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**January 28, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**  
**Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 12 stakeholders present. (13 Board Members at start of meeting).

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call/Attendance</b>
Dave Behar	Present
Valentin Boiadjiev	Present
Robert Brandin	Absent
June Burlingame Smith	Present
Louis Dominguez	Absent
Karl Fleer	Absent
Robert Gelfand	Present
Lydia Gutierrez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Claudia Kreis	Present
Dan Malstrom	Present
Ray Medak	Absent
Marcie Miller	Present
Frank Pereyda	Present
Ed Pluemer	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
Peter Warren	Present

2. **Reading and approval of minutes:** The December 17, 2012 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were accepted by the Board as presented.
3. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
- Mr. Miller**, an Alma Street Resident, spoke on the issue of a Gas Company representative coming to do repairs at a neighbor's resident. The representative noticed cracks in her house possibly due to the heavy buses (he counted 6 while he was there). His contention is that the sewer system picks up the vibrations from the heavy vehicles and transmits it to the foundation of the nearby homes. This issue was referred to the Planning Committee.
  - Jessica Malstrom** asked the Board about sending a letter to the SPHS Principal asking for an explanation as to why promises were not kept related to the Alma Gate and also related to the amount of buses (average 28 per day) utilizing Alma Street.
4. **Reports from government agency representatives:**
- LAPD:** Eve Wight reported:
    - Los Angeles has hit a new low in crime statistics. Officer Eve believes it is as a result of the cooperation between communities and the police department.
    - Current crimes issues continue to be vehicle theft (older model Toyotas, Hondas and Nissans are the most commonly stolen vehicles), also theft from motor vehicles continues to be an issue.

- iii. Hamilton Trail section has been cleared to hold curb criminal activity. The LAPD is working on solutions to solve the problems in that area. Marcie Miller read a petition requesting Officer Eve Wight be assigned as permanent Senior Lead Officer in the Coastal area and asked all present to sign it.
- iv. School checks are being conducted by the LAPD.

b. **LAPD:** Officer Kyle Lee reported:

- i. Talked about traffic concerns in San Pedro. 323-421-2577 is the number to the South Traffic Desk (includes Harbor Division concerns).
- ii. Recently there have been over 20 locations in San Pedro receiving complaints such as running of stop signs, speeding, etc. (37<sup>th</sup> and Alma was included as accidents have been occurring there).
- iii. Chuck Hawley asked about weight limit signage on Alma.
- iv. Claudia Kreis talked about concerns at 37<sup>th</sup> & Alma.
- v. Dave Behar asked if Officer Lee had any recommendations for this area and in response, the possibility of guard rails was suggested.
- vi. This issue will be discussed further in the Public Safety Committee.

c. **San Pedro High School:** Principal Stevens reported:

- i. She is concerned about the information presented at the Coastal stakeholder meetings and its validity. She would like to see more data.
- ii. The schools hours of operation (business hours) are 6am-5pm but there are sometimes exceptions.
- iii. The school supports any of the improvements recommended for Alma Street, such as guard rails and traffic signs.
- iv. Stevens voiced concerns that neighbors on Alma were not being invited to participate in the discussions. Lydia Gutierrez responded by explaining the public notice process used by Coastal SPNC to announce meetings.
- v. Peter Warren felt that if a Coastal SPNC committee is holding a meeting that has an item on the agenda involving a specific organization, then notice should be specifically sent to that organization inviting them to the committee meeting.
- vi. Peter also asked Ms. Stevens the report on the status of the swimming pool. She responded that the process is taking longer than expected and that the Department of Rec and Parks is in charge of availability of the pool.

5. **Officer and Committee Chair Reports.** Public Safety and Secretary submitted reports. The Education Committee will meet next Tuesday at 4:30 to talk about having a youth representative on the board.

6. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:** Motion by Bob Gelfand, seconded by Claudia Kreis. The motion was passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY MOTION | ALMA STREET SIGNAGE.** The following motion was brought forth by the Public Safety Committee: *"The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation immediately post weight limit signs on Alma Street entering from 25th Street and also from 37<sup>th</sup> Street, and that those weight restrictions be enforced by LAPD Traffic Patrol officers."*

- a. Marcie Miller spoke on the motion explaining that there is a natural arroyo under the street creating a situation where the street sinks.
- b. Richard Havenick clarified that the Committee has always included the people impacted in any discussions at committee meetings.
- c. Stakeholder Mr. Miller and Dan Malstrom spoke in favor of posted weight limits.
- d. It was commented that the intent of the motion was to avoid aggravating the current conditions and get heavy commercial vehicles off Alma and rerouted to either Gaffey or Western.

- e. Peter Warren would like to have more information before voting on the motion.
- f. Bob Gelfand moved that the motion be referred to the Planning Committee and any other relevant committees and that input be invited from the city engineer's office who could then report to the Coastal Council at the next meeting. The motion to refer to committee was seconded by Ed Pleumer.
- g. Chuck Hawley moved that the motion be referred back to the Public Safety Committee for further consideration, seconded by Peter Warren. Chuck's motion failed with 3 yes votes, 7 no votes, and 3 abstentions.
- h. Bob Gelfand's motion to refer back to committee, failed with 4 yes votes, 7 no votes and 2 abstentions.
- i. **The original motion as presented was then passed with 9 yes votes, 2 no votes and 1 abstention.**

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY MOTION / ALMA STREET.** The following motion was brought forth by the Public Safety Committee.

*"Whereas the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services and Bureau of Engineering, and Department of Transportation have identified numerous structural deficiencies on Alma Street between 25th Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Street, and*

*Whereas Los Angeles Police Department records document accident rates on this section of Alma Street far exceed the combined total of all Proposed Bond Eligible Streets in the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council District, and Because the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council is aware of and concerned by the public safety issues identified by Los Angeles City and County agencies, Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests a meeting with CD15 and representatives from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Engineering and Department of Transportation to re-designate Alma Street between 25th Street and 37th Street from a Proposed Bond Eligible Street to a Priority Street so that funds can be allocated to make required repairs immediately, or, to restrict Alma Street to local traffic only until all public safety hazards can be mitigated."*

- a. Marcie Miller spoke on the motion.
- b. An Alma Street resident suggested lighted crosswalks for safety.
- c. Bob Gelfand moved to strike the words "or to close Alma Street to local traffic only until all public safety hazards can be mitigated", seconded by Lydia Gutierrez. Vote on motion, 3 yes, 7 no, 3 abstentions. Motion failed.
- d. **The original motion as presented was passed with 9 yes votes, 2 no votes and 2 abstentions.**

**9. LANDSLIDE MOTION | Ad Hoc Landslide Committee.** The following motion was brought forth by the Landslide Committee with an overview by Richard Havenick.

*Whereas the County of Los Angeles Coastal Development Permit No. 5-12-28 applicable to the newly rerouted storm drains at 1600 South Paseo Del Mar (east of White Point Landslide) includes the statement, "Once a final decision has been made regarding the repair of Paseo Del Mar, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District intends to develop and implement plans to relocate the storm drains to a location and alignment that is compatible with the repair to Paseo Del Mar, and will submit a separate application for a permit from the Coastal Commission for such work at that time."*

*Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the California Coastal Commission and County of Los Angeles ensure that the referenced storm drains be replaced as soon as possible in a way that eliminates the negative effects resulting from the current storm drains, including erosion, threat to public safety (the current above-ground piping is used as a stairway), and aesthetics in the otherwise beautiful coastal bluff area.*

*Further be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council District 15 support the above CSPNC request as stated to the California Coastal Commission and the County of Los Angeles.*

- a. **Motion passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.**

**10. CSPNC IDENTITY MOTION | Communications Committee.** The following motion was brought forth from the Agenda Committee: *"The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall adopt the new logo as presented."* **Motion passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.**

11. **CSPNC MAYORAL FORUM SUPPORT.** The following motion was brought forth from the Agenda Committee with an overview by Dave Behar: *“Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will sponsor a mayoral forum in May for an amount not to exceed \$250.00 and will invite other Neighborhood Councils to co-sponsor the event. CSPNC will receive visibility as a sponsor via print and digital media. Motion passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.*
12. **VIDEO SERVICES - APPROVAL OF FUNDS.** The following motion was brought forth from the Budget and Finance Committee. *“Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall approve the monthly video and photography services of Palos Verdes on the Net, a 501c3 entity, for an amount not to exceed \$350.00 per month, under the supervision of the Communications Committee, for a minimum of six (6) months, in order to support outreach initiatives and regularly produce and deliver content.”*
- Dave Behar spoke on the motion commenting that these services would take the Coastal SPNC to the next level in using social media to outreach to the community.
  - Peter Warren felt this was only one tactical piece of a strategic plan and that a more detailed plan needed to be presented. In response, Dave Behar provided more details on the overall plan.
  - Ted Vegvari, Director and Founder of Palos Verdes on the Net Education Center, spoke briefly about their program which involves middle school, high school and college age students. The students produce the videos.
  - Motion by Peter Warren to table the motion, seconded by Lydia Gutierrez. Motion to table failed with 5 yes, 7 no, 1 abstention.
  - The original motion was then passed with 8 yes, 3 no, 2 abstention.*
13. **APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR BANNERS:** The following motion was brought forth by the Budget & Finance Committee.
- “Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall approve the payment of \$180.00 for two 2 x 8 CSPNC banners.” Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.*
14. **APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR FACILITY RENTAL:** The following motion was brought forth by the Budget & Finance Committee. *“Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall approve the payment of \$50.00 for two hours of after hours facility rental at Corner Store on January 23, 2013.”*
- Peter Warren moved to amend the motion to approve \$25 for every meeting, seconded by Claudia Kreis.
  - Question on legality & “hold harmless” from Chuck Hawley.
  - Motion by Bob Gelfand to refer the amendment to the budget and finance committee, seconded by Karl Flee. Motion to refer passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
  - Original motion as presented passed. 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention.*
15. **POSTING MOTION.** The following motion was brought forth by the Rules and Bylaws Committee: *“Whereas policy established by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners requiring 5 postings for governing board and committee meetings of neighborhood councils serves little or no useful purpose for some neighborhood councils and is not a requirement of state law, Therefore the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to repeal its policies that require multiple postings”.*
- Peter Warren moved to postpone item #15 until the next meeting, seconded by Lydia Gutierrez. 9 yes, 2 no, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.*
- MOTION TO POSTPONE:** *Motion by Bob Gelfand to postpone Agenda Items 17, 18, 19, and 20 until the next meeting and take up Agenda Item #16 with the 4 minute rule taken up today, seconded by Peter Warren. Motion passed with 10 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention.*
16. **STANDING RULE MOTION.** The following motion was brought forth by the Rules and Bylaws Committee and an overview was provided by Bob Gelfand: *“Motion regarding Standing Rule number 2: Add to the standing rule the following language: The president shall be considered a member of the committee for purposes of determining a quorum and casting votes.” Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.*

17. **WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS MOTION** | *Rules & Bylaws Committee. CSPNC removes Rule number 5 from its Standing Rules regarding written committee reports. POSTPONED.*
18. **BOARD MEMBER ORATION MOTION** | *Rules & Bylaws Committee. Revision to Standing Rule number 6 on Board Member Oration: a) the time limit of 2 minutes shall be changed to 3 minutes, and b) The following words shall be added immediately prior to the words "Once an agenda item has been placed.." a board member's speaking time may be extended an additional 3 minutes by a majority of the board. POSTPONED.*
19. **WEBSITE GUIDELINES MOTION** | *Rules & Bylaws Committee Standing Rule number 7 regarding website guidelines is repealed. POSTPONED.*
20. **MEETING POSTINGS MOTION** | *Rules & Bylaws Committee "To delete the portions of Standing Rule number 8 in **strikeout** and to add the portions in **italics**: It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Neighborhood Council to ensure that notice of meetings of the board are provided at least 72 hours in advance, to white paper copies of the agenda posted at the five locations, at least one of which is Brown Act compliant, designated by the Board and on the Neighborhood Council's website. If the Secretary is unable to fulfill this duty, the President may designate a board member to perform this duty. It shall be the duty of ad hoc and standing committee chairpersons to ensure that notice of meetings of their committees are provided; to wit, a paper copy of the agenda posted in at least one location that complies with Ralph M. Brown Act requirements and on the Neighborhood Council's website." POSTPONED.*
21. **POSTING SERVICES - APPROVAL OF FUNDS** | *Budget & Finance Committee Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall approve the Community Posting Services of Palos Verdes on the Net, a 501c3 entity, for an amount not to exceed \$22.50 per meeting, to post a minimum of five (5) paper notices in designated locations for Brown Act related meetings. Committee Chairs and/or officers must be pre-qualified and verified before Palos Verdes on the Net will accept the order from the Neighborhood Council. Notice(s) must be received by e-mail (pdf or word doc) 24 hours prior to 72 hour posting deadline. **Motion by Bob Gelfand to postpone until next month, seconded by Peter Warren. Vote on motion 9 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions.***

Peter Warren left 10:00 (12 board members now present).

22. **EPA MOTION:** The following motion was brought forth by the Public Safety Committee:

*"The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council acknowledges receipt of the December 20, 2012 US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funded report by Geotechnologies, Inc. **regarding the San Pedro Terminal, Rancho LPG/LP at 2110 No Gaffey Street, San Pedro** and requests that the following Los Angeles City and County departments review the findings and share their professional evaluation regarding all safety issues identified in this report with the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council within 30 days as follows:*

*1. The County of Los Angeles Department of Weights and Measures review the report and share its professional evaluation regarding slope stability based on: Recommendations Based on the Site Visit:*

*Item 1: Several slope areas were noted to have evidence of burrowing rodents. The burrows will degrade the strength of the materials comprising the slope as well as provide avenues for water infiltration. An eradication program for the rodents should be implemented.*

*2. The City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety review the report and share its professional evaluation regarding all safety issues identified in the report including, but not limited to: Recommendations Based on the Site Visit Items 1 and 2-4*

*Item 2: The asphalt emulsion that lines the containment area was observed to have cracks up to 1½ inches wide. The cracks should be filled with new emulsion to prevent rainfall runoff from entering the cracks.*

*Item 3: Two area drain inlets that collect water from butane Tank T-1 and T-2 terraces were partially filled with*



*sediment. These storm drains should be cleaned of the debris to restore full capacity.*

*Item 4: The site maintenance program should include regular observations and cleaning and repair, as needed, of all area drains, terrace drains and asphalt emulsion surfaces.*

Motion to amend by Chuck Hawley to include after the word inc, in the second “regarding the San Pedro Terminal, Rancho LPG/LP at 2110 No Gaffey Street, San Pedro,” seconded by Lydia Gutierrez, Vote on Amendment passed with 11 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention. Vote on motion as perfected. 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

**23. Appointments to committees and other committee actions.**

- a. Valentine Boiadjev was appointed to the Rec and Parks Committee.
- b. The following people were appointed as members of a Selection Committee to oversee the process of selecting the next governing board (2013-14), and determination of the date of the selection meeting in the month of May 2013: Dean Pentcheff, Chair; Kristina Smith and Doug Epperhart as committee members. Selection scheduled for May 18 at 11am.

**24. Announcements:**

- a. Marcie Miller commented that CD15 continues to be absent from the monthly meetings, as well as the Port.
- b. Chuck Hawley would like to see the use of a consent calendar come back.
- c. Dave Behar suggested discussion of a board retreat be on the agenda for next month.
- d. Dean Pentcheff commented that the old website will be cancelled as of the end of February 2013.

**25. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Revised by Lydia Gutierrez, Secretary.