



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, June 14, 2016 THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL 250 W. 5th 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 15 Board Members). Approximately 65 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
Donald Galaz	Present
Katherine Gray	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Grant Hartwell	Present
Hrant Harutyunyan	Present
Debra Hunter	Present arrived at 6:50 pm
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present arrived at 6:55 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Carrie Scoville	Present
Ivan Sulic	Present

2. **President's Report** (James Allen)
 - a. Review and approve letter of support for the Christiansen Science Center proposal for an LAUSD STEAM magnet school

Christopher Downing
Local District Superintendent
LAUSD Local District South
1208 Magnolia Avenue, Gardena CA 90247

Subject: Christensen Science Center

Dear:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CeSPNC) is pleased to announce its support for the redevelopment of the Vic and Bonnie Christensen Science Center that was presented at our May 10, 2016 Monthly Board and Stakeholder Meeting.

Founded in the early 1970's as a means to teach students about the environment and their impact upon it, the center has done a great job in providing a unique learning experience. Los Angeles Unified School District is now refocusing its efforts to revamp the curriculum by implementing the Next Generations Science Standards which are aligned to support Common Core Literacy and Math Standards set to engage students and a well-rounded scientific education.

The plan as explained to our board concentrated on a STEAM program that would create a magnet school at this site. It would further enrich student academic curriculum and teach professional development to help our students make better decisions about the environment and the sustainable practices needed for it to thrive. It would also allow more public access to this LAUSD facility than is now made available.

The CeSPNC endorses this LAUSD project "in concept" subject to review once the budget has been approved and preliminary design work has started. As part of our support for this proposal we would like to continue to work closely with the school district to help shape the plan as it moves forward and to work in collaboration with the other stakeholders, Neighborhood Councils and teachers to shepherd this project to a successful design and construction phase. As the location is so closely connected to this residential neighborhood every effort should be made to have continuous outreach to those most closely affected by both the construction of this facility as well as its final uses and impacts in this area.

Sincerely,

James P. Allen President

On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Motion by Frank Anderson to approve letter of support for the Christiansen Science Center proposal for an LAUSD STEAM magnet school, seconded by Grant Hartwell, and passed with 13 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Sandoval, Scolville, and Sulic), 1 no (Ceaser), 1 abstention(s) (Allen).

3. **2016 Selection/Election Committee Report** (Sue Castillo)

- a. Selection/Election update
 - i. Turn out for voting on June 7th was very good.
- b. Consideration of changes imposed by DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) to the interpretation of our bylaws regarding voting procedures imposed within 24 hours of our selection event. Consideration of a formal protest against DONE relating to that action.
 - i. The Selection Committee drafted a motion relating to the last minute issues with DONE.

WHEREAS the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) Selection Committee has worked with DONE over the past 5 months to establish Selection procedures for the 2016 Board Selection;

WHEREAS the rules for establishing identity and stakeholder status were posted on our website, printed in our election outreach newsletter distributed in early May, and publically announced at our May Stakeholder meeting with no objection from our Board, Stakeholders, or DONE staff.

WHEREAS it is reasonable to establish the identification of Voters in order to avoid the casting of more than one vote per Stakeholder, and nothing in our Bylaws prohibits this;

WHEREAS the phrase "written self-affirmation" of stakeholder status in our Bylaws, with respect to voting, can and was previously construed to allow us to require simple documentation of a Voter's stakeholder status, and that it is reasonable to take this precaution against voting by non-stakeholders;

WHEREAS DONE issued an order to the CSPNC that we may not require voter identification nor evidence of stakeholder status less than twenty-four (24) hours before the opening of our

Polling on June 7th, 2016, and with less than 72 hours to receive this information and forward it to our Stakeholders a Brown Act violation may have occurred;

WHEREAS the CSPNC Selection Committee did comply with DONE's imposition of "no documentation" voting;

WHEREAS the CSPNC has received many adverse comments about the last-minute change in polling rules, the potential for non-stakeholders to vote, and possibility of persons voting more than once;

THEREFORE, the CSPNC objects to DONE's unilateral, last-minute imposition of "no documentation" voting as unreasonable and potentially leading to voter fraud, and asks that Empower LA issue a public apology to Stakeholders for their inappropriate, unwarranted and imprudent interference in our Selection process.

Motion by Sue Castillo to amend the motion to remove the following language from paragraph 5 'and with less than 72 hours to receive this information and forward it to our Stakeholders a Brown Act violation may have occurred', and seconded by Frank Anderson, and failed with 7 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Gray, Hall, Harutyunyan, Scoville, and Sulic), 8 no (Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Guerrero, Hartwell, Hunter, and Obioma-Sakhu), 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 recused (Sandoval).

Motion from committee, failed with 3 yes (Anderson, Gray, and Harutyunyan), 6 no (Andrews, Caseres, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, and Hartwell), 7 abstention(s) (Allen, Castillo, Ceaser, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Scoville, and Sulic), and 1 recused (Sandoval).

- c. Discuss need for changes to the Bylaws related to Elections/Selections.
 - i. Committee Chair Sue Castillo recommends that next time they do an election not a selection.

4. **Public Comment:**

- a. Judy Gordon from Rainbow Services thanked the board for their volunteer work and support of Rainbow Services. She commented that October is domestic violence awareness month.
- b. Rudy Caseres commented about his goals as a board member and thanked the community for his time on the board.
- c. Jerry Gusha commented about the free Shakespeare by the Sea schedule and the Little Fish Theatre's new production.
- d. Peggy Zask and Morgan Britt from South Bay Contemporary at the Loft Building commented about their nonprofit arts projects in the community.
- e. Michael Gatanz provided a hand out of a Downtown San Pedro Situational Analysis, Part 1. He also commented on an exchange with President Allen at First Thursday related to selection slates. He is registering a complaint that President Allen threatened him. He wants this information recorded in the minutes.
- f. Carrie Scoville commented about a records expungement clinic in Long Beach on June 21st.
- g. Karen Ceaser commented that this is her last night on the board. It has been her pleasure to serve on the board and the community.
- h. George Palaziol commented that it is National Flag Day. He also commented that both Coastal and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils start their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then led the meeting in the Pledge.
- i. Vanessa Flores commented that she has concerns with things in her neighborhood at 4th and Grand. Particularly the liquor store across the street from her house. People throw trash and the street is filthy. There are people loitering at her front gate, drinking and such.
- j. Roman Bagio concerning the project at 233 N. Harbor Blvd. presented to the PLUM two years ago, first presented as an events hall. The property owner is now proposing a restaurant with a full liquor license. The space is currently vacant and has been for about five years. President Allen asked if there were any objection to the project from the board, there were not. The current board has no objection to the project, though not by motion. The issue will be referred to the Land Use and Planning committee.

5. **Ad Hoc Business Committee Report:** – Danielle Sandoval

- a. Report on the Down Town San Pedro (DTSP) Business Forum on May 25th at People's Place.
 - i. Committee Chair Danielle Sandoval thanked those that attended and Dave Behar for all the work he did.
 - ii. Dave Behar gave an overview of the Down Town San Pedro (DTSP) event.
 - iii. Both Ms. Sandoval and Mr. Behar thanked the Neighborhood Council for its financial support of the event.
 - iv. Mr. Behar made a video of the event, it will be posted on the CeSPNC website.

6. **Budget & Finance Committee:** Chair: Danielle Sandoval

- a. Approval of MER's and Bank Statements. Motion by Daren Ceaser to approve the monthly bank statement and expenditure report, seconded by Ivan Sulic, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval), 0 no, 4 abstention(s) (Allen, Gray, Sulic, and Scolville) and 2 out of room (Castillo and Galaz).
- b. Budget Adjustment, approval of final payment to POLA for this fiscal year, \$100 over original \$1100, for a total of \$1200. Motion by Debra Hunter to approve the Budget Adjustment, approval of final payment to POLA for this fiscal year, \$100 over original \$1100, for a total of \$1200, seconded by Ivan Sulic, and passed with 14 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval), 0 no, 3 abstention(s) (Allen, Sulic, and Scolville).
- c. Approval to reimbursement Frank Anderson \$55.84 for Water/Forks/Plates for May/June meetings. Motion by Carrie Scoville to approve reimbursement of board member Frank Anderson for \$55.84 for Water/Forks/Plates for May/June meetings, seconded by Alexander Hall, and passed with 13 yes (Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Anderson and Allen) and 2 out of room (Castillo and Guerrero).
- d. Approval of annual payment of \$1375 to Andrew Philip Menzes for professional audio services for the 2015/2016 budget year. Motion by Carrie Scoville to approve the annual payment of \$1375 to Andrew Philip Menzes for professional audio services for the 2015/2016 budget year, seconded by Alexander Hall, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen) and 1 out of room (Guerrero).
- e. Motion to consider a motion to reimburse board member Alexander Hall in the amount of \$100 as reimbursement for supplies purchased for the ShareFest event.
 Motion by Carrie Scoville to approve considering a motion to reimburse board member Alexander Hall in the amount of \$100 as reimbursement for supplies purchased for the ShareFest event, seconded by Ivan Sulic, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen) and 1 out of room (Castillo).
 Motion by Donald Galaz to approve reimbursing board member Alexander Hall in the amount of \$100 for supplies purchased for the ShareFest event, seconded by Jose Guerrero, and passed with 15 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen) and 1 out of room (Castillo).
- f. Motion to consider a motion to reallocate \$2,912.74 as follows; \$1,650.78 from elections to operations, \$195.00 from NPG's to operations, and \$1,978.61 from outreach to operations, for the purchase of a new printer and office supplies.
 Motion by Carrie Scoville to approve considering a motion to reallocate \$2,912.74 as follows; \$1,650.78 from elections to operations, \$195.00 from NPG's to operations, and \$1,978.61 from outreach to operations, for the purchase of a new printer and office supplies, seconded by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu, and passed with 16 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen).
 Motion by Carrie Scoville to approve reallocating \$2,912.74 as follows; \$1,650.78 from elections to operations, \$195.00 from NPG's to operations, and \$1,978.61 from outreach to operations, for the purchase of a new printer and office supplies, seconded by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu, and

passed with 16 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Sulic, and Scolville), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen).

- g. **DONE Update on Funding Changes.**
 - i. DONE funding will be handled by the City Clerk's office for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2016.
 - ii. They are considering changing banks again.

7. **Budget Advocates Report:** Chair: Danielle Sandoval

- a. Update on budget hearings.
 - i. The hearings went really well. There was \$138 million budgeted for homeless issues.
 - ii. For mental health there will be more outreach and transparency.
 - iii. The annual Budget Day will be July 30, 2016. The council needs to appoint two representatives for the event.

8. **Land Use and Planning Report:** Sue Castillo – No new information.

9. **Presentation by Omninet** Re: Proposed 403 residential units and 5,200 sq ft of retail at the corners of 5th and 6th and Palos Verdes St.

- a. Dale Yonkin from Nadel Architecture and Planning, and Gary Dwight, from Cross America Financial displayed renderings of their proposed project.
- b. The proposed project is for 404 residential units, between 5th and 6th Streets on Palos Verdes, with retail on the 6th Street side.
- c. It will consist of multiple buildings and a parking garage.
- d. The units will be market rate rentals, not for purchase. There will not be any non-market rate units.

Motion by Hrant Harutyunyan to approve support of the Proposed 403 residential units and 5,200 sq ft of retail at the corners of 5th and 6th and Palos Verdes Street as presented, seconded by Sue Castillo, and passed with 11 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Castillo, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Hunter, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, and Sulic), 2 no (Caseres and Ceaser), 4 abstention(s) (Allen, Galaz, Guerrero, and Scolville).

10. **Public Safety Reports:** None

11. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of May 2016 Board/Stakeholder Meeting Minutes. Motion by Ivan Sulic to approve the April 2016 Board/Stakeholder meeting minutes, seconded by Grant Hartwell, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Andrews, Caseres, Castillo, Galaz, Gray, Guerrero, Hartwell, Obioma-Sakhu, Sandoval, Scolville, and Sulic), 0 no, 3 abstention(s) (Allen, Ceaser, and Harutyunyan) and 2 no vote recorded (Hall and Hunter).

12. **Reports from Public Officials:**

- a. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn's office** representative Ivan Sulic
 - i. Presented outgoing board member Sue Castillo with a Certificate of Congressional Honor for all her years of work on behalf of the community.
- b. **Dr. Vladovic, LAUSD Board Member** representative John Larson, Director of Communications reported:
 - i. Superintendent Downing has a proposal for the repurposing of the Science Center that he hopes to bring before the LAUSD board for consideration.
 - ii. LAUSD now has a partnership agreement with Charles Drew Medical College similar to the one with Cal State Dominguez Hills.
 - iii. The San Pedro High School Olguin campus pool is now open to the public for the summer.
 - iv. The Gaffey Street/Hey Rookie pool will not be open until sometime next year due to WWII archeological finds during construction.
 - v. LAUSD has allocated \$15,000 to Dana Middle School marching band for new uniforms. The band still need to raise more funds.

- vi. Mr. Larson is taking a sabbatical, accordingly, Mr. Joe Grassilli will be taking over as acting director of communications. His contact information is 703-674-8835 and email jgrassilli@gmail.com.

13. **Port of Los Angeles:** Report from Augie Bezmalinovich

- a. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings are Thursday, June 16, 2016, and Thursday, July 21, 2016, at the Port Administration building, at 8:30 am.
- b. The approval of a permit between the Port and San Pedro Public Market, LLC was approved by both the Harbor Commissioners and the City Council.
- c. The Sampson Way/Harbor Blvd. realignment should start construction later this summer.
- d. The John S. Gibson on/off ramp construction is nearly complete.
- e. The C Street improvement construction is wrapping up and should be complete by the end of September 2016.
- f. The Port is working to get the Channel Street skate park permitted and back in place.
- g. The Front Street Beautification project is expected to proceed sometime in August 2016, with project completion by summer of 2017.
- h. The solar panels proposed for the 22nd Street, Double Tree, and Cabrillo Beach parking lots are off the table. The port is now considering other sites including the Catalina Express, a portion of the Cruise Terminal, and Cabrillo Way Marina South parking lots.
- i. Cars and Stripes is Friday, July 1, 2016 at the Fan Fair Fountain.
- j. Fleet Week begins on September 1, 2016, Labor Day Weekend.
- k. Upcoming EIR's update:
 - i. The TraPac electrification and rail improvements addendum is expected to be released in late June 2016.
 - ii. They expected to release the NOP for a thirty-day review approximately July 22, 2016, of the draft Valero MOTEM's EIR. The draft EIR should be completed by the end of 2016.
- l. Concerns and comments:
 - i. Board member Grant Hartwell wants to encourage the Port to fund the permit for the Channel Street skate park.
- a. CeSPNC Port Committee Report - Frank Anderson. No additional information.

14. **CD15 Issues:**

- a. Review and approve Bloch Field letter concerning relocation of dumpster (Ivan and Donald)
 - i. T5un
- b. Report from Ad Hoc CD15 Liaison Committee. (Grant Hartwell)
 - i. K5gy9
- c. **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:
 - i. The City Council is on summer recess from July 4th, through July 22, 2016.
 - ii. Grading operations at Highpark are underway.
 - iii. A 24-unit townhome development has been approved at 8th and Centre, however, the developer is not moving forward at this time.
 - iv. Repairs at the Peck Park are expected to take 2 to 3 weeks.
 - v. Los Angeles Recreation and Parks, in partnership with CD15, Heyday Elite Fitness and San Pedro Fit, recently installed fitness equipment at Plaza Park. Free fitness classes are available this summer from May 30 to August 26.
 - vi. The City Council unanimously approved the Mayor's appointment of Mona Sutton to the Harbor Area Planning Commission.
 - vii. The City Council unanimously approved funding for GAP for graffiti abatement, litter and trash pickup, and tree trimming.
 - viii. The Taste of San Pedro at Crafted is on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 5 to 10 pm.
 - ix. Mr. Ferguson presented a Certificate of recognition to board member Danielle Sandoval for her efforts on behalf of the community.

15. **Homelessness Committee Report:** Karen Ceaser
- a. Request for Bylaws Committee Meeting to update Bylaws to show Homelessness Committee as a Standing Committee.
 - i. Ms. Ceaser pointed out that in the August 2015 minutes it stated that the board approved the change to the bylaws making the Homelessness Committee a standing committee.
 - ii. Ms. Ceaser believes that the Bylaws Committee has never met.
 - iii. She wants to be certain that the new board follows through on the update to the bylaws, and that the bylaws committee actually meets to take up other outstanding issues with the bylaws.
16. **Outreach Committee Report:** Chair: Donald Galaz
- a. Committee Chair Donald Galaz thanked the board for electing him to chair the Outreach Committee. He thanked everyone who showed up to the outreach events.
17. **Ad Hoc Art Committee Report:** Scott Andrews
- a. On February 23rd there was a meeting regarding the RFP for new management of the Warner Grand Theatre. The council drafted a letter to the City requesting that any RFP for new management of the Warner Grand Theatre be done with community input. The RFP is currently stalled, and there have been no updates as of three weeks ago.
 - b. He urged the council not to let the issue drop.
18. **Other Reports:**
- a. **HANC** (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) Report (Frank Anderson)
 - i. Report on HANC/CD15 retreat.
 - I. Board member Alexander Hall commented that one thing that came out of the retreat are some things that Neighborhood Councils could do better:
 - A. have an internship program for new board members
 - B. ask city entities for an early notification system, particularly for the port
 - C. NC's need to send up to date contact rosters to all city entities
 - D. appoint city entity liaisons at the first board meeting of newly elected boards
 - ii. Board member Alexander Hall commented that at the last HANC meeting the following issues were discussed:
 - I. Mayor Hahn's representative spoke about a successful gun buyback program.
 - II. Caltrans has an employment program through Work Source Centers.
 - b. **PBID** (Katherine Gray)
 - i. Consider encouraging PBID to endorse Clean San Pedro as the PBID vendor. Item tabled for a letter to be submitted for approval at a later meeting.
 - ii. Staff from Harbor View House came to the meeting and gave overview of who their residents are and the services they provide.
 - iii. PBID is skeptical of what the county wants to do with the Courthouse. They suspect the county wants to buy the building and then turn around and sell it.
 - iv. PBID is planning a big First Thursday event for Fleet Week.
 - c. **DONE Update** (Danielle Sandoval) None
19. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None
20. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting is July 12 2016.

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