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What a great event, with neighbors, helping neighbors.



"Before and after" the One Alley at a Time crew did worked its magic.

'One Alley at a Time'

By Barbara St John

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee, has been reaching out to all of our community—**One Alley at a Time!** It is our plan to traverse through all of Central San Pedro neighborhoods trying to involve everybody in our community to take back our alleys!

This is where we live. It's where our children and grandchildren would like to be out playing! It is up to each and every one of us to do our best to make this a place to be proud of! A place that our children can be out on the streets playing, enjoying nature, and feeling safe while doing that!

We have had two events so far. Our efforts have been tremendously supported! I would love to give a special thanks to Mayor Karen Bass's office and her amazing representative, Jocelyn Dominguez! We also want to thank the department of sanitation and beautification and 311! Also, thank you too Councilmember Tim McOskers office and Amanda Enriquez, his hardworking liaison!

We have also been so fortunate to get help from the Beacon House members and volunteers from both of the Boys and Girls Clubs! We are a force with the support of the absolutely amazing

CPR group (caring proactive residents) and our outreach committee members! We don't want to forget our fantabulous community members and neighbors who join in and help! This has been such a positive, hopeful experience, that I truly want to continue every month with neighbors helping neighbors!

Our first event was based at Anderson Park and we cleaned alleys between Ninth and 12th streets, between Mesa and Centre. The Bureau of Sanitation came in and re-surfaced the alley on 11th Street after our cleanup. They also did a sweep through before we even did our cleanup.

Our next event was April 29 and we were based at 15th Street Elementary School and covered alleys from 15th Street north to 12th between Mesa and Centre, once again getting potholes taken care of by the Bureau of Sanitation.

I also would like to thank the principal at 15th Street Elementary School for his support. Thank you, Mr. Osario, and all the parent student support from 15th Street Elementary School! With the support of all our community, we can truly make a difference. Come join us if you can or just come out and say "hi" if you see us. It truly is all about community.

Central San Pedro Awards Neighborhood Purpose Grants

Neighborhood purpose grants offer neighborhood councils a greater opportunity by supporting and building partnerships with local organizations whose missions are also to benefit the community. Eligible organizations include 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools.

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is pleased to announce that grants have been awarded to:

- 15th Street Elementary School—\$1,300 to revitalize four barren raised butterfly garden beds;
- Angel Gowns of South Bay—\$500 in support of programs including gowns for baby burials, classes in CPR and Safe Sleeping;
- Feed and Be Fed—\$700 to promote and stage a "Waste Less" Fair in their garden on Sixth Street;
- Freedom4U—\$1,000 to support their life skills program at Barton Hill Elementary;
- Grand Vision Foundation—\$1,200 for Meet the Music program, fourth and fifth graders learning recorder and percussion instruments;
- Harbor Interfaith Services—\$1,500 for food and hygiene supplies for the pantry serving those with food insecurity;
- International Bird Rescue—\$500 for food and nutrition expenses for recovering patients (birds) at the center;
- Marine Mammal Care—\$1,000 for operating expenses;
- San Pedro Waterfront Arts District—\$1,000 for the painting of utility boxes to be painted by San Pedro High School students; and
- San Pedro Community Network—\$1,000 for STEAM Mobile rental and materials for a resource fair.

All these organizations bring benefits to our community. We encourage you to become aware of and supporters of them.



15th St. Elementary School's butterfly sustainability project received \$1,300 from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.



Freedom4U and San Pedro Community Network received grants from the council to support programs benefiting local youth.



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Governing board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. For information on this meeting and CeSPNC committee meetings, check our website at www.centralsanpedronc.org

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— Message from the President —

San Pedro Family,

Spring is often seen as a time of change and renewal. Nowhere is this more true than with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Starting March 30, 2023 the CeSPNC will once again have all of its committee and board meetings meet in person.

After more than three years of having meetings virtually, it will be wonderful to meet board colleagues and community stakeholders in person. The CeSPNC will have its first in-person board meeting on April 18, at the Anderson Senior Center. A new board will be sworn-in

at the June board meeting.

I sadly will be giving up my president's gavel and seat on the board in order to pursue some new life adventures. I won't be going too far. During my four years on the board I have met some truly amazing people and learned more about local politics than I ever thought possible. It has truly been an honor to serve the community of San Pedro. The CeSPNC exists to be a voice of the community. Show up, make your voice heard, be the change you want to see!

—Matthew Quioco

**Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Who Are We? What Do We Do?**

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council consists of 17 members of our community either as homeowners/renters or business owners. These are hardworking members of our community who meet to discuss motions, propose budgets, finalize community impact statements (CIS), create resolutions, and generally work together trying to keep our community of Central San Pedro as a place where neighbors reach out to help one another.

We work very hard at this VOLUNTEER job. There is a very important reason for this and the reason is because WE are YOU! This is our home and we care. Please come and join us either as a councilmember or you can be a member of one of our many amazing committees!

Linda Alexander

I have had the honor and privilege of being involved with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council for over 15 years. First as treasurer, then president for four years and currently, chair of the Finance Committee and member of the Outreach Committee. I love San Pedro and the variety of interests and opportunities offered within this community. Grassroots organizations such as neighborhood councils are very important. We gather concerns and suggestions from our constituents and move to support and take action to better our community. We are in a time of change and growth. My experience and knowledge have been useful to this council and I would like to continue as we enthusiastically welcome new young residents to the board.

**James Preston Allen**

Community empowerment is necessary if not essential in these times.

**Eugenia Bulanova**

I've served on the board since 2020. It is substantial to me to be a part of the community's voice and to be able to communicate our needs and desires to our government officials and city entities. That is why being a part of my community is an important part of my life. San Pedro is an important district of Los Angeles as it houses the Port of Los Angeles, the largest port in the US. The LA Waterfront, being a part of Central San Pedro, is a visitor-serving destination in the city of Los Angeles and it is the first place visitors coming from all over the world see. Almost 2000 ships go through the port each year, it is important for us to make sure that our neighborhood can diligently represent our city and the country. Together we should help our community grow and thrive. There are many desperately needed beautification and development projects in progress these days but there is still a lot of work to be done. Let's help our city hear us and bring the change for the better.



The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council meets together once a month on the third Tuesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. These meetings are returning to in person after three years conducting business via Zoom. We will have our in-person meeting at Anderson Park Senior Center (828 South Mesa Street) in the auditorium.

There was also a recent affirmation of new and returning council members. The new board term begins on July 1.

We are so appreciative of those who are new to our council. We are also thankful to those who will be returning for another two-year term. Thank you for all your community work!

Following are our new and returning Central San Pedro board members.

Dillon Clark

Dillon is a Risk and Financial Advisory manager and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) in the state, local, and higher education practice in one of the world's largest professional service firms. He is responsible for advising cities, states, their respective agencies, institutions of higher education, academic medical centers, and hospital and healthcare systems in financial management and strategy, compliance, and research compliance management and strategy. As a former juvenile correctional officer, special education teacher and school administrator. Dillon is passionate about our schools and our city services for the youth in San Pedro. Dillon has worked with a variety of local nonprofits organizations, and city officials to build our canopy by planting adult trees in central San Pedro, and clean our streets from debris and abandoned vehicles. Dillon has lived in Central San Pedro for almost four years with his wife, two-year-old daughter, and two dogs. He is actively restoring his 113-year-old craftsman and loves walking the neighborhood, eating downtown, and being transported through the historic architecture.

**Marc Collazo**

My name is Marc Collazo, and I am a long-time San Pedro resident. I moved here after retiring from the United States Air Force. I proudly represent our community and San Pedro as an active neighborhood council member. Currently, I work in the wireless community. Marc also volunteers as an Inmate Visitation Coordinator and mentor at FCI Terminal Island. Marc was recently awarded a doctorate in criminal justice and seeks any opportunity to share his learnings in adult learning and diversity programs.

**Jason Woolley**

I want to continue to be a council board member so I can help be a part of making this city better for all of us. Whether working on alley beautification, outreach, or planning and land use, I believe my effort and passion for making San Pedro safer and more easily livable can make an impact on its citizens. I want my children to grow up being proud of where they're from, like so many I've met.



James Dusenberry

As a father of two young boys, I'm running to serve on my Neighborhood Council because I want to take an active role in making sure our community is one where they can grow up with safe streets and clean air, with great cultural amenities that reflect the diversity of our city, with ample green spaces and easy alternative ways to get around town, and with pride in knowing they live in a town where people take care of each other and where everyone is welcome. My wife and I moved here five years ago, this is where we purchased our first home, & where we are raising our family. Previously we lived in Palms, where I served on their Neighborhood Council as an Area Rep., Green Committee Chair, and Transportation Committee member. In my time there I helped create community cleanup days, neighborhood block parties, & brought in metro bike share stations, among other accomplishments. I plan to bring that same initiative, drive, and creativity to my role on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council.



Mark Hagler

My name is Mark Hagler and I have been a resident of Central San Pedro since 2020. I was born and raised in the Central Valley near Fresno, went to college in San Diego, and attended Law School in the Bay Area. I have experienced living in many places in California but settled in my wife's hometown of San Pedro after the birth of my son. I instantly fell in love with the small town feel and the generosity and friendliness of the residents. I quickly made myself at home in Downtown San Pedro and found a welcoming and lively community. I am a strong supporter of the unique feel of San Pedro and the small businesses and culture that make it a possibility. As my young family and I grow our roots in our new home, I feel compelled to contribute to the feelings that made me feel so welcomed. I want to be able to do my part in maintaining the unique culture of San Pedro while expanding opportunities for all those who live here.



Barbara St. John

Hi, I am Barbara (Bender) St. John. I have lived in the South Bay area all my life. Born at Hawthorne Hospital, which doesn't even exist anymore! I am a retired para educator/surf coach, since retirement, I have joyfully helped in the caretaking of my five grandchildren seven and under. My husband and I moved to San Pedro about six years ago from Torrance because we really loved this area; it reminded us of the family atmosphere, we remember from our childhood. I believe that we have the same community here in San Pedro. I have done volunteer work all my life with PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, any and all sports team our kids got involved in. Of course, after retirement this carried over into our move to San Pedro where I have already volunteered with City Council and have been helping with the tallship program at LAMI. I am also the outreach chair person currently for the neighborhood council I believe community is very important; everyone should try to help in anyway they can!



Matthew Garland

Stacey Golden

I am running to serve for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council because as a local public school teacher and leaseholder living in Downtown San Pedro, I care about clean streets, thriving small businesses, healthy pet friendly recreational areas and for advocacy for environmental best practices used at the Port of Los Angeles. I am seeking a second term and looking forward to serving my community beyond Zoom, as in-person meetings will resume in 2023.



David Winthrop Hanson

As a current board member, resident and business owner on 7th I would like to continue to work with my colleagues. I believe we made some great progress the past two years. I look forward to continuing to represent my neighborhood and to help create an even greater place to live.



LaMar Lyons

I have a five-decade history with San Pedro and am running to serve and contribute to the growth of the San Pedro Central Neighborhood Council.

I graduated from UCLA, majoring in Philosophy and Math, and hold a Law degree from Howard University with a specialty in Legislative Law.

I have worked in the private and public sector and understand infrastructure, land use, affordable housing, transportation, and work force availability. In the public sector, I was Chief of Staff to a California Assemblymember and lead staff person orchestrating the passing of the Martin Luther King Day legislation, worked for a U.S. Senator, a Los Angeles City Councilman and the Los Angeles City Chief Legislative Office.

I have significant experience in the private sector, specifically municipal investment and private venture capital. I was a banker at L.F. Rothschild, Morgan Stanley and Rideau participating in transactions exceeding \$32 billion. I was co-owner of a boutique investment firm and underwrote and sold municipal bonds for affordable housing, education, infrastructure and transportation projects exceeding \$18 billion. He is a Founding Partner and Managing Director of a private venture capital firm, with the mission to create employment and provide wealth enhancement for economically impacted inner-city neighborhoods.



Gina Lumbruno



Ziggy Mrkich



Katrina K. Rettig

As a San Pedro native it has been an honor to serve on this Board in the past and I hope to continue serving our great community.



Planning and Land Use Committee Report on Recent Development

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committee reviews and provides advice on new developments and land use matters in our neighborhood.

Our goal is to encourage pedestrian-friendly, creative architecture compatible with existing uses which is responsive to our local environment and history.

The committee meets monthly to review proposed developments in our neighborhood, as well as participating in a monthly joint meeting with members of the Northwest and Coastal planning and land use committees, to talk about citywide issues.

In recent years, San Pedro has seen an increase in development, and while some projects were delayed or sold to new developers during the pandemic, we are seeing a return to full activity, and many are now under construction.

In the downtown area, the Courthouse property between Fifth and Sixth along Centre Street will bring 300 leasable units along with commercial spaces and new street amenities. It is set to start construction later this year. A proposed hotel at the corner of Sixth and Pacific is moving along with entitlements and will hopefully begin construction soon.

The waterfront is also seeing its share of new developments. Projects such as the one at 511 South Harbor (currently under construction), will bring an eight-story 137-unit mixed-use project with new street-level amenities and pedestrian activities.

Another major development is the West Harbor project replacing the old Ports of Call property, which will create a better connection to the water, and provide more open space, entertainment, and restaurants to the neighborhood and the region.

Harbor View House at 907-945 Beacon Street is being restored and adapted as a multi-use project with 100 residential units. There is also 8% set aside for extremely low income households.

Other committee efforts also focus on improving existing resources, such as the Pacific Avenue Beautification Plan, which looks to improve the areas along Pacific Avenue in the downtown area and beyond.

And we are also contributing with Port of L.A. authorities in developing a much-needed connectivity plan for the Harbor in order to provide an efficient way for locals and visitors to visit the area, find parking, and move along the waterfront without the use of a car.



Members of the community getting ready for a walk-through of Pacific Avenue concerning the Pacific Beautification project.

Summer fun Ideas

Places to go and things to do in San Pedro!

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M White Drive, www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org

The Garden Church, 429 West Sixth Street, Feed and be Fed program—open garden activities, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday and Friday; little sprouts—Fridays at 10:30 a.m., www.gardenchurch.org

Anderson Senior Center, a variety of classes, Monday

to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 213-485-7512, rap.seniorscitizen@lacity.org

San Pedro Library, 931 South Gaffey Street, open every day, 310-548-7779, offering a free summer reading/activity program for children. Check it out!

Mary Star of the Sea, 75th year Diamond Jubilee Fiesta, 870 West Seventh Street, July 21-23, 310-833-3541, ext. 20, www.Marystarofthesea.org

Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo Del Mar, Shakespeare, by the Sea, timeless—ticketless—admission free—always

magical, to volunteer, email pad@shakespearebythesea.org

Summer First Thursdays July 6, August 3, September 7, more info @sanpedrowaterfrontartsdistrict.com

Hey Rookie Pool, 3351 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, 310-521-9017, more at laparks.org

Beaches—Cabrillo, White Point, Royal Palms
Looking for more events? Check out @sanpedrotoday.com. This list is brought to you by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee.

Anderson Senior Center Ribbon Cutting



Children have fun playing with drums at the recent ribbon cutting held to celebrate the new playground equipment at Anderson Senior Center.



Anderson Senior Center Director Hua Ling demonstrates some of the new exercise equipment recently installed at the park.

Neighborhood Council Committees and How to Get Involved

Committee work is the core of who we are. You do not have to be a board member to be involved with a committee. Please check below and see if there is something you would just love to help out with. Remember, we're all in this together, so let's make it happen together.

Committees usually meet once a month for one to two hours. Some meet less often. We are just returning to in-person meetings, so the locations for each individual committee will be determined by them. The locations will be posted on our website and social media accounts.

For general information on committees, check out the committee page on our website. (Please note that some information might not be current.) You can also view our bylaws and standing rules.

Outreach and Communications Committee

The Outreach and Communication Committee's purpose is to assure that every effort is made to maximize outreach, awareness and involvement in the neighborhood council. The outreach and communication officer is the chairperson of this committee and performs their duties as prescribed in the bylaws. Outreach also publishes periodic newsletters and updates social media, most frequently on Facebook: @CentralSanPedroNeighborhoodCouncil. In coordination with our webmaster, the Outreach Committee updates our webpage as well.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee: The Governing Board appoints the chairperson of this committee, whose duties include calling and presiding over Finance Committee meetings; working with the treasurer to assure deadlines are met; and, with the Finance Committee, reviewing and considering changes or modifications to the council's financial policies.

Port Committee

The Port Relations Committee: The Port Relations Committee shall monitor activities and developments related to the Port of Los Angeles, receive reports and presentations on such matters, and prepare as appropriate, reports to the Governing Board and recommended actions that support the best interests of the community in relation to the Port. The Port Chair and the President are the authorized personnel to present the Council's positions to the Board of Harbor Commissioners, (BOHC) monthly

Parks and Schools Committee

The Parks and Schools Committee deals with issues that affect our local parks and schools, particularly within Central's boundaries. The goal is to play a significant role in improving Central's few parks and to ensure that our local public schools have the resources they need to improve student success. Recent issues that the committee has dealt with include the establishment of improved

communications with all park and school stakeholder groups, to help foster the complete revamping of Anderson Park through the expenditure of \$1.5M of Quimby funds to pay for a park-generated list of priority improvement.

Public Safety and Transportation Committee

The Public Safety and Transportation Committee deals with issues that promote both improved public safety (e.g. monthly crime statistics) and transportation (e.g. traffic calming). The Committee has focused on improving public awareness of crime trends and locations in Central San Pedro through monthly communications with the Senior Lead Officer (SLO) and the local neighborhood watches.

Transportation concerns have been aimed at improvements in traffic safety such as higher profile crosswalks, more visible signage, and enhanced lighting. Recent issues that the Committee has dealt with include the proposed installation of billboards at city bus shelters, the use of additional city funding to support an unarmed model of dealing with crime responses, and the impact of "West Harbor" and downtown redevelopment on connectivity between downtown San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles.

Land Use and Planning Committee

The Land Use Planning and Public Works Committee monitors issues related to its areas of responsibility that affect the council area and its stakeholders, report such issues to the governing board, and propose appropriate responses for the governing board's consideration. The committee monitors the early notification system of the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and provides for the council's timely response as necessary.

Our colleagues at the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's planning and land use committee have a lot of information about projects throughout San Pedro, including Central's area. Central also has monthly joint planning and land use meetings with the Coastal and Northwest San Pedro neighborhood councils.

Homelessness Committee

The Homelessness Committee is tasked with reviewing local issues and concerns in relation to the city's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, which establishes up front that the city cannot achieve a reduction in homelessness unilaterally. Central to an effective system to reduce homelessness is ongoing coordination with the County of Los Angeles, existing nonprofit providers, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Agenda-Setting Committee

The agenda for monthly board and stakeholder meetings is determined at an agenda-setting meeting. The board secretary or minute-taker sends that agenda for official posting. The agenda-setting committee meeting is held at least five days prior to all monthly council meetings. Three executive officers or any five board members constitute a quorum for the agenda-setting meeting. All governing board members present at the meeting may vote to determine the agenda. Any member of the governing board or any stakeholder may submit a written request for the inclusion of an item on the agenda. It's important that our agendas are well-worded, well-organized, concise, and thorough. Learning them is a bit of a skill in itself, but after you get the hang of the conventions, it's not too difficult. Committee chairs usually draft the agendas for their committee meetings, and then forward them along to our executive administrator for official public posting in the required places.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee: Standing Rules, Bylaws, and Policies & Procedures coming out of any committee should be referred to the Bylaws Committee for conformity, conflicts and clarity prior to being adopted by the Board.

Election Committee

The Election Committee: The Election Committee shall conduct oversight of the biennial s/election process used to s/elect members to the Governing Board.

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