



**May 21, 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 6:37pm.
Roll Call: Board members in attendance were: Claudia Kreis; Bob Gelfand, Lydia Gutierrez, Dave Behar, Doug Epperhart, June Burlingame Smith, John Stinson, Marcie Miller, Chuck Hawley, and Bruce Horton. Quorum reached with 10 members. Absent: Dean Pentcheff, Ray Medak, Erin Strelch, Robert Brandin, Valentin Bioadjiev and Peter Warren. One vacant board seat.
2. **Reading and approval of minutes.** The April 16, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were accepted by the Board as presented.
3. **Public comment on non-agenda items.**
 - **Raymond Yu:** Announced upcoming graduation ceremonies and other events in the Los Angeles area.
 - **Lanny Nelms:** Provided a handout of the “Potential School Funding Initiatives” and the items that will be on the November ballot. He commented that there will be more than 20 initiatives on this November’s ballot.
4. **Reports by government agency representatives.**
 - **LAPD: Officer Eve Wight reported on the following:**
 - ✓ Police National Night Out, tentative location for the August 7th event is the Church at 18th & Mesa. They are hoping to get San Pedro community members involved.
 - ✓ Crime Statistics: Increase in theft from motor vehicles. The LAPD is looking into deterrents. They hope to get assistance in funding for signs in the parks. Coastal SPNC’s Public Safety Committee is also going to be addressing this issue.
 - ✓ Introduced Officer Elliot Rubright who is working on the Bait Bike program. They will need approximately \$2,000 to put the program together. This item will be on the Safety Committee Agenda.
 - ✓ Landslide update: Traffic issues seem to have calmed down but they expect an increase during the summer months. Motor officers are being deployed to the area as often as possible.
 - **Congresswoman Hahn’s Office:** Mike Aguilera reported:
 - ✓ On May 9th the GAPS (Gauging American Port Security Act) passed unanimously through the Homeland Security Committee.
 - ✓ Announced the May 22nd Boot Camp, a free event providing resources for small businesses.
 - ✓ Announced Grand Opening of Harbor Business Source Center May 24th.
 - **Councilman Joe Buscaino’s Office:** John Larson reported:
 - ✓ Skateboard motion passed unanimously. It will go to the City Attorney’s office to finalize the ordinance.
 - ✓ DWP is coming June for a community workshop to inform the public on the reason for rate increases.
 - ✓ Business Source Grand Opening on May 23, 2012 at 455 W. 6th Street. 9:00am-9:30am.
 - ✓ USS IOWA: Departure from Richmond was delayed. Once it leaves that Port it should take four days to arrive here. Scheduled to arrive June 9th.
 - ✓ 100th Day in Office was celebrated by the Councilman.

- ✓Engineering Report on Landslide area should be coming soon. Traffic study should come first. The community request has been received by the DOT. A response should be received by May 31st.
- ✓The City Budget passed by the Council today did cover the short fall.

5. **Question Time regarding written officer and committee chair reports.** Richard Havenick provided a report from the Landslide Ad Hoc Committee. He also provided maps to Marcie Miller.
6. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements.** John Stinson gave an overview of the expenses. **Motion by Doug Epperhart to approve the transactions and monthly bank statements as presented, seconded by Bob Gelfand and approved by 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**
7. **Motion to fund EG Ryan Enterprises children’s book writing workshops for an amount not to exceed \$1,500.** Moved by Marcie and seconded by Lydia Gutierrez. Marcie provided some background information on the workshops. The motion was read as follows: **The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall fund EG Ryan Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 to hold children’s book writing and illustrating workshops at San Pedro schools. Bruce Horton moved that the item be sent to the Budget and Finance Committee, seconded by John Stinson. This would have to be funded through a Neighborhood Purposes Grant and cannot be submitted for this year’s budget. The motion to refer was passed by 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions.**
8. **Motion to transfer funds between categories of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council budget.** Moved by Doug Epperhart, seconded by John Stinson. Motion as follows: **The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts the following revisions to the current iteration of its 2011–12 budget:**
 - (1) Transfer \$2,106.81 from “Outreach: Advertising” to “General Operations” category
 - (2) Transfer \$1,000.00 from “Outreach: Web Site” to “General Operations” category;
 - (3) Transfer \$2,000.00 from “Neighborhood Improvement Project” category to “Neighborhood Purpose Grant” category. John Stinson explained the reason for the revisions. **The Motion was then passed with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**
9. **Motion to deposit \$1,997.83 from “Newsletter” budget category into the bulk mail postage account.** Moved by Doug Epperhart, seconded by Bob Gelfand. Motion as follows: **The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council instructs the treasurer to deposit remaining funds in the budget’s “Newsletter” category (\$1,997.83) into the San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s bulk mail postage account.** Doug explained that this would keep the money in that account to be available for next year’s news letter or other items needing postage. **The motion passed with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.**
10. **Agenda Item #12: No objection from the Board to address this item out of order. Motion requesting an inquiry into the 29 April 2012 American Diabetes Association “Tour de Cure” bicycle event and notification of future events by the Bureau of Street Services and Council District 15.** Motion brought forth by Public Safety Committee. Marcie Miller talked about the reasoning behind the motion. She would like an investigation by the Councilman’s office on what we can expect for the various upcoming events. After discussion the motion passed with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention. Wording of motion follows:
 - Whereas, on April 29, 2012 the American Diabetes Association held its second Tour de Cure, beginning and ending at The Queen Mary in Long Beach, with course options ranging from an easy 8 Mile to the 100 mile Ride; both the 60 and 100 Mile options directed bicyclists up Walker Avenue in San Pedro, CA to Silvius Avenue, where riders took a left turn and circled the Peninsula; the return route came back down Silvius — a 10% downward sloping grade; this approach to the three-way stop at Walker Avenue is a blind intersection; and**
 - Whereas, we applaud the spirit of the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure and each bicyclist who participated in this event, bicycling as a mode of transportation, and bicycling as a form of exercise, a number of serious oversights occurred which created an unacceptable public safety hazard;**

and *Whereas* no special event notices were posted and no barriers or personnel were in place to direct or warn traffic or residents of the presence of hundreds of bicyclists — the exact number to be determined;

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests an inquiry into how and why this dangerous situation was created; and

Further, we ask the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services and Council District 15 to share with us a list of all events scheduled within our neighborhood council district so we can review routes and safeguards to avoid future public safety hazards during the busy spring and summer season and beyond.

11. (Agenda Item #10) Motion requesting the City Council Public Safety Committee to hold a special meeting in the Harbor area regarding permitting and safety requirements for liquid bulk storage facilities. Motion brought forward by Public Safety Committee. Chuck Hawley spoke on the motion which was brought to the committee from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Wording as follows:

Whereas, California Senate Bill SCR 77 declared the month of April 2012 Earthquake Preparedness Month, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council therefore reminds our community to prepare for earthquakes and calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to do all possible to comply with SCR 77, "...to engage in education, evaluation of seismic hazards, mitigation, safety activities, and the exchange of information related to earthquake preparedness with other states and nations during this month"; and

Whereas, the Rancho LPG Storage Facility tanks at 2110 North Gaffey Street, Los Angeles, CA 90744 contain ~~intensely volatile liquid petroleum, a lethal and~~ (replace with butane,) a highly flammable compound which, In the event of ~~extreme and violent~~ (replace with severe) earth movement caused by earthquakes, poses an ~~unacceptable~~ threat to the health and safety of this community; and

Whereas, these tanks are located within the Palos Verdes Fault Rupture ~~Zone~~ (replace with Study Area) and there is ~~significant~~ geological and historical evidence that the Palos Verdes Fault exposes the Port of Los Angeles and the surrounding community located within its Rupture ~~Zone~~ (replace with Study Area) to elevated destructive forces; and

~~*Whereas*, seismologists have determined that an earthquake of a magnitude greater than 7.9 is almost certain to happen here within thirty years; and~~

~~*Whereas*, the construction of these tanks is based on 1972 standards; and~~

~~*Whereas*, we witnessed horrific devastation caused by a similar convergence of factors in Fukushima, Japan one year ago, in part because the construction of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant was also completed in the early 1970's, and despite known seismic and tsunami hazards specific to that location, despite the high probability of a catastrophic outcome, officials maintained that highly secretive internal safety management was no cause for public concern;~~

~~*Therefore*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Councilwoman Perry's City Council Motion 11-1813-S1 and Councilman Buscaino's recent request that "...the Public Safety Committee hold a special meeting in the Harbor area... regarding the permitting and safety requirements for liquid bulk storage facilities."~~

- Chuck Hawley moved to amend the second *whereas* clause by removing "extreme and violent" and replacing those words with "severe." Also to remove the word "unacceptable" from that clause. ~~The motion to amend was seconded by Bob Gelfand and then passed with 7 yes, 2 no and 1 abstention.~~
- Chuck Hawley also moved to amend the third *whereas* clause by replacing the word "zone" with "study area". Motion to amend seconded by Bruce Horton. Marcie spoke against the amendment based on materials she has studied. Chuck responded that he was going by the Cornerstone Report that was funded by the NWSPNC. ~~The motion to amend passed with 7 yes votes, 2 no votes, 1 abstention.~~
- Bob Gelfand moved to strike "intensely volatile liquid petroleum, a lethal and" and replace with "butane" in the second *whereas* clause, seconded by Chuck Hawley. Doug Epperhart suggested that the board stop changing the *whereas* clauses and address the resolution. ~~Bob Gelfand's motion to amend was then passed with 7 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions.~~
- Chuck Hawley moved to amend the third *whereas* clause by replacing the word "zone" in the last sentence and replacing it with "study area" to make it consistent with his second amendment. June Smith commented that it was covered in his previous amendment.

- Chuck then moved to remove the word “significant” from the third whereas clause, seconded by Lydia Gutierrez and **passed by the board with 5 yes votes, 3 no votes and 2 abstentions**
- Chuck Hawley moved to amend the motion by removing the fourth Whereas clause in its entirety. **The motion was seconded by Gelfand and passed with 5 yes votes, 2 no votes and 3 abstentions.**
- **The Board then voted on the full motion as amended above and the motion passed with 9 yes votes and 1 abstention.**

12. **(Agenda Item #11) Motion urging the City Council Public Safety Committee to revoke the Rancho LPG storage facility rail permit and perform a risk analysis.** Motion brought forth by the Public Safety Committee. Motion reads as follows:
The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Public Safety Committee of the Los Angeles City Council to:

1. **Immediately invoke all powers necessary to revoke the existing month to month revocable rail permit for the Rancho LPG Storage Facility. This will mitigate the potential for disaster while transporting LPG by train until a determination can be made of the seismic hazards posed by the Rancho LPG Storage Facility and of the transportation of this highly combustible gas when exposed to catastrophic conditions.**
2. **Perform a risk analysis to establish potential LA City liability — which has never been calculated —and to ensure compliance.**

Chuck Hawley stated that this motion is in support of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s prior motions. **Bob Gelfand moved to postpone this motion until after the meeting being called for in Agenda Item #10 has been held. The motion to postpone was seconded by Chuck Hawley and passed with 5 yes votes, 4 no votes and 1 abstention.**

13. **Motion to request that lobbyists identify themselves at Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council meetings.** Moved by Marcie Miller, seconded by Bob Gelfand. Wording of motion follows:
In the spirit of open government, at Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council meetings, all lobbyists will be requested to identify themselves and the client(s) they represent.

- **Marcie moved to amend the motion by adding the word “registered” in front of lobbyists, seconded by Lydia Gutierrez. The motion to amend passed with 9 yes votes and 1 abstention.**
- **The amended motion was then passed by 7 yes votes, 1 no vote and 2 abstentions.**
- Referred to Rules Committee for implementation.

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

- **John Kusak.** Commented that back in February or March there was a special investigation by a TV news channel about sidewalks and streets. They claimed that the City of LA has not put in any grants for repairs of streets and for tree trimming in 20 years. Councilman Parks has come out publicly and stated that he will not apply for such grants. Mr. Kusak suggests that the neighborhood councils get together and work towards getting the grants. There was a suggestion to take this before the Coastal Planning Committee.

15. **Announcements:**

- John Stinson announced that the winning entries of a recent student art competition are on display at the Art Association building at Ports O’Call.
- Doug Epperhart commented on Coastal’s Selection of Board members held last Saturday. Fourteen board members were chosen and the new board will be seated in July. An orientation will be scheduled for the new board members.
- Ed Plu and Louis Dominguez, new board members, introduced themselves.

16. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council