



THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

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

Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm. Board members in attendance: Harvey Contreras, Kali Merideth, Julia Parker, Phill Trigas, Art Almeida, Pat Carroll, Linda Alexander, Scott Gray, Allyson Vought, Bill Roberson, James Allen, Andrew Silber, Sue Castillo, Carrie Scoville, Annette McDonald and Kara McLeod (arrived at 6:59pm). Excused: Frank Anderson. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

1. **President's report.** An update was provided on board members who have completed their ethics training.

REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS

2. **LAPD:** Officer Garcinela, Senior Lead Officer for Wilmington was in attendance filling in for Officer Nua. She provided recent statistics for the San Pedro area:
 - Last Saturday the LAPD Curfew Task Force issued 35 citations to young people out past 10:00pm. The Task Force does this monthly in order to reduce the incidents of juveniles being victims of crimes.
 - The LAPD is continuing to enforce the skateboarding laws as well as trying to implement new skateboarding laws to keep children safe.
 - Year to date crime statistics were as follows: Compared to this period last year, homicides, aggravated assaults, burglaries and theft from motor vehicles are down. 40% decrease in crime from last year.
 - The most stolen vehicles are Toyotas and Hondas. The LAPD provides anti theft devices at cost.
 - Gun buyback events are being held to get more guns off the streets.
3. **Election Committee:** Bill Roberson provided an update on the Selection of Board Members planned for June 12, 2012.
4. **CD15 Committee Report:** The Board agreed to hold this agenda item over until next month per Andrew Silber's request. The committee is working on potential solutions for the downtown parking issues.
5. **Council District 15 Report.** John Larson reported:
 - There remains a gang injunction in place against the Rancho gang.
 - John thanked those who attended the Plaza Park dedication. The cornerstone that was recently recovered will be a permanent addition.
 - The problem with the deteriorated road next to the driveway at the Capitol Drive entrance of the Target store has been taken care off.
 - Skateboard motion was passed 12-0. The issue is now in the hands of the city attorneys to draft an ordinance. (Usually takes 30-90 days).
 - The Councilman is proposing to do a public safety meeting regarding the Rancho LPG tanks. At such a public hearing Rancho will be asked to explain to the community their safety precautions.

- As little notice was provided by the DWP for their last Public Forum regarding rate increases, another workshop will be planned and the public will be given advance lead time.
- Proposed ban on plastic bags: The City Council President has proposed a May 23rd hearing on this issue which is council file number 111531S1. They will prepare an assessment of what this motion would mean for the city. SB1219 will also be reviewed to see how it affects the city's plans for any type of ban.
- Andrew Silber thanked the Council Office for getting the road work on Marshall Court completed.
- Pot hole day went well. 100 pot holes were repaired.
- Sidewalk repair: The Dept of PW is inventorying the problem before they ask neighborhood councils and the public to work with them to come up with a solution acceptable to the community.

6. Congresswoman's Office: Mike Aguilera reported: (copy from last night)

- The GAPS (Gauging American Port Security) Act, HR 4005, was sponsored by Rep. Hahn and passed on May 9th, directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study of gaps in U.S. port security and to submit to Congress a classified report that includes a prioritization of such gaps and a plan for addressing them.
- The Congresswoman has been named to the Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations which oversees the Small Business Administration and reviews regulations related to small businesses. Hahn is committed to ensuring that the SBA continues to support the development and growth of our nation's small businesses.
- Rep. Hahn has joined Rep. Nadler and others in introducing PWFA, (Pregnant Workers Fairness Act) to ensure that pregnant workers are not forced out of their jobs unnecessarily or denied reasonable accommodations that would allow them to keep working and support their families.
- Rep. Hahn voted against HR3523, the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act" because she felt it did not adequately protect the privacy of citizens.
- A Senior Advisory Council has been launched to advise the Congresswoman on key issues that are important to seniors. The Council will meet quarterly.
- Carrie Scoville thanked the Congresswoman for voting "NO" on the Cyber Security Legislation.

7. Mayor's Office. Ricardo Hong reported:

- The opening of the new Business Source Center at Brown Brothers Building is tentatively scheduled for May 23rd.
- The Mayor kicked off an event that is the largest one day "Help Stamp Out Hunger" Day of Service.
- The Mayor is welcoming a new company to Los Angeles that will bring jobs to the citizens of L.A. They will be building 1000 electric trucks.
- The Mayor announced the appointment of new Fire Commissioner, Alan Skobin, who has 40 years of community and civic service.
- Carrie Scoville voiced her concern about the two adult schools closing: Harbor Occupational Center and the Adult School.

8. Port Subcommittee: Carrie Scoville reported on the following:

- **Rancho LPG:** Given the action taken by the Councilman regarding a public forum, the board agreed to postpone the presented motion at this time.
- **Off Street Racing Letter:** Carrie read the contents of the letter being presented as a response to Port Director Knatz' letter on the subject of a racing track. Two revisions to the letter were proposed. **After a short discussion, the board unanimously approved sending the letter as revised. Wording of revised letter follows:**
Thank you for your response of March 28, 2012. In reply, we would point out that the plan for this raceway is in compliance with State Tidelands in that it is proposed to be a portable installation. All that are required

are k-rails, grandstands, a couple of trailers for offices/toilets, and possibly chain link fencing. All of which are temporary in nature. This allows for a community facility with the flexibility to position it on a parcel not in use at a given time. The duration could be for a single event, weeks, months, or longer depending on the site.

In the 1990's a raceway operated on Terminal Island which was relocated as needed when the Evergreen and NYK terminals were under construction. Since then the raceway has been attempting to find a location in the South Bay.

We understand that there were objections raised when it was proposed to locate the raceway in Wilmington at the Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site. This plan is entirely different for the reasons stated above and should be evaluated on its own merit.

Seeing that there are many parcels at the Port not in use due to planning/pending lease agreements/EIR processes, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Port to reconsider its prior position and support this worthwhile project.

9. Update from David Arian, Vice President of the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Highlights included:

- Arian has been on the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) for two years. He views the Port of Los Angeles in two ways: 1) As a corporation which needs to maximize profits and 2) a public entity who answers to the people.
- From 2009-2010 \$100 million was invested back into the community.
- Public pressure must be used to get the Port to invest back into the community.
- The BOHC is developing a strategic plan for next five years looking at what the priorities should be for the money that comes back to the community.
- A short update was provided on the USS IOWA.
- In response to a question from a stakeholder regarding what the Port is doing to improve air quality, Arian gave a short update on the Clean Air Programs.
- He was asked about the Eastview Little League/Knoll Hill situation, and responded that he was unaware of the multi-use plan developed in 2009 by the Knoll Hill Steering Committee, POLA, LANI and Melendrez Landscape Architects. We are to send him a copy.

10. Port of Los Angeles Report: Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- Announced BOHC meetings.
- Old Pavilion building under the bridge is being redone as the new home for Catalina Express. Should be open around July 4th.
- Red Car System will be down after this weekend until June 28th due to the construction of the downtown harbor which has created a safety issue. The Red Trolley will take over a few of the stops.
- Announced the Angels Gate lighthouse restoration ceremony. Carrie commented that this was a PCAC project.

11. PCAC Report: Carrie Scoville provided highlights from the written report which was included in agenda packet. She specifically commented on the presentation by the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation (HCBF) who provided the status of chosen projects. (www.HCBF.org).

- Next PCAC meeting will have a presentation on the Alameda Corridor.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- **Michael Bok:** Commented on the "hip hop" culture in San Pedro.
- **Angel Flores:** Local pastor at Praise Chapel who is trying to put together outreach for a skateboard helmet giveaway. He would like assistance on getting helmets.

13. Bylaws Committee: Second reading of proposed amendments to Bylaws. Scott Gray gave highlights on the proposed changes. Discussion was held on the following:

- **Age:** Several board members commented on the age requirement for stakeholders and also for voting board members. After extensive discussion, Pat Carroll moved to amend the voting age for stakeholders and committee members to be 14 and the age to be able to hold office at 18. The motion was seconded by Linda Alexander and passed with 14 yes votes and 1 no vote.
- **Absences:** Allyson Vought moved to amend Article Five Section 7 to read "3 unexcused absences in a twelve month period". The motion was seconded by Pat Carroll. There was extensive discussion on the motion and then a call for the questions. 11 Board members were in favor of calling the question. The motion then passed with 8 yes votes and 7 no votes.
- **Ethics:** Change ethics from 12 month period to 6 month period after taking office, seconded by Sue Castillo. 6 yes, 7 no. Motion failed.
- **Seating of new officers:** Kara McLeod moved that people filling board vacancies shall be seated at the next meeting after selected. The motion was seconded by Carrie Scoville but failed with 5 yes votes and 6 no votes. Andrew Silber moved that the people filling board vacancies be seated at the end of the meeting where they are selected. Motion seconded by Kara McLeod and passed with 9 yes, 2 nos.
- **Approval of Amended Bylaws:** Motion by James Allen to approve the bylaws as submitted by committee with the above amendments, seconded by Linda Alexander and passed with 13 yes votes, 1 no vote.

14. Land Use Planning Report. The following items were presented for full Board approval by Sue Castillo on behalf of the Land Use Planning Committee:

- **Motion to File Community Impact Statement** Regarding the draft Community Care Facilities Ordinance (Council File #11-0262).
The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council views well-run community care facilities as providing important public benefits to the community. Per the March 8, 2012 report from the Planning Dept to the City of Los Angeles PLUM Committee:
"Currently, a variance is needed to locate a licensed facility for seven or more in a residential zone. The proposed ordinance removes that obstacle and expands options for licensed facilities by permitting them by-right as a public benefit in all zones subject to municipal performance standards, including a limitation of two residents per bedroom."
This council generally supports the proposed ordinance that (1) permits facilities by-right subject to performance standards and (2) provides alternative compliance procedures when care providers propose reasonable alternatives to the performance standards. However, the alternative compliance procedures should be clearly defined and should not unreasonably burden the care providers as to timeline or cost. Furthermore, the density requirements specifying the number of beds per room should be rewritten to instead require a minimum room square footage per bed, consistent LA County requirements.
Kara McLeod moved to vote no on the filing of a Community Impact Statement as outlined above, seconded by Andrew Silber. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Sue Castillo moved to approve the motion as presented in the Land Use Planning Report, seconded by Linda Alexander. Motion passed with 9 yes votes and 4 no votes.
- Items II and III are brought forward with the intention that the office of Council District 15 shall work with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council and other interested

community organizations to accomplish these short to long range goals. These items are to be entered into our CD 15 Action Item List (aka Andrew's List):

II. Request for prioritized code enforcement based on observed excess of signage: *The 700 block of Pacific Avenue contains significant and multiple violations of City sign ordinances. Seven properties identified as probable code violations with respect to displaying excess signage are: 700, 701, 702, 708, 711, 716, 717 S. Pacific Avenue.*

Andrew Silver moved to amend the above list adding the liquor store on the corner of 7th and Center, seconded by Annette McDonald. The motion to amend passed unanimously and the motion as amended then passed unanimously.

- Motion by James Allen to consider items III through VI as one, seconded by Phill Trigas. 4 yes, 5 no. Motion failed.
- **III. Priorities for public space improvements:**
 - a) Replace remaining Norman ad bearing bus benches with new contractor Martin Outdoor Media bus benches.
 - b) News racks that do not receive regular maintenance can be a blight on the community and should be reported. The City should provide the neighborhood council with a contact name and number for reporting and follow up.
 - c) Bollard repair for sidewalk sitting nodes in front of 445 W. 7th St
 - d) Improvement of condition of satellite parking lots: City Lot 641 and the Croatian Cultural Center parking lot. Walls need finishing and repairing, on-site signage needs improvement, and way finding signs from Pacific Avenue need to be designed and installed.
 - e) Improvement of accessibility of satellite parking: repair the alley curb return along the east side of Pacific Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets, as this lies in the pedestrian path from the satellite parking lots to the center of downtown San Pedro.
 - f) Plaza at 6th & Mesa: large kiosk removal and bench relocations in order to open up plaza space and eliminate view obstruction of the artistic retaining wall.
 - g) Lillian Fierman walkway improvement
 - h) Deficiency of Centre Street sidewalk, west side between 6th and 7th Streets. Consider boardwalk extension.

Andrew commented that he would approve all of these with the provision that it doesn't hinder the progress of the parking plan. Kara McLeod moved to eliminate item "g" from list. Her motion was seconded by Art Almeida but failed with 3 yes votes and 10 no votes.

Andrew Silber moved to amend that none of these priorities should jeopardize any parking plan currently in process with the Council Office. The motion to amend was seconded by Kara McLeod and passed unanimously (12 yes, 0 no). The motion to approve item III as amended passed with 11 yes votes and 1 no vote.

- IV. Approval of letter to Planning Department. Sue Castillo withdrew this item with no objection from the Board.
- V. Community Impact Statement Regarding the City budget for economic development staff within the Planning Department; File #11-0086-S4:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council recognizes the importance of economic development activities as practiced by the Community Redevelopment Agency (prior to State defunding) for the purpose of reducing blight and making strategic investment in economically challenged neighborhoods. We ask that the City of Los Angeles provide reasonable funding for staff personnel who specialize in economic development in order that they may collaborate with this neighborhood council and other community groups in the interest of blight reduction and strategic capital investment. Staff should be assigned to the Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Area for regular interaction and coordinated planning. Motion from Committee passed by the Board with 13 yes votes, 0 no votes.
- VI. Community-based planning for the future of Ports O'Call

The Port of Los Angeles, as landlord for the Ports O'Call property, is about to enter into a RFQ process, or "Request for Qualifications" (as a developer). This committee recommends that a community forum be held this summer to take advance public comments on the proposed

redevelopment of Ports O'Call, in order to pro-actively prepare this neighborhood council to respond to Port redevelopment actions. This community forum should be sponsored by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, or, the three San Pedro neighborhood councils acting together if it is agreed to do this cooperatively.

Motion to amend from Andrew Silber that in addition to community based planning, the Central SPNC should have a representative on the panel that picks a developer for Ports O'Call. The motion to amend was seconded by Annette McDonald and passed with 11 yes votes, 1 no vote. The amended motion was then passed unanimously by the Board.

- 15. Board Approval to send "Letter of Concern" to Police Commission, City Attorney, Ethics Commission, Council District 15 Office:** Motion by Andrew Silber to send the letter as presented in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Kara McLeod and passed with 10 yes votes, 1 no vote.
- 16. Review of Board Retreat:** Scott Gray reported that the Retreat held on March 24th was very successful and well attended. Notes from the retreat were included in the Agenda Packet.
- 17. Outreach Committee:** Pat Carroll provided a verbal report which included the following items:
 - Newsletter update and deadlines for candidate statements to be published.
 - **Approval of revised Central San Pedro NC logo:** The Board reviewed the revised logo as presented by the Committee and approved the logo with 10 yes votes, 1 no vote.
- 18. Finance Committee Report:**
 - Budget Reallocations: The Finance Committee presented the following reallocations for board approval:

<i>i.</i> \$100 from 102 to 101	<i>v.</i> \$50 from 207A to 301
<i>ii.</i> \$50 from 106 to 301	<i>vi.</i> \$504 from 208 to 301
<i>iii.</i> \$145 from 107 to 301	<i>vii.</i> \$196 from 208 to 201
<i>iv.</i> \$300 from 206A to 205	
 - The board approved the reallocations unanimously.
 - **Approval of Selection Outreach Expenditures:** The expenses related to the June 12, 2012 Selection were presented for approval by the Finance Committee, (James Allen recused himself and left the room). The following expenses were approved by the Board with 8 yes votes, 1 no vote:
 - i.* \$500 for half page Selection announcement in Random Lengths News
 - ii.* \$300 for Selection Monitors (IEA's) to oversee process
 - iii.* \$450 for printing and distribution of flyers
 - iv.* \$400 for other selection expenditures (Admin Asst., supplies, etc.)
 - Approval of Monthly Expenses. The monthly expenses were approved unanimously by the Board.
- 19. HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Allyson Vought gave an overview of the meeting and provided written notes in the agenda packet.
- 20. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2012 Meeting:** Pat Carroll moved to approve the April 10, 2012 Minutes as presented, seconded by Andrew Silber and passed unanimously by the Board.
- 21. Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC