



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by President Linda Alexander. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 14 Board Members). Approximately 60 stakeholders present (including students from San Pedro High School).

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

2. **President's Report** (Linda Alexander)
  - a. **Update on Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting and discuss and vote on Central's position related to Posting Rules:** This item was postponed until the January 2014 meeting.
  - b. **Discuss and vote on combined Holiday Meeting with other neighborhood councils to be held at the Croatian Cultural Center:** Motion by Carrie Scoville, seconded by Pat Carroll that the council go dark in December and have a social gathering at the Croatian Cultural Center with the other two neighborhood councils. Motion passed unanimously. Kristina Smith volunteered to help coordinate the pot luck.
  - c. **Election Committee appointments:** Current nominees are Doug Epperhart, Diana Nave, Allen Franz and Bill Roberson. (Action Item): The Selection is planned for next June. Motion by Pat Carroll to approve the four nominees for the Election Committee, seconded by Andrew Silber. Motion passed unanimously.
  - d. **Retreat Update and approval of budget for Retreat.** (Action Item): The retreat will be chaired by Carrie Scoville and Doug Epperhart. Grayce Liu will be the guest speaker. The retreat will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 10am-3pm at the Think Café. The board will revisit the Strategic Plan and review it. Motion to approve proposed budget of

\$524 by James Allen, seconded by Pat Carroll and passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 3 abstentions (L. Alexander, P. Trigas and Michael Boke).

- e. President Alexander announced that Mike Cacavelli from the Meals on Wheels provided the food for today's meeting.

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

- a. **Mona Sutton** reported that she is the current co-chair of the Community Police Advisory Board which meets once a month (third Thursday, 6:30pm, at Harbor Station). The mission of the board is to advise and inform the LAPD officers and command staff of quality of life concerns within the community. There is also a Teen CPAB that works on community projects and helps the police with crime, graffiti and teen issues.
- b. **Alan Johnson** announced that the next public outreach meeting for the Ports O'Call Redevelopment Project will be held at the Warner Grand Theatre at 5:30pm on November 19th.
- c. **Bill Roberson:** Talked about the possibility of closing 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Pacific and Mesa as it appears to help bring people to the area.
- d. **Arturo Rodriguez and Rachel Torres:** They would like to be on a future agenda to discuss the Raise LA campaign.
- e. **Michael Gatanz from Peoples Place:** Announced their New Years Eve Party.
- f. **John** (stakeholder, last name not provided): talked about San Pedro High's Water Polo Team. They went to the second round of the Finals.

- 4. **Presentation:** Proposed 24-Unit Residential Project at 8<sup>th</sup> & Centre Streets. The representative from Metro Investments was not available. Sue Castillo gave a brief summary on the project.

5. **Land Use Committee:**

- a. Recommendation from committee to approve 8<sup>th</sup> & Centre Street project. (Action Item):

***Support for a 24-Unit Residential Project at 8<sup>th</sup> & Centre Streets by Metro Investments***

*On October 10, 2013, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee reviewed the subject proposal. Board Members Sue Castillo (chair), Linda Alexander, Frank Anderson, and Pat Carroll were in attendance, as well as seven other community members. This group agreed to support this project, with conditions:*

1. *Increased articulation of both the front and back facades, with variation in the depth of the building faces and a "step back" of the top floor away from the south alley.*
2. *Gateway-quality landscaping at the corner of 8th & Mesa, as this is an entry to Vinegar Hill.*
3. *Recommendation that the property owners on this block organize to collaborate with the developer to repave the entire alley in this block.*

*This committee hopes to see this project move forward and review more fully developed plans as they are developed. A letter of provisional support subject to review of the developers plan shall be provided to the City Planning Department and the office of Councilman Buscaino.*

**Approved by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board by unanimous vote.**

**Reports from Public Officials:**

6. **Congresswoman's Office:** Ivan Sulic reported:

- a. Provided an update on assistance being provided to Philippine citizens here in the US while the country recovers from the recent earthquake. The largest Philippine constituency is in the Congresswoman's area.
- b. November 17<sup>th</sup>, local businesses will donate 20% of their sales for disaster relief to the Philippines.

- c. Congressional Art Competition is in the planning stages.
7. **CD15 Office.** Nicole Wells reported for Ryan Ferguson, who is the new Field Deputy for CD15.
    - a. An update was provided on the “Oversized Vehicles Ordinance” as well as the “Great Streets Initiative.”
    - b. Nicole provided an update on the following two issues: Watering of the medians and the issue of the recent street lights that were out on both sides of Harbor Blvd from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Crescent.
  8. **Senator Wrights Office:** Bill Orton reported:
    - a. Provided a written review of bills that were signed into law this year and gave a brief overview of some of those bills.
    - b. He announced that Senator Wright will be the Grand Marshal at San Pedro’s Holiday Parade.
  9. **Port of LA:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
    - a. Update on upcoming BOHC meetings.
    - b. Announced newest Harbor Commissioners.
    - c. Announced that Gary Lee Moore is the new Interim Director at the Port of LA.
    - d. Announced two public outreach meetings (Dec. 2 & 3) addressing construction involving C Street in Wilmington and the 110 Freeway, as well as the on ramp by the Harbor Division Police Station.
    - e. The Harbor Community Benefits sponsorship program awarded a total of \$50,000 in grants to 14 recipients.
    - f. Cirque de Soliel was a huge success.
    - g. Announced a birthday party event for the Vincent Thomas Bridge at Catalina Express Terminal Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30.
    - h. Andrew Silber asked for an update on the Water Cut and asked for more information on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Pier project.
  10. **Public Safety:**
    - a. LAPD Captain Nancy Lauer reported on the following:
      - i. She commended the youth who were present at today’s meeting and acknowledged Mona Sutton and Leslie Jones’ attendance at the Community Police Advisory Board Summit.
      - ii. Lauer also asked the community to visit the Harbor Division Facebook page. She talked about the success of social media in capturing suspects.
      - iii. Recent crime statistics were shared. San Pedro and Harbor Division is trending in a very positive way. A reduction in crime rates this year will surpass other years. Violent crime down 21%.
      - iv. Suggestions to keep watch over neighbors.
    - b. Officer Nua also gave a brief report.
    - c. **Final Report on Police Town Hall Meeting:** James Allen submitted an extensive written final report for board members to review.
    - d. **Approval of Letter to Chief Beck regarding staffing the Harbor Station Jail** with copies to go to the Councilman and LAPD Harbor Division Captain: Leslie Jones commented that 77<sup>th</sup> Division is getting new floors and our Harbor Division jail will be open for about 6 weeks. Leslie will follow up with Ryan Ferguson of CD15 on the issue. A letter will be submitted in January for board approval
  11. **Homelessness in the Harbor Area. Report from Ad Hoc Committee:**
    - a. Sue Castillo gave an update on the planning of the forum being scheduled for next Spring. The Committee is working with working groups at Marymount College on this project.

- b. A letter will be drafted inviting the Chamber of Commerce and PBID to participate in the forum.
- e. The next ad hoc committee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013.

**12. Finance Committee:**

- a. **Report from Budget Day.** Frank Anderson and Kali Merideth attended the Mayor's Budget Day. They reported that City Hall has a lot of new personnel and the Mayor's office is trying to renew transparency with on-line tools. Their thinking process is more progressive and they have a goal to run more efficiently.
- b. **Approval of Bank Statements:** The bank statements for July, August and September were reviewed.
  - 1. The July 2013 monthly expenditure report was approved with a roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions)
  - 2. The August 2013 monthly expenditure report was approved with a roll call vote. (11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions)
- c. **Approval of Budget Line Item Adjustments:** Motion by Kali Merideth, seconded by Andrew Silber, to approve items 1, 3, 4, and 5 as listed below.
  - 1. \$350 for food and possible outreach from line 301 Uncommittee Funds to new line 203B Homelessness Forum.
  - 3. \$60 for business cards from line 107 Translation and Transcription to 105A Office Supplies and Equipment.
  - 4. \$5,000 moved from line 202 Election Outreach expense to New DONE Category 501 Election Expense.
  - 5. Release \$70 from line 105A Office Supplies as plaque for Ricardo Hong was donated. Motion to approve items 1, 3, 4 and 5 was passed with a roll call vote. (11 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions)
- d. **Item #2:** \$75 to support San Pedro "Holiday Parade" from line 301 Uncommitted Funds to 203C Holiday Parade. Approved with Roll Call Vote. (9 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions)

**13. Leland Park Ad Hoc Committee:** Frank Anderson provided a final report and thanked Debbie for all her hard work on improving the park. A park advisory board is being formed which will take place of the ad hoc committee. Some short term goals have been established and long term goals have also been discussed. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Park. Michael Shull from the Dept. of Rec and Parks will be there. There has been a neighborhood watch established in the neighborhood of the Park.

**14. Port Relations Committee Report:**

- a. Frank Anderson gave an overview from Augie Bezmalinovich's written report provided after the Port Committee Meeting held October 23, 2013. (Available on the Central SPNC website on the Port Committee's page).
- b. At the meeting with Cynthia Ruiz, a replacement idea for PCAC was discussed and is being pursued.
- c. **Approval of Letter Re: Detaining of crew members on cruise ships in Port of LA.** The letter will be revised and brought back to the board for review.

**15. CD15 Report**

- a. In response to Andrew Silber's questions about the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Pier, the watering of the medians and the issue of street lights being out on both sides of Harbor Blvd from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Crescent, the CD15 Representative, Nicole Wells, provided updates. (See CD15 report in item #7 above).

16. **Outreach Committee Report:** Allyson Vought reported:
- a. Reminder to all board members that it is everyone's responsibility to acquire stakeholder emails for outreach purposes.
  - b. Allyson will be printing the business cards and asked board members to provide current information.
  - c. An update was provided on Central's participation in the Holiday Parade.
  - d. Allyson informed board members that the Outreach Committee is in charge of the loaning of equipment (camera, projector and computer) to board members for events related to council business.
  - e. The Outreach Committee is looking for a slogan to be used on bus benches. Central SPNC is currently advertising on 14 benches and there are more available.
  - f. Allyson recommended the use of the LA311 system as she has found it to be very effective.
17. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Carrie Scoville reported:
- a. Most of the discussion at the HANC was on issues brought forward by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioner which included a request to decrease the number of Brown-Act required postings. HANC is asking that NC's approach the Councilman and approach the City Council directly.
  - b. At the HANC meeting there was a presentation by the LA Fire Department. They are now conducting a strategic plan and are asking stakeholders to help them with the survey.
  - c. Ron Galperin is the new city controller. He is making an on-line database of salaries available and hopes to conduct future town hall meetings in various cities to let people know what the controller does.
18. **Reports from Community Partners**
- b. **ACE:** No report.
  - c. **PBID:** No report.
19. **Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting:** The Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Board and Stakeholder meeting were presented in the agenda packet. **Kali Merideth moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Pat Carroll and approved unanimously by the Board.**
20. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith