1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:20am by President James Allen. (Quorum of 13 Board Members). Approximately 5 stakeholders present.

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<td>Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu</td>
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<td>Dee &amp; Judy, Ray Regalado, Robert Farrell</td>
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2. Introduction — President, James Allen
   a. He hopes that today they can get focus and direction for the upcoming year.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
   a. Carrie Scoville announced on Saturday May 30, 2015 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the Croatian Cultural Center 2nd floor, 510 W. 7th Street, San Pedro Neighbors for Peace and Justice is having a community forum on Black Lives Matter.
   b. Stakeholder Robert Farrell and a member of the Arts, Cultural and Entertainment District which has undergone a transition into a new entity. If in fact there is a future to San Pedro it is tied into all of the time, energy and public investment that’s taken place in the Central area. He believes that this is basically the dynamo that drives the whole dynamic of Neighborhood Council activity that has the greatest impact for what the future of the community is going to be.

4. Facilitator — Debra Hunter
   a. She began with an ice breaker group word association game.
   b. She then conducted a non-verbal team building exercise.
5. **Strategic Planning Overview** – President, James Allen
   a. Allen asked everyone to close their eyes and imagine the kind of community they would like to live in and then write down in one or two words what that would be.
   b. He displayed a drawing that he drew 42 years ago when he first came to San Pedro. He spoke about how at that time the area was polluted, there were no controls on development and much of the area was industrialized. In the intervening years there has been a lot of community activism. It started when the Port of Los Angeles wanted to bulldoze the pine trees at Cabrillo Beach and create a marina on the outside of the breakwater. The community rose up and ultimately the Point Fermin activists chained themselves to the trees to prevent them being bulldozed. Some of those people are still active in the community today. People like June Smith, and Pat and Diana Naïve were all there at the beginning many many years ago.
   c. He passed out a map of San Pedro and pointed out how much green space there is. Particularly the park on 22nd Street below Harbor Boulevard that used to be one of the most polluted oil/chemical facilities in the area. There are still parts that cannot be developed today due to pollution. He wants to give a historical prospective of community activism, how it’s engaged the Port, City Council, and even County and State government, in terms of creating future of San Pedro. In many ways had a physical effect on changes in our community.
   d. What he has in mind for the coming year is a challenge to the Central San Pedro Board and to the other two Neighborhood Councils in San Pedro is to go through and create a Futures Forum. For the three Neighborhood Councils to work together to envision what the next steps are going to be. For them to work with the Port, AltaSea, and the Housing Authority for Rancho San Pedro, to concentrate on these three critical developments. To have each of these entities engage with the three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils and bring what their vision is in advance so that the Neighborhood Councils can have input in the process not simply have to react after the fact. One of the major concerns of the community is the cumulative effect of all the development combined. Not to just consider each project individually. There will be close to a billion dollars spent on these three projects over the next ten years. How they spend that money and what gets built, all of San Pedro needs to have an opportunity to give these agencies feedback and input as to what we imagine our community will look like ten and twenty years down the road.
   e. Allen is proposing that the board allocate approximately $2,500.00 in the budget for the coming fiscal year for this Futures Forum of the three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils. The Forum will allow the Neighborhood Councils to get as much information from these agencies as possible and give them the feedback/input that they need to have to understand where the community wants to go. For example how to connect the community to its harbor. We need to have a vision statement that communicates to these agencies what the community sees and be of benefit to the residents of San Pedro not just the developers.
   f. He then asked each person what their word or words were to describe their imagined community and asked them to place them onto one of the categories on the wall.

6. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** - Thomas Soong, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst
   a. He introduced himself and thanked the board for their participation and hard work. He talked about working on the Stipulation Worksheet later in the day. This would include how the Worksheet will impact the board’s selection or election process.

7. **Strategic Planning Outline** – Debra Hunter
   Debra placed large blank sheets of paper all around the room with the following categories. She asked everyone to write down ideas for each category and place the post-it notes in each category. After everyone has placed their ideas they will go over all the ideas so the board can come together and have consensus and have a really productive 2015-2016 year. James commented that all of these categories are connected. The challenge is how to draw the lines between what is public works, transportation and/or the Port. How do they all come together so that instead of having 12 different things to focus on they find a way to combine categories into a manageable list of goals.
   a. **Public Works**
      i. Prioritization of sidewalk repairs
II. Blitz initiatives on potholes
III. Beach Clean-ups
IV. Gaffey Street median design

b. **Parks and Recreation**
   I. Return of Knoll Hill to public access, the community
   II. New & more pocket parks
   III. Better park maintenance/clean accessible restrooms/ removal of fallen palm fronds
   IV. Better lighting/graffiti prevention
   V. Outdoor exercise equipment for seniors
   VI. More activities for Children
   VII. More youth programs
   VIII. More pocket parks
   IX. Public fruit trees (urban food forest)
   X. Enforce no alcohol policy, post signage of code with a phone number to report violations
   XI. Parks should support San Pedro residents and visitors by being a welcoming destination

c. **Transportation**
   I. Expansion of local circuit transportation – Dash shuttles to Harbor College and Kaiser
   II. More bike lanes
   III. Rail lines – lite rail to cruise center
   IV. Save the Red Car, expansion of the Red Car line
   V. No lane reductions
   VI. Public transportation in and out of San Pedro
   VII. Direct transportation to LAX
   VIII. Eliminate toll roads, bring back car pool lanes
   IX. LA DOT transportation forum
   X. Directional signage
   XI. Improved signage, for example for event parking
   XII. Direct airport transit
   XIII. Sponsor a CicLAvia
   XIV. Express intra community transit (Dash)
   XV. Caltrans clean up, better maintenance
   XVI. Collaborate with Crenshaw Subway Coalition
d. **Community Appearance**
   I. Clean streets, anti-litter, community clean-ups, culture shift
   II. Water conservation awareness, turf terminators
   III. Homeowner awareness of property appearance issues
   IV. Trees
   V. Public arts committee
   VI. More murals
   VII. Regular community clean up days
   VIII. Increase the number of public trash receptacles and recycling bins
   IX. Enforcement of signage codes
   X. Graffiti abatement clean up CD 15 entrance
   XI. Tidier public gardens
   XII. Spay and neuter of feral cats
e. **Homelessness**
   I. Have drives to collect blankets, water, socks, shoes and/or hygiene kits for the homeless
   II. Create coordination with non-profit & faith based organizations in the community
   III. Housing for the homeless
   IV. Housing- housing first model, more available units
   V. Homeless prevention
   VI. Address homelessness as a city-wide problem
   VII. Work with property managers
   VIII. Re-establish community recognition of the humanity of the homeless
   IX. Support services sponsored by the POLA
   X. Have locker space available to the homeless
XI. Less criminalization of homeless

f. County of Los Angeles
   I. Vocational programs
   II. Sustainability
   III. World renowned public education
   IV. Turn courthouse into a museum

g. State Government
   I. Uphold and strengthen CEQA laws
   II. Listen to us/stakeholder voice
   III. High speed rail to LA
   IV. Build Ports O’ Call for San Pedro, not just developers
   V. Stop erosion of State Land Commission
   VI. Active role in development with State elected officials on our Neighborhood Council
   VII. Be more open to take survey of different opinions or suggestions
   VIII. High speed rail
   IX. Civic engagement
   X. Give input and direction to government departments and elected officials

h. City Council
   I. Position papers on City ordinances
   II. Drive the priorities and solutions
   III. Weekly reports from CD15 and Mayor’s office
   IV. Better communication/more engagement
   V. Support vocational programing
   VI. Promote memorial signage around San Pedro
   VII. Neighborhood Council comment period on City Council agenda items
   VIII. Give LAUSD more support for budget and educator compensation
   IX. Increased accountability
   X. Increase Neighborhood Council budgets

i. Port of Los Angeles
   i. Ask the Port to do outreach similar to Alta Sea
   ii. Engage the Port on transparency, more communication
   iii. Participate in POLA workshops
   iv. Keep and promote Saturday Fish Market
   v. Porting seeming to control area
      I. Harbor Department, City Council and the Mayor rule
      II. Community input, more communication
      III. Stop being secretive about what’s going on
   vi. Directional signage at the Port
   vii. Return Knoll Hill back to the community – Knoll Hill is public state land managed by the Port. The private little league was supposed to be temporary. Community planning had intended that the area be returned to the public.
   viii. Environmental sustainability, decrease pollution, have more monitoring
   ix. Recognition of San Pedro community locations/memorials
      I. More memorials and public recognition for what members of the community have done for the community.
   x. Formal recognition of Neighborhood Council Port Advisory Committee

j. Land Use and Planning
   i. AltaSea, the Port wants to know what the public wants to be built
   ii. Aesthetic coordination
   iii. Direct Neighborhood Council input into any new land use or planning development
   iv. Alta Sea, Ports O’ Call, Rancho San Pedro to find out what the public desires, get feedback, Facebook polling
   v. Neighborhood Council input on land use
   vi. More retail
   vii. Affordable housing on vacant lots
   viii. Neighborhood Council conduct, participate in community studies
k. Economy/Financial Development
   i. Keeping it local
   ii. Get feedback on recycled San Pedro spending
   iii. Get data on cross-community spending
   iv. Get data on types of businesses needed
   v. Sustainability – political, economic, cultural, etc.
   vi. Local excursion destination
   vii. Tax break for new small businesses
   viii. Neighborhood Council role in collaboration with Harbor College, Alta Sea, etc.
   ix. Help new small businesses to start in San Pedro (vacant properties)
   x. Keep track of job creation and new development

l. Miscellaneous
   i. Use of technology for neighborhood alerts
   ii. More programs to the area, make our neighborhood a community
   iii. More memorials and public recognition for what members of the community have done for the community
   iv. Better training and communication from DONE
   v. Committee Communication
   vi. Central Neighborhood Council should hold one major event in our area
   vii. Public/Private partnerships
      I. Strategic coordination
      II. Harbor area Neighborhood Council’s
     viii. Piggyback on Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s Pathways to Employment event and hold one of our own
   ix. Neighborhood Council Board member meet & greet
   x. Ray Regalado, Frank Anderson, James Allen and Debra Hunter all made comments to the effect that when the three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils join together on any issue their voice as a group becomes stronger and more difficult to ignore. Particularly when dealing with the Port. If all three Neighborhood Council Port Committees banned together that voice might actually get heard. Further, if all the similar Neighborhood Council committees got together, again, they might be more effective on shared issues. Of course, this does not negate the each Neighborhood Council committee does and needs to do for its own area.
   xi. Robert Farrell commented that Neighborhood Council board members are elected City officials. He suggested that they ask what the status of Board members as elected Public representatives. James suggested that they write a letter to the City Attorney asking what elected Neighborhood Council Board members can do relative to the City Charter. Particularly in regards to the Port not listening or responding to Neighborhood Councils. Khixaan suggested that they in fact state Neighborhood Council board members status to the City Attorney rather than ask.
   xii. Thomas Soong reminded everyone that as elected officials they represent their neighborhood. The Councils goals are about interacting and reaching out to the community.
   xiii. Debra Hunter commented that the above items are not a definitive list of things they are going to do but a guide to the kinds of things the Council wants to achieve in the community. One of things that the Council does is information dissemination to stakeholders, one way communication. Then there are engagement activities where the Council is helping them form opinions or figure out how to articulate what is important to them. The goal is to take these items and translate how to act on them. One method of communicating the community’s ideas is to publish position papers.

8. 2015-2016 Budget Priorities and Planning – Treasurer, Danielle Sandoval
   a. Operations - She pointed out that in the current fiscal year they spent close to $10,000 on Operations. For next year that category is budgeted at $12,000. She would like to see them spend less in that category in the future. This category includes audio/sound services, virtual office services and temporary staffing services.
b. Outreach – There was a lot of money budgeted for advertising and yet they didn’t spend any of it on advertising. For the coming fiscal year she thinks they should do more branding of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. She suggested they could do yard signs to let stakeholders know about the council.

c. Community Improvement – No funds were spent from this budget line in the current fiscal year. A community garden is an example of a community improvement. Board member Sue Castillo wants the board to consider covering the holes left when trees were removed at 7th and Mesa with tiles with Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s logo as a community improvement project.

d. Neighborhood Purpose Grants – There is $5,000 in the 2015-2016 budget for NPG’s. For the current year they spent $10,000, partly because they did not do any community improvement projects.

e. Selections – This will be a category they will need to have a few thousand dollars in to cover outreach specific to the selection.

f. Debra will create a matrix combining the Budget items and the Strategic Plan Outline items in a way that will allow the Council to prioritize and rank items. This will also give a percentage number to for items as a cross reference to the budget.

g. Carrie Scoville commented that they will need funds in the budget for the Board selection.

h. There was discussion of the process for hiring a translator when needed.

i. James Allen suggested that the Council could do a flyer with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council boundaries on one side and a list of upcoming events on the other.

j. Khixaan suggested that the board have meet and greet events in addition to the monthly stakeholder meeting.

9. Review of Bylaws – Thomas Soong

a. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Procedures Situation Worksheet. The following items needed clarification to align with the bylaws.

   i. Number 1. Article V - Governing Board, Section 3: Official Actions – For this section to be consistent with the bylaws the proper selection is Simple majority vote by the board members present, not including abstentions.

   ii. Number 4. Article XIV – Compliance, Section 1: Code of Civility and Number 5. Article IV – Compliance, Section 2: Training – both of these are being overlaid onto all Neighborhood Council bylaws by DONE.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom,
for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council