



**April 16, 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, however, a quorum was not reached until 7:20pm. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Valentin Boadjiev, Claudia Kreis; Bob Gelfand, Ray Medak, Erin Strelch, Dave Behar, Doug Epperhart, June Burlingame Smith, Dean Pentcheff, John Stinson, Marcie Miller, Chuck Hawley, Bruce Horton and Peter Warren. Absent: Robert Brandin and Lydia Gutierrez. One vacant board seat.
2. **Reading and approval of minutes:** The minutes of the March 19, 2012 Board and Stakeholder meeting were approved with a one minor correction adding Lydia Gutierrez to the attendance list.
3. **Public comment on non-agenda items.**
  - **Bob Gelfand.** Suggested that after the Selection of board members is completed in May, that a meeting be put together to give board members an update on the Brown Act and other rules. This could be a regional meeting so that other neighborhood council could participate.
  - **Alan Johnson:** Commented on location shooting around San Pedro and even though it is an inconvenience, it is a source of revenue to our town.
  - **Donald Galaz:** Update on his issue of illegal street racing. He would like a letter of support from Coastal. He has already received a letter of support from the Northwest San Pedro and Central San Pedro Neighborhood Councils.
4. **Reports by government agency representatives.**

**Senator Rod Wright's Office:** Bill Orton reported on:

  - Law makers in Sacramento working on the budget. Colleges have taken hits and social services have also taken hits. If there are no tax increases, schools will have to take bigger cuts.
  - The Senator has been working on Senate bills related to storm water runoff and business regulation. His bill, if adopted, would make it easier to track business regulations. He is also pushing to have all the regulations available online.
5. **Question time.**
  - Richard Havenick provided a written report from the White Point Landslide Committee.
6. **Board Approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements.** The monthly transactions were approved as presented. (Moved by Bob Gelfand, seconded by Doug Epperhart, Passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.)
7. **Sponsorship of the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Cabrillo Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.** (Previously tabled at Board Meeting of 19 March 2012).
  - John Stinson spoke on the motion. Dave Behar also spoke in favor of the event and commented that he would like to see John Olguin's name remain on the event.
  - Gary Dwight, President of Cabrillo Beach Boosters, commented that John Olguin's name is still being used in advertising.

- Motion: Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall sponsor the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Cabrillo Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event in an amount not to exceed \$2,500. Motion passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

The following Agenda items (15, 16 and 17) were addressed out of order with no objection.

8. **(Agenda Item #15) Motion to adopt procedures for selection of the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.** (This Motion was brought forth from the Rules and Bylaws Committee)
  - Doug Epperhart spoke on the motion stating that the neighborhood councils are basically on their own as far as handling the Selections. The big key is outreach. We are going to need candidates. We will need voters to turn out.
  - No questions from the board regarding the rules and regulations shown in the agenda packet. Doug briefly explained the rules. The Committee will take write in candidates the day of the election. They will have to prove they are a stakeholder.
  - The Motion to adopt the procedures for the selection of the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council was passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
9. **(Agenda Item #16) Motion to adopt a schedule for the 2012 selection of the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.** The Motion to adopt the schedule for the 2012 selection of the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council as presented was passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.
10. **(Agenda Item #17) Appointment of a Selection Committee for the 2012 selection of the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council:** Doug Epperhart, John Stinson and Bruce Horton were approved as members of the Selection Committee for the 2012 selection of the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.
11. **(Agenda Item #8) Motion to recommend earmarking Project M968 funds for offsetting White Point landslide impact.** A motion was brought forth from the White Point Landslide ad hoc Committee.
  - Richard Havenick, Chair of the Committee spoke on the specifics of the motion and thanked Marcie Mille for finding the facts behind the funding.
  - Chuck Hawley commented that the original project bulkhead storm repair project no longer exists. Chuck wants us to send a clear message to the city that we want those funds.
  - Dean Pentcheff moved to amend the motion and insert after the word “fund” after the words “in the Paseo del Mar W/O Weymouth Bulkhead Storm Repair (M968) Project”. John Stinson seconded the motion to amend which passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention
  - Dave Behar asked if the possible additional studies by Shannon should be included. The bulkhead repair is immediately next to the site.
  - Several board members spoke about making sure the intent of Coastal is in the motion. John Stinson moved to amend the motion to remove “offsetting the negative impact of” and inserting the words “work associated with”. The motion to amend was seconded by Chuck Hawley and passed with 11 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions. The original motion with the two passed amendments was then approved with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.
  - Marcie Miller asked that the motion also be sent to the Chief Administrative Officer. There was no objection from the Board.
  - Wording of motion with amendments follows:

*Whereas* the City Administrative Officer allocated \$2.5 million from the City Special Gas Tax Fund to establish the “Paseo Del Mar W/O Weymouth Bulkhead Storm Repair (M968) Project Fund” in January 2010.

*Whereas* no money was expended from the Storm Repair M968 Project for repairs at the Project site.

*Whereas* the Board of Public Works already allocated \$560,000 to pay Shannon & Wilson and the City Council Motion CF 11-2056 was approved to transfer \$400,156 for the Asilomar Blvd Landslide project in the 11th District in January 2012.

*Whereas* only \$1.5 million remains in the M968 Project account and the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council's White Point Landslide *ad hoc* Committee determined the remaining funds should be used to offset the negative impacts of the Paseo Del Mar Landslide and closure of Paseo Del Mar.

*Therefore*, we request that the \$1.5 million remaining funds be earmarked solely for ~~offsetting the negative impact of~~ work associated with the Paseo Del Mar Landslide in consultation with the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

12. (Agenda Item #9) Motion to recommend immediate traffic mitigation responses to the White Point landslide.

- Doug Epperhart moved to postpone this agenda item until next month because he would like to have a DOT representative (traffic engineer) available to answer questions. The motion to postpone was seconded by John Stinson. After extensive discussion, the motion to postpone failed with 3 yes votes, 8 no votes and 2 abstention.
- Chuck Hawley moved to amend paragraph 4 by deleting the words "including for critical Emergency vehicles". The motion to amend was seconded by Doug Epperhart and passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.
- Motion by Dave Behar to follow item #6 with an item #7 to read: "Install roundabouts, or traffic circles, at the following two locations, Paseo del Mar and Weymouth, where it is geologically stable and Paseo del Mar at the White Point Nature Preserve where it is geologically stable." seconded by Marcie.
- Chuck Hawley was opposed to the amendment because it is too permanent a solution to a temporary situation.
- Mike Brown, stakeholder, who resides on Paseo del Mar, commented that on a weekend they get hundreds of cars making u-turns making it very unsafe. He is on the committee and wants the issue to be brought in front of the city to look at solutions.
- Chuck Hawley commented that if this involves millions of dollars, he would rather see that money go to assuring the landslide doesn't get worse.
- Dave Behar considered adding the word "temporary" to his amendment.
- Dean Pentcheff moved to amend the amendment to change "roundabouts or traffic circles" to "traffic turning guides." The motion to amend the amendment was seconded by Marcie Miller and passed with 7 yes votes, 2 no votes and 4 abstention. The amended amendment was then passed with 7 yes votes, 4 no votes and 2 abstention.
- A motion was made to move the previous question and close debate and passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 3 abstentions. The main motion as amended was then passed with 9 yes votes, 2 no votes and 2 abstentions.
- Wording of motion as passed:  
*Whereas* the Paseo Del Mar Landslide resulted in significantly increased traffic and disruption in Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council areas not designed or suited for the resulting increased traffic flow.  
*Whereas* increased traffic flow in the areas adjacent to and on the way to the Paseo Del Mar Landslide is expected to continue due to out-of-area persons' interest and curiosity regarding the landslide.  
*Whereas* the current closure of Paseo Del Mar at the Landslide is expected to continue for an extended period requiring persons to navigate through streets never designed or improved to accommodate the flow of traffic resulting from the Paseo Del Mar closure.

**Whereas** the summer months are approaching, with less than six (6) weeks until Memorial Day weekend, when traffic regularly increases from visitors to the recreational areas of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council area.

**Whereas** the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council worked in the interest to resolve traffic issues in the affected areas to achieve the following three (3) goals:

1. Minimize issues resulting from non-resident traffic and parking;
2. Encourage safe traffic flow through the affected areas; and,
3. Provide clear direction to the areas of interest for persons unfamiliar with local area who are interested in Landslide and/or adjacent recreational areas.

**Therefore be it resolved**, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends the following *Immediate Term Improvements Recommended to Mitigate Traffic Problems Related to Paseo Del Mar Landslide* for immediate and urgent implementation by the responsible agencies.

***Immediate Term Improvements Recommended to Mitigate  
Traffic Problems Related to Paseo Del Mar Landslide***

1. Move existing K-rails at West Paseo Del Mar and Weymouth Avenue (or other immovable barriers such as large low planters) eastward to be placed in a diagonal (southeast to northwest) arc to preclude parking at the end of West Paseo Del Mar (east side of Landslide). The specific placement of K-rails or immovable barriers is requested to be performed in consultation with the CSPNC Ad Hoc Landslide Committee.
2. Install the following series of directional signage:
  - a. Clearly visible signs stating, "ROAD CLOSED AHEAD" on the Paseo Del Mar median at the following three (3) cross streets: Roxbury, Barbara, and Dolphin.
  - b. Install directional signs for the White Point Nature Preserve and Royal Palms Park of a size and design that provides clear instruction to unfamiliar visitors at the following three (3) locations:
    - i. South Gaffey Street at 25th Street;
    - ii. Western Avenue at 25th Street; and,
    - iii. West Paseo Del Mar at Shepard Street (direction northward on Gaffey Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street so as to reduce turn-around traffic resulting from West Paseo Del Mar closure at Weymouth Avenue for persons trying to find Nature Preserve, Royal Palms, or Landslide viewing).
  - c. Informational sign on South Alma Street at 25th Street stating, "LOCAL ACCESS ONLY."
3. Install Four-Way Stop sign on South Alma Street at 27th Street.
4. Widen Hamilton Avenue between Barbara and Patton Streets to allow safe two-way vehicle passage, ~~including for critical Emergency vehicles~~, and to accommodate the increased traffic resulting from Paseo Del Mar closure.
5. Provide more frequent Police patrols of the affected West Paseo Del Mar and adjacent streets and respond to additional requests for patrol as may be required due to increased summer visitor traffic.
6. install a visual barrier such as K-rails within safety-fenced area on West Paseo Del Mar Immediately adjacent to east side of Landslide to reduce visual access of the Landslide at West Paseo Del Mar and Weymouth and thereby encourage persons wishing to view the Landslide to travel to the White Point Nature Preserve entrance and Parking lot where infrastructure currently exists to accommodate the flow of visitors interested in seeing the Landslide.
7. Install traffic turning guides at the following two locations Paseo del Mar and Weymouth where it is geologically stable and Paseo del Mar at White Point Nature Preserve where it is geologically stable,

No objection by the Board to address Agenda Item #18 next.

Peter Warren (arrived at 7:49). 14 Board members now in attendance.

13. **(Agenda Item #18). Motion to endorse the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates' recommendations for the budget of the City of Los Angeles.** Moved by Bob Gelfand and seconded by Bruce Horton. Bob Gelfand spoke on the motion:
  - The Budget Advocates came up with 21 recommendations which were presented in the Agenda Packet.
  - Craig Goldfarb, Budget Advocate, commented on the "White Paper" and the recommendations. He responded to questions from Coastal board members. Dean urged the Board to vote in favor of the recommendations and pass them as a whole.
  - **The motion to endorse the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates' recommendations for the budget of the City of Los Angeles was passed with 9 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 3 abstentions.**
  
14. **(Agenda Item #10): Motion to recommend creating a comprehensive interagency bus plan for San Pedro.** Moved by Marcie Miller and seconded by Doug Epperhart. Marcie spoke on the motion. Jacob Haik from Councilman Joe Buscaino's Office is assisting on this issue. Valentin Bioadjiev moved to amend the motion to delete the words in "LA Metro is considering eliminating service beyond 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and..." The motion to amend was seconded by Dean Pentcheff but failed with 2 yes votes, 8 no votes and 4 abstentions. The original motion was then passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions. Wording of motion as passed:  
*Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council feels that adequate public transportation services are essential to the welfare and safety of our community; and  
Whereas LA Metro is considering eliminating service beyond 22nd Street and Torrance MAX service has been disrupted because of the White Point landslide;  
Therefore the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that a comprehensive interagency plan including DASH service provided by LA DOT be developed which meets the public transportation needs of this community.*
  
15. **(Agenda Item #11): Motion to Request rescinding the pay raise of Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles.** The following motion was made by Marcie Miller:  
*Whereas financial hardships are being suffered by so many in this port community; and  
Whereas Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles, is the third-highest paid employee of the City of Los Angeles at \$300,964;  
Therefore the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the decision of the Board of Harbor Commissioners to raise the salary of Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles, and requests that the pay raise be rescinded. No second on the motion. Motion failed.*
  
16. **(Agenda Item #12): Motion to urge extending the Department of Water and Power/Neighborhood Council Memorandum of Understanding.** Moved by Doug Epperhart, seconded by Bob Gelfand. Motion passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions. Wording of motion follows:  
*The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Water and Power (DWP) and the Neighborhood Council DWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Oversight Committee to extend the current Memorandum of Understanding as soon as possible. The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council hereby affirms its participation in the existing Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.*
  
17. **(Agenda Item #13): Appointment of Sheri Lukas to the Communications Committee:** Written consent was presented from Sheri Lukas. With no objections from the Board Sheri Lukas was appointed to the Communications Committee.
  
18. **(Agenda Item #14): Election of a new Board member of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council to fill a vacancy.** There were no candidates to fill the position at this time. No action taken.
  
19. **Public Comments and Announcements:**
  - Chuck Hawley asked about business cards and would also like to see an Ethics Training update in the near future.

- Dave Behar acknowledged Richard Havenick's hard work on the Landslide Committee.
- Doug Epperhart announced the upcoming DONE Leadership Academy which is holding training sessions twice a month. He also announced the upcoming BONC meeting at POLA high school. The BONC is endorsing a budget of \$50,000 for neighborhood councils for the next fiscal year.
- John Stinson: The San Pedro Art Association is sponsoring a student art competition for students in Wilmington (Banning High School).
- Fire Department Station 49 in Wilmington is holding a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on May 12<sup>th</sup> which includes free boat tours.
- Dave Behar suggested a party for outgoing board members.
- Bob Gelfand commented on the accomplishments of the Coastal San Pedro NC.

20. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council