



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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**STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012  
Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Marcey Abrons	Present
Linda Alexander	Present
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Pat Carroll	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Harvey Contreras	Present
Mark Contreras	Present
April Jappert	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Annette McDonald	Present
Kali Merideth	EXCUSED
Carrie Scoville	Present
Andrew Silber	EXCUSED
Ron Tanimura	Present
Phill Trigas	EXCUSED
Allyson Vought	Present

1. **President's Report:**

- a. Linda Alexander welcomed guests and asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the tragedy of 9-11 eleven years ago.
- b. The resignation of Board Member Ron Tanimura was announced, as well as the procedures for filling the board vacancy.

2. **Public Safety:**

- c. **LAPD Report:** Officer Nua gave statistics on crime. Burglary/theft from motor vehicles is still prevalent. Highlights of the weekend crime were provided. Due to the summer weather there is an increase in residential burglary due to open windows and doors. Eight (8) additional officers have been assigned to Harbor Division and will be added to the patrol force.
- d. **Report from Police Community Advisory Committee:** Leslie Jones provided a handout on gang territories in the Harbor Area. The handout showed gang injunctions areas, crime statistics, etc.

- e. **Presentation on LADOT Safety Signs.** Luz Echavarria, representative from the Department of Transportation, talked about the Safety Sign program. She stressed the need for educating the youth and also talked about the lawn signs that have been provided to Central SPNC for stakeholders to place on their properties. Mona Sutton commented on the education that is being provided through the school regarding the new Skateboard Ordinance.

### 3. Reports from Public Officials

- a. **Congresswoman's Office:** Michael Aguilera reported on:
  - ✓ Ports Caucus met with Coast Guard Deputy Commandant of Operations Vice Admiral Peter Neffenger. He gave PORTS Caucus members an overview of the Coast Guard's role in the day-to-day operations of ports and the progress being made in examining and addressing the vulnerabilities of our Nation's ports.
  - ✓ Congresswoman Hahn Applauds U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's announcement of the launch of a Freight Policy Council. The Council will focus on improving the condition and performance of the national freight network.
  - ✓ Announced Trade Connect event. This program is designed to bring small businesses the resources they need to export their goods. September 27 at LA Harbor College 1pm.
  - ✓ Homeowners Retention Workshop, September 29, 9am at Wilmington Boys and Girls Club. Five lenders and HUD counselors will be available to provide information on foreclosure avoidance etc.
  
- b. **State Senator Rod Wright's Office:** Bill Orton reported: Governor signed SB1099 which opens the regulation books four times a year for organizations/business who want to find out what state rules are coming down the pike. Tort reform related to ADA frivolous lawsuits is an issue that the Senator is working on. Also reforms on pension, worker's comp and on time budgets.
  
- c. **Mayor's Office:** Ricardo Hong reported on:
  - ✓ Returning Veterans and Wounded Warrior Tax credit for business hiring Veterans.
  - ✓ Large scale festival on November 10, 2012 honoring all "Warriors" (Veterans). 1pm at the USS Iowa.
  - ✓ \$200 million in renovations on trains to avoid disasters such as happened in Chatsworth should be completed by next year.
  - ✓ Free WIFI at the airport for the first 45 minutes. \$4.95/hr for hi speed. \$7.95 for 24 hour period.
  - ✓ New Deputy Mayor Tori Osborne (she will also be handling neighborhood council issues). Larry Frank is now the new Deputy Chief of Staff.
  - ✓ Full council approved to have a multi use library card for anyone who doesn't have other identification. \$15-\$20 per card fee.
  
- d. **Port of Los Angeles:** Representative not in attendance. Report provided by Port Committee Chair later in the meeting.
  
- e. **Councilman's Office:** Kevin Bingham, new field representative, reported on the following.
  - ✓ John Larson is now the Legislative Deputy.
  - ✓ San Pedro Community Plan. Final plan will be released in December.
  - ✓ Repaving of Gaffey Street is in progress.
  - ✓ First Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Oct 8, 4pm at the Italian American Club. RSPV on Councilman's facebook page.
  - ✓ Meet the Councilman event, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 10am at Harbor District Office.
  - ✓ The downtown meters scheduled to be removed have now been removed. New rates will be in place this fall.

- ✓ James Allen asked for notification on upcoming Subcommittee meeting related to the Sidewalk Issue.
- ✓ Carrie Scoville voiced her concerns about the intersection of Pacific and Front Street. Kevin said he would be happy to start that conversation with DOT if it is not already being addressed.

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

- a. **Carolyn Grayson:** Provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness Fair being planned by Northwest San Pedro NC for October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Peck Park Community Center from 10am-2pm.
- b. **Jay Drumman** asked about a bus map of San Pedro stating that there are 13 different bus routes in San Pedro. Sue Castillo responded that this is something the Central SPNC is working on.
- c. **Lanny Nelms** gave updates on LAUSD issues. If Prop 38 doesn't pass there will be more cuts.
- d. **Frank Anderson** San Pedro Bay Historical Society is having a sale Sat. October 6, 8am-pm at the Muller House.
- e. **Carrie Scoville** announced the Harbor City and Harbor City Gateway Neighborhood Council Elections.
- f. **Jackie Bebich, San Pedro High School:** Suggestion to have business owners and neighborhood watch people work on getting the community to be outside at the close of school to have an adult presence around the high school. (This item was referred to the Outreach Committee).

5. **Point Fermin Lighthouse Society Presentation.** Martha Austin McKenzie and Tom Budar provided an update on the stewardship of the Pt. Fermin Lighthouse. They are requesting support from the neighborhood councils for their application with the City to run the lighthouse. San Pedro Bay Historical Society is supporting them. **Motion by Carrie Scoville that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorse (with a letter of support) the Point Fermin Lighthouse Society in their application for partnership with the City of LA Dept of Rec and Parks to manage the Point Fermin Lighthouse, seconded by Pat Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. **City Ban on Marijuana Clinics – Discussion (Pro/Con).** Linda Alexander introduced the issue.

- ✓ There were several comments from Board Members and Stakeholders. Nick Morrow, a retired Deputy Sheriff who is now a Private Investigator spoke in favor of lawful collectives and stressed that good solid enforcement and proper regulations are needed.
- ✓ Several stakeholders spoke in support of Medical Marijuana and legitimate, law abiding collectives.
- ✓ There were no stakeholders or Board Members who spoke in favor of the ban.
- ✓ Board member James Allen suggesting postponing any action in order to get better educated on the issue.
- ✓ Board Member April Jappert felt the Central SPNC, as an advisory group to the City Council, should voice an opinion.
- ✓ Sue Castillo moved that the Central SPNC send a letter to the City Council and City Attorney stating that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council does not support the ban on medical marijuana clinics until existing regulations are enforced and inspection conducted to control nuisance operations. Seconded by Harvey Contreras. During discussion on the motion, Sue withdrew her motion and Harvey withdrew his second.
- ✓ **Sue Castillo moved that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council send a letter to the City Council and City Attorney stating that the City of Los Angeles should allow medical marijuana collectives that operate without nuisance to the community to continue to operate. Seconded by Harvey Contreras. Motion passed with 9 yes votes, 1 no vote.**

7. **Port Committee Report.** Frank Anderson reported that the following items were discussed at the last Port Committee Meeting: Ports O' Call RFQ's; Port Master Plan (Our comments were submitted to the Port); and land swap issue involving Rancho LPG.
8. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee)** Carrie Scoville reported:
  - a. June Smith was elected President of the PCAC and Carrie Scoville was elected Parliamentarian.
  - b. **Motion in support of RFP for Wilmington Marina boat yard operator.** The following motion will be brought forth at the next PCAC Meeting:
 

*Whereas, the Los Angeles Harbor has been home to ship builders and the vessel repair trades since the Port's earliest beginnings; and*  
*Whereas, commercial interests have exercised great influence on the selection of the uses of Port property; and*  
*Whereas, recent Port history records the closure of Colonial boat yard, and the rumored decline of Wilmington Marine Service (aka Dinko's); and*  
*Whereas, said closing will leave the many thousands of boat owners in LA Harbor without any small or medium sized marine repair facility to haul out and do regular maintenance, forcing them to travel to have their required maintenance performed in other ports in Southern California.*  
*Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Port of LA issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to fill an operator position (in-kind) for the boat yard properties at the old Colonial location at 700 Anchorage Road, Wilmington, and (potentially) at the Wilmington Marine Services, 800 S. Fries Ave, Wilmington, in an expeditious manner; and*  
*Be it Further Resolved that an interim operator be provided until such time that an operator has been selected and contracted. The PCAC encourages the Port to consider non-profit operators for these sites.*

Motion by Carrie Scoville, seconded by Harvey Contreras to have our PCAC rep vote yes on the above motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. All board member emails have been submitted to the PCAC secretary in order to receive notices of upcoming meetings.
  - d. Jessie Marquez of Wilmington testified at the U.N. regarding the need for low sulfur fuels.
9. **Land Use Planning Committee Report** (Sue Castillo)
  - a. **Recommendations from committee Re: Development Proposals to be forwarded to the City Planning Department. (Action Item)** Wording of Motion: *"The Land Use Planning and Public Works Committee met on July 26th and recommends that the Committee's comments on development proposals be forwarded to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department for the following sites: 1) 311 N. Gaffey and 2) 837 N. Pacific.."* Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. **Motion to approve and submit comments to City of LA Planning Department Re: San Pedro Community Plan Draft (Action Item):** Wording of Motion: *"The Land Use Planning and Public Works Committee met on September 5th and recommends that the following comments and responses to the San Pedro Community Plan Draft Text released in August of 2012 be sent to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department."* (Comments Attached to These Minutes). Motion passed unanimously.
10. **Finance Committee:**
  - a. Approval of monthly expenses as presented in agenda packet. 12 yes votes, 0 no votes.
  - b. **Motion from the Finance Committee recommending allocation of \$4,000 in matching funds for the Keep Los Angeles Beautiful Grant (Sue Castillo) (Action Item).** Wording of motion: *"The Finance Committee recommends that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocate \$4,000 toward a project to widen the Centre St sidewalk between 6th and 7th Streets in downtown San Pedro as a part of an application for the grant opportunity "Keep Los Angeles Beautiful", a competitive matching grant of up to \$5,000 awarded by the City of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works. Said allocation is subject to finding the additional funding needed from other community groups such as the Downtown PBID (property owner's business improvement district).*

*Furthermore, the Finance Committee recommends that the CSPNC authorize the filing of an application for the grant before the deadline of September 21, 2012.” Passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes.*

11. **Outreach Committee Report** by Marcey Abrons:

- a. **Motion Re: Northwest San Pedro NC Emergency Preparedness Fair.** (Action Item) Recommendation from Outreach Committee that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council assist with covering the cost of publicity materials for the Northwest San Pedro Emergency Preparedness Fair to be held on October 20, 2012. The materials that will be funded will include: flyer printing, banner expenses and the cost of an ad in the Random Lengths Newspaper. The total cost of funding not to exceed \$1000.00. Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no votes.
- b. **Motion Re: Website Upgrading & Social Media Outreach.** (Action Item) The Outreach Committee recommends that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council retain Katie Peraudeau for a six month period in order to redevelop the CSPNC website. Within this time frame, Katie will meet with the Outreach Committee for a consultation to determine the needs of CSPNC and how it will translate to the website. Katie will also prioritize and assist with maintaining the content on the website. The initial consultation will be an estimate of \$300.00, followed by a monthly price which will be determined after the consultation. Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no votes.

12. **CD 15 List of Issues.** Update by Allyson Vought:

- a. Allyson gave an update on signage for the Arts District.
- b. The CD action update list was presented in the agenda packet.

13. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Highlights from the written report were provided by Allyson Vought.

14. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) Report:** Pat Carroll provided an update on the Dia de los Muertos event during First Thursdays.

15. **Retreat Update:** James Allen gave an update on the upcoming Board Retreat scheduled for September 29 at Think Café.

16. **Approval of Minutes** of August 14, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting (Action Item): **Pat Carroll moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 Meeting, seconded by Frank Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.**

17. **Adjournment.** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, NC Administrative Assistant

**NC Action Item: Sept 11, 2012**

**Subject: Comments and recommendations regarding the *Draft SP Community Plan* (August 2012) generated at the September 5, 2012, meeting of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Land Use Planning & Public Works Committee, which was held in conjunction with the Northwest and Coastal Neighborhood Councils. Los Angeles City Planners presented the draft plan.**

**Recommended action: Forward comments and recommendations to City Planning Department**

1. The Community Design Overlay (CDO) area should be expanded to include Gaffey Street north to its intersection with the freeways near Summerland Street (Welcome Gateway area), Ref. Fig 1-3, pg 15. The City Planning Dept should hold a community workshop addressing the detailed planning for our CDO. Creation of a street tree plan should be added as a Program for the area covered by the Community Design Overlay (CDO).
2. Centre Street between First and Seventh Streets is currently classified as a Secondary Highway, which calls for a 90-foot right-of-way with a 70-foot wide roadbed (Ref Fig 4-1. pg 73). This street should be reclassified as no more than a collector street. In particular, this neighborhood council has prioritized the exchange of unnecessary roadbed width for additional sidewalk width on the block between Sixth and Seventh Streets, which currently has a 5-foot wide sidewalk. Only one lane in each direction, parking on both sides, and possibly a center turn lane is needed here.
3. Centre and Mesa Streets provide important pedestrian connections between pedestrian-prioritized Sixth and Seventh Streets, and should also be pedestrian-priority ways.
4. The Superior Courthouse parcel on Sixth Street is shown as a separate land use "sub-area", but this parcel should be merged into Sub-area no. 135 to make the parcel consistent in height limits and other zoning matters with the rest of downtown.
5. Pacific Avenue south of Thirteenth Street should be zoned to allow stand-alone residential development (Sub-area 150), consistent with pedestrian-friendly development models.
6. Lots fronting Grand Avenue between Fifth and Ninth Streets are shown as Community Commercial with a 75-foot height limit; however, all eleven lots directly fronting this street range are developed as residential properties averaging two stories of height. City should observe policy LU3.1 (pg 40) and "stabilize and improve existing multi-family neighborhoods," as well as direct new commercial development to Gaffey, Pacific and Downtown sub-areas. Lots

fronting Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Streets with Grand Avenue sidelines should maintain Community Commercial zoning.

7. Show our ACE District Boundary on Fig 2-1, pg. 19.
8. On Pg 29, 2nd paragraph, the zoning designation list should provide more information and clarification.
9. On Page 33, Fig 3-2 showing Height Districts, the legend should show actual height limits in feet.
10. Policy LU7.5 on Pg 54, sets requirements to underground utilities (eliminate AGFs) in certain areas. Areas designated as Welcome Gateways should also be listed here.
11. Make additional references to the California Coastal Trail in the Local Coastal Program Specific Plan section (pg 66); on Fig. 4-1, Circulation System, Pg 73; and the Recreation and Scenic Highways section (pg 92).
12. Streets prioritized for goods movement should include Harbor Blvd. (Table 4-1, pg 77)
13. Pg. 83, Fig. 4-4: First Street is shown as a bicycle-prioritized street in the Mobility Element - however, this is not a practical designation due to vehicular traffic loads and a narrow right-of-way. Thirteenth Street is a practical east-west bicycle route and should be shown as such.
14. Include for reference the 2010 Federal Census statistics for our community demographics, possibly as an addendum and in un-interpolated condition (if staff time is not available to analyze this information).
15. This NC requests that additional community response time for the CPA EIR be provided, for a minimum of 90 days.
16. The Ponte Vista development area should be a part of the San Pedro community plan area.