



**September 24, 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. Over 100 stakeholders in attendance.

Roll Call:

Dave Behar	Present
Valentin Boiadjev	Present
Robert Brandin	Present
June Burlingame Smith	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Karl Fleer	Absent
Robert Gelfand	Present
Lydia Gutierrez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Claudia Kreis	Absent
Ray Medak	Present
Marcie Miller	Present
Frank Pereyda	Present
Ed Pluemer	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
Peter Warren	Absent
Dan Malstrom	Elected at meeting

2. **Reading and approval of minutes.** *The August 20, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were accepted by the Board as presented.*
3. **Public comment on non-agenda items.**
 - **Bob Gelfand:** Comment on possible Brown Act violation related to email sent by board members with regard to Alma Street.
 - **Martha McKenzie,** Point Fermin Lighthouse Society: Asking for letter of support for their application with the City of Los Angeles in obtaining stewardship of the lighthouse. (Referred to Committee)
 - **Councilman Joe Buscaino:** Provided updates on the following issues:
 - ✓ Construction/repaving of Gaffey Street
 - ✓ Whitepoint Landslide (Advisory Committee representing the entire San Pedro area)
 - ✓ CD15 is committed to putting a Crossing Guard at 30th & Gaffey Street for the new high school
 - ✓ Thanked the Board for their leadership in quality of life issues affecting the community.
 - **Ms. Watson** announced a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Oct 14, held at the church at 18th and Mesa in honor of LAPD.
 - **John Stinson:** Event Oct. 12 Harbor Interfaith Services 6-9pm \$10 donation includes refreshments. Art will be for sale.

- **Mary Reeder:** Spoke about disappointment that a family member who is a USS IOWA veteran was denied wheelchair access onto the tour.
- **Elaine Clark:** Harbor Lights Group is sponsoring a Fashion Show to raise funds for the LAPD. The Master of Ceremony will be Joe Buscaino. Oct. 20 at the Double Tree Hotel. \$50/ticket.
- **Marcie Miller:** Named to Executive Board of CPAB. Announced a prescription give back program at Harbor Division office this weekend.

4. Reports by Government Agency representatives:

Council District 15 Office: Kevin Bingham reported:

- Announced a “Meet the Councilman” event scheduled for Sat, Sept 29, 9am-noon at the Harbor District Office, San Pedro City Hall.
- Announced the Councilman’s Community Spaghetti Dinner, October 8th. Flyers were provided.

Port Report: In light of the full agenda, Augie Bezmalinovich offered to send his report via email.

Congresswoman Janice Hahn’s Office: Mike Aguilera provided highlights from his written report: Items on that report related to:

- The Congresswoman’s Ports Caucus
- National Freight Policy
- Dream Initiative
- Upcoming Trade Connect Event, Export Workshop for Small Businesses
- Upcoming Homeowner Retention Workshop to help homeowner’s avoid foreclosure.
- Details can be found on the Congresswoman’s website at hahn.house.gov.

LAPD: Officer Eve Wight was not able to attend due to meeting conflicts. No LAPD report.

5. Written Officer and Committee Chair Reports: Question Time

- June smith provided a verbal overview of the HANC meeting.
- Bob Gelfand provided highlights from the LANC (LA Neighborhoods Coalition) meeting.
- Marcie Miller provided a verbal report from the Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Richard Havenick provided a verbal report from the Whitepoint Landslide Ad Hoc Committee.

- 6. Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:** Update from Ted on purchase card activity. **Bob Gelfand moved for Board approval of the transactions, seconded by Ray Medak. Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.**

(No objection from board members to address the following item out of order):

- 7. Update on San Pedro High School Campus:** San Pedro High School Principal Jeannette Stevens reported:

- As of November 26 the gates on Alma Street will be open from 7am-5pm due to safety issues occurring on Gaffey Street.
- Comments from stakeholders included concern about the increased traffic on Alma, concern for the safety of students, concern about Alma Street not designed to handle the weight of buses, concern about the safety of drivers utilizing the entrance, a request for a plan to allow the students walking to school access through the Alma gate, .
- Jacob Haik of CD15 talked about sidewalk construction estimates, resurfacing of Alma, the possibility of speed humps. He acknowledged that a 25mph limit has been approved.

- Board member Ray Medak read a list of six potential problems and suggested that a new EIR might be a good idea.
8. **Congresswoman Laura Richardson:** Introduced herself and shared some insight on the role of the Army Corps of Engineers in addressing the Whitepoint landslide.
 9. **(Agenda Item #7) Election of one new Board member of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council to fill vacancy:** Dan Malstrom and Anna Rodriguez were nominated for the position and both gave short statements. **Dan Malstrom was elected to the vacant seat with 8 Board votes; Anna Rodriguez received 4 Board votes.** (With the election of new board member Dan Malstrom, 14 board members were now seated).
 10. **(Agenda Item #8) Discussion and possible action on White Point landslide:** The following motion was brought forth from the Committee:
Whereas Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council residents expressed concern regarding the proliferation of signs on Paseo Del Mar resulting from the White Point Landslide and requested the removal of the Road Closed Ahead signs on Paseo Del Mar at Barbara Street. Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the Department of Transportation of the City of Los Angeles reevaluate emergency signage placed on Paseo Del Mar related to the White Point Landslide to determine the signage that is required and where the signage is required to minimize unnecessary traffic flow entering and traveling through the neighborhoods affected directly by the Landslide. Motion passed with 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.
 11. **(Agenda Item #9) Motion urging the City Council Public Safety Committee to revoke the Rancho LPG storage facility rail permit and perform a risk analysis.** [Postponed from Board Meeting of 21 May 2012.] *Motion from Public Safety Committee 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."*
 - Jody James and other supporters of the motion had hoped to show the Board and Stakeholders a short video presentation showing the dangers of the Rancho LPG facility, however, the video project was not available and therefore the video could not be viewed.
 - Jody James and Dr. John Miller were given 15 minutes to present their argument in support of the motion and present their opinion of the dangers the facility poses to the community.
 - Ron Conrow, representing Rancho LPG, was given 15 minutes to explain his opposition to the motion and defending the safety of the facility.
 - Board members in support of the motion voiced several concerns including the need for an independent risk analysis and the need for a new EIR. Another suggestion was to have the tanks moved to protect the safety of the community.
 - Prior to making her comment Marcie Miller asked that any lobbyists in the audience identify themselves and the organization they represent. Irene Mendoza identified herself as an employee of Svorinich and Associates representing Rancho LPG.
 - Board members opposed to the motion felt that an extreme amount of exaggeration and false statements have been made related to the dangers of the facility.
 - **After extensive discussion, the Board voted 5 in favor, 6 opposed and 3 abstentions and the motion failed.**
 12. **(Agenda Item #10) Discussion and possible action on San Pedro Community Plan issues concerning the three corners at 25th St. and Western Ave. and some locations within the**

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Area and the Northwest San Pedro

Neighborhood area: Ray Medak attended the meeting with the Planning Department and provided a verbal report on the items in the San Pedro Community plan that affect the Coastal NC area. A motion will be drafted for next month's meeting.

13. **(Agenda Item #11) Motion to sponsor the Marine Mammal Care Center's fundraising event in the amount of \$1,000:** Ted Shirley presented a motion from the Budget and Finance Committee as follows: *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall sponsor the Marine Mammal Care Center's 20th Anniversary Fall Fundraising Event on 14 October 2012 in the amount of \$1,000 (Fur Seal Sponsor), including a complimentary half-page color ad in the event program in lieu of two event tickets.* **Motion passed with 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention** (Marcie Miller and Louis Dominguez had left the meeting prior to the vote on this agenda item).
14. **(Agenda Item #12) Motion urging improvements to sidewalks on Alma Street:** Motion from *Public Safety Committee as follows:*
"Whereas, according to the August 2012 Draft San Pedro Community Plan, streets are ranked by priority to pinpoint "where to focus attention first" as follows: "Priority Streets assist City agencies, Planning Commissions, and elected officials in making strategic decisions," and **Whereas,** City of Los Angeles — Department of Transportation "Pedestrian Routes for White Point Elementary School" documents that Alma Street is not a safe pedestrian route, and **Whereas,** the opening of the San Pedro High School Annex and the closure of Paseo del Mar have resulted in greatly increased traffic and associated public safety hazards on Alma Street, elevating Alma Street to a de facto "Priority Street,"
Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) calls upon Councilman Joe Buscaino, Public Works Chair, to: 1) Complete the sidewalk on the east side of Alma Street — going southward from the end of Los Angeles Unified School District property to 37th Street — without exercising eminent domain, and; 2. Engage in constructive dialogue with the CSPNC Public Safety Committee to mitigate the public safety concerns along this residential street."

Chuck Hawley gave an update from the committee meeting regarding this motion. Bob Gelfand objected to the motion on the basis of potential Brown Act Violations. **June Smith ruled that the motion be postponed until next month. Chuck Hawley moved to overrule the decision of the chair seconded by Dan Malstrom. After a brief discussion, June Smith called for a vote. Her decision was upheld by 5 yes, 2 no, 2 abstention and the motion was postponed.** (9 Board members seated at the time of the vote).

15. **(Agenda Item #13) Appointments to committees, confirmation of committee chairs, and other appointments:**
- Ed Pluemer was appointed as Chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee with no objection.
 - Vicki McIntyre was appointed as a member of the Education Committee with no objection.
 - Claudia Kreis was appointed as a member of the Public Safety Committee with no objection. Chuck Hawley was concerned about the amount of people assigned to the Public Safety Committee.
 - Lydia Gutierrez was appointed as the 2nd Representative to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils with no objections.
 - **Representative to the White Point Landslide Advisory Committee of Council District:** After discussion three board members were nominated for the position: Dan Malstrom, Ray Medak and Dean Pentcheff. Dan Malstrom was appointed by a majority of votes.

16. **Public Comment:**

- **Valentin Boiadjiev:** Commented on tactics being used by Ms. Stevens, SPHS Principal. He is not happy with the situation and how it was handled at the Alma Gate. He felt intimidated earlier in the meeting by the amount of people who came in her support. He feels it is the Council's responsibility to take action on this issue.
- **Lou Baglietto** commented that a lobbyist does not need to identify him or herself to the Board if he/she is not speaking at the Board Meeting. President June Smith concurred it was not necessary.
- Stakeholders voiced their discontent on the Alma gate issue, the inadequacy of the Gaffey Street gate and the way that the public meetings at the school were presented. President June Smith was not comfortable with the personal statements that the public speakers were voicing on the presentation that Ms. Stevens had given when Ms. Stevens was no longer at the meeting and therefore unable to respond. She asked that further comments be refrained from at this time.
- **Ron Conrow:** Thanked June Smith for running a professional meeting.
- **Dean Pentcheff:** Stated that he was appalled by the public comment period which he felt was not appropriate.

17. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Reviewed by Lydia Gutierrez, Secretary, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council)