



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, March 8, 2016 THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President James Allen. (A quorum of 14 Board Members). Approximately 110 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James P. Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Scott Andrews	Present
Rudy Caseres	Present
Sue Castillo	Present
Karen Ceaser	Present left at 10:00 pm
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Excused
Jose Guerrero	Present left at 10:05 pm
Alexander Hall	Present arrived at 6:50 pm
Grant Hartwell	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Excused
Debra Hunter	Present
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present arrived at 6:35 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present left at 7:30 pm

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Additions and corrections to February 9, 2016 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes:

**Item 2.a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Board member Danielle Sandoval would like the minutes to reflect that the letter regarding opening the jail was amended.

**Item 4.b. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) Board member Karen Ceaser would like the minutes to reflect that Mr. Dobens had submitted his public comment card first but was called second.
- 2) Board member Danielle Sandoval added to Mr. Dobens public comment as follows: *David Dobens expressed that he was unhappy about not being called first to public comment when he arrived here 45 minutes prior to the meeting.*

**Item 11.d. HOMELESS COMMITTEE REPORT** - Board member Karen Ceaser would like the minutes to reflect that Ray Regalado was the only San Pedro area Neighborhood Council President to attend the January 16, 2016 Homeless committee meeting with San Pedro NC President's.

**Item 12.b. LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 1) Board member Karen Ceaser would like the minutes to reflect that Committee Chair Sue Castillo was not present to provide the Land Use Planning & Public Works Committee report and update and that President James Allen gave the update in her absence.

- 2) Board member Karen Ceaser would like the minutes to reflect that the unidentified stakeholder be identified as Scott Donnelly and that he commented that the impact that this particular change of a Starbucks at 9<sup>th</sup> and Gaffey would make to Harbor Interfaith. He did say that that traffic with a drive through Starbucks would have an impact on Harbor Interfaith and the traffic that goes to and from Harbor Interfaith and their donation entrance location in the back of their alley.

**Item 18.a.i. AD HOC ART COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 1) Board member Danielle Sandoval would like the minutes to reflect that Board member Donald Galaz asked Fred Allen, Vice President of the Grand Vision Foundation, what his relationship was to Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council President James Allen, and that Fred Allen responded that he is President James Allen's brother.
- 2) Board member Karen Ceaser would like the minutes to reflect that Committee Chair Scott Andrews was not present to provide the Ad Hoc Arts Committee report and that President James Allen gave the report in his absence.
- 3) Board member Karen Ceaser would like the minutes to reflect that in the vote count detail Board member Danielle Sandoval's name is misspelled.

Motion by Karen Ceaser to approve February 9, 2016 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, as corrected to reflect the corrections above, seconded by Danielle Sandoval, and passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval), 0 no, 5 abstention(s) (Allen, Andrews, Castillo, Hunter, and Scoville).

**3. Review Candidate applications for Vacant Board Seat and appoint new Board Member:**

- a. The following three candidates provided brief introductions and their qualifications to fill the vacant board seat: Michael Koth, Ivan Sulic & Kenneth Collins.
- b. The board voted and Ivan Sulic received a majority of the votes and will be seated at next month's board meeting.

**4. Public Comment:**

- a. Allie Clark read a prepared statement in which she requested an apology from President James Allen. Her opinion was voiced that the President was not upholding item 3 of the code of civility, to promote and enforce a safe meeting environment. President Allen declined an apology.
- b. Sunny Lopez is concerned with the dysfunctionality of the board. She would like the board to proceed with the discussion about going through mediation and thinks that the community should be advised who on the board is for and/or against mediation.
- c. Allen Johnson and Gary Dwight, members of the Cabrillo Beach Boosters, briefly commented on their group's done projects which includes the restoration of the boat house and lighthouse. They are looking for donations for their annual Fourth of July fireworks show. They have completed and submitted an NPG.
- d. George Palaziol with Saving San Pedro asked how many board members are aware of the Facebook post about Coffee with a Cop made on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Facebook page? He feels that someone from the council – he does not know who - used the post as their own political format which is against the code of ethics.
- e. Linda Alexander commented on the limitation of speakers during public comment. She feels that the whole purpose of neighborhood councils is to bring the will and voice of the people upward in the city government. It is the most important thing this board can do, so she strongly recommends that the board not limit the number of speakers.
- f. Karen Ceaser related the following items from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council current bylaws: page 5 item f. all board members are required to serve and participate on at least one committee of their choice, failure to participate as a committee member may result in removal from the board by a majority vote; page 6 board member absences must be advance written notice to the President or secretary; page 7 under Presidents Duties, when attending city and elected official meetings, it is recommended that they take two board members and when they attend those meetings they are to give a report at the next stakeholder meeting.
- g. David Dobens asked for an apology from the President related to Allie Clark's statement.

5. **Ad Hoc Business Committee Report:** Danielle Sandoval
- a. Discuss and consider amendment of ad hoc business committee name and boundaries. The following motion from the committee was presented:  
**Motion to Change the name of the Ad Hoc Business Committee to “Downtown” Business Committee and to change the boundaries as follows: from Pacific Avenue to Harbor Boulevard, and from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen).**
  - b. Update on trespass signage given by Melanie L. Labrecque.
    - i. Ms. Labrecque was not present.
    - ii. Board member Danielle attended Ms. Labrecque’s meeting at LAPD Harbor Station. At this meeting information was provided on the types of signs available for purchase that meet the criteria for LAPD.
    - iii. The information is also available on the San Pedro Business Report Card Facebook page or on their website [www.spbrc.info/home.html](http://www.spbrc.info/home.html).
  - c. Creation of social media page, tele-conference calling and online screen sharing.
    - i. The tele-conference calling and online screen sharing will be through [www.freeconferencecall.com](http://www.freeconferencecall.com). An account has been set up.  
**Motion from committee for creation of a social media page, tele-conference calling and online screen sharing passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Allen and Castillo).**
  - d. Update on Council File 15-1195 “Community Revitalization and Investment Authority” designation and AB 2 Law.
    - i. This is a proposal brought forth by Councilman Buscaino.
    - ii. San Pedro is within the boundaries to receive money to redevelop blighted areas.
    - iii. It would help to develop some of the downtown areas.
    - iv. They discussed having a forum of what the stakeholders envision for the downtown area. They decided instead to have a round table discussion to come up with ideas and a vision for downtown.
    - v. They are considering Wednesday, May 25, 2016, for this discussion. Time and location to be announced.
    - vi. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz commented that the concept is to have informal conversations. He feels they would do well to model after the visioning process that occurred for the Greening Project downtown. They had different public meetings and the community provided input through post it notes attached to the concept boards. He feels it is a good way to get the conversation started and serious. It could include documents such as the Chamber vision from before, the ULI plan and the EIR’s. The meeting should also involve the Arts District, PBID and the other two neighborhood councils.
  - e. Update on meeting with PBID and collaboration of stakeholders survey and approve budget not to exceed \$200.
    - i. Board member Danielle Sandoval met with Linda Alexander and the Director of PBID. They discussed doing a survey of stakeholders asking them what they would like to see in downtown, as far as entertainment and new businesses. They hear a lot of negative of what is missing from downtown so they want to hear what people want to see.
    - ii. PBID recently conducted a survey of merchants in the area.
    - iii. Board member Danielle Sandoval is requesting \$200 for survey cards. They would be similar to business cards for the survey to be done through Survey Monkey.
    - iv. **Motion from committee to approve \$200 for survey cards passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Scoville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen).**
  - f. Discuss and consider creation of a Third Thursday committee.
    - i. Currently PBID is doing stipends, advertising and booking of the band for Third Thursdays.

- ii. Stakeholder Michael Gatanz is heavily involved in all of this. He is concerned about the Arts Committee and that the artist community is in opposition to Third Thursday. He misunderstood that the board is considering referring this item to the neighborhood council's Arts Committee.
    - iii. Mr. Gatanz proposed that he, Danielle, Josh from Badfish and other interested stakeholders meet to consider this issue further. President Allen suggested that an email be sent to all interested parties to set a meeting date.
  - g. Downtown business forum date and time: See item 5d above.
  - h. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6:30 pm at Happy Diner.
6. **LAUSD:** Update on the Christensen Science and Sustainability Center - Christopher Downing, Superintendent LAUSD Local District South – Not present
- a. John Larson, Director of Communications for LAUSD Board Member Dr. Valdivia, announced that the meeting with LAUSD for the Christensen Science and Sustainability Center will be Tuesday, March 15, 2016, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the San Pedro High School Olguin Campus. Board member Grant Hartwell commented that he will not be able to attend, but Board member Frank Anderson commented that he can attend.
  - b. Mr. Larson also announced that the Facilities Services Division is starting construction on a new automotive shop at Fort MacArthur. It will be run by Harbor Occupational Center.
7. **Public Safety Reports:**
- a. **Report on marijuana dispensaries.** Officer Junior Nua
    - i. LAPD is always working to close illegal marijuana dispensaries. He will get more information to bring to the next meeting.
    - ii. A stakeholder asked about the hours marijuana dispensaries are allowed to operate. Officer Junior Nua stated that approved dispensaries must close by 8:00 pm. The stakeholder commented that the dispensary on Gaffey between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> is staying open late. Officer Junior Nua commented that that dispensary has been closed twice but opens right back up.
  - b. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua**
    - i. He gave an overview of crime statistics for the month of January. Crime over all is down in the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council area.
    - ii. Burglary thefts from Motor vehicles are still up.
    - iii. Officer Nua asked for a show of hands for people who have seen officers out on foot beats.
    - iv. LAPD is working with the Council office and the Mayor's office on new legislation related to homeless people and their belongings blocking sidewalks.
  - c. **LAPD Detective Carmine Sasso**
    - i. In San Pedro the crime seems to be committed by local, homegrown individuals.
    - ii. Property crimes are some of the easiest to reduce, lock it, lock it, lock it.
    - iii. Crimes are most often committed by repeat offenders. Prop 47 has greatly affected the situation.
  - d. **Sergeant Alvarez of the Los Angeles Port Police**
    - i. On Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at Via Cabrillo Marina & Shoshonean Road, there will be a Bike Rodeo for the entire family.
    - ii. The Harbor Cup is March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be several regattas taking place.
    - iii. On Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 9:00 am, at the Downtown Harbor there will be a pet parade.
8. **CD15 Issues Report:** Grant Hartwell
- a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office.** San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided a written report. To view the full report please go to [centralsanpedro.org](http://sanpedrocity.org/council-district-15-reports-to-central-spnc) or use the following link: <http://sanpedrocity.org/council-district-15-reports-to-central-spnc>. Some of the highlights are as follows:
    - i. The Warner Grand RFP is being written by the Department of Cultural Affairs, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks. There is no definite date of

release for the RFP. To provide input please use the following email address [warnergrand.rfp@gmail.com](mailto:warnergrand.rfp@gmail.com).

- ii. Councilman Buscaino's statement on the Ports O' Call redevelopment plan video can be viewed on YouTube at [youtube.com/watch?v= HF0EWB-L1M](https://youtube.com/watch?v=HF0EWB-L1M).
- iii. The Lilyan Feirman walkway is due to begin construction on Monday, April 11, 2016.
- iv. Construction on the Gaffey Street exit park is slated to begin in the next few months.
- v. The City Planning Department is continuing to work on the San Pedro Community Plan.
- vi. The Councilman acknowledged receiving the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's letter regarding unpermitted feeding in public spaces. He highly encourages those who wish to help our most vulnerable population to work with Harbor Interfaith Services.
- vii. The San Pedro Homeless Task Force is preparing a presentation for the community in the near future.
- viii. Mr. Ferguson provided legislative update(s) in his written report.
- ix. The Councilman will be having Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 9:00 to 10:30 am at Sirens Java and Tea.
- x. Board member Grant Hartwell commented that at the last art walk there was some frustration from the curators and gallery owners with the Councilman's event coinciding with the art walk.
- xi. Stakeholder Michael Koth commented that he feels there is a difference between what occurred on the art walk at Sirens and the Warner Grand Theatre events that coincided with Thursday Art Walk's. The Sirens event was held at a private business and did not really impact the art walk, as opposed to the much larger event at the Warner Grand.
- xii. Stakeholder Linda Alexander commented that she thinks Board member Grant Hartwell's comment reflects the concern of artists in the area prior to the evening, when they envisioned rows and rows of police cars parked on the street, and the concern that the public walking around might think there was a problem. However, Sgt. Plows kept it to approximately two cars on the street. So she thinks everyone ended up being happy.

**b. Motion to Create an Ad Hoc CD15 Liaison Committee.**

The CD-15 Liaison ad-hoc committee motion:

Motion by Debra Hunter to approve the CD-15 Liaison ad-hoc committee which will serve to promote a successful exchange of information between and collaboration with the City Councilman's office and the committee will facilitate communication between CeSPNC Stakeholders and the Councilman's office, seconded by Sue Castillo, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, and Obioma-Sakhu), 1 no (Sandoval), 1 abstention(s) (Galaz), 1 left early (Scoville) and 1 not in the room (Allen).

**9. Homelessness Committee Report: Karen Ceaser**

- a. Report on comprehensive homeless strategy for both Los Angeles City and County.
  - i. The City and County passed comprehensive homeless strategies on February 9, 2016.
  - ii. The reports are on the CeSPNC website.
  - iii. The plans include short and medium term plans.
  - iv. They are going to expand the coordinated entry system, add case and outreach workers.
  - v. The City, County and LAHSA will be working together with nonprofit stakeholders, which is nonprofit people like Harbor Interfaith and other organizations to help homeless people get assistance.
  - vi. Harbor Interfaith is our regional coordinator for the coordinated entry system. They have housed over 500 people.
  - vii. The City and County will be helping with storage facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles. And much, much more.
  - viii. Board member Debra Hunter asked how is it determined how much money and services each area receives. Ms. Ceaser responded that it is based on the homeless count that was recently conducted. The results of the count are due in May or June.



10. **Budget Advocates Report:** Danielle Sandoval

- a. Update on Homeless subcommittee and upcoming whitepaper.
  - i. They met with the Mayor on Friday to present the first part of their whitepaper. The Mayor is very much in sync with the Budget Advocates' goals. The Mayor suggested that they possibly meet quarterly instead of only once a year.
  - ii. The Mayor wants to get out of the operating deficit. He believes they can get out of the deficit within three years.
  - iii. The whitepaper will be on the CSPNC website.
- b. The Budget Advocates met with the City Attorney. They discussed liabilities and risk management. They spoke with a representative from LAPD who envisions the Harbor Division jail possibly being open within 18 months.
  - i. President James Allen commented that he was told by foot patrol officers that they will be losing three more patrol officers.
- c. The annual Budget Day set for Saturday, June 25, 2016 and the planning committee for the Congress of Neighborhoods will meet to set the date for that event.
- d. There has been a change to the NPG process when the funds are for a school, including nonprofit and charter schools. Now if any board member has a child attending a school that is requesting funds the entire board must recuse themselves from any discussion or vote for an NPG for that school. A neighborhood council may provide funds to the entity LAUSD, but not to or for a specific school. Ms. Sandoval made public comment at a B.O.N.C. meeting in opposition of the change.

11. **Port of Los Angeles:**

- a. President James Allen commented that the Los Angeles Waterfront Alliance (LAWA) presented their plan last Wednesday for the redevelopment of Ports O'Call. The lease that would trigger that development is still 60 to 90 days out from being signed and approved. Once the lease is signed and approved there will be further design work done.
- b. CeSPNC Port Committee Report. Frank Anderson
  - i. President James Allen commented that over the last few months the Port has revealed that it has been in violation of its own air quality reporting. Their lack of transparency in revealing the issue, before it was revealed in the press, was brought up at the last Presidents meeting. Subsequently the Port has stated that although they have not been compliant with the EIRs, they are beyond their goals for air quality. They now have live, real time, AQMD air quality monitors on line.
  - ii. There is still discussion about having a coordinated port committee meeting with the Harbor Area NC Port Committees; however, they have yet to get concurrence from other NC's. Such a coordinated meeting would be in lieu of the port agreeing to any kind of citizen oversight of their EIR's, as called for by Congress woman Hahn.

12. **2016 Selection/Election Committee Report:** Sue Castillo, Chair

- a. Update on committee activities.
  - i. The committee has created and mailed its first outreach flyer.
  - ii. The next thing they are focusing on is organize polling places for the June 7, 2016 selection. They expect to announce the polling places in early April. The committee has empowered Bill and Sue to decide on polling locations.
  - iii. They need volunteers, as the school volunteers they originally considered will have already graduated by the time of the Selection.

13. **Land Use Planning Committee Report:** Sue Castillo

- a. Update on the March 2, 2016, Waterfront Redevelopment presentation at the Warner Grand.
  - i. The event was attended by approximately 1,000 people.
  - ii. They presented an industrial style complex anchored by a public market, with restaurants and parking on the north and a family amusement park on south end.
  - iii. They are proposing to bring back a modified version of the Red Car to serve only the new development.
  - iv. The Port is starting with the infrastructure improvements, beginning with the intersection at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Harbor Blvd.

- b. Review and discuss draft letter of support for the San Pedro Waterfront Arts Districts Public Art Projects on Gaffey Street.

**MOTION:**

Dear Addressee:

Subject: Letter of Support for Proposed Public Art Project on Gaffey Street

In downtown San Pedro, the arts are a powerful resource for revitalization and provide physical, social, cultural and economic benefits. Our Arts District is home to a wealth of culture – over 27 active studio/galleries, fourteen family-operated (non-chain) restaurants and four live theatre venues – which far exceeds the average arts density for a community of this size. We recognize that enlisting artists as partners in community development is an effective way to build community and encourage economic growth.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the efforts of the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District to carry out artist-driven projects on Gaffey Street with the goal of adding color, life, and new vibrancy to this neglected major San Pedro corridor. This project will further the intentions laid out in the Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan, a part of Mayor Garcetti's Great Streets Initiative.

Their current proposal is listed on the attached sheet. We expect this project to make a very positive impact on our community – please approve our Arts District's grant request!

Sincerely,  
CeSPNC

Motion by Sue Castillo to approve the letter of support for the San Pedro Waterfront Arts Districts Public Art Projects on Gaffey Street, seconded by Debra Hunter, and passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval), 0 no, 4 abstention(s) (Allen, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero,), and 1 left early (Scoville).

(Note: Letter and attachments can be viewed on the CeSPNC website at:  
<http://sanpedrocity.org/correspondence/>)

**Comments:**

- i. Under consideration are a chalk art festival event, and a mural at the library.
  - ii. President Allen asked if someone from CeSPNC could be on the design approval panel. Arts District member Linda Alexander commented she would be fine with asking the board if someone with proper credentials, like Scott Andrews, could be on the design approval panel.
- c. **Sidewalk Infill Art Project Actions Report.**
- i. The project is for the two empty tree wells in adjacent to God Mothers.
  - ii. The RFP went out on January 21, 2016, the deadline for submittals was March 4, 2016.
  - iii. Five submittals were received. They will be reviewed by a design review advisory panel, at 3:00 pm, on March 15, 2016.
  - iv. Committee chair Sue Castillo asked if ad-hoc Arts Committee chair Scott Andrews would like to be part of the design review advisory panel. Mr. Andrews stated that he would like to if he has no conflicting prior commitments. He is able to participate online.
  - v. Board member Danielle Sandoval has concerns that the art work not have the former three eyed fish logo. She also wants the art work to come to the board and stakeholders for consideration. Ms. Castillo stated that time constraints would make that very difficult as the project must be installed/completed in the next two months.
  - vi. There was discussion on the approval process.
  - vii. The Arts District will present to the board and stakeholders the proposal that the design review advisory panel chose.

- viii. The issue was referred to the Arts Committee for procedural clarification.
- d. In 2014 there was a special events venue proposed for a strip center on Harbor Boulevard that the council did not support. Now they have come back and are proposing a restaurant at the same location. They have not sought the neighborhood council's approval and have already gone to the city planning department. The zoning officer informed that that they are not going to make a decision without input from the neighborhood council. Accordingly, Ms. Castillo wants approval to revisit the issue.
- e. There is a proposal for a large six story development at 555 N. Palo Verde Avenue. She wants people to be aware of it.
- f. Sunny Lopez has volunteered to co-chair the committee.

14. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee Report:** Alexander Hall

- a. Report on March 3, 2016 committee meeting at Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center (Anderson Park). No report given.
- b. Review and discuss Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopting Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center for a ShareFest event.

**MOTION:**

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council will adopt The Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center for ShareFest. The ShareFest workday is an annual community-building and service day that mobilizes thousands of volunteers of all ages to work on community projects designed to meet tangible needs. The adoption of Anderson Park for ShareFest will include the recruitment of 15 volunteers and \$100 towards food and drinks as follows: \$33 for pizza, \$33 for drinks and \$34 for paper products.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval), 1 no (Ceaser), 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left early (Scoville).

- c. Review and discuss the results of the local parks survey/infographic.
  - i. The results are posted on the NC Facebook page.
  - ii. They had 59 responses, 41% were dissatisfied with area parks in general.
  - iii. Twenty-seven percent were dissatisfied with the lack of cleanliness.
  - iv. The survey did not include Anderson Park or Leland Park as they have Park Advisory Boards.

15. **Finance Committee Report:** Danielle Sandoval

- a. Approval of monthly Bank Statements and monthly expenditures. Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu to approve the monthly bank statements and monthly expenditures, seconded by Karen Ceaser, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Castillo, Guerrero, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).
- b. Approve reimbursement of \$26.00 to Sue Castillo for Stock Photos used in Selection "Call for Candidates" mailing. Motion by Debra Hunter to approve reimbursement of \$26.00 to Sue Castillo for stock photos used in Selection "Call for Candidates" mailing, seconded by Alexander Hall, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Guerrero, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 3 abstention(s) (Allen, Castillo, and Ceaser), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).
- c. Approve reimbursement of \$24.55 to Frank Anderson for Water and Utensils. Motion by Danielle Sandoval to approve reimbursement of \$24.55 to Frank Anderson for water and utensils, seconded by Donald Galaz, and passed with 11 yes (Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Guerrero, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Allen and Anderson), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).
- d. Review and consider approval of NPG for Cabrillo Beach Boosters (CBB), \$5,000. Item referred to committee for further review of budget.



- i. Stakeholder Michal Gatanz asked the council to make a request to CBB to do something to encourage people to also come downtown around the fireworks event.
- e. BONC update on NPG's to LAUSD and charter schools. Please refer to item 10.d. above.
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) update
  - i. Octoviano Rios is replacing Thomas Soong as the NC DONE representative with two other people at DONE.
  - ii. Mr. Rios gave a brief introduction of his government employment history.
  - iii. President Allen asked about mediation services. Rios was not familiar with any mediation services through DONE but commented that there is a newly established grievance program through DONE. Mr. Rios will speak with Mr. Soong about the issue.
  - iv. Board member Alexander Hall stated that he had spoken to Mr. Soong about mediation services. He was told that both DONE and the City Attorney's office offered mediation to NC's.
  - v. Board member Danielle Sandoval is concerned that the council might get shut down or suspended due to board dysfunction. She pointed out that if the council were to be suspended the council is required to pay for investigation.
  - vi. Board member Sue Castillo asked what types of things cause councils to be suspended. Mr. Rios commented that multiple violations and/or unwillingness to comply, particularly with advise from the City Attorney's office and basically the type of issues that open the City to liability.

**16. Ad Hoc Art Committee Report: Scott Andrews**

- a. Update on March 7, 2016, committee meeting.
  - i. Last night's meeting was well attended by both board members and stakeholders.
- b. Discuss and consider motion on the Warner Grand RFP.

**MOTION:**

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council respectfully requests

- 1) That the City of Los Angeles include a requirement for community partnership in programming in the Warner Grand Theatre RFP before it is issued;
- 2) That the public be included in a transparent process for the evaluation and award of the selected proposer; and
- 3) That the RFP includes adequate safeguards to require community access and programming in the final contract that is entered into with the winning proposer;
- 4) That the City of Los Angeles hold a public hearing to review the Warner Grand RFP prior to its release to allow public comment and amendments;
- 5) That representatives of the Central San Pedro community be included in the Warner Grand RFP review panel to protect the position of community presenters and the historical integrity of the Warner Grand building.

Motion from committee passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser Hall, Hartwell, Hunter, and Sandoval), 1 no (Guerrero), 3 abstention(s) (Allen Galaz, and Obioma-Sakhu), and 1 left early (Scoville).

- c. Discuss and approve Arts District language for the Community Plan as modified by Chamber at its last Board meeting.

**MOTION:**

The Downtown Arts Culture and Entertainment (ACE) District Plan was created by the Community Redevelopment Agency and the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce to halt the loss of artists and art galleries brought about by rising rents in Downtown San Pedro. The ACE District Plan is in place to help make the area more business and permit-friendly to working artists, performing arts venues, art galleries, restaurants and merchants, thereby preserving Downtown's historic and pedestrian-friendly environment.

The ACE District of downtown San Pedro is bounded by Pacific Avenue, to the west, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, from Pacific Avenue to the Los Angeles Main Channel, 10<sup>th</sup>

Street to the south, from the Main Channel to Pacific Avenue and the Main Channel to the east from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Motion from committee passed with 5 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, and Hunter), 2 no (Galaz and Sandoval), 4 abstention(s) (Allen, Hall, Hartwell, and Obioma-Sakhu), and 3 left early (Ceaser, Guerrero and Scoville).

- i. Board member Danielle Sandoval commented that President Allen wrote the vision statement for the San Pedro Arts, Culture and Entertainment (ACE) District. President Allen commented that he wrote language which was included in a report by a city paid consultant that was approved by a committee representing the community. That document was then approved by both the CRA commissioners and a majority of the Los Angeles City Council. She then asked if President Allen wrote this specific language to which he replied he did not write this language per se.
- ii. Michael Gatanz commented that he has an underlying concern that this is going to cause delay and/or conflict in the development of the community plan. He wonders if the language is of no consequence, or has significant hidden consequence. He pointed out that ACE no longer exists and that this potentially complicates the community plan process. He also would like to see the existing language that this would replace.

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

- a. Art Gonzalez commented that he is concerned that simply having more police is not the answer to crime prevention. We can look at the statistics, is there really more crime?
- b. Debra Hunter is very interested in mobility in our community. She is encouraged by Councilman Buscaino's presentation of the future of the waterfront. However, if we don't start to actively advocate now for transportation we are going to have serious problems later on. She gave examples of current transportation issues that need to be addressed.
- c. Debra Hunter also commented that she attended the Alta Sea community outreach meeting, they are moving forward and their plans look very exciting.

**18. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm. The next meeting is April 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Akerblom,  
for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council