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**Stakeholder & Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday August 16, 2022**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**6:37 PM –9:00 PM Meeting**  
**(DRAFT)**

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Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Linda Alexander	Present	Yes	At-Large
James Preston Allen	Present	Yes	At-Large
Eugenia Bulanova	Absent	Yes	Treasurer
Lou Caravella	Resigned	Yes	President
Dillon Clark	Present	Yes	At-Large
Matthew Garland	Absent	No	At-Large
Stacey Golden	Present	Yes	At-Large
Gina Lumbruno	Present	Yes	At-Large
Ziggy Mrkich	Present	Yes	At-Large
Matthew Quiocho	Present	Yes	Vice President
Emma Rault	Absent	Yes	At-Large
Karina Rettig	Present	Yes	At-Large
Vicky Rodriguez	Resigned	Yes	At-Large
Anya Sipivy	Absent	Yes	At-Large
Barbara St. John	Present	Yes	O&C Officer
David Winthrop Hanson	Absent	Yes	At-Large
LaMar Lyons	Absent	No	At-Large
<b>TOTAL: 17</b>	<b>Present 09 Absent 06</b>		

- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM by Vice President Quiocho. Roll was taken by minute taker Grant. Quorum was met with nine Boardmembers present.

CeSPNC Roll Call	
<b>Present- 09</b>	<b>Absent- 06</b>
<b>Alexander, Allen, Clark, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig, St. John</b>	<b>Bulanova, Garland, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

- Opening Remarks, Recognition of Dignitaries-Mr. Quiocho welcomed the Board and the community. He attended the townhall about the shooting at Peck Park and the Grievance Panel

on Thursday. The grievance was upheld and we need to change our By-laws to make them clearer. Saturday, we received the resignation of Lou Caravella and will be advertising the open seat for President shortly.

3. Chairperson’s Report- no additional comments

**Mr. Garland joined the meeting at 6:40PM.**

4. Approval of July 2022 meeting minutes

**Mr. Allen made a point of order to request that the resignation letter of the President be added to the minutes. Mr. Quiocho asked Mr. Allen if that was a motion and Mr. Allen stated that he wanted it as part of the official record. Mr. Quiocho did not include in the motion packet because there was no motion. Mr. Allen then started a discussion. Mr. Quiocho stopped the discussion to ask if someone would move the motion to add the letter to the minutes. Mr. Allen moved. Mr. Allen clarified that the resignation letter would be included in the August meeting minutes. An amendment was made to include that a resignation letter was received from Vicky Rodriguez and that it should be included in the minutes. Moved by Ms. Lumbruno and Seconded by Ms. Rettig**

**Ms. Alexander asked for some corrections to the minutes. Page 1, item3 wanted the language changed about Ms. St. John will present outreach and the election coming up in early next year. Item 5, no second voice vote. It needs punctuation. It should have had a second. Page 4, the name of the street should be Grand and not Grant.**

**Public comment:** Bob Gelfand, Doug Epperhart

**Motion:**

<b>CeSPNC Item 4a. Motion to approve amendments to the minutes Moved: Lumbruno Second: Rettig</b>					
<b>Yes -08</b>	<b>No-01</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-05</b>
<b>Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Rettig, St. John</b>	<b>Alexander</b>	<b>Quiocho</b>	None	None	<b>Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson</b>
<b>CeSPNC Item 4b. Motion to approve the July 2022 Minutes as amended Moved: Allen Second: Rettig</b>					
<b>Yes -10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-05</b>
<b>Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig, St. John</b>	None	None	None	None	<b>Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

4. Public comment on Non-Agenda Items
  - a. Bob Gelfand
  - b. Doug Epperhart
  - c. Bill Roberson

5. Board member comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. James Allen
- b. Linda Alexander
- c. Dillion Clark
- d. Regina Lumbruno
- e. James Allen

6. Reports from Public Officials

- a. DONE, Gibson Nyambura- with the resignation this last weekend, Mr. Quiocho now has access to the Zoom account. There will be a letter from DONE on the grievance. The Congress of Neighborhoods is on September 24<sup>th</sup> over Zoom so save the date. Registration starts August 27<sup>th</sup> and there will be trainings on the digital policy. The anti-bias training will be available in Cornerstone by the end of the year. BONC has new leadership. See the monthly profile for more information.
- b. Sean Kerns Representative Barragan's Office. Two important bills were signed by the president into law. The Inflation Reduction Act and CHIPS and Science Act. The Inflation Act will reduce medical costs and improve the environment. The CHIPS Act supports making chips in America. Funding will be coming into the community. The Senior Health fair and Briefing will be held July 23<sup>th</sup> in Carson. Contact the office for more information. Questions were asked by Golden (Art Contests for elementary students), Ms. Alexander (Medicare timeline)
- c. Mayor's Office, Jocelyn Dominguez- Sent her updates before the meeting. Contract Ready LA Event at the Proud Bird on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-12:00PM to empower new and existing small businesses. [www.eventbrite.com/e/contract-ready-la-tickets-3960614557](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/contract-ready-la-tickets-3960614557) Oil and Gas Ordinance CF 17-0447 which amends the LAMC to prohibit all new oil and gas drilling activities and make any existing extraction a nonconforming use in all zones of the city. [www.planning.lacity.org/oil-and-gas-drilling-ordinance](http://www.planning.lacity.org/oil-and-gas-drilling-ordinance) Hearing will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM-8:30PM on Zoom ID; 82422551971 Passcode: 186100 Metro back to School, student can ride free. [www.metro.net/riding/fares/](http://www.metro.net/riding/fares/) Applications for Metro's 2023 Youth Council will Open in September, program is to develop the capacity of young people to engage with and participate in Metro's plan.

7. Public Safety Reports

- a. LAPD SLO Frank Lopez- Crime stats robberies down 11%, aggravated assaults down 6.9%, burglaries up 280% mainly commercial burglaries. They had a great arrest last month. The suspect pled out and got six months in county jail. Detectives are working the burglaries with video from cameras, but the footage is not great. GTAs are up 48% and the most stolen vehicles are Kias and Hyundais, and Ford and Chevy trucks. There is a YouTube video on how to steal Kias and Hyundais so the LAPD is asking people to buy an anti-theft device. BTFMV is even with 15 in June and 15 in July. Theft overall is down 30%. Aggravated assaults are happening from people they know and we have been offering the Dispute Resolution from the City Attorney's Office. If you are having an issue with a neighbor, give us a call so that we can refer to the program. SLO Lopez was able to talk to the owner of PDM a few weeks ago and they do have an upgrade security system

and have security stop by four times a day. Calls at the location are down as so as arrests. Tenants cannot have guests. Many of the problems have been addressed by the owner. The backpack giveaway that SLO Lopez announced last month had been moved to Peck Park and he thanked everyone for their support. 300 backpacks that were left over were donated to six local organizations. Port PD had a great arrest on a stolen vehicle. Three guns were confiscated in July. They also arrested a shooting suspect. Questions were asked by Golden (motel by her apartment), Rettig (car clubs blocking streets), Quiocho (Peck Park shooting) SLO Lopez asked for leads for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street homicide.

- b. Port Police Officer Creech-Conquer the Bridge closure September 5<sup>th</sup> on the Vince Thomas Bridge from 5:00AM-11:00AM. Port Police is working with LAPD on GTAs and other agencies on homelessness in the port. We are making more contact and resources for the homeless. This month commercial enforcement issued 75 tickets for violations for oversize trucks going into residential areas. The cruise terminal has had over 65, 000 passengers and Berth 46 parking will be closed off to passengers only.

## 9. Outreach and Communication

- a. Chairperson's Report Ms. St. John is creating a proposal for an alley beautification program for the next meeting. She contacted Archie at Beacon House to have beautification at the building at Mesa and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. That will have to be postponed because of a \$50,000 plumbing issue. They do want to help with the alley issue. Questions: Lumbruno (History of building) It is owned by Beacon for meetings by Veterans. Ms. St. John had no information on the history. NC election worksheet was turned in. The newsletter will include the elections and need Boardmembers to write articles for the newsletter.
- b. Discuss Alley Cleanup Project

## 10. Finance Committee Report

- a. Approve July MER- July MER was not prepared for this month.

## 11. Port Committee

- a. Chairman's Report- Mr. Allen stated that the committee was dark this month. Mr. Allen ran into Harbor Commissioner Middleton and she complemented the NC and wants the CeSPNC to continue to have motions and file CISs with the Commission and wants to hear what the community wants. We are being heard. There was an article on the San Pedro Fish market about relocation and the committee will be following.
- b. Vice Chairman's Report- Frank Anderson Front Street Beautification. This council wanted shipping funds used and the project has taken 12 years. Most of the problems are jurisdictional with Long Beach. The project has also had five project managers. The project has had problems with pipe and rail removal and the on and off ramps. There are three components to this project and Mr. Anderson hopes to have the project team at a CeSPNC meeting. \$3 million dollars has been spent so far.
- c. Report on Vopak NOP/IS EIRs are due this month. Mr. Anderson is not familiar with the projects. Mr. Quiocho shared a notice on the project and the issue be moved to the port committee. There was no objection and was moved,

## 12. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee- There was no meeting.

- a. Motion clarifying Standing Rules to state Committee Chairs may be removed as

Committee Chairs by majority vote of the board. Mr. Quiocho shared section 3 on the screen. Mr. Quiocho made the motion to have the following language added to section 3: Committee chairs can be removed for cause by majority vote of the full board.  
 Comments: Allen (Cures the Grievance), Alexander (For Cause be removed)

**Public comment:** none

**Motion:** Passed No voice vote was taken.

<b>CeSPNC Item 12a. Motion to amend to for cause. Moved: Alexander Second: St. John</b>					
<b>Yes -10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-05</b>
Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig, St. John	None	None	None	None	Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson

**Public comment:** none

**Motion:** Passed No voice vote was taken.

<b>CeSPNC Item 12a. Motion to amend by either a majority of said committee or by a majority (which has ultimate authority). Moved: Garland Second: Alexander</b>					
<b>Yes -10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-05</b>
Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig, St. John	None	None	None	None	Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson

**Mr. Allen left the meeting at 8:08PM.**

**Public comment:** none

**Motion:** Passed No voice vote was taken.

<b>CeSPNC Item 12a. Motion to send to By-laws Committee. Moved: Alexander Second: Clark</b>					
<b>Yes -08</b>	No-00	<b>Abstain-01</b>	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-06</b>
Alexander, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Rettig, St. John	None	<b>Quiocho</b>	None	None	Allen, Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson

13. Land use and Planning

- a. Committee Report Javier Gonzalez-Camarillo- Has a few letters and CISs for consideration by the Board.
- b. CIS Regarding Walker’s Cafe, San Pedro CIS for Walker’s Café and the status. Has new ownership. The Cultural Heritage Committee has voted for it, but the PLUM Committee has not taken up the issue. So, there is an urgency on the issue. The CIS was shown on the screen. Ms. Alexander had stated that the issue was moved to City Council. The Committee has asked B&S to inspect the site as there are no permits and the repair could be irreversible.

**Ms. St. John left the meeting at 8:20PM.**

**Public comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

<b>CeSPNC Item 13b. Motion to approve Walker's Café CIS Moved: Out of Committee</b>					
<b>Yes -08</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Recused-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-07</b>
<b>Alexander, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho Rettig,</b>	None	None	None	None	<b>Allen, Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, St. John, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

**Mr. Allen rejoined the meeting at 8:28PM.**

- c. Letter Requesting Written Statement from CD 15 Regarding Billboard Removal at Terminus of 110 Freeway. Letter was shown on the screen. Comments: Lumbruno

**Public comment:** Bob Gelfand, Bill Roberson

**Motion:** Passed

<b>CeSPNC Item 13c. Motion to send letter to CD 15. Moved: Out of Committee</b>					
<b>Yes -09</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Recused-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-06</b>
<b>Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig</b>	None	None	None	None	<b>Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, St. John, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

- d. Motion Regarding Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Digital Signs Motion was shown on the screen.

**Public comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

<b>CeSPNC Item 13d. Motion to send CIS to oppose Moved: Out of Committee</b>					
<b>Yes -09</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Recused-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-06</b>
<b>Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig</b>	None	None	None	None	<b>Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, St. John, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

**Ms. St. John rejoined the meeting at 8:32PM.**

- e. Letter Regarding Increase in EV Charging Stations. Letter was shown on screen. Comment: Golden, Quiocho

**Public comment:** None  
**Motion:** Passed

<b>CeSPNC Item 13e. Motion to send letter to LADWP Moved: Out of Committee</b>					
<b>Yes -10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-05</b>
<b>Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig, St. John</b>	None	None	None	None	<b>Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

14. Parks and Schools Committee

- a. Committee Report- no meeting, no report
- b. Discussion of ways to mitigate safety hazards at and around Anderson Park - broken tree branches Bill Roberson stated that work needs to be done. Ms. Lumbruno had brought this item to the agenda setting committee. There is also a tree hanging off the wires on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Allen made a motion to have the trees trimmed. Motion to contact City General Services and CD 15 Council Office regarding immediate tree trimming and abatement of safety hazards at and around Anderson Park.

**Public comment:** None  
**Motion:** Passed

<b>CeSPNC Item 14b. Motion to send letter. Moved: Allen Seconded: St. John No voice vote taken.</b>					
<b>Yes -10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-05</b>
<b>Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig, St. John</b>	None	None	None	None	<b>Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

15. Motion to begin reconstitution of an Election Committee Comments: Ms. Alexander stated that all Boardmembers can participated as the City Clerk is running the elections. Motion to have Ms. St. John and Mr. Clark as co-chairs of the election committee.

**Public comment:** None  
**Motion:** Passed

<b>CeSPNC Item 15. Motion to reconstitute an election committee with St. John and Clark as co-chairs Moved: Quiocho Second: Alexander No voice vote taken</b>					
<b>Yes -10</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Recused-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-05</b>
<b>Alexander, Allen, Clark, Garland, Golden, Lumbruno, Mrkich, Quiocho, Rettig, St. John</b>	None	None	None	None	<b>Bulanova, Lyons, Rault, Sipivy, Winthrop-Hanson</b>

16. Homelessness Committee

- a. Committee Report- no meeting Mr. Allen stated that we had to pass the standing rule change because we have a nonperforming committee. We need to have a meeting and

have a new chair and committee. Golden asked a question.

a. Public comment: Bill Roberson, Kristina

17. Adjournment meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.



August 13, 2022

Dear Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council,

I am proud of my five years of service to my City and to the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council as a Board member, Secretary, Vice President, and President. And I am especially proud not to have compromised my principles in violation of State law, City law, and the Council's Bylaws and Standing Rules. I am proud to have led the Council through Pre-Exhaustive Efforts, the departure of two Board Presidents, the transition to virtual meetings, and a global pandemic.

I am encouraged that on Thursday, the City's Regional Grievance Panel unanimously sustained my grievance against the Council and proposed much-needed remedies to revise the Bylaws and Standing Rules. However, it is clear that the Council continues to abuse its own regulations as well as State laws and ethics guidance from both the State via ethics training and the City via the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

I did not join a Neighborhood Council to undermine it or to compromise my own principles by helping others undermine ethics and law. Members of this Board have retaliated against me for trying to uphold Bylaws & Standing Rules and for refusing to violate the law at their request. Since these illicit patterns show no sign of significantly abating, and since it is clear that I cannot serve as the Board wishes without violating laws and other regulations, I cannot in good conscience and will not continue to serve as its president.

Similarly, it has become clear that I, along with our stakeholders and Harbor-area neighbors, do not share the values and priorities of my fellow Board members. Many of my Board colleagues readily acknowledge sources of belligerence and misogyny on the Council, for example, yet they consistently vote to endorse, encourage, and reward hostility and misogyny. Suppression of stakeholder input, retaliation against stakeholder voices, victim blaming, and ad hominem retaliation against those with differing opinions has become the norm. As such, stakeholders are disengaged and unrepresented.

Further, the Board has chosen to allow, without consequence, its members to commit financial misappropriation of public funds; to attempt to hide fraud from the City Attorney's Office; to file fraudulent government documentation; to accept money from other government officials without recusal; to abuse and threaten colleagues and stakeholders, verbally and in writing; to ignore pertinent and correct guidance from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment; to violate the Ralph M. Brown Act; and to exploit official government meetings by agendizing ad hominem vendettas, instead of service and advocacy items.

When a Neighborhood Council stops performing its primary functions of service to the neighborhood and advocacy to the City, it is not just useless and irrelevant but a drain on public resources. The Board's twisted priorities highlight the disconnect between Board member values, such as they are, and stakeholder values. Central's stakeholders are almost entirely disengaged from the Neighborhood Council; the past two elections weren't even contested; and the Council struggles to maintain committees and even to assemble a full Board, never having met with one this term.

I choose friendly cooperation over hate and service over irrelevance. For these reasons, I resign as President and resign from the Board of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis P. Caravella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Louis P. Caravella  
Private Citizen and Stakeholder  
Los Angeles, California