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Stakeholder & Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 6:30pm

1. 6:30 pm. Call to Order

Board Members:

Linda Alexander - Present

James Preston Allen - Present

Frank Anderson - Present

Eugenia Bulanova - Present

Louis Caravella - Present

Stevan Casares - Present

Charles Cooper - Present

Caitlin Crommett - Present

Matt Garland - Present about 8:30 to 9 p.m.

Tamra King - Present

Linda Nutile - Present

Matthew Quiocho - Present

Vicky Rodriguez - Present

Carrie Scoville - Absent

Maki Villacarillo - Present

A quorum of 13 board members was in attendance.

2. Opening Remarks, Recognition of Dignitaries, and Special Recognitions

Chairman Caravella welcomed the board and attendees.

3. Election of a President of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Councilwoman Linda Alexander nominated Louis Caravella to be the President of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council; Matthew Quiocho seconded the motion.

The motion carried with 11 yes (Alexander, Frank Anderson, Bulanova, Casares, Cooper, Crommett, King, Nutile, Quiocho, Rodriguez, Villacarillo), 1 abstention (Caravella) and 1 no (Allen).

4. Possible Election of a Vice President of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Councilwoman Alexander moved to table the motion, Councilwoman Bulanova seconded. The item was unanimously tabled.

5. President's Report – President Caravella talked about the new board being seated next month and training that will be available.

6. Motion to appoint one or two additional Zoom administrators.

President Caravella invited board members to become Zoom administrators. Without objection, Councilmembers Quiocho and Villacarillo were appointed as new administrators.

7. Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the March minutes, Councilmember Alexander seconded the motion;

The motion carried with 11 yes (Alexander, Allen, Frank Anderson, Bulanova, Casares, Cooper, Crommett, King, Nutile, Quiocho and Rodriguez), 2 abstentions (Caravella and Villacarrillo) and 0 no.

8. General Public Comment

Linda Alexander noted the Chauvin guilty verdict. She hopes that this a real first step to a commitment to justice.

Linda Nutile congratulated Councilman Frank Anderson on his long service to the board.

Gwen Henry - she encouraged the Central SP NC to consider and take action on several sustainability/environmental items, such as DDT contamination and expanding the local watershed conservancy jurisdiction.

9. Public Safety Reports -

No reports given.

10. Reports from Public Officials

Augie Bezmalinovich from the Los Angeles Harbor Department noted upcoming commission meetings May 6 and 20. The format will be video conference and have public comment. Community Investment Grant Applications are available Monday, May 5. Please visit the website for details. Townsquare and promenade should be completed by the end of July. There is some environmental reimbursement for a ship terminal nearby. FleetWeek 2021 is Labor Day Week.

Hina Ahmad from the Office of Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell - 23 million doses of the SARS-CoV 2 vaccine have been given in CA. Various clinics are available. O'Donnell is supporting a new bill for tax exemptions for clean vehicle purchases. AB78 bill would include dominguez and catalina into water conservancy for extra protection. AB257 Fast Food workers treatment is another bill O'Donnell supports.

Julien Antelin from the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - April 20 is the release of the City budget.

There will be financial training for officers. Participants will learn how to prepare a budget for the neighborhood council. There was an issue where DONE was supposed to pay invoices for minute taking. Nutile forwarded to Thomas Soong and Shawna Dungo. New advocates will help out the council.

Ryan Ferguson - Reported on Buscaino Grants and Vaccine Stations

11. Homelessness Committee Report – Tamra King

a. Discussion of the Homelessness Settlement before the Los Angeles City Council

Some questions were posed including: What will be the accountability on the budget for homelessness? Who will benefit? The people or the developers?

Safe Parking flier and CD 15 working group minutes are both in the council meeting packet.

12. Motion to designate two liaisons from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to Rancho San Pedro Community Advisory Committee.

Linda Alexander nominated Javier Gonzalez-Camarillo to be a liaison.

Councilman Allen volunteered to be a liaison as well.

Without objection, the item passed.

13. Motion to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on [Council File 19-1235](#) in support of creating the Municipal Bank of Los Angeles (MBLA). This topic will include a presentation by Trinity Tran, California Public Banking Alliance.

Ben Gordon - The Public Banking initiative began as a divestment campaign and evolved into a better way to direct city funds. It would be a financial institution owned by a public entity, such as a city. It uniquely leverages deposit base. Another big positive is local control. Public Banks can be more responsive to local needs. They are structured as a community investment corporation and would partner with credit unions. Fees which are

now being used to pay private banks, could instead be used to spend on communities. Could help stimulate the local economy and address equity. It might be better to move cash and assets away from Wells Fargo. There is no other good alternative. Pension funds could go toward public infrastructure and assets. One of the requirements is deposits must be FDIC insured. The National Education Association endorsed a public banking initiative for Los Angeles.

Councilwoman Alexander moved to file Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 19-1235; Councilman Anderson seconded the motion.

The motion carried with 9 yes (Alexander, Allen, Frank Anderson, Bulanova, Casares, Crommett, King, Nutile, and Rodriguez), 2 abstentions (Caravella and Villacarrillo) and 1 no (Cooper).

14. Finance Committee Report – items need a first and second

- a. Motion to transfer an amount not to exceed \$8,000 from Outreach Budget to Neighborhood Purpose Grant and Community Improvement Project budget. Councilmember Alexander moved to approve, Cooper seconded the motion.

The motion carried with 10 yes (Alexander, Allen, Frank Anderson, Bulanova, Casares, Cooper, King, Nutile, Villacarillo and Rodriguez), 1 abstentions (Caravella) and 0 no.

- b. Motion to approve March 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) Councilmember Alexander moved to approve the MER; Bulanova seconded the motion.

The motion carried with 10 yes (Alexander, Allen, Frank Anderson, Bulanova, Casares, Cooper, King, Nutile, Villacarillo and Rodriguez), 1 abstentions (Caravella) and 0 no.

- c. Motion to approve an amount of up to \$300 for board member training materials. Councilmember Alexander moved to approve the MER; Bulanova seconded the motion.

The motion carried with 10 yes (Alexander, Allen, Frank Anderson, Bulanova, Casares, Cooper, King, Nutile, Villacarillo and Rodriguez), 1 abstentions (Caravella) and 0 no.

15. Reports from Board Liaisons

- a. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
President had the item below on a Youth Council for board consideration.
- b. Port Presidents' Meeting (Neighborhood Councils and Chambers of Commerce)
Port developments are making big changes to traffic and rail infrastructure. We will have an opportunity to give comments in the future. We might be able to go to Port Presidents meetings to talk with Mike Galvin to discuss sites that might be useful to house people.
- c. Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC)
Anderson mentioned the Harbor Area Community Plan and that LADWP grants available. There was a vaccine site at the Battleship Iowa. There will be a Budget Tribune town hall on May 22. Advocates are speaking to DONE about funding and the City budget.

16. Port Relations Committee Report – Frank Anderson, Chair

- a. Brief mention on the HACLA Letter.
- b. The council discussed Executive Gene Seroka's Port Letter on Lots E and F.
- c. Update Virtual Port Town Hall, to be held virtually on May 22nd
Anderson is willing to help acclimate new board members. Gene Seroka and Mike Galvin have indicated that there are opportunities for dialogue. Discussed other sites that are contaminated.

17. Public Safety & Transportation Committee Report – Frank Anderson and Stevan Casares,

- a. Update on Crime Trends

Steve Casares reported that he has a crime statistics database going back 7 years. He gave an update on March numbers. Statistics are hard to distinguish between other council areas. In Central, 102 crimes in March out of a total 176. Usually most of the crime happens on Gaffey, Pacific, 7th in Downtown. The top crime is Grand Theft Auto. These are crimes of opportunity. You are welcome to check out the San Pedro facebook page where this data is located.

b. Update on Police Budget Reform

Discussion on trying to install security cameras.

Talk about priorities in order to increase public safety intelligently.

18. Parks and Schools Committee Report – Frank Anderson, Chair

a. Update on QUIMBY funds at Anderson Senior Center \$300,000 to help with lighting.

b. Motion to approve a letter to LAUSD Board Member, Tanya Ortiz Franklin (District 7), on a potential charter school at 9th and Pacific. KIPP charter school.

Councilmembers expressed concern over charter schools. Some felt that they cherry pick students from LAUSD schools, which can leave the public schools lopsided in terms of service. There was also a concern that there is a confusion on the charter school's methodology when considering open applications as open enrollment. Councilmembers felt that the Los Angeles Unified School District is able to provide different quality education experiences to students. Some charter schools have been known to open and close rapidly, which may affect students' education quality.

The motion was out of committee and passed with 9 yes (Allen, Frank Anderson, Bulanova, Casares, Cooper, King, Nutile, Villacarillo and Rodriguez), 2 abstentions (Alexander and Caravella), 0 no.

c. Councilman Allen expressed that there has been a longstanding desire (since Art Almeda was on the council) to improve the proposed area with native plants. Allen Franz and Peter Rothe expressed support for the idea and the non profit Feed and Be Fed might be able to help with this project through an CIP or NPG. Greening the area with natives will save water, mitigate fire threats and support local ecology.

Approve concept and refer the funding policy to the parks committee.

d. Community Impact Statement (Against Unless Amended) on Council File #21-0182; this council file proposes a Youth Council under the jurisdiction of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Alexander moved to file the CIS in support; Bulanova seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 yes (Alexander, Bulanova, Casares, Cooper, King, Nutile, Villacarillo and Rodriguez), 2 abstentions (Alexander and Caravella) and 1 no (Allen).

19. Election Committee Update

Julien Antelin discussed the Department of Neighborhood's legal interpretation for seating the new board members in May. The council talked about alternative interpretations for seating the new board after a full two year term, and opportunities for changing bylaws.

20. Outreach & Communications Committee Report

a. Update on Current Newsletter

Linda Alexander said she welcomes contributors/ideas to the newsletter.

21. Land Use and Planning Committee Report – Javier Gonzalez-Camarillo, Chair

a. Update on the April 20th hearing regarding the 1309 S Pacific Avenue Project. The hearing got postponed to June 1st. The time is to be determined.

b. Briefing on the Road Map Home 2030 Initiative to End Homelessness

This past month, I heard of this initiative to create a plan. Community oriented policies that holistically address the housing crisis. 1.2 million new affordable homes. Protect low income renters. Has good potential solutions. Statewide.

22. Adjournment

Councilwoman Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Casares seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.