



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Transportation and Public Safety Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
San Pedro Regional Library
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting began at 6:40 PM.

Will Marmolejo Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Member and Coordinator of Daniel Fields Neighborhood Watch; Maria Couch Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Member and Barton Hill Neighborhood Watch; Gabrielle DeBernadetto Coordinator of Mary Star Neighborhood Watch; Elaine Nguyen member of Daniel Fields Neighborhood Watch and Mary Star Neighborhood Watch; Jane Castillo Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Member and Coordinator 16th Street Neighborhood Watch; Meg McCarthy Coordinator of NE San Pedro Neighborhood Watch

2. **Purpose and structure of this committee**

Those in attendance agreed to have this item moved up on the agenda. Will shared that the Transportation and Public Safety Committee has not met in over 8 months. Gabrielle said that the previous committee decided to separate transportation from public safety. The previous committee met a few times to discuss public safety issues only but a committee never met to discuss transportation issues.

Last year a motion was passed by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to have the status of this committee reviewed by the Bylaws committee. Since the Bylaws committee never met to discuss the status of this committee, the current status of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee remains unchanged. It is a *Standing Committee*. The group decided not to pursue changing the status of the committee for now and everyone agreed to have a meeting every *other* month. The next meeting will be in April. Jane suggested that this committee could review the status of this committee after Board elections in June, 2018.

The committee discussed the current mission statement posted on the web. The committee noted that “transportation” is not mentioned in the mission statement. The committee agreed to review and discuss updating the mission statement at the next meeting.

Finally, Maria noted that all in attendance tonight had public safety experience. She reminded everyone that transportation is also part of this committee and to keep transportation in mind at all meetings.

3. **Public comment on non-agenda Items**

There were no comments from the public

4. **Committee Sign Up**

A committee sign-up sheet was passed around. All who signed up were asked to provide name, email, and phone number.

5. **Selection of Committee Chair**

Maria nominated Will, he accepted nomination. Meg nominated Maria, Maria declined nomination. Will was unanimously elected chair of the Transportation and Public Safety committee.

6. Discussion of Cyber Watch Expo on February 24th

Gabrielle came up with the idea for a cyber watch community event back in the fall 2017. Originally the event was intended for just one vendor, RING, and for the neighborhood watch members of Mary Star and Daniels Field. Will took her idea to LAPD SLO Junior Nua in December 2017 and Nua liked the concept so much that he thought it should be done on a larger scale. A planning taskforce committee has been meeting for the last couple of months. Members on that taskforce include Will, Maria, Gabrielle and Meg. Half a dozen local and national security vendors have confirmed participation for the Feb 24th event.

The budget for the Cyber Watch event was discussed. The committee agreed to support the event and passed the following motion:

“The Transportation and Public Safety Committee agreed to participate in the Cyber Watch Event and set aside no more than \$350.00 for costs related to the event.

A table will be available at the Cyber Watch Fair for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Maria will check to see what items we have on hand to pass out at the event. Maria will also check with DONE about providing brochures that have information on Neighborhood Councils that can be distributed that day.

7. Discussion on a Regular Community Clean Up Event

Will brought up the idea of having a regular clean up event sponsored by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. After a lengthy conversation, the committee decided that instead of trying to do a monthly cleanup, the committee would focus on coordinating, promoting and communicating to stakeholders the various existing clean up services. Organizations like Cleaning San Pedro were discussed because they used to be very visible when they initially received the grant to clean San Pedro but have been less present recently. Will handed out a Clean Streets Index Map that had the boundaries of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council outlined. The committee suggested we work with organizations like Cleaning San Pedro and Beacon House and focus on cleaning streets and alleys that are marked “yellow” and “red” on the Clean Streets Index map.

Jane suggested we consider sponsoring a community event where the community can “adopt a street” or “adopt and alley” to clean up. The idea would be that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council could provide signage for the area that was being adopted and give members certificates of completion. Elaine, Jane, Maria and Will agreed to work out the details of this idea and bring it back to the next Transportation and Public Safety committee meeting.

8. Discussion on community public safety events

The committee did not have much time to discuss public safety events. Street lighting was the only item discussed. Gabrielle has been able to get 15 lights installed on public utility poles. She contacted Joe Busciano’s office for assistance. Will worked with the LADWP Outdoor Area Lightning department to get lights installed on 13th street. The committee agreed that this committee could get the word out to the community about using these resources to illuminate the streets and alleys in the neighborhood.

9. Discussion on transportation and earthquake preparedness

These items were tabled for the next meeting because we ran out of time.

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7.55 PM