



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, September 13, 2016 THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30, by President Mona Sutton. (A quorum of 15 Board Members). Approximately 50 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Frank Anderson	Excused
Terry Bonich	Present
Michael Collins	Present
James Dimon	Present left at 7:00 pm Returned at 8:20 pm
Donald Galaz	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Leslie Jones	Present
Michael Koth	Excused
Tunette Powell	Present
Joanne Rallo	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present left at 9:10 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Present
John Stammreich	Present
Mona Sutton	Present
Allyson Vought	Present

2. **Opening Remarks, Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Recognitions:** (Mona Sutton):
 - a. Welcome – Honorable Joe Buscaino, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles, District 15. Councilmember Buscaino was unable to attend due to a calendaring conflict.
 - b. October's stakeholder meeting date will be changed to Tuesday, October 18th in observance of Yom Kippur.
3. **Approval of August 9th Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by **James Dimon** to approve the August 9th, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Sutton, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Guerrero), and 1 out of room (Rouser).
4. **Public Comment on Non Agenda Items**
 - a. Rachael Bruhnie commented on her opposition to Fleet Week as a party for war, she has started a peace week, created a memorial to war, and threw peace a party.
 - b. Gypsy Garcia commented that not all homeless people are alcoholics and drug addicts. She stated that the homeless will not go away. She is homeless and there is now where for her to

- go. People are not homeless by choice and they are not bad people. It's hard to be homeless, people don't look at you, they look through you.
- c. Elise Swanson thanked the Neighborhood Council for their donation of refreshments and snacks for Fleet Week.
- d. Maria Couch with Barton Hill Pride Achievement event announced a fund raiser on September 24.
- e. General Jeff, chair of the pending Skid Row NC, commented that they are trying to start a Skid Row Neighborhood Council.
- f. Christian Guzman announced that on Saturday, September 17, the Coastal Botanical Garden on Crenshaw Blvd. is having a smart gardening workshop.

5. **Public Safety Reports:**

- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua and Adrianna Bravo and Lauren Halligan**
 - i. Officer Nua gave a brief overview of crime statistics.
 - ii. The Community Police Advisory Board meeting is Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 at the Harbor Division Police Station.
 - iii. Hot Import Nights in downtown San Pedro on Saturday, September 24.
 - iv. Lauren Halligan, Neighborhood Prosecutor announced a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, October 13 at Port of Los Angeles High School from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.
- b. **Port Police Sergeant Aldo Morales**
 - i. Officer Morales gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the period from August 14 through September 10.
 - ii. He reminded everyone to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuables in view.
 - iii. They had approximately 175 thousand people here for Fleet Week.

6. **Reports from Board Liaisons:**

- a. Budget Advocates – Danielle Sandoval
 - i. The Budget Advocates are getting their committees together to start meeting with city departments.
 - ii. Once city department meetings are set, stakeholders may attend and/or submit questions to be asked at the meeting.
- b. Government Relations – Danielle Sandoval
 - i. Motion to request the Los Angeles City Council postpone hearing Council File #15-1138-S14 for ~~90 days~~ **30 days** from today to give the Neighborhood Council the opportunity to location and receive feedback from our constituents.
 - I. James Allen commented that several of the board members had issues that created a conflict of interest and accordingly, should recuse themselves.
 - II. Stakeholder Nora commented that there are storage containers available for \$100 each that could be used for storage units as an alternative to building storage.
 - III. Karen Ceaser commented that storage lockers are not what is needed, HOUSING is needed. She stated there has been house made available in CD 1 and CD 11 and nowhere else. The money for a storage facility could go toward housing. She further commented on the lack of transparency on this issue and that there has never been a report from the homeless task force.
 - IV. Gypsy Garcia commented that they have \$600,000 and all they came up with is lockers, not housing, stuff has a place to live but not me.
 - V. Maria Couch assumes the rumor is the old, old Smart and Final location on Pacific Avenue is to be used as the storage site and it is one block from her backyard.
 - VI. Elise Swanson a member of the homeless task force, but not speaking as such, is concerned about the rumors, the task force was dark in August and a project moved forward while they were dark. They were tasked with finding solutions to homeless issues for this community. They heard a lot about shopping carts in the community, so they looked for a potential piece of property to provide storage and they want to not just have storage but a service navigation center at the site with

other services as well as storage. They didn't want to bring the information to the community without funding attached. The site is a privately owned site to be leased. She wanted to bring a fully fleshed out proposal to the community once they had all the information.

- VII. Board member Allyson Vought is concerned that 90 days is too long and made a motion to amend it to 30 days.
- VIII. Danielle section 908 of the City Charter states that NC's can hold a public hearing and get more time than even the 90 days. So, if 30 days isn't enough there is another option.

Motion by **Allyson Vought** to amend from 90 days to **30 days**, seconded by **Debbie Rouser**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 out of room (Dimon).

Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve amended request to the Los Angeles City Council postpone hearing Council File #15-1138-S14 for ~~90 days~~ **30 days** from today to give the Neighborhood Council the opportunity to location and receive feedback from our constituents, seconded by **Michael Collins**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 out of room (Dimon).

- c. HANC –Alexander hall
 - i. Josh Lafarga, the Harbor Area Commissioner, attended the meeting as requested.
 - ii. Each Neighborhood Council was asked to contribute to the cost of a note taker for meetings.
 - iii. More in depth follow up from the retreat will be done next HANC meeting.
 - iv. They passed a motion to send a letter to LAUSD to postpone the vote on post Labor Day start date of the 2017-2018 school year.
- d. PBID – Michael Koth
 - i. There are security issues with homeless in the Lilyan Fierman walkway, so PBID will provide more security.
 - ii. They discussed having branding signs on 6th Street and on Harbor Boulevard.
 - iii. Fleet Week First Thursday was a huge success and they are distributing a survey to businesses to find out the financial impact.
 - iv. The trolley will keep the longer route through September, and go to the shorter route for winter. During Fleet Week the trolleys ran on time only 20% of the time.
 - v. The Cal Arts Grant, which is used to pay bands for 1st and 3rd Thursday, is still pending.
 - vi. The stage at 6th and Mesa is on hold by Building and Safety.
 - vii. A plan was approved for Hot Import nights to have a stage in courthouse parking lot.
 - viii. The sale of the courthouse to the county has gone to the Governor for signature and an RFP is out for a ground lease.
- e. San Pedro Chamber – Christian Guzman
 - i. At the July 20 meeting the chamber voted to support the 22 unit Mesa townhome and the Palos Verdes apartment projects.
 - ii. The Economic Development committee voted to oppose the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative.
 - iii. The Chamber is working with CD15 on a Gaffey Street Business Improvement District.
 - iv. The economic feasibility study of downtown should be released in about three weeks and Councilman Buscaino will have community meetings to present it to the public.

7. Reports from Public Officials/Representatives:

- a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office** San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson
 - i. Mr. Ferguson will be out of the office on vacation starting Friday, October 14, returning to the office on Tuesday, November 8. If you need anything in his absence, please call the office at 310-732-4515.
 - ii. They are working on the website infrastructure for the Sidewalk Repair 50/50 rebate program. They hope to have it up and running this fall.

- iii. The annual free Buscaino Block Party and Pasta Dinner ins Saturday, October 22, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Weymouth Corners.
- b. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications
 - i. Motion to support the move of the First Day of School by LAUSD to follow Labor Day. **Subject to the comments that were expressed at the October 10th Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting and to look at furlough days and holidays** Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to amend the motion to include **‘Subject to the comments that were expressed at the October 10, 2016 Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting and to look at furlough days and holidays’**, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 1 no (Hall), and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton). Motion by **Tunnette Powell** to support as amended the move of the First Day of School by LAUSD to follow Labor Day. **Subject to the comments that were expressed at the October 10th Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting and to look at furlough days and holidays**, seconded by **Terry Bonich**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 1 no (Hall), and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - ii. Superintendent Christopher Downing presented an update on the future of the Science Center.
 - I. LAUSD has been approached by another community partner with an alternative proposal for the site. This group is requesting strong consideration from the district for this proposal.
 - II. Accordingly, he wants to reconvene the focus group to hear a presentation from that group and appoint three people for the focus group.
 - III. Board members Frank Anderson, John Stammreich and Alexander Hall will represent the NC on the focus group panel.
 - IV. The site is being maintained for the 2016-2017 year. The gardens are still up and the class rooms are still being used for professional development, and field trips will start again in November.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich
 - i. The next meetings of the Harbor Commissioners are Thursday, September 15, at 8:30 am, at the Port Administration building and October 6, at 6:00 pm at Bannings Landing.
 - ii. The two extra trolleys will be going back in early October as they return to the winter schedule. In three months the trolleys had about 15,000 riders.
 - iii. The contractor for the Front Street Beautification project has been selected. The City Attorney is working on an issue that once resolved the work should begin shortly.
 - iv. The North Gaffey Street Beautification Phase II. They plan to advertise the project in November and anticipate a start date in May of 2017.
 - v. The third annual Horton's Hayride is Saturday, September 17.
 - vi. The Southern California Boat Show will be at Cabrillo Way Marina starting Thursday, September 22 through Sunday, September 25.
 - vii. The annual Red Bull Rally will be October 8 and 9 at the outer harbor.
 - viii. The annual Pet Parade and Happy Harbor Halloween will be Saturday, October 29, at the downtown San Pedro water cut and in Wilmington.

8. **Finance Committee Report** – Danielle Sandoval, Treasurer

- a. Consideration of the following forwarded committee motions:
 - i. Approve Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve the August Monthly Expenditure Report and Bank Statement, seconded by **Leslie Jones**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - ii. Motion to purchase CeSPNC board member business cards in an amount not to exceed \$300. Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz,

- Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- iii. Motion to purchase board member name tags for newly elected board members in an amount not to exceed \$300. Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - iv. Motion to approve board member reimbursements:
 - I. Donald Galaz in the amount of \$266.55 for the purchase of the refreshments for the July stakeholders meeting. Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - II. Frank Anderson in the amount of \$28.68 for the purchase of water and utensils for the July and August stakeholders meeting. Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - III. Danielle Sandoval in the amount of \$142.00 for snacks for Fleet Week volunteers. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve reimbursing Danielle Sandoval in the amount of \$142.00 for snacks for Fleet Week volunteers, seconded by **John Stammreich**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - v. Motion to add standing rule that the finance committee will accept Neighborhood Purpose Grant Applications for review and approval on specified dates chosen by the committee or on a quarterly basis. Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - vi. Motion to appoint Donald Galaz as replacement second signer due to DONE scheduled treasurer training conflicts. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve appointing Donald Galaz as replacement second signer due to DONE scheduled treasurer training conflicts, seconded by **James Dimon**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - vii. Motion to purchase a new printer that prints double sided and color for the CeSPNC virtual office in an amount not to exceed \$600. Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 1 no (Guzman), and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - viii. Review and motion to approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application in the amount of \$1500 from Art in Motion, Inc. for the San Pedro Film Festival on October 6, 2016. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application in the amount of \$1500 from Art in Motion, Inc. for the San Pedro Film Festival on October 6, 2016, seconded by **Alexander hall**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
 - ix. Motion to approve recurring virtual office & website maintenance fees for July and August 2016 through The Mailroom, 1840 S. Gaffey (\$308 per month). Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve recurring virtual office & website maintenance fees for July and August 2016 through The Mailroom, 1840 S. Gaffey (\$308 per month), seconded by **John Stammreich**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

9. **Outreach and Communication Committee Report** - Joanne Rallo, Chair

- a. Forwarded committee motion - To advertise the CeSPNC monthly stakeholders meetings and events on "Its Talk Time" radio show for a period of 3 months. Dates will be determined

by the chair in an amount not to exceed \$300. Presentation by "It's Talk Time" host Zeke Vidaurri. **Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).**

- b. Central SPNC had a booth at Fleet Week.
- c. Outreach has a list of local resources for homeless, they will forward it to the homeless committee for their use.
- d. They created and approved a flyer to High School's related to recording meetings. Tonight, Board member Joanne Rallo has been Facebook live streaming the meeting.
- e. They will research when the next meeting is at Rancho San Pedro.

10. **Land Use and Planning Committee Report** - Leslie Jones, Chair

- a. Forwarded Motion to approve proposed Community Impact Statement as attached.

Re: Tree Planting by Developer of 550 S. Palos Verdes St.

It is our understanding that as part of the proposed development at 550 S. Palos Verdes Street in San Pedro, the developer will be required to provide trees to be planted off-site. We would like to ensure that those trees are planted in San Pedro as near to the new development as possible.

Currently there are several greening initiatives in San Pedro including a greater Downtown San Pedro Greening Plan and a Gaffey Beautification Plan. In addition the Los Angeles Conservation Corps has a grant from CalFire to plant large statue trees. These three efforts should be looked at as part of determining where the trees will be planted. Drought tolerant and evergreen trees are suggested.

We hereby request that the Central San Pedro and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils be consulted as part of the process of determining where the new trees will be planted and that they stay within the community.

Sincerely, Mona Sutton, President On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

- b. Forwarded Motion to approve Statement of Support for new Del Taco restaurant at 4th Street and Gaffey Street.

RE: SAN PEDRO DEL TACO - 4th and Gaffey

The Central San Pedro NC Council wishes to welcome the proposed Del Taco to our community.

In reviewing the Del Taco presentation, the CSPNC Land Use Committee along with numerous community Stakeholders voiced concerns over the presentation received by the joint Central and North West Land Use Committees.

In that there is currently a City beautification project under the Great Streets initiatives, we Council Board members and the concerned citizens of the community would like to recommend that perhaps there may be better solution for the positioning of the building and how the traffic within the property drive thru is positioned.

We understand that there are some issues with building placement and hope that you may offer another solution that will prevent the unattractive option of cars idling and being stacked next to the sidewalk on the Gaffey street side. Perhaps the rotation of the building to place the drive thru on the inside of the property and have windows on the street side in order to allow patrons to have a view of the street and not the parking lot could be a viable option.

Major Concerns were:

- *Drive thru on Street Side*
- *The sidewalk as presented appears to be too narrow and not within the Great Streets plan.*
- *Outdoor seating was depicted as being next to idling cars in the drive thru and should be*

relocated to provide a more positive outdoor dining experience irrespective of the final drive thru placement.

- The rear most property Sound Wall should exhibit some creative elements to eliminate a boring facade. A wall of plants to hide the block construction is not a viable option. Perhaps some inset planters and some form of design elements could mitigate a long wall of uniformity with variable wall heights not to exceed 8 feet could be explored.*
- Placement of mature Canopy Trees that allow shade should be in place at the time of opening. These also will help to mitigate the Co2 output of idling cars.*
- Public Greening and specific decorative spaces on the property is essential to prevent a barren and sterile environment and is recommended strongly.*
- Use of Grey Water for landscape irrigation if feasible.*

These suggestions could and should make a design statement and offer an environmentally friendly location that will be both impactful to the beatification of our community and show that boring need not be acceptable.

We'd like to see Del Taco set a high standard for others to follow in all future developments that occur here in San Pedro.

We respectfully request that the Land Use Coalition consisting of the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils continue to be included in all design phases of this project. Stakeholder input is essential to assure that our voices are heard and that we have an active part in the redevelopment of our community.

Sincerely, Mona Sutton, President On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

- c. Forwarded Motion to approve letter regarding proposed development at 550 S. Palos Verdes Street, as attached.

Community Impact Statement

Proposed Ordinance Revising the Citywide Sign Regulations /Related Council Files , 11-1705, 08- 2020, 11-0724, 12-1611

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports version B+ of the proposed sign ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015 if amended to remove the Port of Los Angeles and downtown San Pedro as potential sign districts. We commend the Planning Department and the Planning Commission for their continued efforts to reduce sign pollution in Los Angeles and respectfully request the removal of the Port of Los Angeles Plan and the San Pedro Regional Center from the designations at Tier I Sign Districts.

1. The removal of the Port of Los Angeles Plan from the designation as a Tier 1 Sign District

The Port of Los Angeles is very different from the Los Angeles International Airport and should not be treated in the same manner. The Port has worked diligently with the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington to beautify the waterfront and increase its attractiveness as a tourist destination. The primary drawing card for the Port is the view of the water not found elsewhere in Los Angeles. In fact, the Port has bought out billboards in order to take them down. The Port has committed \$200 million over the next ten years to the infrastructure improvements needed to make this a world-class waterfront and is in negotiations currently for the redevelopment of Ports O Call. Allowing the development of a sign district within the Port Plan area would be detrimental to these goals.

2. The development of a process whereby Communities with small "Regional Centers", such as San Pedro and Wilmington, could be exempted from consideration as Tier 1 Districts.

The San Pedro "Regional Center" is a small historic downtown that could easily be overwhelmed by any sign district. For the most part its buildings are one and two stories tall. The Community Redevelopment Agency and the City Planning Department worked diligently to

restore the historic elements and develop planning guidelines consistent with this vision. The resulting Downtown San Pedro Community Design Overlay District (ordinance 129,935) explicitly prohibits billboards:

Standard 14c: The following signs are prohibited: billboards, free-standing pole signs, banners, illuminated architectural canopy signs, inflatable devices, blinking or scrolling signs, canister wall or canister blade signs, and signs with vinyl letters.

Furthermore, a Greening Plan is currently underdevelopment to improve the aesthetics of downtown San Pedro. Billboards would be contrary to that plan.

3. Specifically, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the following:

- a) *Disapprove any amnesty for billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.*
- b) *Disapprove the “grandfathering” of any sign districts that have been added to the ordinance since it was reviewed by CPC in 2009. Grandfathering weakens the City’s offsite sign ban and creates a confusing and unmanageable patchwork for enforcement.*
- c) *Disapprove any new process, including a Conditional Use Permit process to authorize construction or operation of digital off-site signs outside of sign districts. There should be no digital signs outside of sign districts. Restrict digital signs to areas zoned for high intensity commercial use and specifically exclude the Port of Los Angeles.*
- d) *Increase the takedown ratio of existing billboards in exchange for any new off-site signs in sign districts. Takedown should be no less than 5 square feet removed for every 1 square foot of traditional billboards erected and no less than 10 square foot removed of traditional billboards for every 1 square provided in addition to required takedowns, not instead of sign removal. foot of new digital billboards. Community benefits should be*
- e) *Only allow Billboard companies credit for removing permitted signs.*
- f) *Request that the City Attorney review all signs without permits and those altered in violation of their permits for enforcement action and compliance.*
- g) *Prohibit off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities and the Port of Los Angeles.*
- h) *Set administrative civil penalties for sign violators that will act as a real deterrent to illegal billboards and other signage.*

In addition, billboard companies should be required to remove all of their unpermitted signs prior to erecting any new signs.

Finally, the City Council should increase funding to the Department of Building and Safety for the enforcement of the sign ordinance.

Substantive changes made to the ordinance since public hearings were held in 2009 have significantly weakened the ordinance as the outdoor advertising industry continues to lobby to further weaken the City’s ability to reign in signage in Los Angeles. The changes approved by the Planning Commission in version B+ would assist in strengthening it.

Once billboards are erected it is very difficult to get them removed and communities cannot stop or attempt to regulate offensive, or unhealthful messages from being posted. Billboards are protected by First Amendment Free Speech rights. Messages for junk food, alcoholic beverages, violent images from films or television programs, etc. are all protected.

It is important that communities are able to have a voice in determining how any Sign Districts in their area are operated/regulated.

Motion by Leslie Jones to approve combining all three of the items above into one vote, seconded by James Dimon, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero,

Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

Motion by **Leslie Jones** to approve all three of the items above, seconded by **James Dimon**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 1 no (Galaz), and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

11. **Port Relations Committee Report** - James Dimon, Chair

- a. Chair James Dimon will call a Port Committee meeting within 14 days, they are having trouble finding a place to meet.

12. **Election Committee Report** (deferred)

13. **Homelessness Committee Report** - Tunette Powell, Chair

- a. A homeless couple came to the meeting and talked about their experience.
- b. They discussed how can they do something on a regular basis with the Mayor's Welcome Home program.

14. **Parks Committee Report** - Debbie Rouser, Chair

- a. Report on meeting – no report
- b. They are planning to have a meeting in October.

15. **Ad Hoc Business Committee** – John Stammreich

- a. Forwarded Motion to make Business Committee a standing committee. **Motion by John Stammreich** to approve making Business Committee a standing committee, seconded by **James Dimon**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
- b. Forwarded Motion to urge the release of the Economic Survey for San Pedro as soon as possible so businesses in the district may be able to plan marketing strategies necessary to survive in the current market climate. **And write a letter to Councilman Buscaino, The Port of Los Angeles, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and the three other San Pedro area Neighborhood Councils requesting the information be released as soon as possible.'**

Motion by **John Stammreich** to amend the motion to add '**And write a letter to Councilman Buscaino, Gene Saroka, Executive Director of The Port of Los Angeles, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and the three other San Pedro area Neighborhood Councils requesting the information be released as soon as possible.'**, seconded by **Michael Collins**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

Motion by **John Stammreich** to approve motion as amended urging the release of the Economic Survey for San Pedro as soon as possible so businesses in the district may be able to plan marketing strategies necessary to survive in the current market climate. **And write a letter to Councilman Buscaino, Gene Saroka, Executive Director of The Port of Los Angeles, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and the three other San Pedro area Neighborhood Councils requesting the information be released as soon as possible'**, seconded by **Allyson Vought**, and passed with 14 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).

16. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee** - John Stammreich, Chair

- a. Motion to approve and forward proposed bylaws changes as attached both this month and last month to DONE per DONE procedure.

Proposed Bylaws Changes (submitted 8-9-2016)

- a. Article V – Section 2: "Nine (9) members of the Governing Board shall constitute a quorum, **even when vacancies of the board exist."**

b. Article V – Section 3: “When the Governing Board has attained at least a quorum, motions shall be carried by a majority of those Governing Board members present except when these Bylaws or Roberts Rules specify a larger percentage. A tie vote constitutes **no action failure of the motion**. In accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Article VIII, Section 46, the Presiding Officer may vote only to **resolve make or break** a tie vote. Abstentions shall not be called for, although any abstaining Governing Board members may direct to have the abstention noted in the minutes. Abstentions are null votes. **At the presiding officer’s discretion**, stakeholders may be polled on issues placed before the Governing Board. The vote is advisory.”

c. Article V – Section 4: “All seventeen (17) Governing Board members shall be s/elected to two (2) year terms. Terms shall begin **at the next meeting on the first day of the month** following the s/election.”

d. Article V - Section 6. Deleted and replaced in its entirety: “A vacancy on the Governing Board shall be announced at a regular stakeholder meeting and shall be filled at a subsequent meeting by a stakeholder who satisfies the eligibility requirements for holding the vacated Governing Board seat. **The procedure for filling the Board vacancy shall be:**

a) Any Stakeholder interested in filling a vacancy on the Board shall submit/transmit an application to the Board at least one (1) week prior to the next scheduled board meeting.

b) The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.

c) The Board shall vote on the application at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If multiple applications for one seat have been submitted, the candidate with a majority of votes cast wins. If no majority is achieved on the first vote, the lowest vote-getter shall be removed from contention and a subsequent vote will be taken. This process will continue until a candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

d) The candidate who wins shall fill the remaining term of the Board seat unless an election or selection occurs sooner.

e) In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where a general election is scheduled to occur within 60 days of the date of the date of the election.”

d. Article V – Section 9: “A Governing Board member’s seat **shall may** be declared vacant if that **incumbent** member no longer qualifies as a stakeholder of the Council **for a period of thirty (30) days or more**.

e. Article V – Section 10: “Written notice by any Board member in advance of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be considered adequate notice for a resignation. **If any Board member has three (3) consecutive absences, their tenure on the Board is subject to Board review for possible termination by a simple majority vote. (Section 7 already addresses).**

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton) and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).

- b. Motion to approve proposed standing rules as attached both last month and this month.

(Proposed) STANDING RULES of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (submitted on 8-9-2016)

Standing rules shall supplement the official bylaws and may be revised at any time by a majority vote of the Board. When in conflict, the council bylaws shall take precedence.

1) Procedure for board/committee discussions on proposed motions

The following procedure shall be administered by the chair or whomever is running the meeting to the best of their ability:

a) On any proposed motion, the motion shall be made and seconded.

b) The maker of the original motion shall explain the nature and purpose of the motion within two minutes. Public comment shall follow.

c) Chair shall declare public comment closed and call on the board/committee members, starting from their far left, to provide any relevant comments for 1 minute per member. At the conclusion of this, the chair shall ask if there are any follow up questions or comments and begin again at their far left, allowing 1 minute each.

d) At the discretion of the chair, one-minute public comment rebuttals can be solicited, as well as one-minute counter-rebuttals by board members mentioned or referred to.

e) Chair shall then close comments and shall take the vote.

2) Civility at Meetings

Chair shall warn anyone, stakeholder, guest or board member, who is out of line 2 times. A preliminary warning, and a second advising they could be asked to leave. A final warning shall ask them to leave. Should they refuse to leave, the chair shall declare a recess and call for removal.

3) Pledge of Allegiance at Board Meetings

Because all stakeholders have something that brings us together in the midst of everything else that divides us, and as political and cultural issues may separate us, the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance binds us together. Therefore, each regular and special board meeting shall begin with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and proper respects given. While all stakeholders have the right to not join in the recital, non-participating meeting attendees shall remain silent during the recital or be subject to a warning as prescribed under Standing Rules Section 2, Code of Civility.

4) Public Comment

Public wishing to speak to the Governing Board must fill out a Speaker Card and be required to provide his/her name, business or organization affiliation (if any), whether they are a paid speaker and who paid him/her to speak, and the agenda item number they wish to address. Incomplete Speaker Cards may be discarded at the chair's discretion. Public Comment on agenda items should take place prior to board discussion, but may be granted individually by the chair afterwards to specific non-board members to answer specific questions.

5) Moments of Silence

The CeSPNC will allow meetings to be dedicated to the memory of community members, as signified by a moment of silence before adjourning. Board members should notify the presiding chair prior to the meeting's call to order if they wish to offer such a memorial.

6) Responsibilities of Board liaisons

Board-appointed Liaisons (aka Public Representatives) to other public bodies are expected to regularly and proactively report to the CeSPNC Board on activities and issues pertaining to those organizations; help keep communication between the two organizations open and transparent; actively identify issues of mutual concern and develop proposals for Board action; and advocate in good faith for official Board positions and recommendations. The Liaison may not vote to endorse or otherwise publicly represent a position on an issue without prior Board authorization.

7) Required Training for non-Board committee members

All voting members of NC committees are required to sign and abide by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's (DONE) Code of Conduct. All Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs must take all training required of the Board as mandated by DONE.

8) Board Member Use of Title/Position

No officer or member of the Neighborhood Council Governing Board or any of its committees shall represent him/herself as speaking on behalf of the Council or committee, or committing the Council or Committee to an action, unless s/he has been authorized to do so by the Neighborhood Council Governing Board, or by the Executive Committee when approval by the full Governing Board would not be timely. Members are permitted to do research and make exploratory calls in their official capacity without express approval of the Governing Board, so long as they do not commit the Council to action. Such authorization may be limited or revoked at any time by the Governing Board.

9) Committee Chairs' Authority to Reserve Meeting Spaces

Committee Chairs and Vice-chairs are authorized to arrange for meeting spaces so long as no cost is incurred.

10) Limited Number of Board Members on Each Committee

In order to comply with the City Attorney's interpretation of the Brown Act, no more than four members of the Governing Board may vote or participate in any committee, although more may observe. If more than four board members attend a committee meeting, then each board member in attendance at the meeting must declare themselves as participant(s) or observer(s), and the distinction shall be noted in the minutes. The CeSPNC Board recommends to the Committee Chairs that Board Members be recognized in the order of arrival, unless the Committee Chair, acting on the will of the committee membership, has a good reason to include a particular Board Member. To be an observer means one can only listen, and cannot be recognized by the Chair to speak, cannot participate in any discussion, and cannot vote. If the Committee Chair desires to have more than four Board Members participate in discussions and voting, then the Committee Chair should contact the CeSPNC Co-chairs and work to set up a joint meeting of the committee and CeSPNC Governing Board.

11) Committees Requested to Meet at Least Once per Quarter

All committees are required to meet at least once per quarter. The Chair of a committee not meeting this requirement will be asked to explain why the committee has not met. A committee that does not meet once in a quarter and does not have a meeting scheduled for the fourth consecutive month will be reviewed for removal at the next Governing Board meeting.

12) Excused Absences Defined

Absences shall be deemed "excused" with prior notice to the Secretary and Co-Chairs via email or, if not possible, a phone message left on the Board Secretary's voice mail in the event of (a) Board member's or family member's illness; (b) a death in the Board member's family, (c) attendance at an alternate function as an official CeSPNC representative, or (d) work/school/civic conflict. The Board President and the Secretary have the authority to send a notice to any Board member who has two (2) consecutive unexcused absences to make them aware of the potential attendance violation for missing a third consecutive meeting.

13) Community Impact Statements

The President, the Secretary, and one board chair from each of the Outreach and Land Use and Planning committees will be granted password access to the Early Notification System to submit Community Impact Statements (CIS).

14) Policy on Communication of Official Positions to Government Agencies

a) Definition of "Official Position"

Any advisory opinion, guidance, or recommendation adopted by a majority vote of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Governing Board shall be considered an "Official Position" of the council. No opinion, guidance, or recommendation offered to any governmental agency, body or official by a Governing Board member shall indicate that it is the Council's Official Position unless it has been adopted by a majority vote of the Board.

b) Signing Policy

Governing Board members and Committees seeking adoption of an Official Position by the Governing Board are encouraged to submit the motion in the form of a completed letter, detailing the position and supporting arguments and any recommendation(s) for action, to the appropriate government agency(-ies) or individual(s). Letters shall include the signature(s) and title(s) of the author(s) followed by the phrase, "On Behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Governing Board." If adopted, this letter, in full, shall be considered the Official Position of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council and signed by the Secretary of Board certifying that it represents the Board's position.

c) Responsibility for Delivery of Positions to City Agencies

Official Positions offered to the City shall be delivered by the Committee or individuals working on its behalf. The Secretary of the Governing Board shall be deemed authorized to post any letter approved by the Board.

d) Permission to Draft Summary Statements

All committees are authorized to draft and deliver documents detailing Official Positions of the Governing Board to the appropriate city agency(-ies) or individual(s) as necessary. Such documents may

include Community Impact Statements, summary letters, position papers or other documents. The Committee shall not deliver a summary of any position unless it has been previously adopted by the Board. Such documents shall be submitted on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council letterhead (except when submitted through an electronic webform).

e) Statements Reported to Governing Board

All summary statements/documents/papers drafted, adopted, and delivered to the City by the Committee should be included in the Committee's subsequent report to the Governing Board. Should the Board alter or amend the statement(s) or document(s) as submitted, a revised statement/document shall be submitted in a timely manner.

f) Communication of Official Positions in Public Comment

A sitting Governing Board member or Committee Chair is encouraged to communicate Official Positions of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council in public comment before the relevant City agency. Any individual who represents the Official Position of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council before any governmental body is requested to notify the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee so that the appearance can be noted in the Committee's monthly report to the Board. [Note: All stakeholders, including Board members, are encouraged to provide their personal views in public comment before city agencies, and to note whether the CESPNC supports their position on the issue(s).]

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Stammreich, and Vought), 1 no (Sandoval), 1 abstention(s) (Sutton) and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).

- c. Announcement of and planned topics of next Bylaws Meeting.
 - i. Agenda setting meeting restructuring.
 - ii. Tentative meeting date, Thursday, September 22, at the library at 6:30 pm.
 - iii. Karen Ceaser asked if the bylaws will be changed to reflect ad hoc committees becoming standing committees. To which Mr. Stammreich responded, no not yet.

17. **President's Report** – Mona Sutton

- a. Ms. Sutton announced that Board member Tunette Powell is resigning. Accordingly, there is now a vacancy to be filled.
- b. Motion to appoint Shari Weaver as interim chair for Homelessness Committee. **Motion by Mona Sutton to appoint Shari Weaver as interim chair for Homelessness Committee, seconded by James Dimon, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).**
- c. Motion to approve the Central SP NC President to appoint members and interim chair to Ad Hoc committee to facilitate next board retreat, tentatively scheduled for October 1st. **Motion by John Stammreich to approve the Central SP NC President to appoint members and interim chair to Ad Hoc committee to facilitate next board retreat, tentatively scheduled for October 1st, seconded by James Dimon, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).**
- d. Motion to appoint interim chair for Transportation and Public Safety. **Motion by Leslie Jones to appoint interim co-chairs Allyson Vought and Terry Bonich, for Transportation and Public Safety committee, seconded by James Dimon, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).**
- e. Motion to accept additional Proposed Committee Appointments.
 - i. Sustainability Committee – Interim Chair - Christian Guzman (board member); Members - Joseph Pinon, Bill Roberson, Rachel Bruhnke, John Stammreich (board member), Frank Anderson (board member). **Motion by John Stammreich to accept the above submissions to the Sustainability Committee, seconded by James Dimon, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones,**

Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).

ii. Port Relations Committee – Cherry Wood – **not present, withdrawn.**

iii. Finance Committee – Terry Bonich (board member), Donald Galaz (board member).

Motion by **James Dimon** to accept the above submissions to the Finance Committee, seconded by **Leslie Jones**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).

iv. Homelessness Committee – Danielle Sandoval (board member), Bill Roberson.

Motion by **James Dimon** to accept the above submissions to the Homelessness Committee, seconded by **Leslie Jones**, and passed with 13 yes (Bonich, Collins, Dimon, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, Jones, Powell, Rallo, Sandoval, Stammreich, and Vought), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Rouser).

18. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm. The next meeting is October 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Akerblom,

for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council