STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 12, 2016
THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL
250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro

MINUTES

1. 5:30-6:30pm Closed Session for Board to discuss and vote on CeSPNC potential Litigation Issue—advice from DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) Attorney.

2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President James Allen. (A quorum of 13 Board Members). Approximately 60 stakeholders present.

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3. **Removal of Board Member:** Motion by Karen Ceaser to remove Brandon Debrichy from the board for non attendance, seconded by Sue Castillo, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hartwell, Harutyunyan Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Allen).

4. **Announce board seat vacancy:** The board seat vacancy was officially announced and the procedure for appointing new board member was reviewed. The application to be made available on the website.

5. **President’s Report:**
   a. Introduction of the Port of Los Angeles High School JV Basketball team wearing their new uniforms that were sponsored by Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.
   b. Report on actions, if any, taken in closed session. None.

6. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Karen Ceaser to approve the December 8, 2015 Board/Stakeholder Meeting Minutes, seconded by Donald Galaz, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Castillo,
7. **Community Announcements:** Note: This item was heard out of order at 9:48 pm.
   a. Stakeholder George announced that on Saturday, January 17th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, there will be a Red Cross blood drive at the USS Iowa.
   b. John Stamreich from the San Pedro Elks Lodge commented that they are having a membership fund raising event on Thursday, January 14th, at the San Pedro Brewing Company. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to the National Elks Foundation for scholarships for local high school students.

8. **Port of Los Angeles:**
   a. Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles, Gene Seroka, reported on the China Shipping EIR and Sampson Way Realignment/Ports O’Call. Highlights from his presentation follow:

#### China Shipping:
   i. Mr. Seroka disclosed publicly that he had concerns regarding the China Shipping terminal with respect to its environmental policy and its program going forward on all environmental mitigation measures. China Shipping is part of a bigger picture of the Port’s wider reaching environmental strategy. The Ports environmental program is world renowned.
   ii. Over the last 10 years the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have reduced emissions by 80 and 90 percent.
   iii. The China Shipping terminal has not completed all the 52 mitigations placed on them from legal action. However, those mitigations were not part of China Shipping’s contract with the Port. To date 41 of the 52 mitigations have been completed.
   iv. Emissions are either at or below what the Port had promised the community.
   v. There are areas of correction that he sees need to be taken immediately. There are other areas that have to be contemplated in a very public way through the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) process. The CEQA process allows the Port to look at the mitigation measures again to try to find better ways to implement those that can be more uniform and binding through the contractual process.
   vi. The Port’s intent is not to roll back on commitments that were made in the past. He has the support of the Mayor, the Mayor’s administration and the Board of Harbor Commissioners.
   vii. President Allen asked what the Port is willing to do regarding having oversight with community participation, i.e. Neighborhood Councils. Seroka responded that the CEQA process is inherently transparent and he pointed to the monthly Port and Neighborhood Council Presidents meeting.
   viii. Board member Carrie Scoville asked about public access to the Board of Harbor Commissioner meetings, related to the meetings being held during the day when the majority of people are at work and therefore unable to attend to provide public comment. Mr. Seroka pointed out that there are a few meetings scheduled in 2016 during the evening. However, the needs of the commission generally require the meetings to be held during regular business hours. The commission is required to meet every twice per month.
   ix. Stakeholder John (last name not provided) asked of the 11 incomplete mitigations, how is the Port going to get those completed, particularly since they are not part of China Shipping’s contract? Mr. Seroka replied that the remaining 11 fall into three basic areas; air quality, transportation and noise. They plan to go through CEQA’s supplemental environmental impact report process to evaluate the incomplete items.

**Infrastructure projects around Ports O’Call and Sampson Way Realignment**
   x. In December 2014 the Port put in place a set dollar amount of $52 million toward the infrastructure projects around Ports O’Call over the next five years.
xi. The Port presented the early design plans to the community. As part of the Public Access Investment Plan approved in February 2015, these plans were incorporated into the Port’s overall strategic development.

xii. The designated $52 million is slated for three areas of development; the realignment of Sampson Way, the Promenade, and the Downtown City Square at the intersection of 7th Street and Harbor Boulevard. They anticipate breaking ground in the third quarter of 2016.

xiii. On Thursday, January 14th, at 11:30 am, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Mr. Seroka is giving the first State of the Port address.

xiv. Stakeholder Gayle Fleury commented that the Port’s plan does not seem to consider the parking problem or the homeless issue in and around the Ports O’Call development area. Mr. Seroka responded that parking, traffic, transportation, moving people to and from venues, and pedestrian issues were all part of the RFP, and are being addressed in the design phase. As for the homeless, it is part of a wider reaching issue and being addressed as such.

xv. Stakeholder Robert Campbell commented that construction will undoubtedly impact existing homeless encampments in the area. Are the Port Police able to assist in the surrounding community with the homeless that are pushed out of the immediate Port area and into the surrounding community? Port Police Chief, Thomas Gazsi, commented that during construction the areas will be fenced. Once completed the recreation areas will not be conducive to setting up encampments and there will be prohibitions in place relating to people being in those areas after dark and/or after the business have closed for the day. The Port Police, along with Port Security, will have oversight of these areas. He stated that today the Port Police and LAPD purged an encampment along the 110 freeway that had existed for several months.

xvi. Mr. Seroka commented that the Port welcomed the largest container ship to ever call in North America to the Port on December 26th. It was a test run for the Harbor to see if it can handle the vessel on a regular basis.

b. Report on Front Street and North Gaffey Beautification phase II, by Augie Bezmalinovich, of the Port of Los Angeles.
   i. Mr. Bezmalinovich showed a slide presentation for both projects.
   ii. The plans include drought tolerant landscaping.
   iii. The skate park is to remain per the plan.
   iv. The source of the funding is the China Shipping mitigation fund.

c. CeSPNC Port Committee Report by Frank Anderson
   i. Postponed to next month due to time constraints.

9. Public Safety Reports:
   a. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua:
      i. He gave an overview of crime stats for the prior month. Property crime is still way up, particularly vehicle thefts and break ins. Many of these involve unlocked vehicles. He recommends using a two pronged Club anti-theft device.
      ii. He discussed a recent carjacking incident involving local youth. This particular incident drew resources from adjacent law enforcement including Port Police.

b. Port Police Sargent Jose Alvarez
   i. Gave a brief introduction of himself.
   ii. He did not have crime stats available this time. However, he will in the future.
   iii. The Port Police boundaries include Port property, the area east of Harbor, the waterfront, container terminals, etc.

10. 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 or use the following link: http://sanpedrocity.org/council-district-15-reports-to-central-spnc. Some of the highlights are as follows:
1. On Thursday, February 4th, at the Warner Grand, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Councilman Buscaino is sponsoring the Los Angeles Forum on Crime.

2. Homeless issues: LAHSA is looking for additional sites for emergency shelters in the Harbor Area during El Nino.

3. Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC): In lieu of PCAC, executive management at the Port holds monthly meetings with Neighborhood Council leadership as well as key community figures. They have access to POLA’s entire executive team. CD15 also attends these meetings and is part of the conversation.

4. Police and jail: Without a doubt, Councilman Buscaino wants additional police officers and to open the Harbor Division jail. This is his highest priority budgetary request during every budget season. Councilman Buscaino plans to have a response on the increase in crime very soon. He will be hosting a LA Forum for Crime at the Warner Grand, on February 4th, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

5. How is CD15 incorporating the LA sustainably plan? Currently, CD15 is collaborating with the Port of Los Angeles on a new Clean Air Action Plan. Councilman Buscaino is a member of the South Coast Air Quality Management Distrit (SCAQMD). To view the plan online, go to lamayor.org.

b. Motion to Create an Ad Hoc Government Relations Committee by Grant Hartwell.

   i. The roll of the committee would be to act as the primary liaison between the Council and all governing bodies at all levels of representation on issues that are otherwise undelegated to existing board committees.

   ii. The item was tabled until it could be submitted in writing at the agenda setting meeting for consideration.

11. Reports from Public Officials:

   a. LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic’s office. Director of Communications, John Larson reported:

      i. Introduced local superintendent Christopher Downing who came primarily to speak about the possible closure of the Christensen Science and Sustainability Center due to a budget shortfall.

      ii. It costs approximately $400,000 annually to run the center. LAUSD is facing a deficit for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

      iii. The animals have all been removed from the site and sent to other facilities for proper care.

   b. Congresswoman Janice Hahn’s office. German Castilla, District Staff Assistant reported:

      i. She has called the Army Corp of Engineers to fund repairs of the San Pedro break water ahead of El Nino.

      ii. She will be having her annual senior briefing event the first week of May.

      iii. May 14th is the annual Congressional Art Contest at Crafted. It is open to all high school students in the 44th District.

   c. Mayor Garcetti’s office. Harbor Area Representative Manny Lopez reported:

      i. The Mayor encourages the public to give feedback on the CAO/CLA Joint Homelessness Strategy report. You can go to http://www.lamayor.org/homelessness-strategy-feedback to provide feedback online.

      ii. The LAHSA homeless count is later this month. To find volunteer opportunities around homelessness you can go to the Mayor’s volunteer corps at http://www.lamayor.org/volunteer_corps.

      iii. The NFL voted to bring football back to Los Angeles. The Saint Louis Rams will be coming to a new stadium in Inglewood.

      iv. Last month the Mayor announced that METRO Silver Line Express service is returning. It runs between San Pedro and Downtown Los Angeles. President Allen thanked the
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council members that lobbied heavily to bring Silver Line service back.

v. Stakeholder Bob Gelfand asked about the toll lane that was opposed by local stakeholders.

12. **2016 Selection/Election Committee Report**: Sue Castillo
   a. Report on January 6, 2016 Committee Meeting
      i. The Council is holding a selection rather than an election according to Council bylaws.
      ii. Candidate registration begins on February 27th and concludes 60 days prior to the date of the selection. All candidate registration is handled by the City of Los Angeles Clerk’s office.
      iii. They discussed holding the Council selection in at least three locations in conjunction with the 2016 National Primary election on June 7th.
      iv. They discussed mailing fliers to stakeholders prior to the selection. Including a call to candidates. Though they do not have a firm budget for this process at this time. The current budget has allotted $5000 which would be enough for mailing of one flyer, not two.
      v. The next committee meeting will be on February 3rd.
   b. Approval of Stipulation worksheet.
      i. The selection will be held on June 7, 2016, from 3:30 to 7:30 pm at three locations listed below in item b.iv., and at the monthly stakeholder meeting, at Port of Los Angeles High School, on June 14, 2016, from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.
      ii. Locations to be considered for the selection are as follows:
         I. Anderson Senior Center
         II. Mary Star of the Sea
         III. Rancho San Pedro Recreational Hall
      iii. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requires a DONE election proctor at each location. They provide one such proctor at no cost. The cost for additional proctors is $18 per hour for a total of $216 per additional location.
      iv. Budgetary considerations include the following:
         I. The current budget provides $5000
         II. A call to candidates mailing would likely consume all of the current budget for selections.
         III. More funds would need to be allocated for an additional mailing, selection proctors, banners and other signage, and minimal refreshments for volunteers.
   c. Review and approve Selection Budget. This item was tabled for further consideration as discussed above.

13. **Land Use and Planning Committee Report**: Sue Castillo
   a. The City has approved the plan for Jack in the Box at 6th and Gaffey Streets.
   b. A location on Harbor Blvd. will be turned into a restaurant/event hall. There will be a public hearing on January 21, 2016.
   c. Committee Chair Sue Castillo announced that she will not be running for the board for the next term. Accordingly, she is hoping someone will step forward to take over as the chair of the Land Use and Planning Committee; hopefully while she is still on the board so she can aid in the transition.

14. **Ad Hoc Parks Committee Report**: Alexander Hall
   a. The next meeting will be January 20, 2016.
15. **Homelessness Committee Report**: Karen Ceaser provided an update on recent meetings she attended:

a. **Harbor View House (HVH)**: The January 8th meeting was attended by the following: **Harbor View House Staff** Jeffrey Smith, Executive Director and CFO; Walter Taylor, Administrator and Adult Residential Facility; Susan Major, Executive Director and COO; and **Harbor View Board of Directors** William Gargaro, Chair, and Marilouise Huff; and **Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council members**; Karen Ceaser, Chair of the Committee on Homelessness; and Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu, Secretary; Rudy Careres; and **Stakeholders or San Pedro Community Members** Sunny Lopez, Saving San Pedro member; Gayle Fleury, Co-Owner, Seaside Studios and Saving San Pedro member; Melanie L. Labrecque, Saving San Pedro member.

i. Karen Ceaser voiced some of the concerns expressed by the community regarding some of the residents of HVH.

ii. Susan Major explained that HVH is not a locked mental health facility, but a residence for the people who live there and that the residents pay rent.

iii. HVH staff are aware that some of the residents intermingle with the homeless around the facility. HVH has contacted the CD15 office on numerous occasions for assistance with the homeless.

iv. HVH is willing to pick up HVH residents that may do inappropriate things if someone calls them about a situation.

v. HVH is willing to give anyone a tour if they call to make an appointment.

vi. HVH hopes to set up an Advisory Board in the future.

vii. Jeffrey Smith, Executive Director and CFO, commented that HVH is a licensed and regulated facility for the mentally ill. They are licensed by the California Department of Social Services and the Department of Healthcare Services. They are a 501c3 nonprofit.

I. They have very strict admissions criteria. In the past month, they received 84 applications, and only 8 were approved.

II. HVH and its parent company have assisted in placing five mentally ill homeless people in permanent affordable housing, one in an HVH independent living facility.

viii. Board member Carrie Scoville asked about the roll and composition of an Advisory Committee, and if HVH could provide private security around the facility. Mr. Smith responded that they are looking into private security, and that they do have staff that provides security, and they have a mobile unit that will answer any complaint involving residents out in the community. There are some non-residents that identify themselves as residents to get a break from LAPD. As for the Advisory Board, it is designed to bring HVH closer to the community, and address any community issues and help solve them. Composition would be one or more CSPNC board members, a combination of healthcare professionals, and HVH staff.

I. The number to call for complaints and/or to request the mobile unit is 310) 547 - 3341.

II. Walter Taylor, Administrator at the Adult Residential Facility, commented that the mobile unit is not new, it has been in place for about 10 years. However, they rarely get calls. If HVH did receive a call between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm the call would be forwarded to him and he would go out. If someone does have a complaint, please call and someone will show up.

b. **Harbor Interfaith meeting**:

i. January 7th, meeting with some of advocates of the Harbor Area and Harbor Interfaith staff, including Shari Weaver. The advocates requested Ms. Ceaser’s assistance regarding clients that they were working with that were also with Harbor Interfaith.

ii. The advocates had some concerns about the rules of Harbor Interfaith.

iii. They discussed having an Advocacy meeting for the Harbor Area for anyone who is interested in becoming an advocate for shelter residents. People can act as mentors to shelter residents once they leave the shelter.
iv. Shari Weaver from Harbor interfaith commented that they want to help the community become more familiar with what Harbor interfaith does and some of the services they provide. She extended an invitation to the community and the board to come and see what Harbor interfaith does.
I. There are winter shelters open in Long Beach and Inglewood. As well as two weather advisory shelters to act as overflow shelters if the winter shelters become full.
II. In the first six months of their grant period they have placed 160 of the 212 people they were tasked with finding permanent housing for.
III. They have been awarded $818,000 grant for rapid rehousing. The funds will allow them to subsidize house for four to six months while people stabilize.
IV. The majority of funding for homeless programs is 100% contingent on the LAHSA homeless count.
c. Our Father’s Table Outreach Service based in San Clemente
i. January 9th, Ms. Ceaser met with a woman who does outreach to homeless with the organization. She is trying to bring their services to the Los Angeles area.
d. Meeting with the Neighborhood Council Chairs.
i. On Sat January 16th, Ms. Ceaser will be meeting with the other San Pedro area Neighborhood Council Presidents and Homeless committee members. The intent is to discuss how they might join together to talk about homelessness in the coming year.
e. Homeless count update.
i. Funding is 100% contingent on the results of the LAHSA homeless count.
ii. Board member Carrie Scoville commented that the City of Long Beach doesn’t participate in the LAHSA count. They do their own count but it is conducted in the late morning, by which time homeless people have moved on.
16. **Budget Advocates Report**: Danielle Sandoval
a. Ms. Sandoval provided printed material for The “No Place Like Home” Initiative, California Senate Comprehensive Budget Plan to Prevent and Address Homelessness in our Local Communities. The senator is asking for a $2 billion bond to fund permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless people with mental illness. As well as $2 million to be spent over a four year period. He is asking for support for the initiative from the community.
b. Ms. Sandoval provided printed out-takes from the 200 plus page CAO/CLA Joint Homelessness Report. Her scaled down version will be available on the CeSPNC website. Some of the items of note are as follows:
i. Ms. Sandoval attended a meeting with LAHSA at which she learned that LAHSA staffs 188, approximately 1/3, 62 of those staff people do outreach. For the entire County of Los Angeles there are only 23 people performing outreach and in the City of Los Angeles there are only 13. Accordingly, Ms. Sandoval asked how are homeless people getting the information about shelters, particularly winter shelters? Their answer was that they primarily perform outreach to homeless people in emergency situations.
ii. LAHSA wants to focus on rapid rehousing, as opposed to transitional housing.
c. Update on Homeless subcommittee and upcoming whitepaper:
i. The next Budget Advocates meeting is Saturday, January 16th.
ii. Ms. Sandoval is proposing that each region submit their ideas and include them in the Budget Advocates homelessness whitepaper. For the Harbor Area she would like to have very specific information, for example what things are, and want to be, funded.
iii. Judy Gordon of Rainbow Services commented that domestic violence victims get lumped into the homeless category. However, rapid rehousing does not work for domestic violence victims. These people still need transitional housing, to provide safe, confidential housing. LAHSA has taken away funds for transitional housing and redirected it to rapid rehousing.
17. **Finance Committee Report**: Danielle Sandoval
a. Approval of monthly Bank Statements and monthly expenditures. Motion by Grant Hartwell to approve the monthly Bank Statements and monthly expenditures, seconded by Rudy Caseres,
and passed with 8 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Guerrero, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 3 abstention(s) (Allen, Castillo, and Hunter), 2 left the meeting prior to this vote (Ceaser and Galaz).

b. Review revised budget. Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu to approve the revised budget, including moving $2,000 from Operations to NPG’s, seconded by Rudy Caseres, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Castillo, Guerrero, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval and Scoville), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Allen), 2 left the meeting prior to this vote (Ceaser and Galaz).

c. Approval of budget item request of $250 from Outreach for refreshments for homeless count volunteers. The item was tabled.

d. Update on QuickBooks training for NC Treasurers. Ms. Sandoval will be training to support other NC Treasurers in the transition to QuickBooks.

18. Outreach Committee Report: Donald Galaz – No report as Mr. Galaz had to leave the meeting early.
   b. Next Outreach Committee Meeting will include a discussion of goals for the remainder of the term.

19. Ad Hoc Business Committee Report: Danielle Sandoval
   a. Update on Business Report Card and “No Soliciting/Loitering/Trespassing” Signs. No report on this item.
   b. The next meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2016.

20. Ad Hoc Art Committee Report: Scott Andrews – No report as Mr. Andrews was absent.

21. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:
   a. Judy Gordon of Rainbow Services thanked the council for NPG funds for the purchase of appliances for their transitional housing unit.
   b. Mikael Gatanz requested that the public comment item be moved to earlier in the meeting.

22. Other Reports:
   a. HANC - (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report - Frank Anderson. Item skipped due to time constraints.
   b. PBID – (San Pedro Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District) Katherine Gray Item skipped due to time constraints.

23. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm. The next meeting is February 9, 2016.

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