



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING DRAFT MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL

250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro

6:00 p.m. Refreshments. 6:30 p.m. Call to Order & Roll Call

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by President James Allen. Quorum of 13 Board Members, see list below. Approximately 50 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	Excused
Alexander Hall	Excused
Grant Hartwell	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Present
Debra Hunter	Present
Collin King	Present
Kali Merideth	Excused
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Excused
Debbie Rouser	Present
Danielle Sandoval	Present (7:05pm)
Carrie Scoville	Present (7:00pm)

2. **President's Report:** James Allen reported on the following:
- Update on status of board member Code of Civility compliance. Board members who had not signed the document were asked to do so at the meeting.
 - Review of protocol for board members when speaking to the press (and others) as a representative of the Central SPNC Board.
 - Report on CD15 Presidents Meeting: President Allen attended a quarterly meeting at Councilmember Buscaino's office in Watts of all Neighborhood Council Presidents within District 15. One of the subjects addressed was how the Councilmembers office will be handling sidewalk repairs.
 - The Monthly meetings with the Port of Los Angeles, Neighborhood Councils and Harbor Area Chambers of Commerce have resumed.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
- Michael Gatanz** of Peoples Place announced upcoming events and gave a brief summary of the Peoples Place vision, mission and future.
 - Robert Brandin** made comments related to the homeless situation and possible ways to aid the homeless in San Pedro.
 - Ralph Butler, Tara and Faith** announced the upcoming fundraiser Bullying Prevention Extravaganza at the Warner Grand Theater on May 3, 2015.
 - Marlyn Angeles**, the Port of Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year, gave an overview of the Club.

- e. **Laurie Jacobs**, Vice President of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, announced their fourth annual Pathways to Employment free event on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Olguin Campus of San Pedro High School.
 - f. **Robert Bryant** made statements about the Red Car possibly closing. He has a petition campaign on Facebook.
 - g. **Veronica Mendoza** member of the school site council of Barton Hill Elementary asked for the Board's support in getting a crossing guard on Pacific and O'Farrell, the traffic signal in front of the school.
 - h. **Angelica Esquivel**, a representative from the committee of Rancho San Pedro, made comments regarding the study for demolition. They want be sure that if there will be demolition that it be done unit by unit not all at once.
4. **Presentation:** Marymount College Expansion Update: No representative present.
5. **Public Safety:**
- a. **HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils)** Karen Ceaser reported highlights from the last HANC Meeting. (The full HANC report is available on the Central SPNC website:
 - i. The primary item of discussion at the HANC meeting was the Harbor Division Jail, there are 10 jails in the City of Los Angeles only 5 are open. There were 116,000 arrests last year city wide. 4500 of those arrests required Harbor Division officers to travel to the 77th Division to book the arrestees.
 - ii. There have been 7,000 officer cameras deployed in the last 12 months.
 - iii. There was also discussion on the frequency of command officers being transferred in and out of Harbor Division.
 - iv. Two representatives from the Central SPNC attended the Civic University.
 - b. **Report from LAPD**
 - i. Captain Katherine Meek, the new area commanding officer for Harbor Division, introduced herself.
 - ii. Senior Lead Officer Bravo filled in for Officer Nua and provided crime stats which can be viewed on the website: www.crimemapping.com. The crime trends for the period April 1st to April 14th, there were 5 aggravated assaults, 4 burglary theft from motor vehicle, 1 GTA, 1 rape, 1 robbery and 4 thefts. Most crime is occurring on Fridays between 12 noon and 6pm and 6pm to 12 midnight.
 - c. **Report from LAFD.** Officer Brian Jones reported:
 - i. Gave an overview of the fire at 3:13am at a 2 story Wilmington Motel. Reminder of the importance of working smoke detectors.
 - ii. Gave an overview of the incident of a vehicle that went off the dock into the Harbor.
 - d. **CPAB Report.** Mona Sutton CPAB co-chair reported:
 - i. Invited the public to attend the monthly CPAB meeting and be involved. The meeting is every third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Harbor Division Station.
6. **Port Committee Report** (Frank Anderson)
- a. Resolution regarding keeping the red car operational after completion of the Sampson Way project. The following resolution was presented for approval by the board.

RED CAR RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Port of Los Angeles has scheduled the discontinuation of the Historic Red Car during the realignment of the Sampson Way project at the Ports O' Call site; and
Whereas, the Port has been indefinite in their intention to continue the Red Car service after or replace the tracks and extend the service as previously proposed and designed; and
Whereas, the discontinuation of this service would be deleterious to both the community of the harbor area and to the visitors attracted to our world port over the coming years;
Therefore the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council stands opposed to the future cancelation of the Red Car Service and stands in favor of its expansion to both Banning Landing and Cabrillo Beach.

Motion by **Frank Anderson** to approve resolution regarding keeping the Red Car operational after project completion. Motion seconded by **Debra Hunter** and passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Allen, Rouser).

7. **Port of Los Angeles Report.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:
 - a. **Update on Sampson Way Realignment Project:** Augie showed a video presentation on how the project will look when it is completed. James Allen asked about budgeting for Waterfront development. For the fiscal year starting in July 2015 the proposed budget for waterfront improvements is about 4 million, next year about 8 million and the following year about 36 million.
 - b. **On-ramp closure:** Starting Monday, May 4, 2015, the Northbound I-110/John S. Gibson Blvd. on-ramp will be closed for 90 days. See Port website for detailed information.
 - c. **Free Boat Tours:** On Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 10am to 3pm there will be free one hour harbor boat tours. See Port website for more information.
 - d. **Grants Available:** The Port of Los Angeles is making one million dollars in grant money available to 501(c)3 organizations. Applications are due Monday, May 18, 2015, by 5pm. See the Port website for more information.
 - e. Sue Castillo commented that she hopes that Port will work with the community as it develops the finer details of the Sampson Way project intersection.
 - f. Leslie Jones asked about the Plaza area and whether there will be any type of food or carts in the new area such as are near the fountain. Augie commented that the PBID currently manages those carts.
 - g. The next BOHC meeting is April 23, 2015 at 6pm in Port Administration building.

8. **CD 15 Report** Ryan Ferguson provided a written report and summarized the following:
 - a. **Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan:** The Project Steering Committee met to discuss the draft plan.
 - b. **The San Pedro Court House** - The Administration of Courts (AOC) and the County of Los Angeles are still in negotiations.
 - c. **Lilyan Fierman Walkway Project** – There are issues with permitting which could take another 4-5 months. The project is due to be complete in early 2016.
 - d. **Sidewalk Settlement Agreement:** The City Council gave preliminary approval for a large settlement related to class action litigation filed in 2010 alleging that the City is violating the Americans with Disabilities Act by not ensuring sidewalks were accessible to the disabled. Ryan outlined some of the terms of the settlement. (Available in his written report)
 - e. **Legislative updates:**
 - i. A motion directing the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Port of Los Angeles to report within 30 days to the Arts, Parks, Heath, Aging & River Committee on the feasibility of establishing a dog park in the inner Cabrillo Beach area. CF 15-0365
 - ii. City Council considered an Innovation, Technology & General Services report instruction the Department of general Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a market rate lease for Suite 551 of the San Pedro Municipal Building, located at 638 S. Beacon Street, San Pedro (CF-15-0190) as office space for Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell.
 - f. **Upcoming Events:**
 - i. Hohas Tea House Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015, at 2pm, 222 W. 6th St., San Pedro.
 - ii. Groundbreaking Ceremony for Terminal Island's Advanced Water Purification Facility Expansion scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 11:30am, Terminal Island Reclamation Plant, 445 Ferry Street, San Pedro.
 - iii. Pacific Ave Arts Colony Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 12pm – 3pm, at 303 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.
 - iv. Grand Vision Foundation presents the Los Angeles Philharmonic on Sunday, April 26, 2015, at 5pm, at the Warner Grand Theater, 478 W. 6th St., San Pedro.

9. **Land Use Planning Committee Report:** Updates from Sue Castillo, Committee Chair.
 - a. Lilyan Fierman Walkway Project – The project is due to be complete in early 2016.
 - b. Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan has been released to the committee. The Land Use Planning Committee will discuss this at their next meeting. They received a \$10,000 grant for landscaping at the Library.
 - c. Jack-in-the-Box Redesign Project –The new owner of the property at Gaffey and 6th plans on demolishing the site to put in a new Jack-in-the-Box. There will be opportunity for community input.

10. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee Report.** Debbie Rouser reported:
- a. The March 25th joint Homelessness and Rec/Parks Committee meeting was well attended and included representation from CD15, LAPD and LARAP, among others. Debbie read from a written report on the subject of Anderson Senior Center which included:
 - i. Anderson Senior Center is located in a high crime area.
 - ii. It has a designation of a drug free zone per the LA Municipal code.
 - iii. LAPD has provided crime details with geographic boundaries.
 - iv. LARAP is working with LAPD on signage common to other area parks.
 - v. Anderson was donated to the city for the specific use of a Senior Center.
 - vi. The Department of Recreation and Parks only builds and maintains parks. Providing homeless services is not in the scope of Rec and Parks.
 - vii. A full time director has been assigned to the Senior Center.
 - viii. Open public meetings will be held at Anderson in the near future to discuss appropriate programs at the Center.
 - ix. Recent maintenance has been performed on the grounds. A multiple park rule sign will be installed.
 - b. Sue Castillo has been to every meeting on this issue and reiterated that what was being discussed was day time services for homeless seniors, not a homeless shelter.
 - c. Debra Hunter commented that the ad hoc committee could participate with the Park Director to see if there are some non-residential services that would be beneficial to the homeless population.
 - d. Karen Ceaser commented on the Daily Breeze article and questioned where the Councilman got the idea that a group in San Pedro was trying to turn Anderson Senior Center in a shelter.
 - e. It was clarified that the Central SPNC Board has never, either directly or indirectly, supported the idea of turning Anderson Center into a homeless shelter. The Daily Breeze was in error when they ran a report suggesting that this was the case.
 - f. Stakeholder Bill Roberson commented that in January he did suggest that perhaps Anderson Center could provide the homeless with extended hours of access to services including toilets, showers and locker facilities. He did not suggest that the Center become a homeless shelter. Roberson had emailed Octaviano Rios from the Mayor's Office and a meeting with Jacob Haik from the Councilman's office was held at which time it was suggested that Roberson bring this issue to the Central SPNC Board.
11. **Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee Report.** Karen Ceaser reported. The following motions were brought forth from the Committee:
- a. ***Motion to support City Council Motion 15-0276 on mobile portable showers made from decommissioned buses with the following amendment: "No parking of buses in residential neighborhoods; location should be accessible for largest population served and buses parked where as not to disturb the quality of life of residents."*** Central SPNC to also file a community impact statement. **Motion from committee passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 1 no vote (Rouser); 1 abstention (Allen).**
 - b. ***Motion to send letter to the Dept. of Rec and Parks, CD15, Park Ranger, Bureau of Sanitation and LAPD-Harbor Division Municipal Police Department expressing Central SPNC's disappointment in the illegal seizure and disposal of homeless individuals' belongings without 72 hour notice as required by law. Requesting response on why no warning as the ordinance states. Disposal of person's belongings is against the 4th and 14th amendments of the U.S. Constitution.***
 - i. LAPD Officer Sergeant Catherine Plows received an email from Debbie Rouser informing her of this motion and requesting clarification of the 72 hour posting rules as they related to a homeless sweep on March 28th. Plows commented that the LAPD does not participate in the illegal removal or disposal of anyone's property. They do have a Quality of Life unit that attends to homeless issues. She stated that after much research she found out that Captain Torres of Rec and Parks did a bulky item pick up on March 28th. There is no requirement to post any notice for a simple bulky item pick up. For the removal of an encampment, the 72 hour posting is required. LAPD was not involved in the March 28th removal. The Municipal Police are based out of Los Angeles and police the parks and libraries. They do not have enforcement powers.

- ii. Karen Ceaser didn't feel that homeless possessions would be considered bulky items. Plows stated that Captain Torres is willing to come and speak to the NC's regarding the homeless encampments/property ordinances.
 - iii. James Allen asked for a meeting to be held between the Municipal Police and the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee to learn more about their official policies.
 - iv. The motion from committee (as shown above in italics 11-b) was amended (by friendly amendment) to remove "LAPD Harbor Division and replace with Municipal Police Department, as shown above."
 - v. **Motion from committee as shown above in 11b passed with 7 yes votes (Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, and Scoville), 5 no votes (Anderson, Castillo, King, Rouser, Sandoval); 1 abstention (Allen).**
- c. ***Motion to send letter to Dept. of Rec and Parks Administration Staff requesting the following immediate actions at Anderson Memorial Senior Center: 1) Establish a Park Advisory Board comprised of local neighbors/business owners who reside and/or work around Anderson Park; 2) Renovate and clean up the exterior of the park and playground so that neighbors can use the park; 3) Renovate the interior of the building so that the upstairs is ADA compliant and can be utilized to its fullest capacity.***
- i. James Baeza of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and Chair of the Rec and Parks Committee for Coastal SPNC, commented on the budget constraints of the Rec and Parks Department. He has concerns with homeless services being offered at Anderson and doesn't feel it is well equipped to deal with the homeless. If there were discretionary funds available in the city's Rec and Parks Budget he would like to see them go towards enforcement and park rangers. (Donald Galaz asked that in the future Mr. Baeza clarify whether he is speaking as a stakeholder or speaking on behalf of the Coastal SPNC board.)
 - ii. Bill Jacobs, resident and owner of property adjacent to Anderson Park commented that there are just a handful of people (5-10) who sleep in the park and he doesn't have a problem with the homeless there in such small numbers.
 - iii. Karen Ceaser commented that this is a beautiful facility and it should be used to its fullest capacity.
 - iv. **Motion from committee as presented passed with 10 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 2 no votes (Harutyunyan, Rouser); 1 abstention (Allen).**

12. Reports from Public Officials:

- a. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn's Office:** German Castilla, Field Representative, gave an overview of Congresswoman Hahn's activities.
- b. **John Larson, Communications Director for Dr. Vladovic, President of LAUSD Board:**
 - i. The LAUSD Board formally recognized April as Autism Awareness month.
 - ii. A new three year benefits package agreement has tentatively been approved.

13. Finance Committee Report:

- a. Treasurer, Danielle Sandoval, provided a review of funding deadlines as well as Outstanding Funding Requests and Invoices.
- b. Approval of monthly Bank Statements and monthly expenditures: **Motion from committee to approve the montly Bank Statement/Monthly Expenditures as presented. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen). (Rouser no longer present).**
- c. Approval of budget adjustment: **Motion from committee to approve moving \$2500 from Newsletter line item into NPG line item. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).**
- d. Motion to approve reimbursement: **Motion from committee to approve reimbursement of \$27.74 to Board Member Frank Anderson for purchase of water and paper goods for stakeholder meeting. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).**

- e. Appointment of two budget advocates to represent Central SPNC: Danielle Sandoval and Debra Hunter were appointed as the Budget Advocates for Central San Pedro NC by a vote of 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).

14. Outreach Committee Report. Donald Galaz presented motions to approve the following Neighborhood Purposes:

- a. Motion from Outreach Committee to support Music by the Sea event at the Downtown Harbor (Marina) in the amount of \$1800. Motion from committee passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).
- b. Motion from Outreach Committee to support San Pedro Art Association Student Art Contest at the Croatian Cultural Center in the amount of \$1500. Motion from committee passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).
- c. Motion from Outreach Committee to support Cabrillo Beach Boosters July 4th Event for the Community in the amount of \$2500. Motion from committee passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).
- d. Motion from Outreach Committee to support the San Pedro Historical Society in the amount of \$1100 for the Joe Hill Memorial Plaque. ITEM REMOVED due to possible conflict of interest.
- e. Motion from Outreach Committee to approve \$299.88 for the purchase of T-Shirts to be worn by board members at events for identification and to promote the Central SPNC. In addition they may be shared with other stakeholders of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Motion from committee passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).
- f. Motion from Agenda Setting Committee to sponsor Harbor Occupational Center's Career Day Event in the amount of \$500. Motion from committee passed with 11 yes votes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Allen).

15. Update on Board Retreat: The board agreed to hold a board retreat on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 9:00am to 1:00pm, no location has yet been determined.

16. Approval of March 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes: Motion by Donald Galaz to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting. Motion seconded by Karen Ceaser and passed with 8 yes votes (Anderson, Ceaser, Galaz, Hartwell, Hunter, King, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no votes; 4 abstentions (Allen, Castillo, Gray, and Harutyunyan).

17. Other Reports:

- a. San Pedro Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District: No report. A backup representative was suggested. Collin King agreed to attend the meetings.
- b. The San Pedro Water Front Arts District is the new name for the ACE, Andrew Silber was appointed the Central San Pedro NC representative.

18. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Akerblom for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council