



**October 15, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm**

- Call to Order:** President June Burlingame Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance. (13 Board Members)

Roll Call:

Dave Behar	Present (left 6:40)
Valentin Boiadjiev	Absent
Robert Brandin	Present
June Burlingame Smith	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Karl Fleer	Present (arrived 6:40)
Robert Gelfand	Present
Lydia Gutierrez	Present
Charles Hawley	Absent
Claudia Kreis	Present
Ray Medak	Present
Marcie Miller	Present
Frank Pereyda	Present
Ed Pluemer	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
Peter Warren	Present (6:44-8:18)
Dan Malstrom	Present

- Reading and approval of minutes.** *The September 24, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were accepted by the Board as presented.*
- Public comment on non-agenda items.**
 - Robert Brandin invited everyone to attend a “No on 32” event.
 - Carolyn and Ashley Grayson provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness Fair.
 - Bob Gelfand commented on a Brown Act Violation complaint and read his letter into the record.
 - Peter Warren announced the Howl & Scary Stories event at Angels Gate on October 28 from 3-8:30pm. He also commented on the Coastal SPNC agenda notices.
 - Claudia Kreis voiced concerns from some neighbors that there is no monitoring of Point Fermin Park after the posted closing times.
 - Lydia Gutierrez talked about attempted intimidation by teens in the alley behind her home.
- Reports by Government Agency representatives:**

Congresswoman Janice Hahn’s Office: Congresswoman Hahn was in attendance and gave an update on her work in Congress over the last year which included the following:

- She is working on educating Congress on the importance of Ports and has formed a bipartisan Ports Caucus with 80 members. The President has started a White House Task Force on Ports. There is also now a National Freight Policy dealing with the movement of freight.
- Hahn introduced a Bill asking the Dept of Homeland Security to look more closely at Port Security and see where there are gaps. The bill passed with 411-9 votes.

- She is one of two congress members driving an all-electric vehicle.
- Has also been working on Veteran's issues.
- Michael Aguilera reported on two upcoming events, flyers were provided.

Council District 15 Office: No representative in attendance.

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Doug Epperhart reported on the great job that the neighborhood councils and DONE have been doing on neighborhood council elections which has increased voter turnout. He also provided updates on some of the issues that will be discussed at the BONC's upcoming Board Retreat. Neighborhood Council Assessment is also coming around.

LAPD: No report.

5. Question Time on Written Officer and Committee Chair Reports: Question Time

- A verbal report was provided by the Rec and Parks Committee (Ed Pluemer) which included an update on the Lighthouse Society application, as well as an update on a club looking into the idea of volleyball courts at Cabrillo Beach (there was a suggestion to bring this to the Coastal SPNC Board for review).
- Lydia Gutierrez reported on the proposed decrease of 10% for future NC budgets. She also attended the DWP presentation and gave an update on increases.
- Peter Warren asked about the status of motions on the agenda.
- Dan Malstrom provided a verbal update from Councilman Joe Buscaino's Landslide Committee meeting at the Olguin campus.
- Richard Havenick (Landslide Committee) reported on the slope anchor system which has been delayed until March. Re-grading and de-watering should be completed by January.
- Budget and Finance meeting did not have a quorum but there were no funding requests. Next month they plan to have a general discussion on the budget.

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

- Update from Ted Shirley on September purchase card activity. **Bob Gelfand moved for Board approval of the transactions, seconded by Ray Medak. Motion passed with 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.**
- Marcie Miller asked for investigation into how publicity for the International Film Festival was handled. She felt it was poorly attended and not a good investment for the Coastal SPNC.

7. Discussion and potential Motion on White Point Landslide: Motion comes from the White Point Landslide Committee. Wording of motion reads:

Whereas Long Term options under consideration for the restoration of Paseo Del Mar in the area of the White Point Landslide include the option to reroute the roadway around the Landslide and through the White Point Nature Preserve; and,

Whereas the White Point Nature Preserve is a precious resource to the local and regional community providing great educational and recreational opportunities that are highly valued, unique, and limited.

Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the option to reroute the roadway through the White Point Nature Preserve be deleted from the options under consideration for the restoration of Paseo Del Mar in the area of the White Point Landslide.

Point of order from Bob Gelfand that this motion should not be considered due to his opinion that a Brown Act Violation may have been made. The Chair ruled the Point of Order as Out of Order. (Bob Gelfand recused himself from further discussion on this motion.) Peter Warren felt that there was inconsequential violation and spoke in support of the motion. Three stakeholders in attendance also spoke in favor of the motion. Motion passed with 7 yes votes, 2 no votes and 4

abstentions.

8. **MOTION to adopt new CSPNC logo:** Motion postponed until next month when adequate wording is presented.

9. **MOTION / ADOPTION of HANC Resolutions related to CEQA:**

- **RESOLUTION REGARDING TIME FOR REVIEW OF CEQA DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils were established under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs”; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 907 requires the City to provide notice to Neighborhood Councils” as soon as practical,” and to provide a “reasonable opportunity to provide input before decisions are made”; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes a minimum 45 day period for public comment on all draft Environmental Quality Reviews (DEIRs) clearly seeking public comment; and

WHEREAS, CEQA does not establish a maximum time for such review; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils generally meet monthly on a set date, so that the only way for the Neighborhood Councils to have a “reasonable opportunity to provide input” is to be provided more time to comment; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of neighborhood councils have Planning and Land use, or similar, committees to review such documents and develop comments prior to the Neighborhood Council considering comments; and

WHEREAS, 45 days does not provide sufficient time for Neighborhood Councils and their committees to gather public input and prepare public comments; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that, in accordance with Charter Sections 900 and 907, City Council establish a 90-day minimum review period for all Draft EIRs unless this time is waived by the impacted Neighborhood Councils.

Moved by Lydia Gutierrez, seconded by Louis Dominguez. Motion passed with 13 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

- **RESOLUTION REGARDING DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS**

Whereas Neighborhood Councils were established under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs,” and

Whereas Charter Section 907 requires the City to provide notice to neighborhood councils” as soon as practical,” and to provide a “reasonable opportunity to provide input before decisions are made,” and

Whereas the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) establishes a minimum 20 day comment period for draft Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs), and

Whereas CEQA does not establish a maximum time for such review, and

Whereas Neighborhood Councils generally meet monthly on a set date, and

Whereas Neighborhood Councils may want to review and comment on draft Mitigated Negative Declarations for projects impacting their communities, and

Whereas there is currently no system in place to notify Neighborhood Councils when a MND is filed, and

Whereas 20 days does not provide sufficient time for Neighborhood Councils to review and adopt comments,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that, in accordance with Charter Sections 900 and 907, City Council direct the Planning Department to develop a system for providing a copy of all draft MNDs to the affected Neighborhood Councils, and Extend the a 20-day minimum review period to at least 45

days.

Moved by Lydia Gutierrez, seconded by Bob Gelfand. Motion passed with 13 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention

(One board member left at 8:18. 13 board members now in attendance.)

10. **MOTIONS on San Pedro Community Plan issues concerning the three corners at 25th St. and Western Ave. and other locations within the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Area.** The following three motions were brought forth by Ray Medak, Planning Committee Chair:

MOTION "A" FOR SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY PLAN (SPCP) - AREA 165 (intersections of 21st + 22nd Street and Mesa Avenue:

Whereas parking is so scarce and needed in sub area 165 of the San Pedro Community Plan (SPCP); and

Whereas the existing substandard size lot sizes in sub area 165 would become inhibitive for future businesses and development; and

Whereas, structures in sub area 165 need to maintain the ability to park a vehicle in the front yard setback, ***Therefore be it resolved*** that the CSPNC urges that the sub area 165 of the SPCP remain similar to today's zoning and present use maintaining parking in the front yard setback, and

Further be it resolved that the CSPNC urges the elimination of the SPCP requirement of a 10 feet wide landscape setback along primary street frontages.

Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

MOTION "B" FOR SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY PLAN (SPCP) SUB AREAS: 190, 200, 210 (Commercial lots along Pacific Ave, Commercial lots between 23rd + 24th Street along Alma Street, Commercial lots at Northeast corner of Barbara Street and 37th Street)

Whereas creating a new sub area 205 consisting of the Southwest corner of Walker and 24th Street (Busy Bee Market) to comply with the following 3 revisions; and

Whereas maintaining uniformity in the existing neighborhood building heights, which might also inhibit potential neighboring views, that the proposed building heights be reduced from 1VL (45') to 1XL (30') height districts; and

Whereas the future economic survival of small "mom & pop" businesses are in jeopardy, and if the sub areas in question were to be redeveloped, that the zoning shall be reverted from C1 to R1, in order to conform with the immediate neighboring community; and

Whereas reverting the C1 zones to R1 zones, that the proposed Conditions and Limitations regarding the inclusion of Ground Floor Commercial (GFC) be omitted, since the lots would resort back to the R-1 zone if any redevelopment were to occur;

Therefore be it resolved that the CSPNC urges that properties in the sub-areas of 190, 200, 205 and 210 of the SPCP, be reduce to the 1XL (30') height limit,

Further be it resolved that if the sub-areas of 190, 200, 205 and 210 of the SPCP were to be redeveloped that the zoning shall be reduced to the R-1 zone and to eliminate the SPCP requirement of the Ground Floor Commercial (GFC) condition.

Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

MOTION "C" FOR SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY PLAN (SPCP) SUB AREA: 260 (intersection of 25th Street and Western Avenue)

Whereas revising the proposed building heights of 1L (75') to a variety of heights broken down to the following quadrants of:

- A. ***Whereas*** the existing steep contours of the terrain located only in the Northeast corner (including Vons to the Mobil service station) would not disturb any view potential from the adjacent lots to the North and East that the height district be maintained at the recommended 1L (75'); and
- B. ***Whereas*** the existing less severe contours of the terrain located only in the Northwest and Southwest corners (including Albertson's to the Ace Hardware) would disturb views from the adjacent residential lots to the North and West and that the height district be reduced from 1L (75') to 1VL (45'); and

- C. **Whereas** to maintain uniformity in existing adjacent neighborhood building heights that might also inhibit neighboring views in the block section of 25th Street, Moray Avenue and Mantis Avenue and that the height district be reduced from 1L (75') to 1XL (30'); and

Whereas to increase the revenues to those businesses in sub area 260 and to provide direct vehicular access from the Palisades Community, that any redevelopment include a source of financial transit revenues for the re-development and future road maintenance of sections of Paseo del Mar that are adjacent to the ocean bluffs,

Therefore be it resolved that the CSPNC urges that properties in the sub-area of 260 of the SPCP, to be maintained to 1L (75') height limit only in the Northeast corner, to be reduced to the 1VL (45') height limit only in the Northwest and Southwest corners and to be reduced to the 1XL (30') height limit only in the very Northeast corner of the block section of 25th Street, Moray Ave and Mantis Ave; and

Further be it resolved that the CSPNC urges any development to include a source of transit revenue for the re-development and future road maintenance of sections of Paseo del Mar that are adjacent to the ocean bluffs.

Motion by Lydia Gutierrez to strike 1L (75') and replace with 1VL (45'), seconded by Louis Dominguez. The motion to amend was passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstention. The newly amended motion was then passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

11. **Appointments to committees:**

- **White Point Landslide Committee:** Stakeholders Ron St. John and Dr. John Miller were appointed to the White Point Landslide Committee. Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.
- **Public Safety:** Robert Brandin was added to the Public Safety Committee with a vote of 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
- **Mayor's Budget Representatives:** Ted Shirley and Bob Gelfand were appointed as Coastal's Budget Representatives with a vote of 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
- **Planning Committee:** Dan Malstrom was added as a member of the Planning Committee with a vote of 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
- **HANC:** Clarification from Bob Gelfand that all board members can participate as members of the HANC.

12. **Postponed agenda item from September meeting:** It was brought to the attention of the Chair that an agenda item from the September meeting regarding a Motion urging improvements to sidewalks on Alma Street that was postponed has not yet been addressed. June Smith suggested it be placed on November agenda.

13. **Volunteer request for Emergency Preparedness Summit and Veterans Appreciation Festival:**

Announcement from June Smith requesting assistance from board members to assist in cleanup or participate in some way for the Emergency Preparedness Summit.

14. **Announcement** for Board Members to attend Budget Day on Nov. 17 at City Hall 8am-Noon.

15. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- **Jennifer McMillan** commented that email address for Coastal is bouncing. She has not been receiving emails. Website comments.
- **Marcie Miller** commented on a complaint from a stakeholder regarding conflicting information provided to them regarding wheelchair access on the USS Iowa.
- **Louis Dominguez** would like to see San Pedro well represented at the Veterans Festival.
- **Ray Medak** commented on additional issues with the gate at Alma Street.

16. **Adjournment:** Doug Epperhart said a few words in memory of NWSPNC Board Member John Greenwood and the meeting was adjourned in his name at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council