



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by President Linda Alexander. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 13 Board Members). Approximately 45 stakeholders present.

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

2. Presidents Report

- a. Linda Alexander spoke briefly about the continuing problem of monthly meetings being extremely lengthy. A new agenda style was presented at the agenda setting meeting by Vice President James Allen in hopes that a new format might address the issue. President Alexander relinquished her seat for the remainder of the meeting and passed the gavel to James Allen to act as Chairman.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. **Gary McKee:** Commented on Public Safety Issues with the Palos Verdes Inn which is currently under renovation due to the recent arson fire which closed the apartment complex down.
- b. **Lydia Gutierrez:** Announced her candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and spoke briefly of her platform.
- c. **Lanny Nelms, representing LAUSD Board President Richard Vladovic:** Announced the upcoming LAUSD Budget Priorities Town Hall meeting on February 5th. He also thanked the neighborhood council for supporting the Holiday Parade.

- d. **Nancy Vitale:** Announced the candidacy of John Goya running for California State Assembly Seat in the 70th District.
- e. **Bill Roberson:** Commented on news related to the recent closing of the court house. He has learned that an RFP has been issued to hire an appraisal office to determine the value of the existing court facilities which suggests that they are considering selling the property. Bill is hoping to make contact with someone who would be willing to meet with our Land Use Committee for an interactive exchange pertaining to potential civic use of the building. (Andrew Silber requested that there be a follow up to our letter and motion on this issue).
- f. **Gaetano Dan Salvo:** Spoke on traffic sign problems when heading south on Gaffey where it intersects with Santa Cruz. He has written to CD15, the DOT and the engineers regarding issues with the signs but his requests have been met with indifference. He is hoping to get a history from DOT on the traffic signs in question.
- g. **Angela Romero:** Announced her new website "ThatsSoPedro.com" which covers positive news in San Pedro.
- h. **Dave Behar, President of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council:** Announced the Public Safety Summit on January 25, 1-5pm at the San Pedro Elks Club.
- i. **Jerry Gusha:** Announced that Sunday Hours (1pm-5pm) have been reinstated at the Public Library. Jerry also announced that the Friends of the San Pedro Library are presenting documentaries on Sunday January 26th at the Grand Annex on 6th Street.

4. **Public Safety**

- a. **CPAB Report** – Leslie Jones reported on the Community Police Advisory Board and on the Helping Badge Program.
- b. **Letter Re: Opening the Harbor Division Jail:** The letter was not available for approval. Leslie Jones will find out more information on costs related to the jail. Once more information is gleaned the letter will be written and presented to the board.
- c. **Leland Park Update** – Frank Anderson provided an update on the improvements that have been made to Leland Park and announced the next meeting of the newly formed PAB scheduled for Tuesday at 2pm in the Rec Room.
- d. **LAPD – Crime Stat Report for 2013:** Office Junior Nua provided a handout with the final statistics for 2013. He announced that Harbor Division was #1 in Los Angeles for crime reduction on part one crime. He also announced that the Central San Pedro Area will be receiving a new Senior Lead Officer. Officer Andrey Wilkins is being transferred from Harbor City to cover the Central San Pedro area.

- 5. **Land Use Report & Community improvements:** Sue Castillo gave highlights from her written report. She specifically talked about the Urban Greening Committee and the issues with the Palos Verdes Inn, as well as providing an update on the J & J Body Shop.

- 6. **PBID Report:** Update on Proposed Soup Kitchen. Allyson reported that the PBID took the position of not endorsing a soup kitchen at Pacific and 8th Street. This will be referred to the Land Use Planning and Public Works Committee. Michael Gatanz talked about the Great Streets Project.

7. **Port Issues:**

- a. **Presentation on Port Related Improvement Projects:** Augie Bezmalinovich showed a power point presentation on proposed improvements at John S. Gibson Blvd and the 110 Freeway Access Ramp, as well as the SR47/I-110 Connector Widening. Engineers Prashant Konareddy, Project Manager for John S. Gibson project, and Chris Trinidad, manager of the I-110/C Street Project, were in attendance to respond to questions from board members and stakeholders. These two major projects will improve the freeway and areas around the 47 and 110, as well as separating truck traffic from car traffic. The presentation highlighted the changes that will take place with the onramps, off ramps, etc. Construction has started in the Channel Street area and the skate park at that location will be closed for about one year.

Traffic on John S. Gibson will have one lane closed for one month and the ramp will be closed for about 3 months. The I110 and C Street will get modifications including a bridge which is predicted to be a 2-1/2 year project.

- b. **7th Street Pier Project update:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported that the project is not yet funded and no formal engineering design has been completed.
- c. **Motion from HANC Re: Committee to replace PCAC:** The following motion was brought forth by Linda Alexander from the HANC meeting for Board review:
*“Whereas Community members seek to provide reasonable feedback to the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and the Board of Harbor Commissioners, on Draft Environmental Impact Reviews (DEIRs), Environmental Impact Reviews (EIRs), and Waterfront Projects in the Harbor Area and Los Angeles Waterfront, and
Whereas, proposed Waterfront Development, street and infrastructure projects in and around the POLA have health, traffic and economic impact on the communities in, of, and around the POLA,
Therefore, the _____ Neighborhood Council supports the formation of the Los Angeles Community Port Advisory Council (LACPAC) and will designate two members and an alternate, who need not be current Neighborhood Council Board members, to serve for one year terms, on behalf of the neighborhood.”*
Andrew Silber seconded the motion but after discussion withdrew his second and the entire motion was referred to the Port Committee to be discussed at the January 15th meeting.
- d. **Review and approve letter Re: Detention of Crew Members:** The following letter was presented for approval:
The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the detention of Filipino and Indonesian crew members aboard cruise line ships while they are docked in the Port of Los Angeles.

The detention of these workers has a negative effect on the cruise terminal, is detrimental to Los Angeles as a Port of welcome to foreign visitors, and is seen by San Pedro merchants as another attempt to damage businesses that are patronized by cruise ship crew members.

Added to this negative economic impact, other crew members are demonstrating their solidarity with the affected workers by staying on board while in port, thus exacerbating the loss of business. The Council is also offended by the need for the detention order. Los Angeles is the only port where the detention is in effect. Do crew members only "jump" ship in one port? Also, the detention appears to be based on a very small number of crewmen who "jump" ship.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is asking for:
i. An immediate end to this unfair and probably unconstitutional practice;
ii. A response explaining the rationale behind the detention in only this one west coast port, and
iii. An accurate tally of number of crewmembers who have "jumped" ship in Los Angeles.
After discussion a motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the letter in concept and have the President make minor adjustments as necessary.
- e. **Report from Meeting with Port Representative:** Frank Anderson reported on the meeting with Port Representative, Cynthia Ruiz. Items discussed at that meeting included:
i. EIR's and current Port projects such as channel dredging, upgrading of wharfs, installation of taller cranes due to larger ships coming in.
ii. Harbor Community Benefit Foundation grants that were awarded.
iii. Brief talk about Ports O'Call and the Ports commitment to the process.
- f. **Status of BOHC evening meetings:** Linda Alexander read the letter that the Central San Pedro NC sent to the Board of Harbor Commissioners regarding the issue of BOHC meetings possibly being held in the evenings. A response about the meeting schedule was received by email from Augie Bezmalinovich and included in the Agenda Packet. Linda Alexander read the

contents of those emails into the record (see "Correspondence" on the Central San Pedro NC website. www.centrialsanpedro.org.)

8. **CD15 Report.** Ryan Ferguson gave highlights from his written report which included:
 - a. An update on the ban of single use plastic carryout bags.
 - b. An update on the LA 2020 Commission Report which can be access online at: <http://www.la2020reports.org/>
 - c. The Councilman submitted a motion today related to illegal street racing which has been referred to the City Council's Public Safety Committee: The motion can be viewed at: http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2014/14-0054_mot_01-14-14.pdf
 - d. Upcoming events were also announced.

9. **Public comment from Al Sattler of the Sierra Club:** Sattler reported that additional crude oil being transported into Wilmington refineries may pose hazards. He also commented on a motion introduced into the LA City Council for a moratorium on fracking in the City of Los Angeles.

10. **Board Retreat held November 16, 2014:**
 - a. **Approval of Retreat Report and Strategic Plan Amendments:** Carrie Scoville presented a PowerPoint presentation which contained an overview of the Board Retreat held November 16th. The proposed amendments to the Strategic Plan were also presented. A minor grammatical error was corrected. **Andrew Silber moved to approve the Retreat Report and the Strategic Plan amendments, seconded by Pat Carroll and passed unanimously by the Board. (Link to approved document:**

11. **Report on Upcoming Board Selection and Selection Procedures:** Doug Epperhart provided a written document with definitions as well as the requirements per city regulations and the council bylaws. The Selection Ad Hoc Committee Proposed Rules were reviewed by the Board. **Linda Alexander moved to approve the Selection Procedures as presented, seconded by Pat Carroll and passed by unanimous vote of the Board. (Attached to these minutes)**

12. **Letter to Joe Buscaino Re: Brown Act Posting Issue:** No letter was presented for approval. Carrie Scoville agreed to draft a letter to present at next month's meeting.

13. **Consent Calendar (Action Item):** **The following items were approved by Consent of the Board (11 yes, 1 abstention – A. Silber, 1 recusal – D. Galaz)**
 - a. Homelessness forum: Motion to approve budget up to \$500.
 - b. ACE: Motion regarding support of ACE guidelines for mobile food trucks.
Motion regarding support of ACE guidelines for mobile food trucks:
Whereas the ACE District has adopted Guidelines for Mobile Food Vendors in the San Pedro Arts/Waterfront Business Improvement Districts (PBID); and
Whereas the Goals of these guidelines strive to offer a profitable and enjoyable evening for local residents and attending MVF's through careful selection, exclusivity, and monitoring. And, it is the objective of the MFVC and its coordinator to create minimal, if not negligible impact to local Stakeholder businesses and restaurant; and
Whereas the ACE District wishes to have community support for these guidelines to support those goals and objectives;
Therefore be it resolved that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the Guidelines for Mobile Food Vendors in the San Pedro Arts/Waterfront Business Improvement Districts.
 - c. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2013 Meeting

14. Approval of Financial Reports as presented in Agenda Packet. (This item was removed from the Consent Calendar in order to conduct a Roll Call vote). The following items were approved: July Bank Statement, October Bank Statement, and November Bank Statement. Treasurer conducted roll

call vote. Motion passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (D. Galaz).

15. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, NC Asst

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council 2014 Selection

Definitions and requirements of city regulations and council bylaws and selection ad hoc committee proposed rules

Stakeholder definition: Neighborhood council membership will be open to everyone who lives, works or owns real property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder, defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the neighborhood council's boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations. (The ordinance mandating this definition takes effect January 26.)

Positions available: 17 at-large board member seats

Term: two years, commencing at the next board meeting following the selection (July 8, 2014) and ending at the board meeting following the 2016 selection (July 2016)

Candidate requirements: qualified stakeholder at least 18 years of age

Candidate verification: two forms of documentation

Voter requirements: qualified stakeholder at least 14 years of age

Stakeholder verification: written self-affirmation

Voter registration: Voters will indicate stakeholder qualification (live, work, own property, other) and sign register, under penalty of perjury, prior to receiving a ballot.

Ballots: Ballot will list candidates in order drawn at March CSPNC board meeting; ballot will include instruction to "vote for no more than 17 candidates"; ballot will include brief explanation of requirement for public vote and instruct voters to print and sign name in order for the ballot to be counted.

Write-in candidates: not allowed

Tie vote provision: coin toss

Selection budget to be determined.

Selection outreach and publicity program to be determined.

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SCHEDULE

January 14	Election procedures approval
February 11	Neutral third party monitor appointed at CSPNC board meeting.
March 11	Candidate ballot order drawing
March 29 – April 5	First distribution of publicity: call for candidates
April 3, evening	Prospective candidate meeting (First Thursday)
April 14	Candidate filing opens at 9:00 a.m.
May 1, evening	Prospective candidate meeting (First Thursday)
May 16	Candidate filing closes at 5:00 p.m.
May 19	Deadline for candidates to provide information to be included in publicity (5:00 p.m.)
May 25 – May 31	Second distribution of publicity: information about candidates and voting availability
June 5	Candidate rally at First Thursday (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.) Each candidate to speak for two or three minutes, depending on number of candidates Polls open following rally, voting opportunity (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)
June 6	Voting opportunity at Farmers Market (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
June 10	Voting opportunity prior at CSPNC board meeting (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.) Polls close at 8:00 p.m. followed by vote count and announcement of results.
June 13	Deadline to file challenges (5:00 p.m.)