



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by President Christian Guzman. There was a quorum with 9 Board Members, and approximately 120 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Excused
Michael Collins	Resigned
Maria Couch	Present
Donald Galaz	Present
Aiden Garcia-Sheffield	Absent
Matt Garland	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Leslie Jones	Absent
Michael Koth	Present
Claricza Ortiz	Present
Debbie Rouser	Absent
Danielle Sandoval	Excused
Mona Sutton	Absent
Allyson Vought	Absent

2. **Opening Remarks from the Chair, including announcement of current vacant seat** – Christian Guzman
  - a. A common theme among board members at the retreat is that they want to serve the community.
  - b. He reminded everyone that he wants to conduct a civil meeting, accordingly, please only speak when recognized by chair.
  - c. The vacant seat created by the resignation of Michael Collins will be filled at the October board meeting. Applications may be found on the [Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council website](#). The deadline to submit an application is Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
  - a. Michael Gatanz announced the San Pedro Festival of the Arts a free event at crafted on Sunday, September 17, from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.
  - b. Rudy Caseres announced a Suicide Prevention and Healing Ceremony, on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at The Garden Church, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
  - c. Allen Franz commented that Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, is International Beach Cleanup Day, there will be a beach cleanup at Cabrillo Beach from 9:00 am to 12 noon.
  - d. Teresa Akins announced that on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm, there will be an information meeting on the San Pedro High School Modernization Plan, in the San Pedro High School Auditorium.

- e. Andrew Menzes commented that at next month's meeting he will use the new sound system from Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council so the board can get an idea what new equipment can do.
4. **Brief board response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights or asking questions for clarification**
  - a. James asked what happened to the old sound system; Mr. Menzes responded it is still used regularly, though in the past the board has discussed possibly purchasing new equipment.
5. **Presentation on "Many Winters Gathering of Elders" at Angels Gate Cultural Center by George Funmaker**
  - a. From October 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering will take place. It is open to the public
  - b. The Gathering's primary purpose is to foster a greater understanding of traditional Indigenous values and spiritual beliefs.
  - c. For more information you may contact Mr. Funmaker at [gatheringofelders92@gmail.com](mailto:gatheringofelders92@gmail.com).
  - d. Mr. Funmaker answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
6. **Public Safety Reports**
  - a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua** – was unable to attend
  - b. **LA Port Police Officer Alvarez** – Not present
7. **Reports from Public Officials/Representatives**
  - a. **OCTAVIANO**, Neighborhood Council Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
    - i. Mr. Rios congratulated the board on being released from Exhaustive Efforts.
    - ii. He reminded board members to review their monthly NC Profile, and asked that they all complete the survey included this month.
    - iii. Mr. Rios answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
  - b. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** Field Representative Morgan Roth
    - i. Mr. Roth was unable to attend, however, he provided a written report with detailed legislative information.
  - c. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office** – San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson – Not present
  - d. **County Supervisor's Office** Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez – Not present
  - e. **Congresswoman Barragan Office** – Staff Assistant, Ricardo Pacheco – Not present
  - f. **Mayor's Office** Manny Lopez – Not present
  - g. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications – Not present
  - h. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich – Not present
  - i. **Assembly Member O'Donnell** Sarah Patterson, San Pedro Field Representative – Not present
8. **Community update on Rancho San Pedro Housing Project and possible discussion and action on a comment letter**

*Dear Councilman Buscaino,*  
*We formally request that the Los Angeles Housing Authority (LAHA) and the Council Office provide a full briefing at our October 10, 2017 meeting, of the Rancho San Pedro redevelopment plans that are now in process.*

Motion by **James Allen** to approve the above letter to Council Buscaino, seconded **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).
9. **Finance Motions**
  - a. Motion to approve MER – item not addressed
  - b. Motion to approve June 2016-17 Fiscal Year End Budget – item not addressed
  - c. Motion to approve August Budget – item not addressed
  - d. Discussion and possible approval of a board member reimbursement: Frank Anderson for the purchase of water for May, June, July and August stakeholders meeting in an amount of \$25 per meeting.

Motion by **Maria Couch** to approve board member reimbursement: Frank Anderson for the purchase of water for May, June, July and August stakeholders meeting in an amount of \$25 per meeting, seconded **Donald Galaz**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

**10. Selection of Budget Representatives** – No one was nominated or volunteered, accordingly, the default of President and Treasurer remains in place.

**11. Port Relations Committee Report and Motions – Discussion and Possible Approval of Port Committee’s Comments on the Port of Los Angeles, Clean Air Action Plan**

To view approved letter please visit the [Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council website](#).

Motion by **James Allen** to approve letter to the Port of Los Angeles regarding the Clean Air Action Plan, seconded **Michael Koth**, and passed with 6 yes (Allen, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Galaz and Guzman), and 1 recused (Couch).

**12. Review of current committees; including possible suspension of inactive committees**

a. President Guzman listed the committees:

- i. Agenda Setting
- ii. Business
- iii. Bylaws
- iv. Communications and Outreach
- v. Election
- vi. Finance
- vii. Homelessness
- viii. Land Use Planning and Public Works
- ix. Port
- x. Public Safety and Transportation
- xi. Rec and Parks
- xii. Sustainability
- xiii. Ad Hoc Bylaws
- xiv. Ad Hoc Committee to provide input for the Marijuana Regulatory Framework
- xv. Ad Hoc Committee LGBT+ Allies

**Motion** by **Matt Garland** to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee to provide input for the Marijuana Regulatory Framework, seconded **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 6 yes (Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, and Koth), 1 no (Allen), and 2 abstentions (Guzman and Ortiz).

**Motion** by **Matt Garland** to refer consideration of the rest of the committees to the Bylaws Committee, seconded **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 7 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Guzman and Koth).

**13. Discussion and Possible Action to create a Youth Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of reaching out and engaging our young stakeholders**

Motion by **Maria Couch** to create an Ad Hoc Youth Committee to be chaired by Claricza Ortiz, seconded **Claricza Ortiz**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

**14. Discussion and Possible Action to create an Issues Committee for the purpose of addressing community issues that do not definitely fit other committees**

Motion by **James Allen** to create an Issues Committee to be chaired for the interim by James Allen, seconded **Matt Garland**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

**15. Discussion and possible selection of all NC Neighborhood Council Liaisons, including legal liaison and a liaison to the Bureau of Street Services Small Asphalt Repair Initiative Representative, Benny Carranza, to meet the Mayor’s goal of getting back to basics**

- a. President Guzman and Vice President Koth, as defaults to serve as Legal Liaisons.
- b. Alexander Hall appointed as Bureau of Street Services Small Asphalt Repair Initiative Representative.
- c. Matt Garland appointed to serve as Council District 15 Liaison.

d. President Guzman to serve as Budget Representative.

**16. Reports from Board Liaisons** – None

- a. President Guzman – Legal Liaison report
  - i. He is working on Public Records Act requests.
- b. President Guzman – Budget Representative report
  - i. At the last Budget Advocate meeting they discussed a budget item relating to new jobs being creating around the Marijuana Industry and Recycle LA program.

**17. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt the following standing rule: the quorum for conducting business in committees shall be three. Committees shall have at least three members, at least one of whom shall be a board member. No stakeholder shall chair more than one committee**

Item not moved

**18. Outreach and Communication Committee Report - Selection of Outreach chair**

Motion by **Michael Koth** to elect Claricza Ortiz to chair the Communications and Outreach Committee, seconded **Claricza Ortiz**, and passed with 7 yes (Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 out of room (Allen).

**19. Land Use and Planning Committee Report** – Alyson Vought – Not present

**20. Sustainability Committee Report** – Christian Guzman

- a. He would like to elect a new chair. If no one wants to chair then perhaps the committee should be dissolved.
- b. At the last meeting they discussed using native plants in local development.

**21. Homelessness Committee Report – Possible discussion and action on Planning Supportive Housing ordinance being discussed by the city's planning department**

- a. James Allen announced the Los Angeles Department of City Planning is holding an Ordinance Information Session on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the San Pedro Municipal Building.

Motion by **Alexander Hall** to allow public comment on this item, seconded **Donald Galaz**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

**22. Parks Committee Report** – Debbie Rouser – Not present

**23. Business Committee Report** – Michael Koth

- a. The next meeting will be Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, time and location to be announced.

**24. Ad hoc Committee Reports**

- a. Ad Hoc Committee to provide input for the Marijuana Regulatory Framework – Matt Garland
  - i. There is a meeting this Thursday, at City Hall, related to location restrictions.

**25. Discussion and possible action to suspend Standing Rule 16 not 4**

- a. Information listed incorrectly, accordingly, item not considered.

*4) Public Comment- no not 4 should be #16*

*Board Meeting or Committee Meeting attendees wishing to speak to the Governing Board shall be requested to fill out a Speaker Card and 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 for proper recording in the meeting minutes. Public Comment on agendized items should take place prior to board discussion of that item, but may also be granted to select individuals by the chair to specific non-board members to answer specific questions.*

**26. Discussion and Possible action to approve the following motions from Bylaws and Rules Committee**

- a. Replace rule one with the following: The following procedure shall be administered by the chair or whomever is running the meeting to the best of their ability: The maker of the motion may explain the nature and purpose of the motion within two minutes. Public comment shall follow in accordance with Section 4 below. After public comment, the Chair shall declare public comment

closed and call on the board/committee members who seek to be recognized, to provide any relevant comments for one minute per member. To the extent possible, chair should rotate recognizing speakers that are for and against the motion. Questions shall be addressed to the chair.

- b. Replace rule four with the following: Stakeholders wishing to speak to the Governing Board may be requested to fill out a Speaker Card. Public Comment on agenda items shall take place prior to board discussion of that item. During discussion of action items the chair may, at the request of any member, call on anyone to answer specific questions. A time limit for public comment may be set.
- c. Replace rule 16 with the following: The following topics shall be automatically be considered part of every monthly Board and Stakeholder Meeting, and shall not need to be approved for inclusion at the Agenda Setting Meeting. (The topics are listed in our current standing rules.)

**Motion** by **James Allen** to consider items 26.a. through c. together, seconded **Matt Garland**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Guzman, Hall, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Koth).

**Motion** by **James Allen** to approve items 26.a. through c., seconded **Matt Garland**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Couch, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Koth, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

**27. Board Member Comments and Announcements on Non-Agenda Items - None**

**28. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next scheduled meeting is October 10, 2017.

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