



**January 23, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President June Burlingame Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Roll Call: Board members in attendance were: Dean Pentcheff, June Burlingame Smith, Chuck Hawley, Robert Brandin, Claudia Kreiss, Doug Epperhart, Bruce Horton, Marcie Miller, Valentin Boadjiev, John Stinson, Chad Flynn, Ray Medak and Dave Behar. Absent: Erin Strellich, Bob Gelfand, Lydia Gutierrez and Peter Warren. A quorum was reached (13 board members). Approximately 20 stakeholders were also present.

2. **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 17, 2011, November 21, 2011 and December 19, 2011 Board and Stakeholder meetings were approved with minor corrections.

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- **Joe Buscaino:** Joe commented that this is his first meeting as the councilman elect and he looks forward to working with the neighborhood councils. He stated that he is proof that a community candidate can win an election and thanked those who voted for him. He will be a champion to assure that there is appropriate funding for neighborhood councils. He reminded everyone that neighborhood council board members are elected officials. He has met with the NC budget advocates and also plans to meet with all the NC presidents in the next few weeks. He is meeting with key staff in the city and waiting for the city clerk to certify the election. He met with the City Engineer Gary Moore on Friday to get a landslide update. He feels it is very important to communicate with the community, having an open door policy and a transparent process.
- **Liz Johnson** commented on the Warner Grand's success. They recently had 1300 LAUSC students attend the theatre to see the L.A. Opera. Liz gave an update on the Grand Vision and announced the annual benefit dinner scheduled for April 1st, at the Palos Verdes Golf Club. The theme is "A Night in Casablanca".
- **Gary Moore**, City Engineer, provided an update on the Paseo Del Mar landslide along with a slide presentation. He introduced various representatives. They have completed the Aerial survey, the subsurface exploration, published a status report in December, and published a draft preliminary report in January. They are currently reading the instruments installed in borings which also reads water levels and movement. No additional movement has been recorded. A 300-page report is available on the website: <http://eng.lacity.org/whitepoint/whitepointlandslide.htm>. There will be an additional report in May 2012. The Nike Missile site is being also going to be inspected. Mr. Moore responded to questions from board members and stakeholders which included:
- **Jerry Gaines, South Shores HOA Board of Directors**, commended the officials for what they have done regarding the landslide. He asked if the new storm drain is fully operational. Response was that it is working well.
- **Mary Anderson** has concerns as to whether watering of the areas above the slide section could be a factor. The response was that they do not yet have an answer to that question.
- **Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza**, Commissioner on the Board of Public Works, commented that at the time the landslide occurred they had \$150,000 set aside for a different project and it was

transferred to the Bureau of Engineering for funding of the landslide emergency. There have been many discussions about the future of the road. Any of the options will cost several million dollars and where those funds would come from has not been determined. No decisions have yet been made.

- **Jerry Gaines** also commented that he is on the current Redistricting Commission. The biggest challenge is the population discrepancies. They have been doing massive outreach to get input from the citizens. They have an active website: www.redrawla.org. At the press conference next Monday a pre-final draft map will be presented. They must adopt a redistricting plan by July 1 and it becomes legally effective right away. They have to finish their report by Feb. 22nd.
- **Alan Johnson**, CFO of Cabrillo Beach Boosters talked about rebuilding of the lighthouse at the end of the breakwater. They hope it will be finished by the end of February. They have been keeping a complete photo catalog of the progress. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that the Boosters are going to hold their annual July 4th event. They hope to have support from Coastal SPNC. June Smith commented that it would be nice to have a presentation of the photo catalog at the next meeting.
- **John Stinson**, commented on the Mayor's Budget Survey. It is available on line for board members and stakeholders who would like to give their input on the Budget.

4. REPORTS BY GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich reported on:

- The comment period for the BSNF Railways Proposed SCIG project has been extended to February 1st.
- The public comment period for the Draft EIS/EIR for Berths 302 and 306, APL Terminal Expansion Project ends February 17th.
- USS IOWA, Draft EIR has been prepared. The review period is from January 23rd to March 7th and they are accepting written comments. The Port is also hosting a public hearing on Feb 8th. www.portofla.org to view Draft EIR
- Draft EIR has been prepared for the Al Larson Boat Shop improvement project. Public comment and review period last until March 5th. During this time the port will accept written comments and will host a public meeting on February 15th.
- SP SLIP improvements are ongoing and should be completed by August 2012.
- Cabrillo Marina Phase II, waiting for an operator.
- Warehouses 9 and 10. Crafted at the Port of LA. 25 year lease has been approved. They want to open July 4th.
- Downtown harbor project between the fire station has started construction. It will take approximately 18 months to complete the water cut.
- Westways demo of the tank farm on main channel. Contractor has been selected. Tanks should be removed in another month or so. This area is being considered as part of the proposed research center. Draft EIR should be out in May.
- The Plaza Park Project has been broken up into phases and groundbreaking should be coming soon.
- \$750,000 being spent on poles and wire at Cabrillo Beach to stop the pollution by the bird population. The individual monitoring has improved.
- Augie responded to Marcie Miller's concerns about the \$5,000,000 being spent on furniture. This was brought to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for approval. Augie suggested Marcie watch the meetings for a complete explanation. Basically, the new furniture was needed to accommodate the new technology and to accommodate more staff.

Congresswoman's Office: Mike Aguilera, Field Representative for the Harbor Area reported:

- The Congresswoman recently fought for extension of payroll tax holiday.
- She is working on the issues of environment and bringing the troops home.

- The recently held their first Congress on the Corner at ACE hardware. They will continue to have these opportunities all over the district to allow the community to voice their concerns to the Congresswoman.
- End of year survey can be filled out at Hahn.house.gov.

Mayor's Office: Ricardo Hong reported.

- Commented on the landslide presentation and the You Tube video of the inside of the Nike site.
- Revamping of the LA Business Assistance Program because it was inefficient and slow. The mayor just announced that they have a new person available to assist business owners regarding permits, etc. She can be reached at 310-909-6529 (Nancy).
- Budget Survey is now online. The mayor's office wants community involvement. Budget.lacity.org.

5. **Question time regarding written officer and committee chair reports:** None.

6. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:**

- John Stinson reported on expenses for December. The board approved the December expenses as presented (12 yes votes; 0 no votes; 1 abstention).
- Doug Epperhart commented that this is the third reading of the bylaws amendment. This item needs to be on the agenda next month.

7. **Appointment of chair person for communications committee:** David Behar accepted a nomination for appointment as Chair of the Communications Committee. The Board then voted in favor of appointing Behar to that position. (12 yes votes; 0 no votes; 1 abstention).

8. **Creation of ad hoc Paseo del Mar Slide Committee:** Chuck Hawley gave a recap on the necessity of a Paseo del Mar Slide Committee explaining that the Coastal NC needs to focus the attention of that committee on the process and progress. It is also important to have an open dialogue with all the agencies. Richard Havenick said he would be willing to chair such a committee. Doug Epperhart moved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council create an ad hoc committee to deal with issues arising from the White Point Slide, seconded by Robert Brandin. During discussion it was commented that such a committee will be subject to Coastal SPNC's standing rules. The Committee will deal with all aspects of the slide. Under the rules the committee would need to be renewed on June 30th of this year. The motion was passed by the Board (11 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention). The appointment of a Chair and members of this committee will be placed on next month's agenda.

9. **Adoption of dates for 2012 meetings.** The following dates were presented in the agenda:

Month	Agenda meeting	Board Meeting	Notes
February	13	27	20 th is President's Day
March	12	19	
April	9	16	
May	14	21	
June	11	18	
July	9	16	
August	13	20	
September	10	24	17 th is Rosh Hashanah
October	1	15	
November	12	19	
December	10	17	

- Dean Pentcheff moved to amend the dates to change the September Board meeting back to the 17th of September. The motion to amend was seconded by Robert Brandin.
- During discussion Dean explained his reason for the motion stating that Coastal currently changes meeting dates based on city, state or national holidays. It is not in the Bylaws or Standing Rules, it has just been a custom of the Board for a number of years. Dean feels that if we respect a particular religion's holidays, we run a strong risk of offending other constituents. We are elected officials and our actions have to reflect the spirit upon which our democratic government is elected. We need to respect the ability of all religious faiths to operate without preferential treatment by the government. Therefore, we should not single out one particular religious holiday and make an exception for it in our calendar. We may say we are doing it out of courtesy but we are really doing it for religious reasons. We can't make a judgment of what faith should be considered.
- Doug spoke in opposition of the amendment. Although he understands the argument, he doesn't think changing the date is a bad thing and doesn't think people would be offended.
- Chuck Hawley feels we should be sensitive to everyone in the community. Many dates are identified on calendars. We should attempt to accommodate our stakeholders and be sensitive to their needs. He does not feel we are showing favoritism but sensitivity.
- Robert Brandin agrees we should not single out any date with religious significance. Our country is based on not favoring one religion over another.
- Dean Pentcheff emphasized that we are doing this because there are a substantial number of people affected by this holiday. However, in a democratic system we want to avoid overriding the rights of minority groups.
- Ray Medak asked if schools are closed on that date and Claudia responded that LAUSD adjusted their calendar to make this particular day a furlough day. She was very impressed with Dean's argument and in theory she support it. However, she has no problem adjusting our calendar when members make a special request. Ray Medak agrees with Dean but realizes that we need to have the public involved who may not attend if the meeting is on a religious holiday.
- Bruce Horton commented that this is not a holiday for the majority of the working people in the United States.
- Chuck Hawley felt that a quorum could be affected and this can be avoided by adjusting the dates.
- The motion to amend failed (4 yes, 8 no, 1 abstention).
- The Board approved the schedule as presented. (9 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention)

10. Public Comment on non-agenda items:

- Dean Pentcheff commented that students at UCLA will be studying Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council's work for a project.

11. Announcements:

- John Stinson announced a San Pedro Arts Association exhibit on February 12th at Port's O'Call.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council