STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA - TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013
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 (Linda Alexander)
3. Vacant Board Seat: Board Member Ballot Vote to fill vacant seat (Pat Carroll)
4. Presentation: Installation of Smart Meters in SP – So Cal Gas Company: Ray Verches
5. Public Safety:
   a. LAPD Report (Senior Lead Officer Nua)
   b. Report from Police Community Advisory Committee (Leslie Jones)
   c. Status of letter to Chief Beck Re: Town hall meeting
6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (See *Note on pg 2)
7. Report from Congresswoman’s Office (Ivan Zulic)
8. Report from Mayor’s Office (Ricardo Hong)
9. Council District 15 Office (Kevin Bingham) Updates on the following:
   a. Update on 301 Pacific Avenue (at 3rd Street) Project
   b. Update on Kiosk Removal
   c. Update on Lilyan Fierman Walkway Improvement Project
   d. Update on presentation Re: ATSAC system
   e. Update on Wayfinding Signs in downtown San Pedro (formal request was made in November).
   f. Closure of Courthouse
   g. Update on Parking Meter Poles.
10. CD15 Issues Committee Report (Andrew Silber)
    a. Motion recommending Central SPNC’s Representative to ACE district propose an action for ACE to address the repairing of the Mojo public art piece.
    b. Update on Parking Citations given to board and stakeholders in front of Pola High School at March meeting. (Allyson Vought)
11. Port of Los Angeles Report (Augie Bezmalinovich)
12. Port Committee Report (Frank Anderson)
    a. Update on MOU Re: Formalization of Communications between Neighborhood Councils and the Port of Los Angeles.
    b. Motion Re: Comments on Port Master Plan to be sent to the Port (Action Item)

   "Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly requests that the following:
   1) That the Port maximize the use of its downtown San Pedro Cruise Terminal facilities before considering the construction of, or expansion to outer harbor cruise facilities e.g. at Kaiser Point.
   2) That the Port incorporate into its current Master Plan Update a method of tourist and visitor transportation between the waterfront, Cabrillo Beach and downtown San Pedro via street car or alternate light rail system."
3) That the Port dedicate a parcel of land on Terminal Island no smaller than one acre at the former site of the historical Japanese “Lost” Village and facilitate the construction of a Japanese History Museum on that site to commemorate the rich history and contributions which the Japanese people made to San Pedro.

We appreciate the effort and intention of this Land Use Master Plan update and thank you, both for the opportunity to provide input, and for listening to our requests and incorporating them wherever possible.”

13. Land Use Planning Report (Sue Castillo). Address the following potential action items.
   a. Rerouting of public transit lines in San Pedro
   b. Improvement of the bus stop southeast corner 7th and Pacific
   c. Comment on the removal of public benches on 6th street
   d. Zoning changes along Gaffey regarding commercial property depth.
   e. Comments on the community plan update process which may rise to a community impact statement.
   f. Update on Development of Ports O’Call

14. Update on letter thanking Rene for removing bollards at 300 block of 7th Street. (Andrew Silber)

15. Finance Committee:
   a. Approval of February and March monthly expenditures (Mark Contreras)
   b. Review and approve line item adjustments on budget to accommodate long range Outreach plan approved by Board at March meeting (Action Item)
   c. Report on status of the projects we agreed to fund.

16. By-laws Committee:
   a. First reading of proposed revisions to bylaws (James Allen)

17. Outreach Committee Report (Allyson Vought)

18. Budget Advocate Report: (Frank Anderson)

19. PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) Report (Carrie Scoville)
   a. Action item to send letter of recommendation and support to retain the PCAC Secretary.
   b. Potential action item to send letter to Port Re: removal of items from PCAC agenda.

20. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report (Allyson Vought)

21. Standards and Practices Committee through BONC (Allyson Vought)

22. ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) Report (Pat Carroll)

23. PBID (Business Improvement District) Report

24. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting (Action Item)

25. Community Announcements


*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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On Wednesday, March 27, 2013, this committee met at 327 W. Seventh Street commencing at 5:00 pm. Attendees included Sue Castillo (chair), Linda Alexander, Andrew Silber, Carrie Scoville, Allyson V, Ray Medak, and J.K. Drummond. We discussed the agendized items and agreed upon the following:

1. Public comments on non-agenda items:

   Carrie Scoville noted the recent loss of several locally-controlled grocery stores in our community, and it was agreed that we should discuss this further at the next meeting of this committee.

2. Public transit connection needs between downtown San Pedro and the Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital at 1300 W. 7th Street.

   Discussion did not result in any consensus or recommendation for a particular route modification, but it was agreed that we should bring MTA and LADOT representatives to a stakeholder meeting where the general topic can be raised. In particular, Scott Green on the MTA staff should be invited.

   **Action Item:** At our next stakeholder agenda-setting meeting, this recommendation should be considered.

3. Bus stop improvement concept for bus stop on the south side of 7th Street east of Pacific Avenue.

   The chairperson suggested consideration of the following improvements to this bus stop:
   - Relocation of the bus shelter nearer to the adjacent building wall to provide more width for passers-by.
   - Removal of the illegal pay phone obstructing the sidewalk adjacent to this bus shelter.
   - Replacement of the old trash can with a new receptacle matching our CRA and PBID-provided downtown street furniture.
   - Provision of a pedestrian-scaled light fixture for better sidewalk lighting at the bus stop.
   - Repaving the sidewalk in the immediate vicinity of the bus stop, possibly with special paving to create an enhanced sense of place.
   - Removal of the iron security gates and canister wall signage on the adjacent building.
   - Creation of a mural or other artwork on the adjacent wall.

   It was agreed that 1) Linda Alexander would ask the PBID what efforts have been made to collaborate with the adjacent building owner on the removal of the security gates and the replacement of the canister wall sign; and, 2) committee members will visit this site and
bring back to committee at our next meeting their thoughts on the improvement of this bus stop.

4. **Removal of the publicly-owned benches on 6th St by the PBID.**

   It was the opinion of the majority of the meeting attendees that these benches were removed for good cause and that no further action should be taken.

5. **Gaffey Street rezoning proposal to incentivize development.**

   Ray Medak, local architect and board member of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, led a discussion regarding suggestions for optimizing the potential for new development along Gaffey Street. He suggested that the commercial parcel depth be increased to incentivize new development, although there were concerns about rezoning existing adjacent residential parcels as commercial. It was agreed that zoning alternatives to incentivize and facilitate new development on Gaffey Street should be considered. This discussion did not result in an immediate action item, but is to be agendized for our next Land Use Committee Meeting.

6. **Discussion on the San Pedro Community Plan Update process.**

   **Action Item:** It is recommended that this Neighborhood Council respond to the City’s scheduling process leading to the approval of our new community plan document with the following statement, to be sent to our Councilperson, the City Planning Department, the City Planning Commissioners, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee of the City Council (PLUM), our City Attorney, and our new mayoral candidates.

   WHEREAS the Draft San Pedro Community Plan Update was released to the community on February 28th, heard at the Harbor Area Local Planning Commission level on March 5th, and scheduled for approval by the City Planning Commission on March 14th, all within an approximately two week period; and

   Whereas the release of the “matrix summary”/table of proposed changes to parcel zoning at the December 12, 2012 Open House & Public Hearing did not satisfy the presumed goal of providing for community review of the actual plan document; and

   Whereas no written response to this neighborhood council’s previously submitted comments has been received; and

   Whereas two weeks is insufficient time for a neighborhood council to review and prepare an official response to a document of such great significance to the community as its community plan; and reasonable time for Neighborhood Council review and comment on a draft community plan should be no less than 90 days; and

   Questions and issues remain pertaining to 1) the optimization of the potential for new development on Gaffey Street, 2) roadway classifications in our downtown area, 3) policies that reflect the community’s desire for improved public transit, and 4) the protection of a downtown adjacent multi-family residential street; and

   Whereas other questions and issues might be identified if this Neighborhood Council were to be provided with reasonable time to review the plan document.
THEREFORE, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council objects to the scheduling of the City approval process prior to providing the community and affected Neighborhood Councils with reasonable time to review and comment; and

We therefore insist that a minimum of 90 days be provided for our review and comment on the draft plan prior to the hearings that provide for final plan approval, and that this 90-day period should commence upon confirmation by the City that this review and comment period will be provided to us; and

We request that a City policy be established to stipulate that City Departments provide a written response to Neighborhood Council formal communications.

We request the opening of a council file requesting the codification of a requirement that Neighborhood Councils be provided with a minimum of 90 days to review and comment upon any new or revised community plan document.

7. Ports O’Call redevelopment discussion.

Discussion resulted in the recommendation that our previous comments on Ports O’Call redevelopment be submitted directly to the LA Waterfront Alliance, currently negotiating with the Port of Los Angeles as their preferred development partner. Furthermore, the committee recommended the following additional comments:

a) Ports O’Call should be conceptualized as a world-class destination, and direct public access to the waterfront should be a guiding priority.

b) Public transit connection by bus, light rail and water taxi should be provided directly to Ports O’Call.

c) We prefer that any conference space/building be located on top of the downtown adjacent bluff parking structure instead of within the area prioritized for public access.

d) We do not favor the location of visible solar collection panels on top of a bluff parking structure.

Action Item: Send a letter to LA Waterfront Alliance stating the above.

8. It is the intention of this committee to standardize a monthly meeting schedule and that its meetings regularly be held on the Monday following the monthly stakeholder meeting. Therefore the next scheduled meeting of this committee shall be on April 15th. Notice of venue and time of meeting will follow.

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Land Use & Public Works Committee Continuing Action List – April 2013

Agenda Package Report for April 9, 2013 Stakeholder Meeting
(This list incorporates items from the “CD 15 Issues Committee List”).

1) Improvement of the sidewalk to ADA accessibility standards along the east side of Pacific Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Streets (alley intersection, nearest address is 726 S. Pacific), as this is an important pedestrian connection between a City parking lot and downtown.

Status update needed from CD 15.
2) Parking meter poles surrounding downtown with meters removed.

   Allyson Vought wants to take the lead on this.

3) Removal of the kiosk at the 6th & Mesa Plaza.

   Ongoing – kiosk is to be removed according to CD 15. Currently empty and open to access (this is a potential problem). Status update needed from CD15.

4) Lilyan Fierman walkway improvement.

   Per Alison Becker of CD 15 on March 10, 2013, LADOT is in the process of entering into a contract with LANI to provide design services for this project. The contract has not been approved by the City Attorney’s office to date.

5) MOJO sculpture at the Centre Street Lofts failure to function.

   Per Phil Trigas, this sculpture is owned by the Centre Street Homeowner’s Association, and they do not plan on taking any action. Allyson Vought is interested in developing further action on this issue.

6) Bollard Repair on 300 block of 7th Street (near 7th Street Chophouse Restaurant).

   Broken bollard tops were removed, capped, and painted “gratis”, thanks to Rene Bracamontes, San Pedro resident.

7) Deficiency of Centre Street sidewalk between 6th & 7th Streets.

   See letter dated Feb 26, 2013 to LADOT asking for review of modifying the street classification (secondary highway) so that sidewalk can be widened.

8) Request for the provision of bus transit services between downtown San Pedro and San Pedro’s hospital and medical offices on 7th Street.

   This is still in committee, and definitive input needed from DK Drummond.

9) Create and distribute a pamphlet on public transit to our stakeholders (for outreach purposes as well as encouraging use of public transit).

   The map needs to be created by us (City will not create for us as a part of the community plan process, as previously assumed). We posted an internship opportunity for Marymount College students to create the text for the pamphlet (in February), but have received no response.

10) Signage code violations on 700 block of Pacific Avenue and liquor/convenience store at 304 W. 7th Street.

    The Signage Division of the City Code Enforcement group inspected the 700 block of Pacific Avenue in October of 2012, and made plans to issue citations. Follow up needed to determine whether this is complete to our satisfaction. The complaint regarding 304 W. 7th Street needs to be reactivated.
11) Maintenance of newsracks.

All newsracks in poor condition or abandoned should be reported directly to Kevin Bingham of CD15 (or through Sue Castillo to Kevin Bingham). In November, newsracks at 1103 S. Gaffey Street (on 11th St frontage) and 736 S. Pacific Avenue were reported as abandoned – these were both corrected. A newsrack at 399 W. 6th St was reported on March 5, 2013.

12) Replacement of the Norman ad-bearing bus benches.

This is believed to be complete (if anyone observed any of these remaining, please report it to the Land Use/Public Works Committee).

13) Improvement of bus stops at the intersection of Pacific & 7th Street

A complaint regarding the pay phone obstructing the sidewalk at the bus stop S/7th St, E/Pacific was made on March 5, 2013 to Kevin Bingham of CD15. The LUPW Committee is currently reviewing a potential action plan for general improvement of the stop.

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| 203a Outreach Events - NC Hosted Events | Emergency Prep Fair 10/20 | $1,500 | $408 | $1,092 | $0 |
| 204 Food and Refreshments for Stakeholder Meetings | | $2,750 | $1,534 | $1,216 | $0 |
| 205 Newsletter | Issue #1 - Includes Postage & Mailing | $5,200 | $0 | $5,200 | $0 |
| 206a Website Maintenance | Email Service | $180 | $105 | $75 | $0 |
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| 206b Website Enhancement/Creation | Website Software & Upgrades | $2,500 | $0 | $2,500 | $0 |
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| 207 Miscellaneous Expense | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
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In attendance: James Allen, Linda Alexander, Allyson Vought, Donald Galaz, Leslie Jones and one stakeholder. The committee discussed the following amendments/revisions to the bylaws:

**ARTICLE IV:**
CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Article IV STAKEHOLDER
Neighborhood Council membership is open to all stakeholders. “Stakeholders” shall be defined as those who live, work, or own property in the neighborhood and also those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it.

DISCUSSION: A stakeholder that doesn’t live, work or own property in the district, would have to show a historic involvement in the district.

SUGGESTED REVISION: Add a Section one under article four to read: “For purposes of this section, a factual stakeholder will be defined as: A factual basis stakeholder must reflect a substantial interest in the neighborhood equivalent to the significant stake of those who “live, work or own property” in the neighborhood and who are identified as stakeholders by the City Charter for a minimum of two years.”

**ARTICLE V, Section 10.**
CURRENT LANGUAGE:
Section 10. Resignation: This section intentionally left blank.

SUGGESTED REVISION: (replace with the following). Written notice by any board member in advance of the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be considered adequate notice for a resignation. If any board member has three consecutive unexcused absences, that will be deemed a resignation.

**ARTICLE VI, Section 5:**
CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 6. Vacancies
A vacancy on the Governing Board shall be announced at a regular stakeholder meeting and shall be filled at a subsequent meeting by a stakeholder who satisfies the eligibility requirements for holding the vacated Governing Board seat. For purposes of filling vacancies, the Governing Board may establish a Nominating Committee. Such committee shall be constituted at the meeting at which any Governing Board member leaves or is removed from office, other than at the regularly scheduled end of a term. The Nominating Committee shall be charged with identifying and recruiting an appropriate number of candidates to fill any vacancies, striving to ensure that the Governing Board membership reflects and represents the diversity of the Council area. Any stakeholder interested in filling a vacant seat shall submit application to the Secretary no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled appointment date. Such application shall be on a form prepared for the purpose by the Secretary. All properly completed applications submitted by the deadline from stakeholders shall be conveyed to the Governing Board. All candidates for a seat on the Governing Board must apply under their legal names and shall submit government issued photo identification as verification. Appointment of any candidate to fill an unexpired term shall be subject to a majority vote of the Governing Board at a properly noticed Governing Board meeting. Any
person appointed to fill a vacancy may be seated at the meeting at which he or she is appointed and shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

SUGGESTED REVISION: Replace the language shown above in bold with the following:
“Any stakeholder interested in filling a vacant seat shall submit application including documentation affirming their stakeholder status to the Secretary for review by the Nominating Committee which consists of the officers of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled appointment date. Such application shall be on a form prepared for the purpose by the Secretary.”

ARTICLE VI – Officers, Section 2.
CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Board and of the Council and shall perform other duties prescribed to him/her by the Governing Board.

SUGGESTED REVISION: (Remove the word “and” between board and of)
Will then read as follows:
The President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Board and of the Council and shall perform other duties prescribed to him/her by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE VII, Section 1, items “C”
CURRENT LANGUAGE:

C. The Finance Committee: The Governing Board shall appoint the Chairperson of this committee.

SUGGESTED REVISION: (Add a new second sentence)
Will then read as follows:
C. The Finance Committee: The Governing Board shall appoint the Chairperson of this committee. His/her duties will include 1) calling and presiding over committee meetings; 2) work with the Treasurer to assure deadlines are met; 3) the Chair will, with the committee, review and consider changes or modifications to the Council’s financial policies.

ARTICLE VII (Add a Section 4)

SUGGESTED REVISION: Add a “Section 4: Board members are encouraged to serve and participate on a committee of their choice.”

ARTICLE IX, Finances

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Article IX FINANCES: The Treasurer in conjunction with the Governing Board will develop a written method for keeping the accounting records that complies with applicable local, state and federal laws, which includes generally accepted accounting principles. The Governing Board will provide stakeholders access to all financial records. All records kept by the Treasurer will be available for review by all Stakeholders and the Department. Demand warrants and audits will require two (2) signatures including the Treasurer and one (1)
other member who has completed the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“Department”) Treasurers’ training.

SUGGESTED REVISION: (Addition of one sentence at end of paragraph).
Will then read as follows:

**Article IX FINANCES**
The Treasurer in conjunction with the Governing Board will develop a written method for keeping the accounting records that complies with applicable local, state and federal laws, which includes generally accepted accounting principles. The Governing Board will provide stakeholders access to all financial records. All records kept by the Treasurer will be available for review by all Stakeholders and the Department. Demand warrants and audits will require two (2) signatures including the Treasurer and one (1) other member who has completed the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“Department”) Treasurer’s Training. The treasurer shall attend and participate in all finance meetings called by the Finance Chair.

**SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO STANDING RULES:**

ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN RED FROM THE MOTIONS THAT WERE PASSED BY THE BOARD TO THE STANDING RULES:

a) **Committee chairs shall be selected by the committee unless otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws. Motion Re: CSPNC 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, 1 abstention

b) **Motion Re: CSPNC 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 passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. Motion as amended passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
April 9, 2013

Cindy Miscikowski, President
Board of Harbor Commissioners
425 South Palos Verdes Street
Los Angeles, CA 90731

Subject: Letter of Support for Deborah Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Secretary

Dear Commissioner Miscikowski,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council recognizes the value in having consistent, professional administrative staff in its service to better support our volunteer Board members and Stakeholders. We have been fortunate enough to retain such support in recent years.

Prior to that time our board went through a number of transitions with personnel who were unfamiliar with our membership and neighborhood councils in general, or we relied on Board members trying to fulfill that role without adequate training. This resulted in stress, conflict and spotty records retention. We have paid the price in the poor service to our community.

The Port Community Advisory Committee, also a board of volunteers, needs confidence in knowing their staff will be up to the task. It is a complex organization with many committees which cover subject matter of a very technical nature. The ability to count on support staff who are familiar with the Board membership, its prior actions, its bylaws, and the Brown Act requirements it crucial. This takes a person with years of experience and professionalism. That person is Deborah Babcock Doherty. Her ten year record in support of the PCAC is exceptional. She knows all committee members, has first-hand knowledge of committee actions, and assists with port staff/community relations whenever possible.

It is with highest regard that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council acknowledges the service of Ms. Doherty and strongly recommends the Board of Harbor Commissioners extend her contract agreement in support of the Port Community Advisory Committee.

Regards,

Linda Alexander
President

cc: Board of Harbor Commissioners
    Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles
    Joe Busciano, Councilmember, CD15
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Port Community Advisory Committee:

The March 12 PCAC meeting featured:
- A discussion with Ports O’ Call developers LA Waterfront Alliance about the public process for going forward with this project.

The April 16 PCAC meeting will feature:
- A presentation by Port staff on the Risk Management element of the Port Master Plan.
- A letter of appreciation for Deb Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Secretary, on her final PCAC meeting.

SCIG Draft EIR Appeals – the POLA approved the Final EIR for the new BNSF railyard on March 7. Five (5) separate appeals have been filed to date:
1. City of Long Beach (support by the Port of Long Beach)
2. Coalition for a Better Environment
3. FastLane Transportation
4. Long Beach Unified School District
5. NRDC/Coalition for Clean Air/East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

These appeals will be heard before the LA City Council. The TraPac appeal settlement established the Harbor Communities Benefit Foundation. The China Shipping appeal settlement established the PCAC. It remains to be seen what the outcome of this will be.

Draft Master Plan Update – A public meeting was held March 13 at Banning’s Landing. A public hearing before the Board of Harbor Commissioners was held April 4, the public comment period ended April 8.

Public Meeting with POC offerors LA Waterfront Alliance – A public meeting with Ports O’ Call developers LA Waterfront Alliance for input on the proposed development was held April 2 at the Warner Grand. Over a hundred people showed up to learn about the plan and give their initial input.

Port Presentation on PCAC to the BHC – At the request of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Port staff gave a presentation on the PCAC at the April 4 meeting. An excerpt from the presentation is below:

PCAC Options
- Status Quo- (do nothing)
- Minor Changes
- Major Changes

Considerations
- Transfer responsibilities to another organization
- Find that they have completed their mission
- Transfer of responsibilities to another organization
- Find that they have completed their mission

Follow-on discussions have revealed that the Port is considering a re-evaluation of the PCAC and a further recommendation from Port staff will be given to the Board for a course of action.
AQMD Zero Emission Transportation Technology Forum and Roundtable Discussion – Experts on technology, transportation, and energy from government and industry will present sessions on passenger transport, freight transport, and energy demand and generation, as well as a roundtable discussion of policies needed to achieve a transformation to clean energy. April 20, 9am-4pm, AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

Upcoming PCAC Meetings:

Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 16, 5:30-8pm, Bannings Landing, 100 E. Water St., Wilmington.

PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):
- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds, April 10, 5:30-7 pm, San Pedro Municipal Bldg, #452. Port Staff updates will be held on:
  1. Maritime Plaza (Foot of 6th Street)
  2. Ports of Call-Results of April 2 Warner Grand Theater Meeting
  3. Plaza Park
  4. Aesthetic Mitigation Project on the Knoll Hill Side of Front Street Plan
  5. Greenbelt Project-Vincent Thomas Bridge to Pacific Avenue
  6. Cabrillo Marina/Westrec Negotiation(Operator)
  7. West Basin Container Terminal Cranes
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, April 11, 4:30-6 pm, San Pedro Municipal Bldg., Room 452. Port staff updates will be held on:
  2. Schedule for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Projects
  3. Status of Proposal for the use of $10M Air Quality Mitigation Fund
- **PCAC Steering Committee** – Tues, May 7, 6-7:30pm, San Pedro Municipal Bldg., Room 452
- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – May 14, 5:30-7:30pm, Wilmington Senior Citizens Center, 1371 Eubank

Upcoming Harbor Commission Meetings:
- Thursday, April 18, 8:30 a.m., POLA Administration Building, San Pedro
- Thursday, May 2, 8:30 a.m., POLA Administration Building, San Pedro
- Thursday, May 16, 8:30 a.m., POLA Administration Building, San Pedro

Carrie Scoville
PCAC Representative
carriescoville@yahoo.com

Acronyms:
- AQMD - Air Quality Management District
- BNSF - Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
- LPG – Liquefied Petroleum Gas
- PCAC - Port Community Advisory Committee
- POLA - Port of Los Angeles
- BHC – Boart of Harbor Commissioners
- EIR - Environmental Impact Report
- NRDC – Natural Resources Defense Council
- POC – Ports O’ Call
- SCIG – Southern California Intermodal Gateway
1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. See list below for board member attendance. 15 Board members present. Approximately 30-35 stakeholders present.

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2. **President’s Report:** Linda Alexander reported on the following:
   a) Provided an update on the upcoming Mayor’s Budget Day which will be attended by Central SPNC’s Budget Advocates, Kali Merideth and Frank Anderson.
   b) Ethics training update. Reminder to all board members that ethics training is required and those not completing the training will be suspended from voting on NC motions.
   c) Committee chairs were reminded to schedule meetings in a timely manner in order to comply with posting requirements.
   d) The Port is offering harbor boat tours to the members of the neighborhood council board. This is an opportunity to get a unique view of Port operations.

3. **Vice-President’s Report.** James Allen reported on the President’s meeting with Councilman Buscaino. At that meeting each neighborhood council had 7 minutes to recite their grievances. Mr. Allen gave an overview of the issues of each neighborhood council. Future meetings with the Councilman will be held on the fifth Monday of the month (when five Monday occur in future months). The next meeting will be in April.

4. **Vacant Board Seat:** Pat Carroll reported that no applications were received by the deadline. March 26th is the new deadline for submitting applications for the vacant board seat.

5. **Finance Committee Chair Appointment:** Kali Merideth was appointed as the new Finance Committee Chair by unanimous vote of the Board.
6. **Public Safety:**
   a) **LAPD Report:** Eve Wight spoke in the absence of Officer Junior Nua.
      - A handout of crime statistics was provided. These stats show that crime in the Central San Pedro area is down from this time last year.
      - There has been an arrest of the “chain snatching” culprit.
      - Skateboard ordinance will be active March 17, 2013. It is hoped that two months of strict enforcement will curb the recent problems.
      - A neighborhood cleanup and graffiti abatement event is being planned for April 6\(^{th}\). The area covered is 9\(^{th}\) & Palos Verdes to 19\(^{th}\) and Mesa.
      - LAPD Cyber Block Captain program: Volunteers are being sought to transmit information to their neighbors. Officer Jackie Lopez at the station is the contact person for volunteers.
      - Allyson Vought asked for assistance with enforcement of speeding bicyclists on the 300 block of 7\(^{th}\) Street.
      - Captain Nancy Lauer spoke a few words and introduced Jim Alvarez, the new Patrol Captain. His email address is: 26357@lapd.lacity.org. The Facebook page address for Harbor Division can be located at “LAPD Harbor Community Police Station” and will report crime issues to the community.

   b) **Review and approve Letter to Chief Beck Re: Full accounting of policies and procedures related to excessive force:** James Allen read a draft of a letter addressed to Chief Beck. Captain Lauer made a few comments related to the excessive force issue.
      - Motion to approve letter by James Allen, seconded by Andrew Silber.
      - Pat Carroll moved to amend the letter to be less inflammatory, seconded by Allyson. The motion to amendment failed.
      - Motion by Carrie Scoville to amend the first paragraph, keeping the first sentence and deleting the rest of the paragraph. The motion to amend was seconded by April Jappert and passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no. The full motion as amended was then passed with 15 yes votes and 0 no votes.
      - Wording of letter as amended follows:

        Dear LAPD Chief Charles Beck,
        We are writing you today to request another Town Hall forum on police policies and procedures in regards to use of force.
        Several months ago, the issue of “use of force” was a hot topic with LAPD and you promised to hold 17 town hall meetings throughout Los Angeles, it is unclear what came of this exercise. It just so happened that your Harbor Area town hall occurred on the very same night that we hold our neighborhood council meeting and many were unable to attend.
        Now, because of the accusations emanating from the Dorner case that involved Harbor Division command and training, we are quite concerned and believe that a review of the “excessive force” policies and procedures needs a public review. Hence, another town hall meeting--one that is better planned and publicized--would seem to be in order.
        The citizens of Los Angeles have long been patient and supportive of the reforms implemented at the LAPD. We now look to see the end results. It would be in the best interests of all for there to be an open discussion with this community at the earliest possible time on the cause of this current incident and the policies/practices regarding “excessive force,” officer involved shootings, and the commitment of the LAPD to Constitutional policing.
        We look forward to your response,
        Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

7. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
   a) **Michael Galantz** from People’s Yoga announced the Swing Pedro event on March 22, 2013. The event will feature a 14 piece big band.

   b) **Katherine Gray** thanked those who assisted with the Pancake Breakfast put on by the Kiwanis Club. The proceeds from the event go to fund birthday parties for the children of Toberman. The next pancake breakfast will be on May 4\(^{th}\).

   c) **Cory, Harbor Occupational Center:** announced an upcoming Job Fair Thursday, May 9, 2013 9am-12 noon. They are looking for sponsors. Email address: crr41131@lausd.net
d) **Freddie Quintana**: New staff member who is the liaison for Dr. Vladovic to the schools and neighborhood councils. Email is: Freddie.Quintana@lausd.net.

e) **Nancy, Sign Up LA**, signatures being gathered from registered voters to regulate digital sites due to safety issues.

f) **Alan Johnson, Jericho Developers and the LA Waterfront Alliance**, announced the first public outreach meeting regarding the Ports O’Call Redevelopment scheduled for April 2, 2013, 5:30pm at the Warner Grand Theater.

g) **Liz Johnson, Grand Vision Foundation** provided an update on the Meet the Music program and also announced their upcoming fundraiser on April 21, 2013.

h) **Sue Castillo**: Spoke on the community plan. They released the plan March 4th. March 14th it will go before the City Planning Commission, 8:30am, Port Board Room.

8. **Report from Mayor’s Office.** Ricardo Hong reported on the following:
   a) Provided a Regional Budget Day overview. Mayor’s office is ready to hear feedback from the community.
   b) Warren Furutani has been appointed as the new Public Works Commissioner starting this week.
   c) May 15th the Mayor will be at Wilmington Park for the installation of an ILWU memorial plaque.
   d) Los Angeles leads the nation in Leeds certified buildings. This is the 5th year in a row that LA has been cutting green house emissions.
   e) Andrew Silber went on record requesting that neighborhood council budgets not be cut further. NC Funding has been cut repeatedly and systematically. He stated that the City is not transparent regarding cuts it has made to its own staff or its own expenses. The City has claimed to share the financial burden fairly and equally with neighborhood councils, however, Mr. Silber does not feel that this has not been the case.

9. **Report from Congresswoman’s Office.** Michael Aguilera reported:
   a) Congresswoman Hahn and Congressman Runyan introduced legislation to aid veterans felling domestic violence. This will allow those veterans access to the benefits that should be available to all homeless veterans.
   b) Congresswoman Hahn released a statement regarding the House Republican Budget.
   c) Ivan Zulic will be the new Congresswoman’s representative to the neighborhood councils, replacing Michael Aguilera who is relocating to a different office.

10. **Report from Senator Rod Wright’s Office:** Bill Orton from the State Senator’s Office provided two handouts: A map showing the District Boundaries for Senate District 35 and a 2013 Legislation Summary. He provided some highlights from the Summary.

11. **Council District 15 Office:** Kevin Bingham provided a written report which included the following:
    a) Handout provided showing a log of constituent complaints/calls that came into the CD15 office.
    b) Parking Enforcement Service Request Hotline is 800-222-6366 and GAP (for graffiti removal) 310-519-7233.
    c) City Council Motion updates 1) Motion to provide preference to companies that manufacture in Los Angeles County when bidding on City contracts for goods; 2) Councilman Buscaino appointed to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Business Tax Reform; 3) Motion modifying LAPD’s Use of Social Media Outlets to communicate with residents; 4) Skateboard bombing ordinance takes effect on March 17.
    d) Update on development at 301 S. Pacific Avenue. An update will be provided next month.
    e) Kiosk Removal: PBID has agreed to replace the foundation of the kiosk with a planter, possibly within the next month.
    f) Lilyan Fierman Walkway Improvement Project: The City Attorney’s office is holding up the contracts at the moment. CD15 is trying to schedule a meeting with the CA’s office to resolve their concerns. Sue Castillo stressed the importance of keeping the Central SPNC involved in the design process.
    g) James Allen reminded Kevin that we have not yet received a response from the City Attorney regarding the closing of the courthouse. Kevin was asked to discuss this with the Councilman.
    h) Traffic Light at 11th & Gaffey. They should be breaking ground in mid June.
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12. CD15 Issues Committee Report: Andrew Silber provided a written report for the board and stakeholders to review. The following items were highlighted:
   a) Issues Committee Meeting: There was no representation from the Council Office at the CD15 Issues Committee Meeting. Andrew would like to secure a regular monthly date when the CD15 staff can attend the committee meetings. Kevin was asked to assist in setting such a date.
   b) Parking Meter Poles: Allyson is going to try and secure funding to have them removed.
   c) Downtown Signage: Andrew commented that this is an important issue but not much has been done about it by the CD15 office. Kevin was asked to follow up.

13. Port Committee Report: Frank Anderson provided the following updates from the committee meeting:
   a) Ports O’Call Update: The LA Waterfront Alliance and Jericho Development are beginning public outreach to garner input from the community on the redevelopment of Ports O’Call. The first public meeting is April 2nd at the Warner Grand.
   b) Front Street Beautification Update: The design was anticipated to be completed by August of 2013. Construction should begin by March of 2014. Completion date is end of February 2015.
   c) Pipes at China Shipping: The Port is working with Chevron to have them removed. Construction began July of last year and should be completed by November of this year.
   d) Motion Re: Port acknowledgement of timely receipt of letters. The motion was being considered due to the lack of acknowledgement by the Port of Central’s letter and CEQA comments sent in August 2013. Augie arrived during the Port Committee Report and responded that the letter was received but it was not the practice of the Port to acknowledge every comment letter submitted due to the heavy volume of submissions. Andrew Silber suggested that future letters be sent by certified mail with a return receipt. No action was taken on the motion. James Allen commented that this item relates directly to the following agenda item regarding an MOU between the Port and Neighborhood Councils.
   e) Update on MOU Re: Formalization of Communications between Neighborhood Councils and the Port of Los Angeles. Linda Alexander commented that discussion on the MOU is pre-mature as it is still in the planning stages. James insisted that the item be open for discussion as it is on the agenda. Linda overruled stating that discussion was inappropriate at this time. James moved to challenge the Chair’s decision in order to have a discussion on the agenda item. The board voted in favor of the decision to overrule the chair (6 yes, 5 no). Board member made comments on the issue. James explained why he felt it was important to provide input into the drafting of an MOU. Andrew urged all board members to review the MOU document. Linda gave an update on the meeting she attended related to the MOU which is still being revised.
   f) Review and Approve Proposed MOU Comments and Consider next action. The issue will be on the agenda for the next port meeting. No action taken.

14. Port of Los Angeles Report – Augie Bezmalinovich gave a brief report:
   a) The Final EIR for the SCIG project was certified on March 7, 2013 by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.
   b) The Downtown Harbor Water Cut is complete. The Port is currently working on the land side of the project. It should take about a year to complete in hopes that it is ready when the tall ships arrive in August 2014.
   c) Updates on LA Waterfront website. The site has been revamped www.lawaterfront.org.
   d) This weekend is the Harbor Cup, a regatta event off Pt. Fermin.
   e) Free public boat tours will be available on Saturday May 18th.
   g) March 13, 6-8pm, there is a Port master plan, Draft EIR public hearing at Banning’s Landing.
15. **Land Use and Public Works Committee Report.** Sue Castillo provided a written report.
   a) No meeting in February.
   b) Sue’s report provided follow-up on motions/letters approved February 12, 2013.

16. **Finance Committee: Approval of the following Action Items:**
   a) **Approval of monthly expenditures** (Mark Contreras): Tabled till next month.
   b) **Approval of Budget Adjustments:** The following budget adjustments were approved by the Board with a vote of 14 yes, 0 no:

   ![Budget Adjustments Table]

   c) **Approve recommendations from Finance Committee Re: Funding of Grant Proposals**
   The following funding proposals were presented as recommendations from the Finance Committee:
   - LA Harbor College- Children’s Theatre Tour $2000 - Materials to build sets, costumes, and coloring books for children
   - Grand Vision- Meet the Music $2500
   - SP Bay Historical Society- $1500
   - Spay & Neuter Project of LA- $1000 - Spay and neuter cats at reduced cost for low income families ($50 vs $105)
   - YWCA- Annual Health Fair $1000 (Revised to $500 during discussion) - Food for staff, printing, advertising, snacks for participants
   - Motion by Andrew Silber to move $500 from Meet the Music to the Kiwanis for Toberman’s Childrens’ Birthdays, seconded by Harvey Contreras. Amendment by Carrie Scoville to take the money from the Health Fair instead of Meet the Music. Motion to amend seconded by Kali Merideth and passed with 7 yes votes, 4 no votes and 3 abstentions. Pat Carroll recused herself from the discussion and voting. (It was noted that those board members voting “no” included the ones who made the original recommendations at the Finance Committee Meeting).
   - Motion by James Allen to approve the entire list as amended, seconded by Harvey Contreras. Motion passed with 8 yes, 3 no, 3 abstentions. Pat Carroll recused herself from the discussion and voting.

   d) **Motion to approve consideration of the following grant proposals for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year:** $2500 for Barton Hill Mural Project and $1500 for San Pedro International Film Festival.
Motion to amend by James Allen, seconded by Kali Merideth, that these proposals be considered for 2013-2014 if the funding is available and if the two applicants submit their proposals on time. Motion approved with 13 yes, 0 no.

e) **Motion to approve Finance Committee recommendations for Long Range Marketing Plan through Outreach Committee.** The plan includes total expenses not to exceed $12,000 for a 12 month program which includes the following: (James Allen recused himself from discussion and voting on this motion): Allyson Vought spoke about the program which included:

- Collateral materials (pins/keychains)
- Posters
- Website Redesign
- Bus Bench Advertising
- Neighborhood Council Projector
- Random Lengths Newspaper Advertising

The motion was approved by the Board with a vote of 12 yes, 0 no.

17. **Outreach Committee Report:** Allyson Vought provided her Long Range Marketing Plan as outlined above. Enci Box provided an overview of website statistics.

18. **Budget Advocate Report:** No report.

19. **PCAC (Port Community Advisory Committee) Report.** Carrie Scoville provided a written report and gave some highlights from the February 19th PCAC meeting:

   a) Pier B Rail yard Update: Thomas Jelenic of the Port of Long Beach presented a proposed rail yard expansion project which would run from the Wilmington Marina to the I-710 freeway behind Piers A and B in West Long Beach. It would directly impact access to the Wilmington Marina which is home to many live-aboard residents.

   b) Harbor Freeway Expansion Project/Relocation of the Rail Spur: Port of LA Staff explained the fiscal justification for relocating the rail spur at Channel and John S. Gibson, which serves Rancho LPG.

   c) Carrie Scoville will chair the next PCAC meeting which will have a discussion with Ports O’Call developers LA Waterfront Alliance above the public process for going forward on this project.

   d) AQMD board approved a “backstop measure” that would be applied if the POLA/LB don’t meet their own emission reduction goals.

20. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Allyson Vought referred to a written report which was included in the agenda packet and is available on the Central SPNC website.

21. **Standards and Practices Committee through BONC:** Allyson Vought reported on the items discussed at the last committee meeting.

22. **ACE District (Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) Report:** Pat Carroll reported that this year the 4th of July is a first Thursday and ACE will suspend the first Thursday activities. First Thursday in August will get special attention because it is August 1st which begins the 125th Birthday Celebration of San Pedro.

23. **PBID (Business Improvement District) Report:** Allyson Vought spoke briefly on items discussed at the PBID meeting: 1) the tree removal issue on 7th Street; 2) the lighting on 6th and 7th will be expanded to other streets; 3) The Port of LA will have a radio station starting in April; and 4) the next meeting of PBID is April 3rd.

24. **Approval of Minutes** of February 12, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting. Pat Carroll moved to approve the February 12, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Marcey Abrons and passed unanimously by the Board.

25. **Adjournment.** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC