



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

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 6:32pm by President Linda Alexander. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 12 Board Members). Approximately 60 stakeholders present.

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

2. **President's Report:** Linda Alexander reviewed the following:
 - a) The monthly board meetings are being returned to the Port of LA High School until contract negotiations are completed with Crowne Plaza Hotel.
 - b) Ricardo Hong, Past Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Representative, was presented with a plaque for his work with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.
 - c) Status of Funding and Ethics Training by Board Members: Pat Carroll reported that on the status of ethics training. Only five board members have taken the funding training. Board members were reminded that they will not be able to vote on funding motions until they have completed the funding training. Ethics training is close to 100% compliance.
 - d) Approval of Strategic Plan 2013/14: Linda Alexander gave an overview of the plan being submitted to DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment). **Motion by Carrie Scoville, seconded by Pat Carroll to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Motion passed with 11 yes, 0 no.**
3. **Port of Los Angeles Report:** Augie Bezmalinovich gave a power point presentation on Front Street Beautification. Front Street will be connected with the waterfront through this project. The

presentation showed areas which will be beautified and made more accessible to pedestrians. Stakeholders were urged to attend Central's Port Committee Meeting to learn more about the project details.

4. **Public Safety:**

- a) **LAPD Report:** Officer Nua presented crime statistics for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Nua emphasized that many of the crimes of theft were from unlocked vehicles and unlocked residences. Aggravated assaults have decreased significantly. Two stakeholders asked questions about recent crimes in their neighborhoods.
- b) **Central SPNC Public Safety Liaison:** Leslie Jones informed the stakeholders that the Harbor Division holds C-PAB meeting for the community at the Harbor Division station every third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm where community members can express their concerns.
- c) **Procedures:** Linda Alexander commented that new procedures need to be implemented in order to address the problem of extremely lengthy monthly meetings. James Allen asked that this item be placed on a future agenda and voted on by the entire Board.
- d) **LAPD Town Hall Update:**
 - i. The following motion was placed on the agenda for a board vote: "Central San Pedro NC shall hold a police town hall forum on September 21, 2013, 10:00am, called "Hands across the Table" which will be a dialogue of mutual support between the Los Angeles Police Department and Neighborhood Councils. The event will be held at the Toberman Center with a budget not to exceed \$350.00."
 - ii. James Allen read the motion out loud and then explained that the board had approved a motion (March 2013) to write to LAPD Chief Beck requesting a townhall meeting for the Harbor Area. After receiving a response from the Deputy Chief from that office agreeing to attend a town hall meeting to be planned by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, James Allen worked with that office to determine an appropriate date and September 21st was chosen.
 - iii. James provided the board with a draft agenda explaining that a more detailed agenda would be worked on at the next planning meeting and brought before the board.
 - iv. **Action Item: Motion by James Allen to approve the budget for the town hall meeting on September 21, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$350, seconded by Michael Boke. A short discussion was held which included comments from Jay Handal, representing DONE, who recommended that an Ad Hoc Committee be integrated with the Outreach Committee to hold the event in a solid way. The motion passed with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes, James Allen, Linda Alexander and Allyson Vought abstained.**

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a) **Amanda Rodriguez**, representing Los Angeles Chapter of Parents with Murdered Children gave an overview of the mission of the group which reaches out to survivors of homicides.
- b) **John Mattson:** Expressed his opinion on the Outreach Committee's budget. He disagrees with DONE's suggestions on how much each NC should spend on Outreach.
- c) **Kara McLeod:** Questioned the rules that DONE is imposing on the Council.
- d) **Michael Gatanz:** Announced an upcoming concert on August 24th featuring "The Fabulous Esquires" big band.
- e) **Frank Anderson:** Announced the 34th Annual Labor Day Parade being held in Wilmington on September 2, 2013.

- f) **Bob Gelfand:** Spoke briefly about the San Pedro Film Festival and announced a free program offered on August 24-25 to provide intensive video instruction.
6. **Report from Mayor's Office:** Octaviano Rios, representative from Mayor Garcetti's office, introduced himself. He is the Mayor's representative for all the cities in Council District 15 except for Watts. The Mayor's office is currently in "Transitioning Mode" and working on hiring a "good team." The Mayor will provide future opportunities for community members to meet with him and/or his staff at the San Pedro office. The official website is lamayor.org where the community can sign up to be included in the Mayor's email blasts.
7. **Leland Park Issue:**
- a) Debbie Rouse's PowerPoint presentation on Leland Park showed the severe deterioration of the park and a list of improvements the residents would like to see at the park.
 - b) **Action Item: Motion by James Allen, seconded by Sue Castillo, to form an ad hoc committee to deal with the Leland Park Issues and to appoint Frank Anderson as Chair. Motion passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.**
 - c) Captain Nancy Lauer made a commitment to the residents that the LAPD will police the area more frequently.
 - d) Juan Benitez with the Department of Rec and Parks also made a commitment to the residents that their department will work to restore the park within the constraints of their budget. He talked about the LA Parks Foundation, an organization that acts as a middle person to get the funds from fundraising efforts into the Department of Rec and Parks for projects such as Leland Park.
 - e) Several neighbors commented on their dismay of the park's current state of deterioration.
8. **Presentation by Harbor Community Benefit Foundation:**
- a) Mary Silverstein announced the upcoming August 17 Family Food Fest event and then provided an overview of the Foundation.
 - b) This is an Independent non-profit organization that was created two years ago in order to manage the mitigation funds that resulted from the settlement known as the "Trapac MOU." The fund is called the Port Community Mitigation Trust Fund.
 - c) They fund Healthcare Grants, Noise Attenuation in Schools; Air Filtration in Schools; Workforce Development/Youth, and the Community Benefit Grant Program.
 - d) Groups can partner with non-profit organizations to apply for grants for the \$500,000 in total funding available through this program.
 - e) Proposals must address: Beautification; Education & Training; Employment; Safety, and/or Community Initiatives.
 - f) Visit HCBF.org/cbgrants for more information.
 - g) Deadline to submit an application is September 20th, 4pm. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Recommendations for recipients of the grants will be announced late November or early December 2013.
 - h) Neighborhood Councils are not eligible to apply due to their affiliation with the City of Los Angeles but are encouraged to get the word out and can provide a letter of recommendation for an applicant.
9. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn's Office:** Ivan Sulic provided a written report which highlighted the following:
- a) Hahn selected to serve on the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
 - b) Hahn leads Los Angeles delegation in introducing a resolution honoring the upcoming 2015 Special Olympic Games in Los Angeles
 - c) Hahn stands for equal access to quality education for America's children.

- d) Hahn calls attention to drastic health and economic inequality in minority communities in Los Angeles.
- e) Hahn and McLeod introduce Student Loan Debt Relief Legislation.
- f) Hahn fights to save Port Security Grants.
- g) Hahn, Poe and Brown introduced a resolution calling for full and immediate utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.
- h) Hahn has sent a letter to Mayor Garcetti urging the Board of Harbor Commissioners to reinstate PCAC.
- i) Hahn calls for Rancho Tanks Field Hearing.

10. Report from Council District 15 Office: Kevin Bingham reported on the following:

- a) On August 6th the City Council's Public Works Committee heard the "Save out Streets", General Obligation bond that was pushed to committee for further review. Twenty four recommendations were submitted to the City clerk.
- b) On July 24th, the Sidewalk Reconstruction Fee Elimination Ordinance was heard. This will eliminate permit fees for property owners who want to take on the obligation of repairing a sidewalk in front of their property.
- c) Leland Park issue: The Councilman was embarrassed when he saw pictures of Leland Park and has his staff working with other city departments to improve the park.
- d) 561 and 571 Upland Feral Cat issue: The problem has not yet been resolved. The LA County Health Department is now looking into the issue. They will be citing the property owner for violations.
- e) San Pedro Projects: How to do your own boardwalk enhancement project. A process is being laid out on how to build a parklet.
- f) Street resurfacing and reconstruction committed projects for August and September were provided in written format to the board members.

11. Port Committee: Frank Anderson submitted a written report from the Port.

12. CD15 Report: Andrew Silber was not in attendance to provide a report. The following agenda items will be moved to next month's agenda.

- a) Request for pot holes list from the stakeholders for Mayor's Office
- b) Approval of draft letter on continuing feral cat issue (600 block of Upland) (Action Item)
- c) Follow up on street lights issue on Pacific and discuss strategies for faster response to future street lighting outages.
- d) Leland Park, electrical power supply issue:

13. Committee Reports:

- a) **Outreach Committee:** Allyson Vought gave an overview of the items being presented for approval as follows:
 - i. Camera – not to exceed \$750
 - ii. Bus benches (4 PSA Sites and 4 benches) – not to exceed \$4300
 - iii. Shopping Bags for Promotional Outreach – not to exceed \$900
 - iv. Paint for Electronic Box Program not to exceed \$2,000
 - v. Pins for Promotional Outreach – not to exceed \$2500
 - vi. Posters -- not to exceed \$150
 - vii. Name tags/badges for Board Members – not to exceed \$300
 - viii. **Motion from Outreach Committee to approve above expenses was passed by the following votes (6 yes, 3 no; 3 abstentions): Donald Galaz-yes; Frank Anderson-yes; Pat Carroll-yes; Carrie Scoville-yes; Allyson Vought-yes; Leslie Jones-yes; Michael Boke-no; April Jappert-no; Sue Castillo-no; Kali Merideth-abstained; James Allen-abstained; Linda Alexander-abstained.**

- b) **Finance Committee:** The following expenditures were presented for approval by the Board:
- i. July 9, 2013 Crown Plaza Hotel, Monthly Stakeholder Meeting \$100 meeting room/\$250 Refreshments
 - ii. Salient Computers for \$17.43 “mini-DV1 to UGA adapter part of Outreach’s equipment package.”
 - iii. Office Depot: Lexmark printing ink cassette and two reams paper for President/2 signatory
 - iv. The Mailroom: \$170.00 annual fee for rental of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Postal Mailbox.
 - v. PC Nerds: Approval of \$99.88 to repair Central’s old laptop computer.
 - vi. The Mailroom (Kristina Smith): \$399.00 for July 2013 Virtual Office Services
 - vii. Approval of Sound Engineer Proposal (Andrew Menzes of Marine Arts and Sciences) for monthly board meetings at a cost of \$120/mo.
 - viii. **Motion by James Allen to approve all items i through vii as presented above, seconded by Sue Castillo. Motion passed with 11 yes, 0 no, Linda Alexander abstained.**

c) **Land Use, Planning and Public Works Committee Report:**

- i. **Action Item:** Approval of Weeknight Symposium on October 24 (tentative date) addressing Homeless Issue. The purpose of the Symposium is to educate our board to see how we might become active on this issue and help advocate for additional solutions in our community. Representatives of homeless service provider organizations such as the South Bay Coalition for the Homeless, County Mental Health, Don Knabe’s office, Police Department specialists, Harbor Interfaith, etc., will be invited to attend. **Motion from ad hoc committee to approve the above tentative information on the symposium passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions (Allyson Vought, Kali Merideth & Linda Alexander).**

14. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report:** Allyson Vought gave highlights from her notes. She emphasized that a National Night Out held in Wilmington was a huge success and the Outreach Committee will look into it as an outreach example.

15. **BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) Report** (Standards and Practices) Allyson Vought will post her report on Central’s website. She encouraged those board members who did not participate to complete the survey. A link to the survey will be emailed to board members encouraging their participation.

Carrie Scoville expressed her frustration with the auditors at DONE who are imposing policies on the neighborhood councils without any opportunity for discussion or mediation.

16. **Reports from Community Partners**

- a) **ACE:** No report.
- b) **PBID:** Allyson Vought gave a brief report on items discussed at the recent PBID meeting.

17. **Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2013 Board and Stakeholder:** **Motion by Pat Carroll, seconded by Sue Castillo to approve the Minutes of the July 9, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the board.**

18. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith