



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:32pm. See list below for board member attendance. 13 Board members present. Approximately 20 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Marcey Abrons	Present
Linda Alexander	Excused
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Pat Carroll	Excused
Sue Castillo	Present
Harvey Contreras	Present
Mark Contreras	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
April Jappert	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Kali Merideth	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Andrew Silber	Present
Phill Trigas	Present
Allyson Vought	Excused
Vacant Board Seat	

2. **Vice President's Report:** James Allen reported on the following:
 - a) Announcement of resignation of Annette McDonald.
 - b) Announcement of vacant board seat
 - c) Comment on the recent issue of LAPD excessive use of force. James would like to ask Chief Beck for a redo of the previous LAPD town hall meeting in the Harbor Area as it was previously held on the same night as an neighborhood council meeting. (This issue will be placed on a future agenda.)
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
 - a) **Gina Harden:** Announced her candidacy for Council District 15. She is a write in candidate.
 - b) **Kathleen Woodfield, San Pedro Homeowners Association:** Announced a Leadership Forum, Saturday February 23, Taper Avenue School where government officials will be present to listen to the concerns of Harbor Area residents regarding the elevated risk of Rancho LPG.
 - c) **J.K. Drummond:** Asked if the Board and stakeholders were aware that there are 15 bus routes in San Pedro. He would like the NC to do outreach on buses and bus stops.

- d) **Gary Buss**, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, talked about “Pathways to Employment” a workshop for the Youth in the Harbor Area. April 6, 2013 at 8am, John M. Olguin Campus.
 - e) **James**, a representation of the Eric Garcetti for Mayor Campaign introduced himself and commented that a campaign office will be opened in this community.
4. **Approval of motions from Ad Hoc Committee Re: Policies for President’s Meetings and Representatives to Outside Organizations:** Carrie Scoville spoke on the motions.
- a) **Motion from Subcommittee Re: Central SPNC Policy on President’s Meetings:**
In order to facilitate communication, the President of the Council may be invited to attend President’s meetings with elected officials or City departments. The President may attend these meetings or send an alternate as needed. It is recommended that at least two (2) Board members attend such meetings. Any commitments to be made on behalf of the Council must be referred to the full Council for approval at a Stakeholder meeting. A report on each meeting shall be given at the next Stakeholder meeting. Motion passed by the Board with 11 yes votes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.
 - b) **Motion Re: Central SPNC Policy on Representatives to Outside Organizations:**
*Outside organizations may invite the Council to appoint a representative to attend meetings and vote on matters of interest to Council stakeholders. The Council may appoint representatives as needed at a Stakeholder meeting. **The representative is obligated to vote in accordance with any position the Council may have previously taken.** Whenever possible, votes cast on behalf of the Council shall first be referred to the full Council for approval at a Stakeholder meeting. In the case of an emergency item the representatives shall be allowed to cast votes as needed, but they must report back to the Council on how they voted at the next Stakeholder meeting. A report on each meeting shall be given at the next Stakeholder meeting. Amendment by Carrie Scoville (to add wording in bold above). Amendment passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention. Motion as amended passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.*
 - c) These motions shall take effect immediately as Standing Rules, and be referred to the Central SPNC By-Laws Committee for review and placement in the next By-Laws update. James Allen suggested that the Bylaws be reviewed as a whole.
5. **Public Safety:**
- a) **LAPD Report.** No report.
 - b) **Report from Police Community Advisory Committee:** Leslie Jones reported.
 - i. Provided crime stats from Officer Nua.
 - ii. LAPD Cyper Block Captain update: This is a program where citizens volunteer as block captains and report suspicious activity to the neighbors.
6. **Report from Mayor’s Office:** Ricardo Hong reported.
- a) **Mayors Budget Survey:** The survey is now available on-line and ready for input from the community.
 - b) **Sales Tax Proposal:** The proposal projects to raise \$200 million in additional revenues.
 - c) **Tax Break info for low income families.** Information is available at Toberman.
 - d) **City Services Smart Phone App:** The City is unveiling the first app for smart phones to allow reported of information on pot holes etc.
 - e) **Crisis Response Team:** Training is being made available to citizens 21 years or older who are willing to do a 48 hour intensive training program. The 8 week sessions start March 4 through April 17. For more information call 213-978-0697.
7. **Report from Congresswoman’s Office.** Michael Aguilera reported:
- a) Congresswoman Hahn was selected to sit on three subcommittees of the prominent House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

- b) Hahn to receive "Port Person of the Year" award by the American Association of Port Authorities on March 19th in Washington DC.
 - c) Congresswoman concerned about the announcement that there will be no more Saturday delivery by the Postal Service after August 2013. She is especially concerned how this will affect the senior population.
 - d) Announced a Tax Preparation Workshop.
8. **Port Committee Report.** Frank Anderson reported that the committee discussed the following issues:
- a) LA Waterfront Alliance exclusive agreement with Port for redevelopment of Ports O'Call.
 - b) Front Street Beautification, completion of design should be around August.
 - c) China Shipping Phase III. Construction ends in November.
 - d) Scanning Station: The port is waiting for DWP Power connection. The station should start operation in April of this year.
 - e) Billboards. The Port has to look at terms of leases and agreements before anything further can be done.
 - f) **Motion** Re: Request to Board of Harbor Commissioners to consider evening meetings, especially when addressing issues regarding waterfront planning/development. The following letter was presented for approval (from Committee):
Dear Dr. Knatz:
The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings be held in the evening in order to maximize public participation and transparency, particularly with respect to waterfront planning issues. Exclusive day time meetings of the Board preclude comments from a great majority of the public, thus lessening the opportunity for public input on vital issues that affect the whole community.
Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention.
9. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) Report.** An extensive written report was included in the agenda packet. Carrie Scoville read highlights from the report for the benefit of stakeholders. Full report available on website.
10. **Port of Los Angeles Report.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
- a) Next Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) meetings will be Feb 21 and March 7th at the Port Administration Building.
 - b) Free boat tours will be available on Saturday. May 18, 2013.
 - c) SCIG (Southern California International Gateway) project. On March 7th the BOHC will vote to ratify the final EIR. Location of meeting to be announced.
 - d) Port Master Plan, Environmental Division: Meeting scheduled for March 13, 6-8 pm, Banning's Landing. At this meeting they will take comments from the public.
 - e) Waterfront Update: The watercut has been completed and in about two weeks they will start construction on the land side improvements. They should be completed by Summer 2014 when the tall ships come to San Pedro.
 - f) Staff report regarding Ports O'Call (POC) Developer, Feb. 21 BOHC meeting. Port staff will go over the proposals that were entered for the POC development. They anticipate asking the Harbor Commission to enter into an exclusive agreement with the LA Waterfront Alliance.
11. **CD 15 Issues Committee Report.** Andrew Silber reported:
- a) **Cat Population Issue at 571-573 W. Upland. Discuss and approve submitting a Community Impact Statement requesting that the City draft an ordinance:** Carrie Scoville commented on the issue of possibly having an ordinance drafted. There was a suggestion to look at how it is handled by other cities. Kevin Bingham also spoke about the issue. The neighbors on that block have agreed to trap the feral cats.

- b) **Neighborhood Prosecutor:** There was a suggestion to look into having the Neighborhood Prosecutor come to a future CD15 issues committee.
- c) **MOJO Public Art Piece at 7th & Center:** Phill Trigas stated that it is owned by the Homeowners Association.

12. **Council District 15 Office:** Kevin Bingham reported on the following:

- a) A written report was provided with an emphasis on parking enforcement. Service hotline number is 800-222-6366.
- b) GAP has a 48 hour turn around policy. Call 310-519-7233.
- c) An update was provided on City Council Motions, as well as the skateboard bombing issue.
- d) Status of Kiosk: SA Recycling is working with the city on the removal of the kiosk. There was a suggestion from Sue Castillo to place a bench there.
- e) Provided a Gaffey Street resurfacing update.
- f) Parking Meter Poles: There currently is no funding available to remove these poles.
- g) Update on status of Traffic Light at 11th & Gaffey: Bids were due Jan 30. They are currently reviewing the bids.
- h) Update on current performance of ATSAC system in San Pedro. No update at this time.
- i) Leslie Jones commented on the "Adopt a Trash Can" Program. She would like to see it re-introduced to the community.

13. **Closure of Courthouses: Review and approve Letter requesting the City Attorney review the legal documents that promised the San Pedro area a "court house" prior to being annexed to the city in 1909.** James Allen provided an overview of the issue. **Motion by Andrew Silber to open a council file and send the letter as presented, seconded by Kali Merideth. Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention.** (Wording of letter follows:

Dear Councilman Joe Buscaino,

We the San Pedro Central Neighborhood council have become aware that the Los Angeles Superior Court has announced its plan to close 10 of the smaller courthouses in the county, the San Pedro Courthouse being just one. Not only has this community come to depend on this part of the legal system but we have come to learn that the establishment of a court in our district was one of several promises made to the people in 1909 before voting for annexation to the City of Los Angeles. We believe that providing for this courthouse is part of the founding "civic contract" between San Pedro and Los Angeles and now this agreement is about to be breached by the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

It has often been said that "justice delayed is justice denied" and as a council representing constituents who depend on this court we perceive that this is a great injustice that will cause many delays and create confusion with amongst the citizenry. We are asking your assistance in protecting our rights to justice at a local court.

We are asking for you to enter a motion in L.A. City Council objecting to the closure of any of the courts within the city but particularly the one in San Pedro. We are also asking that you correspond with the City Attorney to inquire as to our rights in this matter and to further correspond with the Presiding Judge of the L.A. Superior Court protesting this closure and advising him of the 104 year civic agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the people of the Los Angeles Harbor Area. As this matter is eminent in its execution as of the end of this fiscal year we urge your immediate action to protest the closure of this courthouse even to the extent of finding alternative funding or appealing to the State of California legislature.

Please copy us on all relevant correspondence on this matter and respond in writing to this request in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued support for the Neighborhood Councils and our goals to better represent the citizens of the city.

14. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a) **J.K. Drummond** commented on an upcoming open house on the proposed rail plan. Citizens can also comment in writing. It was explained that someone wanting to travel by rail out of state would have to do this with a layover in San Francisco or Reno overnight.
- b) **Ziggy Murkich** provided an update on the International Film Festival. The group is looking at a monthly screening event of environmental films, as well as a filmmaking classes for youth. October 4th – 6th will be this year's Festival.

15. **Land Use Planning Report.** Sue Castillo presented the following letters to the Board for approval:

- a) **Motion to approve Letter to Mayor Re: Redevelopment of Ports O'Call.**

DRAFT LETTER TO MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA REGARDING PORTS O'CALL

Subject: *Community comments on the redevelopment of Ports O'Call*

The coming redevelopment of Ports O'Call will be one of the most significant projects of the decade for the Los Angeles Harbor Area, and has been long-awaited by the local community. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) is enthusiastic and optimistic about the changes a revitalized POC would bring, from both residents and commercial interests perspectives. Our optimism is based on the Port of Los Angeles' stated redevelopment intentions, the guidelines and restrictions created by the Tidelands Trust, and the opinions and recommendations of the 2008 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Report on Ports O'Call redevelopment. We have several concerns and early positions regarding that redevelopment that we wish to make you aware of.

In November, 2012, CSPNC concluded that the recommendations of the 2008 ULI report provide the best-available guidance for this redevelopment. This document advises respect for our historic waterfront community, acknowledgement that the working waterfront is the real attraction at this piece of waterfront, and recommendations that the focus be on providing a variety of leisure and recreational opportunities for families, which all resonate well with the community.

Although no detailed proposal is likely to come before the community for at least 3 months, we would like to express our early concern about two components of the plan being discussed at this stage, which include a convention center and a relocated Port Headquarters Building.

San Pedro currently has numerous facilities for larger meetings in its downtown and at other locations along our waterfront, and we are concerned what economic impact additional convention facilities in POC would have on these existing businesses. Also, as downtown San Pedro has a regrettable amount of vacant office and other commercial space, there is concern as to what would become of the current Port Headquarters Building if they were to vacate this building. Any need for additional meeting facilities should be verified before new convention space is built in Ports O'Call, and a plan for the re-use of the Port Building should accompany any plan for their relocation. There is an additional concern that the location of large-footprint, office and convention center development within the POC site would not contribute to a unique, water-centric, recreational destination.

Finally, please keep in mind that POC, once rebuilt and successful, will bring large numbers of visitors to San Pedro. We as a community are very open and welcoming to the influx of regional visitors as long as traffic loads are managed. Connecting San Pedro to LA's Metro system (along existing rail right-of-way) is the way of the future, and we ask you to give special attention to our mass transit needs.

This Motion from committee was passed unanimously by the Board.

- b) **Motion to approve letter to DOT Re: Improving Center Street sidewalk:**

DRAFT LETTER TO LADOT RE CENTRE ST SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT

Subject: *Request to report on feasibility of a traffic lane reduction and sidewalk widening along the west side of Centre Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets in San Pedro.*

Centre Street, from First to Seventh Streets, in the center of our compact, pedestrian-orientated, "downtown" is classified as a Secondary Highway with a 90-foot right-of-way standard. Inconsistent with the standard 10-foot wide sidewalk requirement, the west side of this short block provides only a five-foot wide sidewalk obstructed by street lights, street trees and parking meters. This non-ADA compliant path ill serves our need for generous, well-maintained sidewalks in a tourist-friendly, walkable entertainment district.

Please review the as-built condition of this block and report back to us on the physical and economic feasibility of reducing the traffic lanes for the purpose of widening the sidewalk. Preliminary thinking is shown on the enclosed diagram which indicates one traffic lane in each direction and a central turn lane, as well as a new 10 to 12-foot wide sidewalk. We look forward to an official response from your department in the reasonably near future, and will most likely request that a Public Works staff representative deliver result of your review at a neighborhood council stakeholder meeting. If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact Sue Castillo, CSPNC board member and Chair of its Land Use & Public Works Committee. This Motion from committee was passed unanimously by the Board.

- c) **Approval of Letter to DOT Re: Adjusting the San Pedro DASH route.** This item was referred back to committee for further review.

16. **Finance Committee:**

- a) **Approval of monthly expenditures:** Motion to approve expenses as presented passed with 12 yes, 0 no.
- b) Proposals were heard at the last Finance Committee Meeting. Another meeting will be held the 21st of February and additional proposals will be heard.

17. **Budget Advocate Report:** Frank Anderson reported that the Mayor's Budget Survey is now on-line and encouraged all stakeholders to take the survey.

18. **Outreach Committee:**

- a) **Appointment of new Outreach Chair:** Marcey Abrons gave an overview of the duties of the Outreach Chair. Andrew Silber nominated Allyson Vought to be the new Outreach Chair. Allyson accepted and was unanimously approved by the Board.
- b) **Website Update:** Marcey provided an overview of website statistics and updates from the new webmaster.

19. **Standards and Practices Committee through BONC.** Carrie Scoville reported for Allyson Vought.

- a) The BONC subcommittee is reviewing the system wide standards and practices of Neighborhood Councils. Surveys were provided in the agenda packet for stakeholders to fill out. Carrie gave an overview of the committee's discussions.
- b) **Create Ad Hoc Committee related to the BONC subcommittee issues:** James suggested that this be referred to the Bylaws Committee.

20. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report.** Carrie Scoville reported that Allyson chaired the last HANC meeting. A written report was provided in the agenda packet and is located on Central's website. Carrie gave highlights from the report.

21. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) Report:** Report held till next month's meeting.

22. **PBID (Business Improvement District) Report.** Andrew has been having trouble finding out when the meetings are being held and therefore has not attended.

23. **Approval of Minutes** of January 8, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting: Frank Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Carrie Scoville and approved unanimously by the Board.

24. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC