



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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SPECIAL BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, October 18, 2016 CROATIAN CULTURAL CENTER 510 W. 7th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00, by Vice President Donald Galaz. (A quorum of 9 Board Members). Approximately 20 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 arrived 5:10 pm
Christian Guzman	Excused
Alexander Hall	Excused
Leslie Jones	Excused
Michael Koth	Present
Tunette Powell	Resigned
Joanne Rallo	Present
Debbie Rouser	Present arrived 6:35 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Present
John Stammreich	Present
Mona Sutton	Excused
Allyson Vought	Present arrived 6:20 pm Left at 6:30 pm

2. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- a. Michael Gatanz read some negative Facebook comments related to downtown San Pedro.
- b. Bob Milling had four points; 1) it is the failure of state and local representatives as they are leaving it to us to sort this mess out, 2) we need to as community craft and organize our homeless community so when we do get money we are ready, 3) we need to be proactive, nothing is going to get better if we don't do something, and 4) he was downtown and there are no resources, a law enforcement officer told him that the homeless go where there is the least resistance.
- c. Mariam is putting all her faith that you will all do what is right for Central San Pedro, not for the Councilman or the Mayor.

3. **Public Comment on Agenda Item:**

- a. Elaine Jenkins commented that she had the homeless living in her neighborhood by the post office for two years. She believes we were blindsided by the storage center and its initial location.

- b. Jeff Jacobs commented that doesn't know if the center will easy what homeless people go through. He wants to have an exit strategy in place if it doesn't work.
- c. Noel Vuoso commented about details of 5611, her understanding is that unattended items on the sidewalk are subject to a 24hour notice prior to removal.
- d. Michael Gatanz commented that he would like NOT NEAR DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO added to the list of approved conditions.
- e. Stakeholder commented that what is needed here is expertise, city planning, he is a city planner. He suggested the warehouses around the 22nd street landing park area.
- f. Miriam commented about police presence, we can't get police to respond now when there is a problem with homeless. Unless additional patrol units come as part of the center.
- g. Caesar Morales suggested a vacant city owned property in Wilmington at 272 S. Fries Street, and 624 W.9th street next to Harbor Interfaith as alternative locations for a storage center.
- h. Maria Couch read a letter that she sent to the Central San Pedro NC, Councilman Buscaino, Mayor Garcetti and City Attorney Mike Feuer, that she wants attached/included with the community impact statement when it is filed.
- i. Board comments:
 - i. Mike Collins is opposed and wants to add to the approval conditions 1) that we are in this situation due city, state and federal authorities lack of action, 2) that a center not be near downtown, and 3) that there be an exit plan.
 - ii. Terry Bonich is opposed and commented that these people (homeless) do not want help so the center is not going to do any good. The funds could be given to harbor interfaith and it could be put to much better use.
 - iii. John Stammreich is opposed for the follow reasons; 1) he doesn't feel their purpose is to help the homeless, but to get around a law enforcement loophole, 2) the legal implications, and 3) there needs to be an exit plan. He wants 5611 to be looked at more closely.
 - iv. Joanne Rallo commented that her main concern is that we already do not have enough police as it is and they are not say we will get more police. What about the stuff they leave behind, who is going to clean that up, will it take a week before it gets picked up? It should not always come down to the community to do it every time.
 - v. Jose Guerreo is opposed and does not want it in San Pedro, why not Wilmington? As they have more homeless people there.
 - vi. Michael Koth is opposed, it seems they so often want to put these kinds of things in Central San Pedro. There is too much that we don't know and the whole lack of transparency on the issue.
 - vii. Donald Galaz commented that the Wilmington location that was suggested earlier is a National Historical Building being used by the Port. Also, there is a lot of port traffic in that area. There should have been transparency. They should do what the community wants not what the Councilman wants.
 - viii. Danielle Sandoval commented that one of the positive things is that we got more stakeholders involved. She is still on the fence about the center. Over the last two years she has learned so much about homelessness, she can see both sides of the coin. Harbor Interfaith only deals with homeless families, not single adults. A problem with 5611 is that it does not address location of storage centers. Why are we storing their property? We should be housing people.

4. **Approval of Community Impact Statement for Council File #15-1138-S14 Proposed Homeless Storage Bins "Navigation Center" in Central San Pedro:**

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

On October 18th, 2016, the Central San Pedro neighborhood Council held a Special Meeting and passed a motion with a vote of 9 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstain to Oppose a "Homeless Navigation Center and Storage" in Central San Pedro.

*****Approve with Conditions*****

- *Locations are disclosed to the CeSPNC before recommendations for approval are before the City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee so that the CeSPNC can conduct outreach to its stakeholders and allow reasonable time to address concerns.*
- *Consideration that proposed locations are not near a School or Park and must be ---Ft. away from a residence.*

****Approve with Conditions****

- ***The purpose of the center is not to help the homeless, it is to allegedly help law enforcement enforce 56.11, which may or may not pass legal review***
- ***There has been no legal review to affirm this project is ready to stand up to lawsuits***
- ***There is no exit strategy or close out plan for this project***
- ***LAPD Harbor Division is not currently properly staffed to support the effects of this project on the community***
- ***additionally, the homeless committee will draft recommendations to submit with the community impact statement***

Motion by John Stammreich to amend the oppose section with the following reasons; A) the purpose of this center is not to help the homeless, it is to allegedly help law enforcement enforce 56.11, which may or may not pass legal review, B) there has been no legal review to affirm this project is ready to stand up to lawsuits, C) there is no exit strategy or close out plan for this project, and D) LAPD Harbor Division is not currently properly staffed to support the effects of this project on the community, additionally, the homeless committee will draft recommendations to submit with the community impact statement, seconded by Michael Collins, and passed with 9 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Guzman, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Motion by Danielle Sandoval to amend the above motion to include 'additionally, the homeless committee will draft a community impact statement to include recommendations', seconded by Joanne Rallo, and passed with 8 yes (Bonich, Collins, Galaz, Guerrero, Koth, Rallo, Sandoval, and Stammreich), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

5. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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