



# CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## BOARD & STAKEHOLDER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, May 8, 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 6:15 pm, by President Christian Guzman. There was a quorum with 15 Board Members, and approximately 25 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James Allen	Present left at 9:10 pm
Frank Anderson	Present
Rachel Bruhnke	Present
Louis Caravella	Present
Jane Castillo	Present
Maria Couch	Present
Donald Galaz	Excused
Matt Garland	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present at 8:55 pm
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present
Ryan Hemphill	Present
William Marmolejo	Present
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present
Claricza Ortiz	Present
Danielle Sandoval	Present
Vacant seat	

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion by **Matt Garland** to approve the May 8, 2018 agenda as presented, second by **Frank Anderson**, and passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guzman, Hall, Hemphill, and Marmolejo), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Ortiz, and Sandoval), and 2 not yet present (Guerrero and Obioma-Sakhu).

3. **Opening Remarks from the Chair** – President Guzman reviewed protocol for board members and stakeholders to speak when recognized by the chair.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by **James Allen** to table approval of the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes, second by **Claricza Ortiz**, and passed with 12 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Couch and Guzman), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).

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

- a. Jeffrey McBurney commented that he is a new resident and applied to fill vacant board seat, but the item didn't make the agenda.
- b. Bee Stotzer is running for the Rancho San Pedro Board.
- c. Brian from Green Hills Memorial Park announced a Memorial Day observation event at the park from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

- d. Bob Gelfand announced the annual Congress of Neighborhoods will be on Saturday, September 22, 2018.
- e. Mary Chan would like to have joint San Pedro Neighborhood Watch signs.
- f. Maricela Galvez, with the Victim Assistance Program, provided a brochure and gave a brief overview of services provided by the program. She is based at the LAPD Harbor Station.

**6. Reports from Government and Public Officials/Representatives**

- a. **Office of the Mayor** Manny Lopez, Harbor Area Representative
  - i. Gave a brief overview of the Mayor's A Bridge Home initiative.
  - ii. Last month the Mayor released his 2018-2019 proposed budget which included the largest amount to date to double the cities support for homeless.
  - iii. Mr. Lopez answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office** San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson
  - i. Mr. Ferguson provided a written report which included some of the following.
  - ii. He will be on vacation starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and will return to the office on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. He also provided information for the Mayor's A Bridge Home initiative related to CD15.
  - iv. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich
  - i. The next meetings of the Board of Harbor Commissioners are Thursdays, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am at the Port Administration Building.
  - ii. Harbor Boulevard realignment road work is finished, they are still working on landscaping.
  - iii. San Pedro Public Market update; demo is in process.
  - iv. On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the port is offering free one-hour harbor boat tours in celebration of World Trade Week.
  - v. The annual Cars & Stripes Forever event will be Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.
- d. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications – Unable to attend, however, emailed a brief report to Frank Anderson to read.
  - i. They have selected a new Superintendent.
  - ii. A meeting to review the updated plans for the San Pedro High School Modernization Project will be held sometime in May.
- e. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** Field Representative Morgan Roth – Not present
- f. **Senator Steven Bradford** Field Representative Brenda Baker – 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

**7. Resolution to appoint Maria Couch** to coordinate with Council District 15 staff and the Coastal and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils to organize and establish an office for neighborhood council use; the office will be Room 678 at the San Pedro Municipal Building.

**Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu to appoint Maria Couch to coordinate with Council District 15 staff and the Coastal and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Councils to organize and establish an office for neighborhood council use; the office will be Room 678 at the San Pedro Municipal Building, second by Alexander Hall, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 2 abstention (Couch and Sandoval), 2 out of room (Allen and Guzman) and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).**

**8. Joint Outreach and Finance Committee Meeting Report** – Danielle Sandoval

- a. Possible motion to adopt a new Standing Rule regarding the NPG/CIP event process and any other funding matters.
  - i. NPG's and CIP's must first be reviewed by the Finance Committee in order to be considered by the full board.

- ii. Applications must go directly to the Finance Chair and the Treasurer to ensure all required documentation is completed and signed before it is placed on the committee agenda for action.
- iii. All funding requests in the amount of \$5,000.01 and over will only be considered in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of the fiscal year.
- iv. All funding requests in the amount of \$5,000.00 and below will only be considered in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters.
- v. All NC Events and other funding requests must be reviewed by the finance committee to ensure money is available in budget before consideration for the item to be placed on the monthly Stakeholders Meeting Agenda. Requests coming from committee must include an NC Event form completed and signed by committee chair, an itemized budget, an event budget from the sponsor, flyer for the event, list of proposed vendors, and committee meeting minutes.

Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to adopt a new Standing Rule regarding the NPG/CIP event process and any other funding matters as above, second by **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu**, and passed with 13 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).

- b. Review and approval of Monthly Expenditure Report  
Motion by **Maria Couch** to approve the April Monthly Expenditure Report, second by **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu**, and passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 3 abstentions (Bruhnke, Guzman, and Marmolejo), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).
- c. Announcement of unavailability of funds for Neighborhood Purpose Grants for the remainder of fiscal year 2017-2018.
- d. Possible resolution to pledge support for Social Solutions, Incorporated in the coming fiscal year, and to include a budget line item of up to \$3200 for the organization's Rancho San Pedro Meet and Greet in the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council 2018-2019 budget.  
Motion by **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu** table the motion, second by **Danielle Sandoval**, and passed with 13 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).
- e. Update on Board Training and Agenda – The next training will be Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Ports O' Call Restaurant.
- f. Update on Funding Equity Workgroup – Khixian Obioma-Sakhu
  - i. He gave an overview of the procedures including that 4 of the 10 or 12 proposals considered by the workgroup recommend slashing NC funding.
  - ii. The next workgroup meeting is Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

**9. Possible resolution to adopt a logo from among the options previously displayed at the special meeting in April –**

Motion by **Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu** adopt logo option 'a' from those presented, second by **Jane Castillo**, and passed with 8 for 'a' (Allen, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Obioma-Sakhu), 3 for 'c' (Anderson, Bruhnke, and Garland), 2 for 'd' (Ortiz and Sandoval) 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).

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

- a. Community Impact Statement on - 14-0655-S6 - Homeless Youth and Families / School System Outreach Coordinated Entry System (CES).

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is in support of council file 14-0655-S6 Homeless Youth and Families / School System Outreach Coordinated Entry System (CES). The board feels that having LAHSA, LA's Best and LAUSD report back to the city council on how they address homeless youth and families is of the utmost importance. Central San Pedro NC would like these entities to go a step further and not just report numbers on a city-wide level but on a Neighborhood Council level as well. We also feel as though this resolution should be expedited because of its importance.

Furthermore the council would like to LAHSA, LA's Best, LAUSD and the Los Angeles city council to engage more closely with other organizations that engage homeless youth. Such as School on Wheels and City of Angeles. **Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, 3 abstentions (Guzman, Hemphill, and Sandoval), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).**

- b. Possible resolution on Mayor Eric Garcetti's A Bridge Home initiative.

Whereas San Pedro and the rest of Los Angeles are suffering from a housing and homelessness crisis; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the following:

1. Accelerated construction of emergency shelters in Los Angeles.
2. Councilmember Buscaino selecting a site for the A Bridge Home program before the funds become available.
3. The funds be dedicated to a site located in the Los Angeles Harbor Area.
4. The site be located within half a mile of bus stops.
5. ~~The site be located at least a half a mile away from residential zones.~~ **Engage local Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committees in collaborative solution building**

**Motion by Matt Garland** to amend the motion to strike number 5 and replace as noted above, second by **James Allen**, and passed with 13 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, and Ortiz), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman and Sandoval).

**Motion by Alexander Hall** approve the above motion as amended, second by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Obioma-Sakhu), 0 no, and 4 abstentions (Guzman, Guerrero, Ortiz, and Sandoval), and 1 left meeting early (Allen).

- c. Mr. Hall gave a brief report on the last two homelessness committee meetings.

**11. Sustainability Committee Report** – Rachel Bruhnke

- a. There was no meeting last month.
- b. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**12. Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report** – William Marmolejo

- a. At the April meeting they discussed the about adopt a street/alley program.

**13. Possible approval of letter to Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Council President Herb Wesson**

expressing concern about appointments of city commissioners and commissioner efficacy in accurately meeting the needs of stakeholders.

Letter of Mayor Garcetti

Re: Appointment of commissioners and Neighborhood Councils speaking before commissions

March 13, 2018

Mayor Eric Garcetti,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council and stakeholders have raised some concerns in regards to the appointment process of commissioners. Commissioners have a very important role as we do as representatives for our community. Unfortunately, we have witnessed some incidences where commissioners are continuously late to meetings or do not shown up at all. Some have lashed out during public comment at community members, ~~brought their children to meetings~~ and have limited knowledge on how the city works or the importance of the neighborhood council system. We have also witnessed lengthy discussions on agendized items because commissioners were unprepared which required more education on the topic before a vote could be called on an item.

As members of a very engaged neighborhood council we ask that you consult with us prior to making appointments to commissions that directly affect our part of the City of Los Angeles, perhaps even soliciting names for appointment especially for the BONC, Zoning and BOHC.

Furthermore, the City Council has graciously provided Neighborhood Council Members and Representatives extended time during public comment on their agendas and on agendized items provided that the Neighborhood Council has submitted a Community Impact Statement on a council file. Often these commissions are acting on issues that do not have a council file and therefore submitting one to the city clerks office would be premature or irrelevant to our taking a position on a

matter coming before a commission. We are recommending that a less procedural process be adopted outside of the formal council file submission for neighborhood council issues and motions to commissions when there is no council file to be referenced

Sincerely yours,

President of CeSPNC

Vice-President CeSPNC

**Motion** by **Matt Garland** to amend the motion to strike '*...brought their children to meetings....*', second by **Maria Couch**, and passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, and Marmolejo), 0 no, and 5 abstentions (Guzman, Guerrero, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), and 1 left meeting early (Allen).

**Motion** by **Alexander Hall** refer to Issues Committee, second by **Matt Garland**, and passed with 12 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Couch, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, Obioma-Sakhu, Ortiz, and Sandoval), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Guzman, Guerrero), and 1 left meeting early (Allen).

**14. Planning Committee Report** – Maria Couch

- a. Committee goal for the coming fiscal year. '*The goal of this Committee and its members is to review, discuss, and highlight the effect of developments on the overall well-being of the community and its stakeholders as far as infrastructure, parking, traffic, and economic vitality and revitalization of downtown San Pedro are concerned*'.
- b. CeSPNC Board members Jose Guerrero and James Allen are on the Rancho San Pedro Redevelopment Neighborhood Task Force that had a meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

- a. They are resubmitting questions to Racavich Company regarding the San Pedro Public Market project.
- b. They reviewed Harbor Community Benefits Statement.
- c. They are selecting a second representative to attend the Port's Neighborhood Council Presidents meeting.

**16. Board member comment**

- a. Rachel Bruhnke announced a Housing is a Human Right event from 3:00 to 5:30 pm this Saturday at United Methodist on 6<sup>th</sup> and Pacific.
- b. Khixian Obioma-Sakhu reported that no facilitator is confirmed for the board training.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Akerblom,

for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council