



## BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

**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 6:20 pm, by President Christian Guzman. There was a quorum with 14 Board Members, and approximately 35 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James Allen	Present at 6:25 pm
Frank Anderson	Present
Rachel Bruhnke	Present
Louis Caravella	Excused
Jane Castillo	Present
Maria Couch	Present
Donald Galaz	Absent
Matt Garland	Present at 9:00 pm
Jose Guerrero	Absent
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Ryan Hemphill	Present
Jeffry McBurney	Present at 8:05 pm
William Marmolejo	Present left at 6:45 pm returned at 9:00 pm
Claricza Ortiz	Present
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present at 7:20 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Present at 6:45 pm

2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Approved

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by **Alexander Hall** to approve the June 4, 2018 Special Meeting, April 17, 2018 Special Meeting, April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting, and January 23, 2018 Special Meeting minutes, second by **William Marmolejo**, and passed with 10 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), 3 not yet present (Garland, McBurney, and Sandoval).

4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- a. Al Satler announced a free public tour of the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant on Saturday, August 8, 2018.

5. **Reports from Public Officials/Representatives**

- a. **LAPD Senior Lead Officer Pagulayan**
  - i. Officer Pagulayan gave a brief overview of crime stats for the area. Murders are up, there were 4 murders in May, in 3 of the 4 cases they have suspects in custody.
  - ii. He announced a Community Roll Call event on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 10:30 am at 6<sup>th</sup> and Mesa for the public to attend.
  - iii. Officer Pagulayan answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

- b. **Office of the Mayor Manny Lopez** – See item #7.
  - c. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** Field Representative Morgan Roth
    - i. Mr. Roth provided a written legislative report but left the meeting.
  - d. **Senator Steven Bradford** Field Representative Brenda Baker – Not present
  - e. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich – Not present
  - f. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications – Not present
  - g. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** Adrianna Cabrera, Neighborhood Council Advocate – Present, gave no report.
  - h. **LA Port Police** Stacey Creech, Community Resource Officer – Unable to attend
  - i. **Budget Advocates** – Danielle Sandoval, Region 12 Budget Advocate – No report
  - j. **Assembly Member O'Donnell** Sarah Patterson, San Pedro Field Representative – Not present
  - k. **County Supervisor's Office** Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez – Not present
  - l. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office** San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson – Not present
6. **Presentation on Council District 15's current and forthcoming homelessness reduction policy**
- a. Councilman Buscaino submitted 3 locations to City Council for sites in CD15 for the A Bridge Home initiative.
  - b. There was lengthy discussion of this item that carried over to include the next item.
7. **Possible input from representative of Mayor Garcetti's office on CD 15 homelessness policy – Manny Lopez**
- a. Mr. Lopez provided a printed handout with information.
  - b. The goal of the program is to give homeless Angelenos a refuge in the communities they know.
  - c. The Mayor's initiative gives incentives to council districts to help address the immediate needs homeless.
  - d. There was lengthy discussion of this item from the board and stakeholders.
  - e. Manny thanked the community for the opportunity to hear their concerns, however, this is a crisis situation and requires crisis action.

Councilman Joe Buscaino  
 Harbor District Office  
 638 S. Beacon Street, Suite 552  
 San Pedro, CA 90731  
 Re: Homelessness Issue

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

It has been nearly three years since the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council first acted on the homelessness issue. You may recall that our council was the first in the entire city to create a homelessness committee; it predated one being created by the Los Angeles City Council.

Of all the areas in your council district, the homelessness and housing crisis seems to be the most significant and visible in the Central San Pedro area; it impacts both businesses and residents.

This council previously resolved to support Mayor Eric Garcetti's new initiative, "A Bridge Home." We also urged you to explore a site for an emergency shelter in the Los Angeles Harbor Area.

A working group of Council 15 neighborhood council representatives, including Central San Pedro, has advised your office on potential sites. But we would have appreciated your office consulting our council on specific sites.

Unlike other neighborhood councils around Los Angeles, we are not generally opposed to emergency shelters; in times past, we have worked with other elected officials on addressing the homeless issue in the same manner.

Our council members and stakeholders are seriously interested in addressing the homelessness and housing crises in a humane and practical manner, especially since many social service non-profit organizations are located in our neighborhood.

It is time to deal with these issues head-on with the immediacy that is proportional to the size of the problem. However, we also know that it must be addressed in a manner that is considerate of community values and concerns, so that public input and consent is given before decisions are made, or government funds budgeted, for placement on a site.

We urge your office to provide your district's neighborhood councils with a report on the progress of your, and the city's, policies and plans regarding "A Bridge Home" within one month. We also urge you to apprise our homelessness committee of any relevant actions by your office so that we can provide counsel.

Sincerely,

Christian Louis Guzman

Board Member and President

On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

CC:

Northwest San Pedro NC

Coastal San Pedro NC

Motion by **James Allen** to approve the letter above, second by **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 8 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, and Ortiz), 0 no, 3 abstentions (Guzman, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval), 1 out of room (Marmolejo), and 2 not yet present (Garland and McBurney).

**8. Presentation on the Cabrillo Waterfront Youth Sports Center and possible reconsideration of resolution supporting that the Center be publicly operated**

- a. Several representatives from Boy Scouts of America, as well as the current director of the facility gave a detail presentation.
- b. They provided several printed information sheets.
- c. They are willing to create a public advisory board to include neighborhood council and other representatives.
- d. There was lengthy discussion of this item from the board and stakeholders.

**9. Joint Finance and Outreach Committee Report and Actions**

- a. Discussion and possible approval to certify the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Inventory list is correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of CeSPNC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, McBurney, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 1 no (Guzman), 0 abstention, 1 out of room (Marmolejo), and 1 not yet present (Garland).
- b. Discussion and possible approval to pay Lloyd Staffing Invoices for the taking of minutes for the dates of November 19, 2017 through June 10, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$2,100. Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), 1 out of room (Marmolejo), 1 ineligible (McBurney), and 1 not yet present (Garland).
- c. Possible Awarding of Neighborhood Purpose Grant to Social Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. – ITEM NOT CONSIDERED
- d. Authorization to donate/sponsor a tile in 25th Street Mural Project in the amount of \$50 to San Pedro Waterfront Arts District, c/o San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. Motion by **James Allen** to table, second by **Maria Couch**, and passed with 10 yes (Allen, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, McBurney, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Anderson and Guzman), 1 out of room (Marmolejo), and 1 not yet present (Garland).
- e. Discussion and possible approval of the creation of an Annual Give Day event, with the allocation of funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Motion from committee passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 3 abstentions (Guzman, Hemphill, and Sandoval), 2 out of room (Allen and Marmolejo), 1 ineligible (McBurney), and 1 not yet present (Garland).
- f. Possible approval to transfer/allocate funds from CIP to Outreach in the amount of \$5,000 to cover Outreach merchandise purchases for CeSPNC events. Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 1 no (Sandoval), 1 abstentions (Guzman) and 1 ineligible (McBurney).
- g. Possible approval of fund allocation in the amount of \$1500 for purposes of branding CeSPNC via social media platforms (Facebook, Website and Smartphone App).

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 1 no (Sandoval), 1 abstentions (Guzman) and 1 ineligible (McBurney). Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 1 no (Sandoval), 1 abstentions (Guzman) and 1 ineligible (McBurney).

- h. Motion to approve board member Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu reimbursement in the amount of \$325.23 for printing operational information packets for the July 7, 2018 Board Member Training and Special Board Meeting

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, McBurney, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 1 abstentions (Guzman).

**10. Homelessness Committee Report and Actions – Alexander Hall**

- a. There is a meeting tomorrow to gather information from the community.
- b. The committee wants to have a written and on-line survey.
- c. At Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Homelessness Committee meeting on Monday morning the United Way gave a presentation.

**11. Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report – This item was moved up the agenda to follow item #5**

- a. Resolution on the use of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid in California Refineries.  
Motion from committee passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), 4 not yet present (Garland, McBurney, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval).
- b. Possible allocation of an amount not to exceed \$800.00 to go out to bid to acquire a graphic designer to create a design/logo for the Adopt a Block program.  
Motion from committee passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), 4 not yet present (Garland, McBurney, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval).

**12. Port Committee Report – Frank Anderson, Chair**

- a. There was no port committee meeting last month.
- b. Mr. Anderson attended a Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) meeting, he gave an overview of the meeting about vehicle emissions from the port.
- c. He also attended the Port's Neighborhood Council President's meeting. He gave a brief overview of items covered at the meeting.

**13. Planning and Land Use Committee Report – Marica Couch, Chair**

- a. Resolution of concern on the process that the Los Angeles City government uses to invite public input. ITEM NO CONSIDERED
- b. Resolution of concern on the process that Councilman Joe Buscaino used to invite public comment on establishing Little Italy in San Pedro.

Councilman Joe Buscaino  
Harbor District Office  
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San Pedro, CA 90731

Re: Neighborhood Designation – "Little Italy"

Dear Councilman Buscaino:

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council was surprised by the announcement and action of the Los Angeles City Council in designating a portion of our neighborhood, "Little Italy." This action came without notification nor consultation of and with our council. The action did not meet the spirit of the "early warning" mandate on planning. Although the city council is not legally required to hear public comment on an item if it is unchanged from another noticed meeting, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council sincerely wanted to give its advice and perspective.

The designation discounted other ethnic groups who also have had a long history in this part of our community.

While we do have a concentration of Italian related businesses on some streets included in the new zone, other areas were included that have previously been named for Croatian culture, such as Croatian Place, Ante Perkov Way and the Croatian Cultural Center. The council is concerned that this group was not involved in the "Little Italy" designation.

Furthermore, San Pedro is becoming increasingly diverse. There are middle eastern and Asian businesses here. There are also many successful Mexican and El Salvadorian businesses on Pacific Avenue. That street would by far qualify for its own Latin American designation due to the number of latino business surpassing Italian businesses three to one.

While your intention may have been to benefit San Pedro's business district, we genuinely believe the action taken and the size of the district divides our neighborhood along ethnic lines; it does not bring people together.

We request an immediate meeting preferably with you, or your staff, and for the city council to reconsider the borders of this new district. We also urge you to communicate and work with neighborhood councils before future city council actions that might affect economic development, planning or zoning.

Sincerely,

Christian Louis Guzman

Board Member and President

On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

CC:

Mayor Eric Garcetti

Council President Herb Wesson

Supervisor Janice Hahn

Congresswoman Nanette Barragan

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, McBurney, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 out of room (and Sandoval).

**14. Board member comment** – None

**15. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm. The next regular meeting is August 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Akerblom,

for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council