



**March 19, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Approved Minutes
Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President June Burlingame Smith called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Roll Call: Board members in attendance were: Claudia Kreis; Robert Brandin, Dave Behar, Doug Epperhart (arrived at 7:19pm), Dean Pentcheff, June Burlingame Smith, Chuck Hawley, Bruce Horton, Marcie Miller (arrived at 6:51 at which time a quorum was reached), Ray Medak, Bob Gelfand (arrived at 6:53pm), Peter Warren (arrived at 7:49pm) and Lydia Gutierrez,(arrived at 9:01pm). Absent: Erin Strelch, John Stinson, Valentin Boadjiev and Chad Flynn. A quorum was reached of 11 board members by 7:20pm. Approximately 30 stakeholders were also present.

2. **Reading and approval of minutes:** The February 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were approved with a few minor corrections to names. (Minutes approved once a quorum was reached).

3. **Public comment on non-agenda items.**

- **Raymond Yu.** Announced the rescheduling of the Hermosa Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade with more information available at HBChamber.net
- **Jody James**, board member of San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners United and Homeowners Coalition, spoke about the hazards of the Rancho LPG Tanks on North Gaffey. She is hoping that Coastal's Port Committee can place this item on their agenda. This is a public safety issue, and at the very least, the company should be asked if they have insurance to cover the community, city and state property. (Dean Pentcheff commented that at the agenda setting meeting the motion was remanded back to the Port & Environment Committee for further work and rewriting).
- **Janet Gunter** also commented on the Rancho LPG. Governor Brown saw the LA Times article and is now investigating the issue which is helping to create the momentum needed to get the facility moved. She stated that Richard Vladovic has also written correspondence in opposition of this hazardous facility and there was a recent article in the "Random Lengths" related to this issue. Janet would like the Coastal SPNC to move forward in supporting the groups opposed to the facility.
- **Lonna Calhoun** announced an emergency preparedness workshop on March 31st called Map Your Neighborhood, 9am-11:30am, free to the public, held at Little Company of Mary on 7th Street. This is a 9 Step neighborhood block by block preparedness program. Register on line at COPE-Preparedness.org. Bob Gelfand would like to agendize a public hearing to ask questions of officials related to disaster preparedness and evacuation plans.
- **Steve Sikes** spoke about the possible endorsement of a new project. He is looking for support from the Coastal SPNC for a Radio Control Model Car Racetrack which is currently at the corner of 22nd St. & Miner). The issue was referred to the Port Committee. Suggestion by Bob Gelfand that it is more of a Public Safety Committee issue.
- **Marcie Miller** commented on her unfortunate experience attempting to get sand bags from the City to utilize in her neighborhood which has no storm drains. The local fire department provided bags but she then had to get sand from Home Depot.
- **Donald Galaz.** Illegal street racing is happening in our neighborhoods in San Pedro. His organization is trying to get the youth off the street into a safe racing place. He is looking for a letter of support from the Coastal San Pedro NC. He has already received support from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. The issue was referred to committee.

4. **Reports by government agency representatives:**

Congresswoman's Office: Mike Aguilera reported:

- The Congresswoman passed two amendments unanimously out of the Small Business Subcommittee: The first will focus SBA funding and resources towards areas of highest unemployment. The second relates to the goal of having 25% of all government contracts go to small business. The amendment that

was pushed through was to make the reports on achieving the goal open to the public and available on line.

- Two advisory councils are being launched April 12th: The Small Business Advisory Council and the Veterans Advisory Council. The Congresswoman's Office would like input from citizens.
- White Point Landslide: The Congresswoman will be meeting with Colonel Toy, the head of the LA Engineering Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, to get answers to issues related to the landslide. The Congresswoman's Office is rolling through all the funding possibilities to see what is available to bring back to the community.
- In order for the Congresswoman's Office to assist individuals with issues involving Federal agencies, individuals must fill out a permission form in order to have the Congress office act on their behalf. The form can be found on the website: Hahn.house.gov under the "How I can help tab".

Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- The upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings were announced.
- San Pedro Downtown Harbor Cut Groundbreaking was well attended by Government Officials.
- There is a Waterfront Update Meeting scheduled for March 29, 6-8pm at the Crowne Plaza.
- SP Slip/Ghost Fish: Construction should be completed by Fall 2012.
- Cabrillo Way Marine Phase Two has been completed. The Port is waiting to sign a lease with an operator.
- Crafted at the Port of Los Angeles at Warehouses 9 & 10 is moving ahead. They are looking at a grand opening in late June. They will have an open house on April 1st. They have 50 of the 100 crafters signed up for the First Phase.
- Downtown Harbor. Construction has been started and they are anticipating completion by Summer 2014
- Demo of tanks at Westways should begin in May/June.
- City Dock No. 1/Marine Institute: Draft EIR is being anticipated for Spring 2012.

Councilman's Office: John Larson reported:

- The first meeting of the ad hoc committee regarding the Paseo del Mar landslide was held last week. The Councilman's office looks forward to working with the committee to discuss options and find a long term solution. The last storm did not appear to affect the area.
- Reminder to check the new website at LA15th.com for latest updates from the Councilman and to view videos/photos
- Robert Brandin asked about the suspected weakness in Fire Department's dispatch system. John responded that the Councilman is asking the Fire Dept. to figure out why the data that was gathered showed the response time was lacking.
- Bob Gelfand asked for an honest rendering of the city's budget without all the "smoke and mirrors."
- Comment from Bruce Horton that the Coastal SPNC had the highest response to the Budget Survey of all the councils.

5. Presentation on Metro Express Lanes Program by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Highlights from the presentation included:

- The Express Lanes is going to convert 25 miles of high occupancy vehicles lanes on the 110 and 10 freeways. It is a one-year demonstration program funded by a grant through the Federal Government which will open in October 2012.
- All bus stations within the demonstration area have been improved.
- Congestion pricing helps manage travel and traffic demand.
- The goal is to move more people, not more vehicles and to encourage people to take transit.
- This is a trial program and data will be collected before and after the trial period to determine whether the program should continue.
- The system is dynamically priced so the price to ride will range from 25 cents per mile to \$1.40 per mile. The goal is to keep the lanes at a minimum of 45 miles per hour.
- Details of the program were presented, followed by a question and answer period.
- Board members commented that the Coastal SPNC previously opposed this program.

6. Question Time regarding written officer and committee chair reports: None

7. Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements. No statements since last meeting.

Consent Calendar [agenda items 8–11]: Item #9 was pulled from the Consent Calendar. The following three items were approved with 11 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention:

8. **(Agenda Item #8) Transfer of funds between Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council budget categories (Budget and Finance Committee):** *Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) authorizes the transfer of \$250 of CSPNC funds from the “Neighborhood Purpose Grant” budget category to the “Outreach — Events” budget category; and *Further resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) authorizes the transfer of \$400 of CSPNC funds from the “General Operations” budget category to the “Outreach — Events” budget category.
9. **(Agenda Item #10) Resolution urging installation of bathrooms at Cabrillo Beach by the Port of Los Angeles.** *(From Port and Environment Committee):* *Whereas*, in a plan presented by the Port of Los Angeles and approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, bathrooms were to be installed at the pier end of Cabrillo Beach and in the area of the Lifeguard building. *Whereas*, other construction and improvements at Cabrillo Beach, as well as portions of the San Pedro Waterfront, were completed last year, *Whereas*, there is a demonstrated need for more bathrooms to serve the public and to replace portable toilets at the beach, *Whereas* construction of the bathrooms has been put on hold and no schedule has been set by the Port for the promised construction, *Resolved*, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges that the two planned bathrooms be funded and installed immediately to serve the public.
10. **(Agenda Item #11) Resolution to add Deborah Beron-Rawdon and Blaine Beron-Rawdon to the White Point Landslide *ad hoc* Committee.** *Resolved*, the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall appoint Deborah Beron-Rawdon and Blaine Beron-Rawdon to the White Point Landslide *ad hoc* Committee.

No objection from the Board to move Item #15 to the beginning of the action items.

11. **(Agenda Item #15) Sponsorship of the Port of Los Angeles High School Environmental Engineering class Green Festival in an amount not to exceed \$500.** Moved by Chuck Hawley, seconded by Claudia Kreis. (Doug Epperhart and Bob Gelfand recused themselves from this item). POLA High school representatives spoke about the Green Festival. **The following motion was passed with 8 yes votes, 1 no vote and 3 abstentions.** *Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall sponsor the Port of Los Angeles High School Environmental Engineering class Green Festival in an amount not to exceed \$500.
12. **Clearwater Project: (Agenda Item #16) Resolution regarding the Clearwater Project of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.** *(From Port and Environment Committee).*
 - June Burlingame Smith read the “Therefore be it Resolved” section of the motion to all in attendance.
 - Peter Warren, Chair of the Committee, commented that the Committee concluded that this construction site was dramatically cheaper environmentally, less hazardous, but lacked certain mitigation for construction and truck activity. With assistance from committee member Richard Havenick, they devised the mitigation measures.
 - Dean Pentcheff responded that this project is very necessary and he explained the reasons that the Committee is recommending Alternative 4.
 - Lonna Calhoun spoke in opposition of Alternative 4 due to concerns about the instability of the coastline.
 - Robbin Oshita, stakeholder, commented that she was probably not the only person in the community who has not heard about this project and felt that more outreach should be attempted.
 - Bazil Hewitt, Senior Engineer in the Sanitation Districts Public Information Office commented that he has been coming out to the different communities since 2006 and has met with over 500 groups to really get public input on this program. He explained that this document is a Draft EIR and the comment period ends April 10th. When the final EIR is presented there will be more opportunity to comment.
 - Chuck Hawley commented that Coastal took a previous position and chose Alternative 1, therefore, his concern was that this resolution conflicts with the previous resolution. It was clarified that this there is no conflict as this resolution is in response to the Draft EIR.
 - Dave Behar asked about the chances of extending the public comment period. It was suggested that a written request be sent.

(Lydia Gutierrez arrived at 9:01pm - 13 board members now present)

 - Bob Gelfand moved to amend the original motion and add the following under section #2 following item “f”:
The Coastal SPNC believes that additional mitigation for the disruption in the lives of local residents is in order and we will be bringing additional recommendations in the future. The motion to amend was seconded by Dave Behar. Doug Epperhart spoke in opposition of the amendment. The Board voted as follows: 3 Yes votes, 4 no votes and 6 abstentions. The Amendment failed.

- **After continued discussion the Board voted on the original motion which passed with 5 yes votes, 3 no, 4 abstentions. Wording of motion follows:**

Whereas, The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's (the District's) Clearwater project Alternative 4 (with a shaft site at Royal Palms) is estimated to cost between \$360M and \$810M less than the other feasible alternatives, saving the Los Angeles area considerable public works money (cost estimates are: Alternative 1: \$1,360M; Alternative 2: \$980M; Alternative 3: \$910M; Alternative 4: \$550M) [*Clearwater Program Executive Summary Draft p. 17*]; and

Whereas, the Clearwater project's Alternative 4 is the only feasible alternative that reuses the existing ocean outfall pipes instead of building new ones, thus avoiding the potential negative impacts on the marine environment that could be caused by constructing and contaminating new outfall areas [*Clearwater Program Executive Summary Draft p. 21*]; and

Whereas, the Clearwater project's Alternative 4 shaft site at Royal Palms allows quicker shaft construction (in 6–9 months) than Alternative 3's shaft construction at Angels Gate (8–9 months), and far less shaft construction overall than Alternatives 1 and 2 (each with shafts at TraPac in Wilmington, at LAXT on Terminal Island, and at Southwest Marine on Terminal Island) [*Clearwater Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Draft Chapter 4 pp. 4-43, 4-55*]; and

Whereas, the Clearwater project's Alternative 4 will emit the lowest level of construction pollutant emissions and the lowest level of greenhouse gas emissions of any of the four feasible alternatives [*Clearwater Program Executive Summary Draft p. 28–29*]; and

Whereas, the Clearwater project's Alternative 4 shaft location at Royal Palms is sited in a geological formation that is not subject to liquefaction in the event of an earthquake, but Alternatives 1 and 2 on Terminal Island are in a geological formation that is susceptible to liquefaction, possibly leading to shaft failure in the event of an earthquake [*Clearwater Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Draft Chapter 8 pp. 8-51, 8-52, 8-126*]; and

Whereas, the Clearwater project's Alternative 4 tunnel construction at Royal Palms is unlikely to cause landslides or slope instability due to its geological setting, according to registered engineering geologists and geotechnical engineers, since the bedding planes at Royal Palms dip favorably into the slope about 50–70 degrees to the northeast, in contrast to the geological setting at the recent landslide on Paseo del Mar over 2,000 feet away, where the bedding dips unfavorably out of slope about 36–50 degrees to the southwest [*Clearwater Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Draft Appendix 8-A*];

Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorses selection of Alternative 4 for the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Clearwater Program tunnel construction with these specific conditions:

1." the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Clearwater Program shall perform a detailed geotechnical study of the Royal Palms shaft site used by Alternative 4, as recommended in Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Draft Appendix 8A, *Letter regarding potential for Alternative 4 tunnel alignment to affect slope stability, Royal Palms State Beach area*, which stated: "We recommend that a more detailed slope stability evaluation be made as part of the final design of Alternative 4 should it be selected as the preferred alternative. In addition, the slopes should be instrumented and monitored in advance and during construction activities as a precautionary measure."; and

2." the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Draft should be revised to reflect the following requirements and revisions:

a." Revise MM AQ-3a (on-road heavy-duty diesel trucks), MM AQ-3b (off-road diesel-powered equipment), and MM AQ-2F (harbor craft) to require use of best available control technology/latest emissions-reduction technology, as soon as Air Resources Board (ARB) certified if applicable, regardless of Year or Tier stated.

b." Revise MM AQ-3d to require use of construction equipment and heavy-duty trucks that use alternative fuels as soon as the equipment/fuels is ARB Certified.

c." Revise MM AQ-3e to define periods when routing equipment away from congested streets and/or sensitive receptors is not feasible or remove the qualification "as feasible."

d." Revise MM NOI-1a (Noise) to require that all equipment used within 500 feet of residential areas be equipped with best available control technology specifically designed for noise reduction.

e." Revise Table 18-32 or provide additional Truck Trips projection graphic demonstrating the truck trip quantities projected in Chapter 18, Transportation and Traffic, Section 18.4.6 Alternative 4, stated as 20 worker and 160 Passenger Car Equivalent (PCE) truck trips per day during shaft-site construction and 20 worker and 160 PCE truck trips during manifold construction.

f." Clarify the percentages of capacity consumed at the Carson Joint Water Pollution Control Plant for treatment of (1) residential wastewater and (2) industrial wastewater currently and projection of the respective percentages based on Southern California Association of Governments (or other) projections.

13. (Agenda Item #12). Sponsorship of science lab equipment for Port of Los Angeles High School in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. [Tabled at Board Meeting of 27 February 2012] (From Budget and Finance Committee)

- Dean Pentcheff spoke in favor of the motion.
- Erin Loveridge from POLA High School was also available to speak on the motion.
- Dean Pentcheff moved to amend the motion to add \$2,000, seconded by Claudia Kreis.
- Doug Epperhart amended the amendment that the Board approve \$3,000 now with an understanding that they will receive an additional \$2,000 if the funds are available. The amendment would authorize expenditures of an additional \$2,000 contingent on reallocating funds within the budget. Epperhart's amendment was seconded by Marcie Miller and failed with 4 yes votes, 7 no votes and 1 abstention.
- The Board then voted on the original amendment which also failed with 4 yes votes, 7 no votes and 1 abstention.
- The original motion was then passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention as follows:
- *Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall sponsor the purchase of science laboratory equipment for the Port of Los Angeles High School in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

Bob Gelfand left the meeting at 9:38pm. (12 board members in attendance).

14. (Agenda item #13). Sponsorship of the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for the 61st Annual Cabrillo Beach 4th of July Event in an amount not to exceed \$2,500. (From Budget and Finance Committee):

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall sponsor the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for the 61st Annual Cabrillo Beach 4th of July Event in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

- Motion to table motion to next meeting by Dean Pentcheff, seconded by Ray Medak. The motion to table was passed with 9 yes votes, 2 no votes and 1 abstention.

15. Sponsorship of the International Documentary Association for the Docs Rock program at San Pedro High School in an amount not to exceed \$2,500. (From Budget and Finance)

- Doug Epperhart spoke on the motion and introduced Tony Saavedra from San Pedro High School who talked about the program. More information can be found at www.documentary.org.
- The Board voted to approved the resolution with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention as follows: *Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall sponsor the International Documentary Association for the Docs Rock program at San Pedro High School in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

Peter Warren left at 9:46pm (11 board members now present)

16. Resolution to set a date and assemble a committee to manage the town hall-style selection forum for Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. (Motion presented by Doug Epperhart):

- *Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall select a date for the annual town hall style selection process for the CSPNC Board; and *Be it further resolved*, the CSPNC shall appoint a committee of stakeholders, as described in the CSPNC Bylaws, to administer the selection process.
- Motion by Robert Brandin to table the above motion, seconded by Claudia Kreis and passed with 7 yes votes, 2 and 1 abstention (Doug Epperhart was not in the room during the vote).

17. (Agenda Item #9) Resolution to support Adult Education in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Motion from Committee. (Moved by Lydia Gutierrez, seconded Bruce Horton).

- Chuck Hawley commented that an alternative has materialized to move adult education to adult campuses such as community colleges. He would like to look further into this issue before taking a vote and therefore moved to table the motion.
- June Smith asked Dean Pentcheff took over the position of the Chair. Dean ruled that Chuck Hawley's motion to table was out of order because Chuck had spoken to its substance.
- Lydia Gutierrez spoke in favor of the motion. She is a strong advocate for adult education and urged a yes vote.
- June Smith commented that a Board from LAUSD cannot just give it to the community colleges because it is not part of the master plan for education which clearly puts adult education with the school districts. But community colleges don't have the money either. It goes against the educational master plan and she supports this motion whole heartedly.

- Claudia Kreis spoke in favor of the motion. The people who are served by adult education are our most at risk population. It is devastating to her to think that these programs will be eliminated in Los Angeles County. Education is in a desperate situation but these people need to be served.
- Chuck moved to table the motion but the motion failed for the lack of a second.
- The original motion was passed with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions. Wording of motion follows:
Whereas, the school board of the Los Angeles Unified School District is seriously considering the elimination of all funding for the Division of Adult and Career Education for the 2012–2013 school year; Whereas, Adult Education is essential to the communities it serves, by providing job training, GED, high school, basic education, English as a second language, and family literacy; currently serving 350,000 students;
Therefore, be it Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the elimination of Adult Education by the Los Angeles Unified School District and considers it essential to the economic health and future of our communities;
Therefore, be it further Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council send this Resolution to Superintendent John Deasy and the Los Angeles Unified School District school board members.

18. **Resolution opposing the proposed redistricting presented by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission.** (Motion presented by Bob Gelfand): *Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed redistricting map presented by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission and advises the City Council to reject it. **This motion was taken off the agenda without objection.**

19. **Motion by Doug Epperhart to take Agenda Item #18 off the table immediately, seconded by Robert Brandin and approved with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**

Agenda Item #18: *Resolution to set a date and assemble a committee to manage the town hall-style selection forum for Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. (Moved by Doug Epperhart and seconded by Robert Brandin)*

- *Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall select a date for the annual town hall style selection process for the CSPNC Board; and Be it further resolved, the CSPNC shall appoint a committee of stakeholders, as described in the CSPNC Bylaws, to administer the selection process. Motion passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.*
- Doug commented that the date of Saturday May 19th was chosen for the Selection Forum.
- *Motion by Bruce Horton that the Board move the implementation to the Rules and Bylaws Committee, seconded by Dean Pentcheff and passed by the board with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.*

20. **Public comment on non-agenda items:**

Robbin Oshita read a written comment about issues with traffic at 32nd Street & Gaffey due to the proposed entrance and traffic signal for the new high school. She also commented on the lack of communication between the community members and the neighborhood council. She would like to see a newsletter distributed to all members of the Coastal community.

21. **Announcements:** Behar commented that the Selection Forum and related information will be presented in the next issue of the newsletter, Coastal Currents. A new website and email communication process will also be implemented in the near future.

22. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council