2012 6p.m. at Mishi’s Strudel & Bakery, San Pedro, CA.

Present: Frank Anderson (Chair), Sue Castillo, Alison Vought, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silber.

With regard to the Port of Los Angeles Master Plan update:

a) The Port of Los Angeles has prepared a Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS) for the Port of Los Angeles Master Plan Update, which serves as a long-range plan to establish policies and guidelines for future development within the coastal zone boundary of the Port of Los Angeles. The NOP/IS is to inform agencies and the public that the Port of Los Angeles will be preparing a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the project. A public scoping meeting to receive comments will be held on August 14, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Banning’s Landing Community Center. The 30-day public comment review period ends on August 24, 2012.

The notice of preparation of a program environmental impact report for the port of Los Angeles master plan update is available here: [http://www.portoflosangeles.org/planning/pmp/PMP_NOP_IS_07-2012.pdf](http://www.portoflosangeles.org/planning/pmp/PMP_NOP_IS_07-2012.pdf)
The amended Port of Los Angeles Master Plan (June 2002) is available here: [http://www.portoflosangeles.org/planning/masterplan.asp](http://www.portoflosangeles.org/planning/masterplan.asp)

b) Recommendations for Adoption by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council:

i) As the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is vitally and ardently interested in the outcome of the Port of Los Angeles master plan update, it would urgently request that steps and strategy to arrive at the finished document be accurately and promptly communicated by the Port of Los Angeles to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, on each and every occasion when that communication is appropriate.

A. We ask that Port of Los Angeles master plan update meetings including, but not limited to, scoping meetings, public outreach meetings and community workshops be notified to all Central SP NC board members and Central SP NC Port Relations Committee members in a timely manner by email.

B. We ask that vital meetings relevant to the development of this update be not held between 6p.m. and 10p.m. on evening of the second Tuesday of any month.

C. We ask that PCAC committee members are all notified of meetings, scoping meetings, public outreach meetings and community workshops. (Although three of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Port Relations Committee members [Anderson, Vought, Alexander] attended a Port of Los Angeles Port Master Plan Update Public Workshop on Thursday July 19, 2012 at the Banning’s Landing Community Center in Wilmington, - none of these three received email notice nor a postcard advising of August 14th public scoping meeting).

ii) The following list of relevant items we, (the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council), feel to be vital for inclusion in future planning for the Port of Los Angeles, and we ask that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopt these items as its own, as we feel that they all need to be included in the Port of Los Angeles Master Plan update, on behalf of our stakeholders:

A. Emphasis must be placed on developing and enhancing those sections of waterfront which are designed for use by visitors and local residents, (e.g. Crafted,
USS Iowa, Kaiser Point cruise terminal) e.g., parking issues, marketing, infrastructure, landscaping, mass public transit.

B. **The San Pedro Waterfront needs to be developed as a ‘seamless interface’ with downtown San Pedro in accordance with the vision described by the Urban Land Institute**, SMWM studies, consultant Keith Gurney, the City of L.A. Community Redevelopment Agency, and others. The ULI Study (2002) is available here: 
and (from the Port of Los Angeles):
http://www.portoflosangeles.org/EIR/SPWaterfront/FEIR/1_Introduction.pdf
CRA intentions are here: [http://www.crala.net/internet-site/Projects/Pacific_Corridors/upload/Pacific%20Corridor%20Five%20Year-2.pdf](http://www.crala.net/internet-site/Projects/Pacific_Corridors/upload/Pacific%20Corridor%20Five%20Year-2.pdf)
Further analysis of need for seamless interface is here: [http://fourstory.org/features/story/a-vision-for-san-pedro/](http://fourstory.org/features/story/a-vision-for-san-pedro/)

C. The Red Car or other Port of Los Angeles light rail needs to connect with the Los Angeles Metro passenger rail system which serves downtown Los Angeles and the proximity of Los Angeles International Airport.

D. A water taxi or other means of public water transportation needs to be developed to connect the Port of Los Angeles with other waterfront destinations such as Santa Monica, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, Alamitos Beach.

E. The Red Car project must be developed to interconnect broader areas of San Pedro town and its suburbs.

F. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council would like to see more diversity in the Port of Los Angeles’s economic development plan. Revenues should be diversified beyond relying too heavily on container traffic at the expense of developing other revenueable plans; this will require the Port of Los Angeles to expand the diversity of its economic activities.

G. Truck traffic on city streets must be ameliorated and its impact reduced as a public safety need, an aesthetic need and an environmental need. Alternatives must be found to this problem, (e.g. a dedicated on/off ramp at Westmont and the 110 Freeway).

H. The general public must have more access to the water, (not just to viewing the water from the waterfront), but access to the ocean or to channels. (E.g. beaches, coastal berms, boat launches).

I. The Port must reduce the heat island effect on its land through increased and improved landscaping and alternative surface materials along with other means that the Port identifies and implements.

J. The California Coastal trail needs to be further established and improved throughout Port of Los Angeles property.

K. The impact of night time operations on adjacent communities needs to be abated and reduced, including the impacts of light and noise pollution at night.

L. A bicycle lane system needs to be established between Long Beach and Downtown San Pedro, across Terminal Island.

M. Historical sites, buildings and facilities need to be protected and preserved,
N. Dedicated space must be found for the relocation of hazardous materials including the facilities owned or operated in San Pedro by Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. or PAA Natural Gas Storage, L.P., or by PNGS GP LLC.

O. Nature Preserves and Marine Habitats should be encouraged, developed, expanded and maintained.

P. Landscaping should be instigated and carried out all along Ocean Boulevard, wherever it is within Port of Los Angeles boundaries.

Q. More Port of Los Angeles land must be dedicated to capture and generate electrical power, thereby reducing dependence on the Los Angeles’ grid: A renewable energy-based system must be developed to facilitate the large-scale transmission and storage of solar and wind power.

R. Interface between Port of Los Angeles properties and the adjacent community(ies) should be beautified and landscaped including the undergrounding of utility cables and lines.

S. The Port of Los Angeles must develop a plan which guarantees that continued personal recreational use of the Outer Harbor is not hindered, reduced or curtailed.

T. Industrial land use should be concentrated on Terminal Island, and not on community-adjacent land (e.g. the west bank of the main channel).

U. Rail cargo should access and egress the Port of Los Angeles via grade separations to minimize impact on local traffic, improve quality of life for harbor area residents, and reduce danger to road users.

V. The percentage of all cargo moved by rail, (including empty containers), entering and leaving the Port of Los Angeles should be increased, and the percentage needing the use of streets and freeways should be decreased.

W. Quiet zones need to be established for all railway/railroad activities adjacent to residential communities.

X. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council would like to know the Port’s long-term plans for Knoll Hill.
On July 26, 2012, the Land Use & Public Works Committee met in the upstairs meeting room of the Whale and Ale. In attendance were: Castillo, Alexander, Anderson, Scoville, Silber, Trigas, Meredith and Vought. The following agenda items were discussed:

Great Streets/Great Neighborhoods Survey

The survey forms provided by the City Planning Dept were discussed, with an emphasis placed on providing comments that pertain to the Mobility Element (aka Transportation Element) of the City General Plan. Completed survey forms can be mailed directly to the City or returned to Sue Castillo for mailing as a batch (comments must be received at the City by Sept 1). Comments are being collected for posting on the community map provided by the City for this survey. Map comments provided at the meeting included:

- Sidewalks on the west side of Centre Street and the west side of Harbor Blvd are inadequate and need widening, both between 6th and 7th Streets. Sidewalks are needed along North Gaffey St north of First Street (Leland Park vicinity), where none now exists.
- Street parking on the west side of Gaffey north of 6th Street creates a bottleneck as the freeway terminates at Gaffey and should be eliminated.
- Pedestrian access along Channel Street as it passes under the Harbor Fwy needs to be improved.
- There is a dangerously banked curve on Pacific Avenue adjacent to the Harbor Occupational Center, just south of its intersection with Front Street.
- There is no pedestrian access to the top of Knoll Hill (the narrow roadbed accommodates only vehicles) and a pedestrian trail is needed.
- A pedestrian connection is needed from Sepulveda St to North Palos Verdes Avenue (in unimproved street ROW).

New development and permit proposal comments:

311 N. Gaffey

1. Vehicle access to this site looks problematic. The fuel truck access from Sepulveda is challenging due to the steep roadway grade, and we note that the truck path overlaps the market building. There is also concern that regular vehicles turning into the gas station on Gaffey will cause southbound traffic to back up or otherwise cause a hazard. The City Traffic Engineer should review the site plan and make recommendations.
2. Landscaping along Gaffey should be high quality, carrying on the planting scheme of the Entrance Park just north of this site. Canopy-style (not palm) street trees should be provided (and the sidewalk widened if necessary to accommodate trees).

Note: Notify adjacent property owner of this agenda item on our Aug stakeholder meeting. Ask Alison Becker whether the CD office has any concerns re this development.

837 N. Pacific

1. No permit should be granted or expanded until illegal uses are discontinued here. Nearby residents have concerns that people are illegally living on this commercial site and that guard dogs create a noise nuisance and are a hazard to passers-by. New screening fencing and attractive, code-compliant signage should be installed. The new fencing should be set back sufficiently to add vine cover or other landscaping in front of the fencing.

After the creation of the agenda for this meeting, a land use permit application was received for a conditional use permit to add addition space to Off the Vine at 600 S. Pacific (and possibly other entitlements or permit modification not immediately obvious on the application). A letter of support should be considered at the August stakeholder meeting for direct board action without committee review.

Forwarded to the agenda-setting meeting for the August stakeholder meeting agenda: Set aside up to $4,000 for the Keep LA Beautiful Grant Opportunity (proposal for boardwalk sidewalk extension along Centre St between 6th & 7th St), and authorize grant application submission.
Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
Meeting Notes
August 1, 2012
Kaiser Permanente Conference Center
25965 S. Normandie Ave., Harbor City, CA

Attendees: Central San Pedro NC – Carrie Scoville, Allyson Vought (Chair), Northwest San Pedro NC – Diana Nave Harbor Gateway North NC – Rosalie Preston; Harbor Gateway South NC - Jane Tokubo; Katy Carlson,

Other – David Greene, Doug Epperhart (BONC Commissioner), BongHwan Kim (DONE), Kokayi Kwa Jitahid (RePower LA); Stella Ursua, (Green Education Inc)

DONE Update: BongHwan Kim

Elections

Elections are being done by regions, 12 regions in all. It appears that Councilmember Parks has backed off his idea of charging Neighborhood Councils for elections. Collectively the NCs encumbered about $400,000 from last year’s funds for elections related outreach. DONE will send instructions out this week regarding what needs to be submitted to justify these expenses. Anything not appropriately justified will need to come from current year funds.

Parks has asked for a Post Election Report (Feb/March). BH anticipates it will be used to develop a recommendation for the 2014 elections. He has heard that the City Clerk is interested in running those elections.

General Manager Position

An Interim General Manager will be appointed Friday. Then there will be a search for a new GM. BH recommended that we submit the qualities we want to see in the new GM along with names for the interview panel.

Funding /Expenditures

The Dept is almost caught up on last year’s demand warrant and will soon start processing those from the current year. The Dept. budgeted $125,000 to develop an electronic platform with real time budget/expenditure data. It will also have a program to track and post answers to questions and an electronic resource manual. Anticipate that a vender will be selected in 3-4 months. NCs should have input into the development.

Technical Assistance

The Council for Councils now has eight trained volunteers to provide technical assistance. Their first assignment will probably be in a monitoring role.
Comments on the NC System

“Pushing government to the lowest level possible is the only way it will ever work.” The biggest flaw in the system is that too many NCs see themselves as a mini City Council. It is important to be more participatory. Consider using a system where you poll the stakeholders prior to taking a vote as Central SP used to do. Use surveys to find important issues. Strive for “Accountable Autonomy.” Two resources: Empowered Participation, Reinventing Urban Democracy and www.deliberative-democracy.net/

RePowerLA – Kokayi Kwa Jitahid:

RePowerLA is working on a regional energy strategy. It is funded by several large national foundations and is housed at the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE).

DWP has an annual budget of $7 billion of which $50-100 million is earmarked for energy efficiency. This is significantly lower than what Edison spends. RePower LA is working with DWP and stakeholders to increase energy efficiency, create rate stability, and lower electric bills particularly for lower income households, those under distress, and small businesses.

They have held a series of Town Halls and are looking for someone, possibly HANC, to sponsor one in the Harbor Area. The Town Halls are used to gather input about the types of programs that consumers want DWP to implement to help reach energy efficiency goals.

They have 8 guiding principles:
- Make DWP a leader in energy efficiency investment and savings
- Create a balanced portfolio of programs
- Consider equity in the selection and implementation of programs
- Train a new generation of utility workers to staff the Dept with an emphasis on customer service (50% of DWP staff is at retirement age)
- Provide quality job opportunities for LA residents
- Reduce the need for future rate increases by substituting efficiencies for generating new capacity
- Enhance the Dept’s customer service and customer engagement capacity
- Set benchmarks and report to the Board on benefits of energy efficiency programs

Ratepayer Advocate’s report is due out in the next few weeks

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Qualities we want to see in the next General Manager of DONE:

Some of the qualities that we would like to see in the person selected include the following:
- Understanding of, and commitment to, grassroots organizing
- Ability and commitment to effectively advocate with the City Council and Departments on behalf of the Neighborhood Councils
- Have a vision of the role of DONE as that of facilitator
- Understand that the customers of DONE are the Neighborhood Councils
- Possess good interpersonal and listening skills and be an articulate communicator
- Committed to implementing the vision of the Charter for the Neighborhood Councils System

We also want to request that the selection process include at least one representative from each of the Neighborhood Alliances.

Diana will draft a letter from HANC to the Mayor and circulate it for comment.

**Removal of Neighborhood Prosecutor:**

Central San Pedro asked for the support of other NCs so a Council File could be opened to oppose the removal of the Neighborhood Prosecutor. It takes 3 NCs to open a Council file. Central San Pedro has drafted a letter and Alyson will circulate a copy to HANC.

**Election Forums:**

There was little support for the idea of doing a forum on the November ballot initiatives.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to sponsor a Mayoral Forum during the primary focused on the City Budget. There was also discussion of doing a second forum that would cover several offices during run-off in May.

**Gang Alternative Program**

Rosalie stated that GAP still has funding for graffiti removal but that their funding for bulky item pick up has been reduced. In the past they were able to pick up every day and now they can only do it once a week. She would like the HANC to send a letter talking about the importance of timely pick up. Diana raised a question about the role of Sanitation in bulky item pickup. Rosalie will investigate further.

**S/Elections Update**

All three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils have completed their Selection Process.

Harbor Gateway North & Wilmington will participate in the DONE conducted Elections on Sat. Oct. 20.

Rosalie suggested that everyone look on-line at how DONE is conducting the elections in Region 1. They are taking candidate applications on-line and there are a lot of contested seats. They are still looking for volunteers to help with the elections. To volunteer, sign up on the DONE website.
Harbor Gateway South will be holding a Selection on Thursday September 13. They will have a candidate forum next week. So far they have 14 candidates for 15 seats and filing has not closed. This is a good result for them. Carrie will be the Independent Administrator and Diana will assist. If there are not more than 15 candidates they will do an affirmation vote.

**BONC Commissioner Doug Epperhart**

BONC has new officers. Paul Park is President and Len Schafer Vice President. Doug brought up the idea of reducing the required number of posting sites and Neighborhood Councils on the Westside vehemently opposed it. There has been no further action on the Standards Document requirement; however that committee is now discussing the possibility of creating Neighborhood Council of the Year Award based on the standards.

**Issues/Concerns/Sharing**

Tuesday Aug 7 is National Night Out. Harbor Gateway South is hosting a clean out your closet event in conjunction with National Night Out. Harbor Gateway North is having a booth at the Southeast Division event and Northwest San Pedro is participating in the San Pedro event.

Tuesday Aug 7 Central is having an emergency meeting to discuss the proposed revisions to the Port Master Plan.

**Next Meeting: Wed Sept 5**

Doug will find someone from Coastal to chair, if not, he will chair himself.

Diana will be gone and will not be able to prepare the agenda or take the notes. Carrie & Rosalie will fill in.

Agenda items:
1. Election/Selection Update
2. Sanitation Department
   - Proposed consolidation of non-residential pick-up
   - Bulky Item Pick Up Policy
3. Do we want to sponsor something with RePower LA?
4. Removal of Neighborhood Prosecutor
1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by BONC Commissioner, Doug Epperhart. The names of the new board members were called as follows: Marcey Abrons, Linda Alexander, James P. Allen, Frank Anderson, Pat Carroll, Sue Castillo, Harvey Contreras, Mark Contreras, April Jappert, Leslie Jones, Annette McDonald, Kali Merideth, Carrie Scoville, Andrew Silver, Ron Tanimura, Phill Trigas and Allyson Vought. All were in attendance and all were then seated as the new board. Approximately 35 stakeholders in attendance.

2. **Election of Central San Pedro NC Officers:** Doug Epperhart gave an overview of the election process for officers. The following officers were elected:
   a. **President:** Linda Alexander and James Allen were nominated for the position of President. Linda Alexander was elected President with 9 votes (James Allen 8 votes).
   b. **Vice-President:** James Allen and Mark Contreras were nominated for the position of Vice-President. James Allen was elected Vice President with 11 votes (Mark Contreras 6 votes).
   c. **Secretary:** Mark Contreras and Pat Carroll were nominated for the position of Secretary. Pat Carroll was elected with 10 votes (Mark Contreras 7 votes).
   d. **Treasurer:** Mark Contreras was nominated for the position of Treasurer and elected unanimously by the Board.
   e. **Communications/Outreach Officer:** Marcey Abrons and Allyson Vought were nominated for the office of Communications/Outreach Officer. Marcey Abrons was elected with 9 votes (Allyson Vought 8 votes).

3. **Appointment of Committee Chairs:**
   a. **Port Committee:** Frank Anderson was appointed as Chair of the Port Subcommittee by unanimous vote.
   b. **Land Use Planning Committee:** Sue Castillo was appointed as Chair of the Land Use Planning Committee by unanimous vote.
   c. **Finance Committee:** Annette McDonald was appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee by unanimous vote.
   d. **Bylaws Committee:** James Allen was appointed as Chair of the Bylaws Committee by unanimous vote.
   e. **Election Committee:** James Allen moved that the appointment of a Chair for the Election Committee be postponed until the August meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Castillo and passed unanimously.
   f. **Outreach Committee:** It was announced that according to the Bylaws, the Outreach Committee is chaired by the Outreach Officer.

4. **Appointment of Central SPNC Representatives to other community organizations:**
   a. **HANC:** Allyson Vought was appointed as the HANC representative with Carrie Scoville appointed as alternate by unanimous vote of the Board.
   b. **PCAC:** Carrie Scoville was appointed as the PCAC representative with Annette McDonald as the alternate by unanimous vote of the Board.
c. **ACE:** Pat Carroll and Leslie Jones were nominated to the position of ACE representative and gave 1 minute candidate statements. Leslie Jones was elected with 9 votes (Pat Carroll 7 votes).

d. **DWP-MOU:** Sue Castillo moved to postpone the appointment of a DWP-MOU representative, seconded by Pat Carroll. The motion to postpone was carried unanimously.

e. **PBID and Police Advisory Board:** The Board was in agreement to place this appointment on the agenda for August.

5. **Public Safety Reports:** No public safety officials were in attendance to provide reports.

6. **Public Comments** (with no objection from the Board, this agenda item was addressed out of order).

a. **Katherine Gray** spoke about the USS Iowa reunion and thanked the entire community of San Pedro for the successful effort of welcoming over 750 USS Iowa veterans and their families. The Admiral was happy with how the reunion went. John Delgado family was specifically thanked for their volunteer work.

b. **Lanny Nelms** reported the good news from the Board of Education that there will be an adult program this year. The principal of Harbor Occupational Center will also be the principal for those programs at Narbonne Adult School etc. Lanny also commented on upcoming initiatives that will be on the ballot. He feels that even if they are passed, they will not solve all the problems. He would like to see a public forum held for all the NC’s in the area at some point in the future.

c. **Bill Roberson** thanked Kristina Smith for her work on the Central NC elections.

d. **Andrew Silber** thanked the San Pedro Visitors and Convention Bureau for their hard work on the USS Iowa Reunion.

e. **Chad Williams** spoke about Beacon House and the services they are able to offer the community. Jose Alvarez, also from the Beacon House, also talked about their outreach panels for the youth.

7. **CD15 Committee Report:**

a. Andrew Silber reported on the CD15 List. A copy of the list was provided in the agenda packet. Andrew talked specifically about the Parking Plan and also signage.

b. James Allen commented that the Council Office should recognize a district that we have already created. He is prepared to write a letter in support of that. James was asked to bring such a draft letter to the ad hoc committee.

c. The Board endorsed that the ad hoc committee chaired by Andrew Silber continue its work on the CD 15 list.

8. **Council File update regarding opening a Council file requesting that a Neighborhood Prosecutor be assigned to San Pedro:** James Allen made a motion to forward the document on page 5 of the agenda packet to the HANC so that a council file can be considered and submitted by all the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils. The motion was seconded by Annette McDonald and passed unanimously the Board.

9. **Council District 15 Report.** John Larson reported:

a. Fourth of July went smoothly. All the departments worked together to make it happen.

b. Parking Meter Plan: They hit a slight snag in the Transportation Committee but there should be a report by August on what it will cost so that the program can move forward.

c. CD 15 Update List: John gave updates on some of the items on the CD 15 List.

d. Andrew Silber specifically asked about the status of staffing the Harbor Station Jail. John Larson responded that they are still working on it.

e. Rancho LPG Tanks:

   i. John reported on the recent Public safety meeting for all bulk storage facilities.
   
   ii. Leslie Jones proposed that the board watch the recent video presented at a meeting held at Holy Trinity Church. She also recommended that all board members review the article on City Watch that was also informative. ([www.hazardsbegone.org](http://www.hazardsbegone.org)).
iii. Bill Roberson commented that he was not happy that so many officials left at the break time and didn’t listen to the community members. He would like to see another meeting where public officials stay and listen to the community.

iv. James Allen suggested that a land swap with Rancho LPG should be considered. This was referred to the Port Committee as a topic.

f. Michael Gatanz commented that he would like to have all the government offices address the issue of the parking meter personnel.

10. Congresswoman’s Office: Mike Aguilera provided a legislative update which included the following:
   b. Congresswoman Hahn Applauds National Freight Policy in the Surface Transportation Bill.
   c. The Congresswoman voted for extension of low student loan rates.
   d. The Congresswoman issued a warning against possible immigration reform fraud.
   e. Announcing upcoming events sponsored by the Congresswoman’s Office.

11. Mayor’s Office. Ricardo Hong reported:
   a. The Mayor met with Councilman Joe Buscaino and they discussed what they could do for Veterans. They agreed to host a celebration in November at Pier 87 in front of USS Iowa. Members from 50 organizations will be attending the planning meetings.
   b. Michael Galantz would like to see VFW post here in our community.

12. Port Subcommittee: Frank Anderson reported that there was no meeting and announced the next meeting to be held on July 25, 2012. Frank would like board members to submit agenda items.

13. Port of Los Angeles Report: Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
   a. Announced upcoming BOHC meetings (July 19th and August 2nd).
   c. Crafted at the Port of LA is now open and has had a lot of good reviews.
   d. Summer concert series starts this Thursday. Every Thursday except First Thursday through August; the Taste in San Pedro events is scheduled for August 3 & 4; Navy Days is being held August 15 through 19; and the Lobster Festival dates are September 14-16.
   e. Community meeting/Public workshop on the Port Master plan is July 16.
   f. Construction continues on the Downtown Harbor, SP Slip, and Plaza Park. In addition, the Westways Tank farm is being demolished.
   g. Construction on Front Street is for a new Scanning Station which will be utilized for cruise ship safety by scanning commercial trucks. Operated by Port Police.
   h. A Final Concept of Front Street was presented. The design should be completed by August 2013 and construction should start March 2014 with a February 2015 completion date. There will be an opportunity for neighborhood councils to give input on the RFP process when a contractor is selected for Front Street.
   i. Port’s O’Call update. Sue Castillo mentioned that the neighborhood councils hope to have a community meeting of its own related to Port’s O’Call. A letter will be sent to Dr. Knatz related to this issue.

14. PCAC Report: Carrie Scoville provided highlights from the written report which was included in the agenda packet. The following motions were addressed:
   a. Motion to support relocation of Valero tank farm in Wilmington. Andrew Silber moved that the PCAC representative vote to support of the PCAC Motion, seconded by Kali Merideth and passed unanimously by the Board.
   b. Motion in support of Federal quite zone for freight rail in the Port. Frank Anderson moved that the PCAC representative vote in favor of the motion, seconded by Andrew Silber. The motion passed with 15 yes votes and 1 no vote.
   c. Waterfront Expansion Meeting. James Allen requested that the Central SPNC representative to PCAC take our letter and approved motion regarding expansion of the ACE District to the waterfront expansion meeting.
15. **Update on Free Speech Issue:** James Allen reported on the progress of Central’s actions in support of Free Speech at the Farmer’s Market.

16. **Land Use Planning Committee Report:** Sue Castillo provided a written report on recent committee work which was included in the agenda packet on Page 10. She commented that the Director of City Planning wants the Neighborhood Council to contribute to their program on Great Streets/Great Neighborhood. The next meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee will be held on Thursday July 26th. Sue also plans to call a public meeting for input from the community on the redevelopment of Ports O’Call.

17. **Outreach Committee:**
   a. Pat welcomed Marcey Abrons, the new Outreach Chair.
   b. Marcey will schedule a date for her first Outreach Committee Meeting for July.

18. **Agenda Item #8. Board Approval of revised Letter Re: Issue Concerning Release of Impounded City Official Vehicle.** The letter was included in the agenda packet. Pat Carroll moved that the letter be sent as presented, seconded by Andrew Silber and passed unanimously by the Board.

19. **Finance Committee Report:**
   a. Motion by Pat Carroll, seconded by Allyson Vought to approve the monthly expenses as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes.
   b. Approval of new budget for 2012-2013 on new template. Kali Merideth presented the previously approved budget in the new format required by DONE. Pat Carroll moved to approve the budget as presented in the new template required by DONE, seconded by Andrew Silber. Motion carried with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes.
   c. Open funding cycle: Kali explained the difficulty with the current funding cycle which makes it difficult to take action on time sensitive funding requests, especially as they relate to upcoming events. After discussion, the following motion was returned to the Finance Committee for further consideration: “The Finance Committee has voted to allow requests for funding to be heard by the Finance Committee through the 12 month cycle. If approved by the Finance Committee, funding requests will continue to be brought to the full board for approval. The Finance Committee asks for the board approval of an open funding cycle throughout the fiscal year.”
   d. Adjustment of 2011-2012 Budget. Motion by Pat Carroll to move Class C Line Items 303, 305, 306, and 308 from Community Improvement Projects into Class D. Neighborhood Purposes Grants Line 401. The motion was seconded by Carrie Scoville and passed with 16 yes votes and 1 abstention.

20. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils):** Allyson Vought reported that there was no HANC Meeting and therefore no report to present.

21. **ACE Report:** No report.

22. **Approval of minutes from June 12, 2012 Meeting:** The first item on #3 referring to “the $280/wk that PBID invests in Security” was corrected to read “the money that PBID invests in Security”. Motion by James Allen to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Pat Carroll and passed unanimously by the Board.

23. **Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, NC Administrative Assistant
Free Export Workshop

Welcome Remarks by the Honorable Janice Hahn
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Thursday, August 23, 2012
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A light refreshment will be served following the event!

Who should attend:
Manufacturers, producers, processors and service-related small to medium size businesses interested in growing their business globally.