



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, October 18, 2016 CROATIAN CULTURAL CENTER 510 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45, by President Mona Sutton. (A quorum of 12 Board Members). Approximately 35 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Frank Anderson	Excused
Terry Bonich	Present
Michael Collins	Present
James Dimon	Absent
Donald Galaz	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Christian Guzman	Present left at 9:15 pm
Alexander Hall	Excused
Leslie Jones	Present
Michael Koth	Present
Tunette Powell	Resigned
Joanne Rallo	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present
Danielle Sandoval	Present
John Stammreich	Present
Mona Sutton	Present
Allyson Vought	Excused

2. **Opening Remarks, Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Recognitions:**

- a. Announcement Re: City Council President Herb Wesson's request for input from Neighborhood Council's on Marijuana Regulatory Framework.
  - i. President Sutton read a letter from City Council President Herb Wesson regarding Council File 14-0366-S5. To view the letter please use the following link <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/HW-Letter-on-Marijuana-Regulatory-Framework-10-04-16.pdf>
  - ii. Matt Garland commented that he supports the City getting involved in the medical marijuana conversation.
  - iii. Board member Leslie Jones pointed out that there is no one volunteering to chair an ad hoc committee. President Sutton will appoint interested committee members.

Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to creation of an ad hoc committee to address the specific items in City Council President Herb Wesson's letter, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 8 yes (Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 1 no (Bonich), and 3 abstention(s) (Collins, Galaz, and Sutton).

- b. Announcement of Vacant Board Seat & Deadline for submission of applications. Deadline October 25<sup>th</sup> for submission.
3. **Approval of September 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**: Approval of the September meeting minutes was tabled to the November meeting.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**:
  - a. Karen Ceaser commented that she thought the San Pedro community plan was on the website and wondered if the land use committee would be discussing it.
  - b. Karen Ceaser commented that the 2016 LASHA homeless count documented 401 homeless people in San Pedro. The 2017 count will be on Wednesday, January 25.
  - c. Karen Ceaser commented that she wants to address videos posted on Facebook, and that she doesn't appreciate board members mentioning her name in videos.
  - d. Danielle Sandoval commented on an article in Random Lengths News by Terelle Jerricks, she never gave an interview to anyone at the publication and did not create, or pass out a flyer about the navigation center. Her words were misconstrued; she did not represent herself as a board member.
  - e. Maria Marsch commented that on O'Farrell the sidewalk is not paved and there is a lot of dumping there. She is circulating a petition to get paved sidewalks and hopes it will cut down on the dumping and graffiti. On O'Farrell between Palos Verdes and Beacon Street.
  - f. Allen Franz commented on the Paseo del Mar reconstruction. There is a proposal to rebuild the area. There are three alternatives which does not include a no action option. It does include an option to rebuild the roadway through the White Point Nature Reserve. He wants the council and every one to oppose this option and write to CD15, Dept. of Recreation and Parks, and the Dept. of Engineering.
  - g. Donald Galaz commented that, yes, he was responsible for organizing the Barton Hill Elementary School rally, and yes, he was responsible for the navigation center flyers (referred to by Danielle Sandoval above). He was there not as the Vice President of the Council; he was there as a stakeholder and community member.
  - h. Rudy Caseres read a comment from Facebook related to the Facebook Live video from last month. He thinks that posting the meeting on Facebook Live is a good idea.
5. **Public Safety Reports**:
  - a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua**
    - i. Officer Nua gave a brief overview of crime statistics. In September, there were 20 burglary theft from motor vehicle, 12 of the 20 were unlocked. Crime numbers are still down in the central district for both property and violent crime.
    - ii. If you become aware of abandoned buildings being occupied, call your senior lead officers about those properties before the cold weather comes and it becomes a bigger problem. Broad member Leslie Jones commented that the vacant property at 400 S. Gaffey has a lot of activity.
    - iii. James Allen asked how many homeless people have you arrested in the last thirty days? Officer Nua replied maybe seven, for numerous reasons, no more than ten in the last 30 days.
    - iv. Board President Sutton announced that on Wednesday, October 19, the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting is having a Run, Hide Fight Active Shooter training at LAPD Harbor Station at 6:30 pm.
6. **Presentation on Lilyan Fierman Walkway & Mural** – Linda Grimes, Managing Director of Arts District
  - a. San Pedro Waterfront Arts District became a Non-Profit two years ago.
  - b. They chose Luis Sanchez's entry from forty-six entries submitted.
  - c. Mr. Sanchez displayed a rendering of his winning proposal for the mural.
  - d. He will start painting this week, it will take 4 to 6 weeks to complete, weather permitting.
  - e. Friend us on Facebook to see progress videos.

- f. Yes, there will be anti-graffiti coating, the product lasts for five years, and they are working with Clean San Pedro.
  - g. Board member Mike Collins asked does it have a name? No not yet.
  - h. There will be an exhibition of Mr. Sanchez's work at the Pacific Artist Colony on Thursday, November 3, to coincide with First Thursday.
7. **Presentation by South Bay Environmental Services Center on a list of energy and water saving Rebates:** Marilyn Lyon South Bay Cities Council of Governments
- a. They do outreach to the community about how to save money and the environment by participating in energy saving programs.
  - b. On November 9 & 10, they have a holiday light exchange. They will recycle the old incandescent lights and give you one box per person of LED lights in exchange. They will accept and recycle as many strands as you want to turn in, but only provide one free box in exchange.
  - c. Area residents will be getting a little bag with free LED light bulbs hanging on your door from DWP soon.
  - d. You can get more information and sign up for an e-newsletter <http://www.southbaycities.org/>
8. **Presentation on Proposed Project at 605 Pacific Avenue:** Leslie Jones, Land Use Committee Chair
- a. Board member Leslie Jones commented that this is the property currently occupied by the San Pedro Café, at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Sixth Street.
  - b. The property owner wants to turn the second floor into four one bedroom units of Air B&B and is just starting the first stages of permitting.
9. **Reports from Board Liaisons:**
- a. Budget Advocates – Danielle Sandoval
    - i. The Budget Advocates filled their vacancy for the region with a newly elected member of Wilmington Neighborhood Council.
    - ii. They sent out an early white paper addressing five key points from the LA 2020 recommendations. They received some negative feedback from city departments.
    - iii. They discussed putting a motion to take a position on Measure HHH, instead of taking a position they are going to write a letter to the Governor urging him to declare a state of emergency on homelessness, they are urging all NC's to do the same. There is a petition on line to declare a state of emergency and get state funding
    - iv. Ms. Sandoval met with the CAO's office today and discussed how to create revenue in city departments, for example by increasing permit fees and fines for illegal dumping. They also discussed the fact that there is no planning for the future. Departments only plan for the next fiscal year, or forecasting liabilities.
    - v. There is only one grant writer for all city departments. They are going to request that there be more grant writers for the city. Neighborhood Councils can write grants and if the city had more grant writers they could assist NC's.
    - vi. There are a lot of pilot storage unit programs throughout the city. The Department of Justice is currently looking into every council district to determine if there is criminalization of the homeless.
    - vii. Stakeholders are invited to attend budget advocate city department meetings or submit questions to her for those meetings.
    - viii. For more information on Budget Advocates please go to <http://ncbala.com>.
  - b. Government Relations – Danielle Sandoval
    - i. We have some measures on the ballot that affect us in the City of Los Angeles and she urges people to read up on the measures before voting.
  - c. HANC – Frank Anderson - Danielle Sandoval
    - i. **Motion Re: Note taker for HANC Meetings:** *The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the resolution by the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils to hire a note taker for each monthly meeting that is paid for in equal parts by each*

*HANC member Neighborhood Council at an approximate annual cost of \$310 per council.*

Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the resolution by the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils to hire a note taker for each monthly meeting that is paid for in equal parts by each HANC member Neighborhood Council at an approximate annual cost of \$310 per council, seconded by **John Stammreich**, and passed with 9 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rouser, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 3 abstention(s) (Rallo, Sandoval, and Sutton).

- d. PBID – Michael Koth – No report.
- e. San Pedro Chamber –Christian Guzman
  - i. Holiday Parade applications are now available on the website.

10. **Reports from Public Officials/Representatives:**

- a. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications
  - i. Mr. Larson was unable to attend, however, he sent a report to President Sutton via email.
  - ii. A compromise for the start date of the school year was reached. The 2017/2018 school year will start on August 21, and the 2018-2019 school year will begin on August 28. First semester will end to coincide with the start of winter break.
  - iii. Superintendent Christopher Downing would like to be on the agenda for the November meeting to give an update on the future of the Science Center.

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

- a. Consideration of the following forwarded committee motions:
  - i. Motion to approve MER and Monthly Bank Statement. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve September MER and Monthly Bank Statement, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
  - ii. Allocation of \$291 refund from DONE to outreach. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve allocation of \$291 refund from DONE to outreach, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
  - iii. Approval of Budget Adjustments. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve budget adjustments, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
  - iv. Approval to pay unpaid bills total of \$400 from fiscal year 2015-2016 (March & May) to Happy Diner for purchase of food for stakeholder's meetings: March & May 2016. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve to pay unpaid bills total of \$400 from fiscal year 2015-2016 (March & May) to Happy Diner for purchase of food for stakeholder's meetings: March & May 2016, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
  - v. Board Member reimbursements: Danielle Sandoval \$47.69 for Pizza for CeSPNC Stakeholders Meeting 9/13/16. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve budget adjustments, seconded by **Christian Guzman**, and passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).
  - vi. Update on inventory list for submission to DONE. Board member Donald Galaz has two tables, one easy up, four leg weights, and miscellaneous boxes of bags and pens. In the future, there will be a sign out sheet at the storage location that must be completed when taking items from storage.

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

- a. Approval of canned food drive during the months of November and December to benefit non-profit organizations in San Pedro and toy drive in December, with expenses not to exceed \$150. **Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).**
- b. Approval of a CeSPNC Holiday Event in December at the Rancho San Pedro park to benefit all the children in Central San Pedro. **Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).**
- c. MOTION to approve verbiage for "It's Talk Time" radio show commercial advertisements.

*"The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, it is a locally-elected advisory body to the City of Los Angeles. Our purpose is to make the city government more responsive to its citizens, and to encourage the cohesiveness of neighborhoods. We strive to foster a sense of community for all people to express ideas and opinions about their neighborhoods.*

*Our monthly meetings are open to the public on the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 pm, at Port of Los Angeles High School located at 250 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information please visit [centralsanpedro.org](http://centralsanpedro.org)*

*Remember, alone we can do so little but together we can do so much."*

**Motion by Danielle Sandoval to approve verbiage for "It's Talk Time" radio show commercial advertisements, seconded by Leslie Jones, and passed with 11 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Sutton).**

- d. MOTION to approve advertising the CeSPNC and participating in the 36th Annual Spirit of San Pedro Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 4, amount not to exceed \$3,000. Recommendation made by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.

**Motion by Debbie Rouser to amend the amount not to exceed \$1,500, seconded by Michael Collins, and failed with 3 yes (Collins, Jones, and Rouser), 7 no (Bonich, Galaz, Guerrero, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 recused (Guzman).**

**Motion by Danielle Sandoval to amend the amount to \$1,000 plus the entry fee, seconded by John Stammreich, and passed with 8 yes (Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 2 no (Bonich and Jones.), 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 recused (Guzman).**

- e. In November, there will be a food drive for Rainbow Services on November 13, at Ray Deeters Tires from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and on November 19, outside Top Value Market. There will also be a collection box from today until November 20, at the Mailroom for drop off donations.
- f. In December, there will be a toy drive to benefit the children of Rancho San Pedro, on December 17, at Ray Deeters Tires from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will also be a collection box from today until December 17, at the Mailroom for drop off donations.

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

- a. Ms. Jones commented that she has held seven meetings in the last three months.

14. **Port Relations Committee Report** – James Dimon, Chair – not present

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

16. **Sustainability Committee** Christian Guzman - Motion tabled.

- a. **Motion from Committee:** *The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council moves to adopt the following sustainable practices:*
  - i. *To no longer support or purchase Styrofoam products.*
  - ii. *To purchase recyclable cups, plates, utensils, and napkins once current inventory (10/18/16) runs out.*

- iii. *To encourage board members to bring their own utensils, plates, and cups for food at board meetings if they choose to partake in the food available.*

17. **Homelessness Committee Report** – Danielle Sandoval

- a. Appointment of Maria Couch to the Committee on Homelessness. Board member Alexander Hall will also help.
- b. Approval of submitting a Community Impact Statement on Council File 15-1138-S11 HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY and RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the process of incorporating input from Neighborhood Councils, including establishing a Homeless Advocate Program, as the City increases its investment in addressing homelessness.  
**Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Guzman).**
- c. Update on the “Safe Park Pilot Program”. The city is looking for privately owned lots for this program. The CeSPNC wants to be informed in advance of properties in San Pedro that the city is considering.
- d. Approval of Neighborhood Council Event itemized budget not to exceed \$150 for Central SPNC’s “Home Again Donation Drive” for Harbor Interfaith Shelter, to be used for refreshments for volunteers.  
**Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Guzman).**

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

- a. Leland Park is having a free pumpkin patch and movie in the park event on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.
- b. There is a drop in after school program, free fitness classes, arts & crafts, and other programs available at Leland Park.
- c. Los Angeles county is conducting a survey on local parks a link can be found on the CeSPNC website at <http://sanpedrocity.org>.
- d. Bill Roberson from the Anderson Senior Center Community Park Advisory Board commented that they are discussing repurposing the center. Right now, it is listed as a senior center and until it is repurposed they can not have a range of activities that would include families. He would like support from the CeSPNC to open the park up to more activities. Right now, the parks budget is part of the Department of Aging.

19. **Ad Hoc Business Committee** – Michael Koth, Chair – Motion withdrawn.

- a. **Proposed Motion:** *The CeSPNC supports Dave Behar and his series of Downtown San Pedro Business Summit meetings. The Business Committee feels these meetings are incredibly useful in the continued effort to move forward and improve, unite and strengthen the Central San Pedro business community.*

20. **Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee** – John Stammreich, Chair

- a. Next set of bylaws changes that will be considered are basically recommendations that came from Congress of Neighborhoods. As the recommendations are numerous, he would like to have the board review them to see which items the board thinks are relevant and make suggestions first before taking them up in committee.

21. **President’s Report** – Mona Sutton

- a. Committee Appointments -none
- b. Retreat Update – The retreat will be Saturday, November 5, at the Crowne Plaza, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- c. **Motion by Danielle Sandoval to approve the Executive Board to have the password to file community impact statements, seconded by John Stammreich, and passed with 10 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Jones, Koth, Rallo, Rouser, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Sutton), and 1 left meeting early (Guzman).**

22. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm. The next scheduled meeting is November 14, 2016.

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