



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD & STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**: The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm, by President Christian Guzman. There was a quorum with 13 Board Members, and approximately 20 stakeholders present.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
James Allen	Present
Frank Anderson	Present
Rachel Bruhnke	Present
Louis Caravella	Present
Jane Castillo	Present
Maria Couch	Excused
Donald Galaz	Present
Matt Garland	Present
Jose Guerrero	Present at 7:00 left 8:50
Christian Guzman	Present
Alexander Hall	Present at 6:30 pm
Ryan Hemphill	Present
William Marmolejo	Present
Claricza Ortiz	Excused
Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu	Present at 6:20 pm
Danielle Sandoval	Excused

2. **Opening Remarks from the Chair** – President Guzman our responsibility and duty as board members is represent stakeholders, advise the city, and provide a platform for stakeholders, on all sides of an issue, to be heard.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
- Karen Ceaser a Speak Up Advocate with the Center for Supportive Housing, made general remarks regarding the criminalization of local homeless people.
 - Allen Franz from the White Point Education Center, announced they have volunteer work days on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and on April 21st they are having an Earth Day event. Also, they are hosting a free viewing of the National Geographic movie JANE, about Jane Goodall, on Saturday, April 21st at 5:00 pm. Please make a reservation to reserve a seat.
 - Sopheap Sing, with the LAPD Victims Assistance Program, reported that they offer services to victims of crime. She is based at Harbor Division and her contact information is 310-926-7786 sopheap.sing@lacity.org.
 - Rebecca Traini reported that her Housekeeping for the Homeless project, has Facebook pages called Meet the Homeless and Hire the Homeless. She has been transplanting plants from the Ports O' Call demo area around town.
 - Doug Epperhart reported that at the HANC meeting last week, BONC Commissioner Ray Regalado, brought up that the one thing he hears over and over from neighborhood councils around the city is the need for board member training that is less about rules and regulatios, and

more about what it takes to be a successful board member. He is hoping to have an area wide training open to all in the future.

- f. John Stinson, President San Pedro Art Association, announced that they are having a free comedy night this Friday at Machine Studio.
- g. Rachel Brunke announced that the annual Port of Los Angeles Green Festival will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018.

4. Reports from Public Officials/Representatives

- a. **Assembly Member O'Donnell** Sarah Patterson, San Pedro Field Representative
 - i. The Assemblyman will be having Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00 to 10:00 am at Siren's Java and Tea.
 - ii. Ms. Patterson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Port of Los Angeles** Augie Bezmalinovich
 - i. The next meetings of the Board of Harbor Commissioners are Thursday, March 15th, at 6:00 pm at Banning's Landing, in Wilmington, and Thursday, April 5th, at 6:00 pm, at the Port Administration Building
 - ii. Community Investment grant applications are available on the Port's website. There will be workshops on April 3rd and 4th at Banning's Landing. Applications are due by noon on Thursday, May 17, 2018.
 - iii. On Tuesday, March 20th, there will be a town hall presentation on the LA Waterfront development, at the Warner Grand from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
 - iv. Ports O' Call demolition has begun and should take about four weeks.
 - v. On Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm the port is offering free one-hour harbor boat tours in celebration of World Trade Week.
 - vi. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Octoviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate – WENT 3RD at 9:20
 - i. Mr. Rios introduced Adriana Cabrera who will be the new Neighborhood Council Advocate for Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.
 - ii. He also reported that Thomas Soong is now the Director of Outreach and Communications.
 - iii. Communicating your needs to city entities and electeds is a priority, one way to do that is through the budget, and filing a Community Impact Statement on issues in the budget that affect your stakeholders.
- d. **LA Port Police** Stacey Creech, Community Resource Officer – Not present
- e. **LAUSD Board Member Dr. Vladovic**, John Larson, Director of Communications – Not present
- f. **Budget Advocates** – Danielle Sandoval, Region 12 Budget Advocate – Unable to attend
 - i. Please take the Budget Advocates 2018 Stakeholder [Satisfaction Survey](#) on City Services. The survey closes on April 30th.
 - ii. Their Facebook page is [LABudgetAdvocates](#), and their website is [ncbala.com](#).
- g. **Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) Report** – Frank Anderson – No report
- h. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** Field Representative Morgan Roth – Not present
- i. **County Supervisor's Office** Harbor Area Deputy, Erika Velazquez – Not present
- j. **Councilman Joe Buscaino's office** San Pedro Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson – Not present
- k. **Office of the Mayor** Manny Lopez – Not present

5. Possible amendment to bylaws to switch from selections to elections – Please see motion text below

Motion by **Alexander Hall** to approve the proposed changes, second by **William Marmolejo**, and passed with 8 yes (Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, and Marmolejo), 1 no (Allen), and 3 abstentions (Galaz, Guzman and Obioma-Sakhu), and 1 not yet present (Guerrero).

6. Los Angeles Waterfront Redevelopment Update – Mike Galvin, Director of Waterfront and Commercial Real Estate

- a. The waterfront development plan includes a series of projects in various stages of completion and planning. The Port's long-term planning began in 2004. They seek to bring more large events to activate the waterfront and engage the community and beyond.
- b. Mr. Galvin answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

7. Possible Update to Resolution and/or additional community impact statement on Los Angeles Waterfront Redevelopment

Motion by **Frank Anderson** to have the Secretary email questions directly to the developers and send the resolution to the Port Committee, second by **James Allen**, and passed with 10 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Guerrero, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Obioma-Sakhu), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Galaz and Guzman), and 1 out of room (Garland).

8. Port Committee Report – Frank Anderson

- a. Discuss LA Waterfront Town Hall and possibly appoint representative(s) to make a comment. Motion by **James Allen** to approve that he (James Allen) may present the Community Impact Resolution – POLA Waterfront (see below for resolution) approved at the January 23, 2018 board meeting to the Board of Harbor Commissioners, second by **Alexander Hall**, and passed with 11 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Galaz, Guerrero, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Obioma-Sakhu), 0 no, 1 abstention (Guzman), and 1 out of room (Garland).
- b. Discuss Clean Air Action Plan Advisory Meeting. Matt Garland stated he would represent the board.
- c. Discussion and possible action on the Neighborhood Council's Coordination with the Board of Harbor Commissioners on providing input at commission meetings. Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Obioma-Sakhu), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

9. Joint Outreach and Finance Committee Meeting Report

- a. Discuss branding and art contest for new CeSPNC logo.
- b. Approval to award Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for their Native Plant Garden, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Motion by **Alexander Hall** from committee passed with 8 yes (Anderson, Caravella, Castillo, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Hemphill, and Marmolejo), 0 no, and 5 abstentions (Allen, Bruhnke, Galaz, Guzman, and Obioma-Sakhu).
- c. Approval to award San Pedro Art Association, a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for their Marketing, Outreach, Video/Audio Production, Exhibition Publication, Refreshments, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Motion by **Alexander Hall** from committee passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Caravella, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Hemphill, and Marmolejo), 0 no, 5 abstentions (Bruhnke, Castillo, Galaz, Guzman, and Obioma-Sakhu), and 1 Recused (Allen).

10. Presentation of Sharefest on a Workday project for The San Pedro High School STEAM Magnet that includes a revitalization of its campus garden, installing a 'STEAM' mural as a symbol of school spirit, and encouraging sustainability through the installation of recycling bins around the campus – Alexander Hall reported the workday is Saturday, April 28, 2018.

11. Consent Calendar Motions

- a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for February. Removed from consent calendar and consideration.
- b. Approval of reimbursements to Frank Anderson in an amount not to exceed \$30 for cups, napkins and plates. Removed from consent calendar and consideration
- c. Approval of minutes from February. Motion by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve item c. February 13, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected, second by **Jose Guerrero**, and passed with 12 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Galaz, Garland, Guerrero, Hall, Hemphill, Marmolejo, and Obioma-Sakhu), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Guzman).

12. Sustainability Committee Motion(s) and Report – The committee did not meet in February.

- a. Update on the move to reusable water bottles and the elimination of water bottles at Council meetings.
- b. Possible resolution to support city, county, state and federal governments passing laws to transition all government vehicles to be fueled by 100 percent zero-emission fuels.
- c. Discussion on single use plastics.
Motion by Christian Guzman to not use plastic drinking straws, second by Rachel Bruhnke, and passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions, 1 out of room and 1 left meeting early.
- d. Support for a Naturalist Training at Dean Dana Park
- e. Discussion of inclusion, and interest, of youth in our Committee.
- f. Discussion of how CeSPNC can support local urban agriculture, both existing and new sites.

13. Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report – They did not meet in February. The next meeting is Thursday, April 5th, at the San Pedro Public Library at 6:00 pm.

14. 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. The letter was no prepared.

15. Possible approval of letter to City Attorney Mike Feuer regarding community issues including Los Angeles Waterfront leases and litigation, and the harbor jail – See below for motion text
Motion by James Allen to the letter above, second by Alexander Hall, and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Anderson, Bruhnke, Caravella, Castillo, Garland, Hall, Hemphill, and Marmolejo,), 0 no, 3 abstentions (Galaz, Guzman, and Obioma-Sakhu), and 1 left meeting early (Guerrero).

16. Homelessness Committee Report – They did not meet in February. The next meeting is Friday, March 23rd.

17. Planning Committee Report – Maria Couch – Not present

18. Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report – duplicate of item #13

19. Board member comment

- a. Will Marmolejo thanked all the Neighborhood Councils and CeSPNC board member that participated in Cyber Watch Expo event at LAPD Harbor Station.
- b. James Allen made general comments related to the Board of Harbor Commissioners and contact with Neighborhood Council members.

20. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm. The next regular meeting is April 10, 2018.

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

MOTIONS TEXT

5. Possible amendment to bylaws to switch from selections to elections

Replace current Article X entirely with:

Article X

Section 1: Administration of Election - The Council's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections.

Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting- The number of Board seats, the eligibility requirements for holding any specific Board seats, and which Stakeholders may vote for the Board seats are noted in Attachment B.

Section 3: Minimum Voting Age- All Community Stakeholders aged sixteen (16) and above shall be entitled to vote in the Council elections. All Stakeholders fourteen (14) years of age and older are eligible to serve on committees

Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status - Voters will verify their Stakeholder status through self-affirmation.

Section 5: Restrictions on Candidates Running for Multiple Seats- A candidate shall declare their candidacy for no more than one (1) position on the Board during a single election cycle.

Section 6: Installation of elected Board Members takes place at the meeting following the election or pursuant to City policies and procedures.

Attachment B – Governing Board Structure and Voting
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council – 17 Board Seats

Board Position	Number of Seats	Elected or Appointed	Eligibility to run	Eligibility to vote
At Large Board Member Term: 2 years	17	Elected	Stakeholders 18 years or older	Stakholders 16 years or older

Current Article X from page 12 of Bylaws:

Section 1: Administration of Election

The Council shall hold a selection process instead of an election to fill the Governing Board during the month of June in even numbered years. The Governing Board shall approve written s/election procedures promulgated by the Election Committee unless procedures are otherwise provided by the City. All s/election procedures shall be in conformity with the s/election rules established by the City of Los Angeles and shall be approved by the Department.

Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting

The number of Board seats, the eligibility requirements for holding any specific Board seats, and which Stakeholders may vote for the Board seats are noted in Attachment B.

Section 3: Minimum Voting Age

All Stakeholders fourteen (14) years of age and older are eligible to vote and serve on committees; Stakeholders who are eighteen (18) years of age and older are eligible to serve as s/elected Governing Board members.

Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status

Verification of stakeholder status by those who vote in Governing Board s/elections shall be by written self-affirmation. Verification of stakeholder status by those who are candidates for Governing Board office shall be by two (2) forms of documentation confirming stakeholder status based on being a resident, owning or working at a business, or owning property within the boundaries of the Council, or having a vested interest in the Council as established by a statement of their Community Interest.

Section 5: Restrictions on Candidates Running for Multiple Seats

A candidate shall declare their candidacy for no more than one (1) position on the Governing Board during a single s/election cycle.

Section 6: Other Election Related Language

Not applicable.

8. Port Committee Report

- a. Discuss LA Waterfront Town Hall and possibly appoint representative(s) to make a comment.

As approved at the January 23, 2018 board meeting.

Community Impact Resolution – POLA Waterfront

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls for the immediate halt of all Ports O’Call tenant evictions due to the Port of Los Angeles failing to adequately disclose subsequent amendments to the 2009 approved Environmental Impact Report regarding Ports O’Call redevelopment and keep the CeSPNC and the public informed. The POLA has also not revealed in advance how these amendments will fundamentally change the previous plans and commitments made publicly that will substantially alter the waterfront development. Therefore, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council further resolves to call for transparency regarding Ports O’Call redevelopment, that a public hearing on renegotiations of the lease with LA Waterfront Alliance [and their new plans] be held including [but not limited to] the preservation of historic buildings, and a guarantee for the opportunity to retain existing tenants through the negotiations of new leases that would include Ports O’Call Restaurant, commercial boats, and others.

And if the Port of Los Angeles fails to follow the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's recommendations the council demands decisions regarding the Ports O'Call lease to be transferred to the Board of Referred Powers, [at Los Angeles City Council for review and approval].

8. Port Committee Report

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Neighborhood Council's Coordination with the Board of Harbor Commissioners on providing input at commission meetings.

RESOLUTION RE: Process for Presenting Reports to Commissions

Be it resolved, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners the following process for scheduling neighborhood council comments and reports to the Board of Harbor Commissioners at its meetings:

(1) The Board of Harbor Commissioners shall provide a point of contact for neighborhood council requests to comment and report;

(2) Each neighborhood council shall designate an individual or individuals authorized to serve as the official contact responsible for requests to comment and report;

(3) At least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time of meetings of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, the neighborhood council's designated contact shall provide a written request which shall include any documents (such as resolutions or reports) relevant to the neighborhood council's position on the topic to be addressed and the name of the individual(s) designated by the neighborhood council to represent the matter before the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

(4) The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council authorizes anyone of its five executive board members and/or the port committee chair to speak before any commission on resolutions, motions or correspondence that has been voted and passed by our council. A list of these officers and their contacts will be provided annually or as needed do to changes on our council.

15. Possible approval of letter to City Attorney Mike Feuer regarding community issues including Los Angeles Waterfront leases and litigation, and the harbor jail

Dear Mr. Fuerer,

We were sorry to have missed your San Pedro Town Hall meeting of March 8, 2018 as we were otherwise engaged in a Central San Pedro Neighborhood council agenda setting meeting. However, we do have some concerns to share with you formally that we would like to have you consider moving forward.

As the neighborhood council system has grown and evolved it has become apparent that the city attorney's office plays a special role in advising the councils on legal matters and ethics. There are now some 98 councils city wide and frankly there just doesn't seem to be enough legal staff to efficiently address the concerns of this growing number councils, nor does your existing staff have the time to visit our meetings on a consistent basis. We advise that you allocate at least one para-legal per city council district, who has training in ethics, parliamentary procedures and governance. This would free up time from your attorneys who work with DONE to concentrate on the bigger issues while the district para-legals work closer to the grass roots procedural issues.

Also of on-going concern is the number of arrests of homeless people during 2017 that was reported to the LA Police Commission by Cmdr. Dominic Choi of the HOPE team. We ask that your office come to a determination about the legality, the efficacy and the associated costs of these arrests as it would seem that they are doing nothing more than criminalizing the poor and destitute of our communities.

Lastly, even though the Police jails are not directly under your purview we have in the past and are still currently concerned that our Harbor Division jail is not functioning due to lack of budget to hire jail staff. This is a legal matter in as much as the founding documents that annexed the San Pedro and Wilmington cities into the city of Los Angeles expressly promised both a jail and a Police Court to the citizens of this area, we now have neither.

We would very much like to have your response to these issues at your earliest opportunity.