



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014

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 6:33pm by President Linda Alexander. The new board members were called to be seated. DONE representative, Tom Soong, administered the Oath of Office. See list below for board member attendance (Quorum of 15 Board Members). Approximately 30 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Karen Ceaser	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Present
Debra Hunter	Present
Collin King	Present
Kali Merideth	Absent
Khixaan Obioma- Sakhu	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Andrea Serrao	Absent
Carrie Scoville	Present

2. **Election of Officers:** The following officers were appointed by the Board:
  - a. **President:** James Allen and Debbie Rouser were nominated. 11 Votes for Allen, 4 votes for Rouser. James Allen appointed as Board President.
  - b. **Vice President:** Debbie Rouser and Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu were nominated. Debbie Rouser received the majority of votes and was appointed as Vice President.
  - c. **Secretary:** Danielle Sandoval and Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu were nominated. Khixann Obioma-Sakhu was appointed as Secretary by a majority of 8 votes.
  - d. **Treasurer:** Danielle Sandoval and Alexander Hall were nominated. **Danielle Sandoval was appointed with a majority of 12 votes (Scoville, King, Hunter, Ceaser, Sandoval, Guerrero, Anderson, Obioma-Sakhu, Galaz, Castillo, Gray, Allen). Alexander Hall has 3 votes (Hall, Rouser and Hartwell)**
  - e. **Outreach and Communications:** The Board agreed to caucus regarding the Outreach and Communications Officer and return to this item later in the meeting.
  - f. **Second Signator:** Debra Hunter was nominated as the second signer for the board financial account and appointed by unanimous vote. (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

3. **Committee Formation:**
  - a. **Port Committee:** Frank Anderson was appointed to Chair the Port Committee.
  - b. **Land Use/Public Works:** Alex Hall and Sue Castillo were nominated. Sue Castillo was appointed Chair of the Land Use Planning and Public Works Committee by majority vote (Sue 8 votes; Alex 5 votes)
  - c. **Bylaws and CD15 Issues Committees:** The Board agreed to caucus on these two committee and report back after the break.
4. **Public Comment:**
  - a. **Mary Zeitler** commented on issues with homeless individuals in her neighborhood (700 block of W. Summerland Place). The stakeholder was referred to board member Debbie Rouser for assistance with these issues.
  - b. **Judy Cairns** voice concerns about chickens living in a cage on the parkway on Oliver Street.
5. **LADOT's Pacific Avenue Road Diet Presentation:** Austin Cano introduced Carlos Rios who gave an overview of the project which will use new striping to reconfigure Pacific Avenue from two lanes in each direction and no center turn lane to one lane in each direction with a center lane. The project will also include bike lanes. The project runs along a 1.1 mile corridor of Pacific Avenue between Front Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to improve safety for all users. They are approaching the final design phase of the project. Several individuals voice concerns about the project while others were supportive of the changes.
6. **Harbor Interfaith Meeting with Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee:** Sue Castillo announced an upcoming joint meeting of the Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee and Harbor Interfaith. The tentative date is July 23, 2014.
7. **Public Works and Land Use.**
  - a. **Lilyan Fierman Project Update:** Sue Castillo gave a brief update on the Lilyan Fierman Project. The final design should be available in August.
  - b. **Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan Update:** Sue attended the recent meeting held at the San Pedro Library and reported that it was well attended. More information will be available as the plans take shape.
  - c. **Leland Park:** Debbie Rouser reported that the ADA Ramp has been completed, there is a temporary construction fence just North of the Elberon Bridge. The construction should be completed by the end of August. Debbie also commented on the Great Streets Project. The Leland Park Committee is petitioning to have portions of North Gaffey included.
  - d. **233 Harbor Blvd:** Sue gave an update on the proposed Events Hall:
    - i. The subject property consists of two buildings at the northwest corner of Harbor Blvd and Santa Cruz St., with 53 shared parking spaces. The property zoning is RAS4 Residential/Accessory Services. The building addressed as 201 N. Harbor Blvd is occupied as a sporting goods store. The building addressed as 233 N. Harbor Blvd currently has tenants in four of the units in the building (a liquor store, an insurance office and two salons), with the 5th unit vacant. The building owner proposes to establish a general rental hall in this vacant unit for all types of events and entertainment (except adult entertainment), to be known as the "Harbor View Events Hall".

This vacant unit has a small storefront entrance directly on Harbor Blvd that connects with a larger area in the center of the building. There is an exit (but not a storefront) from this suite onto the parking lot. The total area is approximately 2850 square feet. The maximum occupancy for this unit is 300 persons (per Fire Dept regulations). Fixed seating will be provided for 100 people. No kitchen is proposed and all food and beverages, potentially including a full line of alcohol, will be catered.

Hours of operation are limited to midnight (no opening hour specified). Live music but no dancing is proposed. As the building walls are masonry with no storefront entrance except on Harbor Blvd, noise is not expected to affect nearby residents. The nearest residential property is the "New Economics for Women" Building at 201 N. Beacon St, approximately 130 feet west of the events hall exit onto the parking lot. The owner plans to make only minor cosmetic changes

to the building exterior.

The committee recommended neighborhood council support for this project, in order to support commercial activity in a vacant unit that is not expected to have any negative impact on its neighbors.

- ii. Motion from the Land Use Committee recommending neighborhood council support for this project seconded by Frank. Motion to support failed with 8 no votes (Allen, Galaz, Gray, Ceaser, Guerrero, Hall, Hunter, Sandoval); 6 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Hartwell, King, Obioma-Sakhu; Scoville) 1 abstention (Rouser)
8. **Break:** During the break there was a short caucus on the Outreach and Communication Officer position.
  9. **Communications and Outreach Officer:** Donald Galaz was nominated and appointed as the Communications and Outreach Officer by a vote of 14 yes (Galaz, Gray, Ceaser, Guerrero, Hall, Hunter, Sandoval, Anderson, Castillo, Hartwell, King, Obioma-Sakhu and Scoville); 0 no, 1 abstention (Allen).
  10. **Port Committee Report:** Frank Anderson gave a brief update on the items discussed at the last Port Committee Meeting which are available on the Central SPNC website. With regard to requesting the traffic study for waterfront development from the Port, Frank is still working on getting this information as it is not readily available.
  11. **Finance Committee Report:**
    - a. **Approval of June 23, 2014 Bank statement.** Motion to approve June 23, 2014 Bank Statement by Donald Galaz, seconded by Frank Anderson. Motion passed with 7 yes (Sandoval, Allen, Anderson, Castillo, Galaz, Scoville & Hunter); 0 no; 8 ineligible (Rouser, Obioma-Sakhu, Ceaser, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, King).
    - b. **Overview of finances:** Carrie Scoville gave an overview of the 2013-2014 Year End Finances.
  12. **Public Announcements:** Bill Roberson spoke about the Liberty Hill celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> and proposed an idea to create a diorama behind the monument at that location.
  13. **Other Reports:**
    - a. HANC Report from Carrie Scoville:
      - i. Carrie reported on the July HANC meeting where there was a discussion about concerns with BONC and DONE related to the neighborhood council websites and also about requiring training of board members in sexual harassment and bullying. Most of the people present at the HANC meeting were opposed to additional training.
      - ii. There was also an update from the Bureau of Engineering, Dept. of Public Works on the ability to download project information from their website.
      - iii. September 1st is the deadline for submitting NC budgets for 2014-2015.
      - iv. Live Training on the new Checking account system will be held in August.
      - v. Done would like ideas for different types of training that NC's would like to see. Such as officer training, procedures etc. .
    - b. NCPAC: The NCPAC meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 6pm at Fire Station 112 on Harbor Blvd.
    - c. PBID Report: Katherine Gray gave an update on the last meeting. The PBID is going forward with the Third Thursday Program and bringing in Classic Cars. PBID meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 9am, City Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.
    - d. ACE Report: No report.
    - e. Presidents Report:

- i. Concerns with the POC Feasibility Study suggest there is no money to go forward on a number of things that were previously planned.
- ii. Concerns related to traffic this summer. Augie was asked to provide information on where they are going to direct people during the Tall Ships festival.
- iii. Courthouse update: the County is considering whether they want the building. It could be for social services. Linda suggested to Don Knabe's deputy that the sense of the community is that we would not want another social services building in the downtown building.
- iv. Several councils had large amounts of money swept out from their funds.

14. **Approval of June 10, 2014 Minutes** – Motion by Sue Castillo, seconded by Donald Galaz to approve the June 10, 2014 Minutes as presented. Motion passed with 13 yes, (Scoville, King, Hunter, Ceaser, Sandoval, Guerrero, Anderson, Obioma-Sakhu, Hall, Hartwell, Galaz, Castillo and Rouser); 0 no, 2 abstentions (Gray and Allen).

15. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith, NC Asst