

**April 15, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:48pm. See list below for board member attendance (quorum of 11 board members present). Approximately 60 stakeholders present.

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

2. **Reading and approval of minutes:** The March 18, 2013 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were accepted by the Board as presented.

LAPD Report: (No objection to having the LAPD speak out of order to accommodate Capt. Lauer who was not able to stay for Reports from Government Agency Representatives later on the agenda.)
 LAPD's Captain Nancy Lauer talked about the bombings in Boston. All police departments are on heightened alert. Cameras in the community are one way to help fight crime and obtain leads. She also reported that total crime in the Harbor Area is down 20% year to date. Officer Eve Wight provided a handout with an overview of crime in the Coastal San Pedro area. From April 7 through April 13th, there were 2 grand theft autos and 3 burglaries from motor vehicles in the Coastal area, which is a low number for the Coastal area.

3. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
 - a. Alan Johnson from Jericho Development, part of the LA Waterfront Alliance, thanked those who attended the recent public meeting regarding Ports O'Call Redevelopment. He urged the community to share their ideas. The next public meeting has not yet been scheduled.
 - b. Lydia Gutierrez announced that the May 20, 2013 Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting will be held at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Auditorium.

- c. Peggy from the Corner Store addressed safety on Alma Street. They are looking for some changes to be made on the road (signage/guard rails/reflector lights). The Corner Store is hosting a Farmer's Market the second Saturday of every month.
4. **RECOGNITION** | *San Pedro High School Girls Cross Country Team – City Champions!* On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, Chair June Smith recognized the Girls Cross Country Team and presented a proclamation and individual certificates.
5. **RECOGNITION** | *San Pedro High School Girls Soccer Team – Marine League Champions!* On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, Chair June Smith recognized the Girls Soccer Team and presented a proclamation.
6. **RECOGNITION** | *Former Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight* -- On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, Chair June Smith recognized Officer Eve Wight for her outstanding service to the Coastal San Pedro community and awarded her with a proclamation.
7. **Reports from government agency representatives:**
 - a. **Congresswoman Hahn's Office:** Ivan Zulic, the new liaison from the Congresswoman's Office reported:
 - i. Congresswoman Janice Hahn voted against HR1120, the Anti-Labor, Special Interest Giveaway. She felt that the bill does nothing to prevent uncertainty and adds a great deal of confusion and vulnerability to labor-management interactions.
 - ii. Hahn introduced the "Bridge to Jobs Act" as part of the "Make It In America" Package.
 - iii. Hahn supports the Presidents 2014 Budget but does not support the changes to Social Security.
 - iv. Hahn hosted a roundtable discussion with the Department of Transportation Maritime Administrator David Matsuda.
 - v. Hahn recently hosted a small business workshop regarding Obamacare. The workshop was entitled "How Will Obamacare Impact Your Small Business?"
 - vi. The Congresswoman was proud to stand with flight attendants at LAX against the TSA's recent decision to change their policy to allow small knives on planes.
 - vii. Ivan announced the Congressional Art Competition Reception scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 5-6:30pm at CSU Dominguez Hills.
 - viii. Also announced the Congressional Awards for Youth program. This is for youth enrolled in programs (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Soccer etc). The volunteer work is documented and then added up to be eligible for a Bronze, Silver or Gold Congressional award. Those youth interested in the Awards Program can contact the Congresswoman's office (\$10 fee to sign up).
 - b. **Councilman Buscaino's Office:** Kevin Bingham was absent due to illness. No report provided.
 - c. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich, reported:
 - i. May 18th the Port is hosting free boat tours from 10am-3pm.
 - ii. May 18th at 9am there will be a special boat tour for Neighborhood Council members.
 - iii. Chuck Hawley asked about the monitoring of expired TWIC cards. Augie was not familiar with the details but stated he could find out.
 - iv. Dean Pentcheff asked if the Port can send a substitute individual to replace Augie on occasions where he cannot attend the NC meetings.
 - d. **LAUSD:** Fred Quintana, field representative for Dr. Vladovic, reported:

- i. On the issue of the MOU regarding the Pool at the Olguin campus, Measure A was not passed so revisions have had to be made regarding the pool due to lack of funding.
- ii. Marcie Miller asked about a program to increase Kindergarten attendance at Leland Street Elementary School.
- iii. Louis Dominguez asked Fred to check into the manhole cover problem (rising in the street and creating a traffic hazard) on Alma at 30th Street.
- iv. Dan Malstrom brought up the issue of 20-30 buses using the Alma gate and urged Fred to speak with Dr. Vladovic about the school buses being required to use the correct gate on Gaffey.
- v. Mary Anderson, resident on Almeria Street, brought up the issue of promises made by the District with regards to the gate on Alma and students' schedules. She would like someone with knowledge on the issue to work on mitigation.
- vi. Chuck Hawley suggested the original EIR be viewed to check compliance and also voiced concerns about the issue of transporting students from campus to campus.
- vii. Further discussion was referred to the Public Safety Committee.
- viii. Jessica Malstrom, an Alma Street resident, also commented that the landslide has impacted the issue since the original EIR.

8. **QUESTION TIME** | Regarding Written Officer and Committee Chair reports:

- a. Dean Pencheff provided an overview of the Selection Rules including deadlines related to the upcoming selection of Coastal San Pedro NC Board Members. Please see CSPNC.org website for application. (Report Submitted)
- b. Dave Behar announced that a postcard is being mailed to all residents of Coastal announcing the selection and information will also be included in the newsletter "Coastal Currents".
- c. White Point Landslide Committee (Report submitted), highlights provided by Richard Havenick.
- d. Ted Shirley gave highlights from the written Budget and Finance Committee report.

9. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:** The monthly transactions will be brought forth for approval at the May meeting.

10. **PASEO DEL MAR MITIGATION MOTION** from Public Safety Committee. Due to no quorum at the Public Safety Committee, the following motion was moved by Marcie Miller and seconded by Lydia Gutierrez. Motion reads as follows:

Whereas the closure of Paseo Del Mar at Weymouth Avenue due to the White Point Landslide results in greatly increased traffic, congestion, and potential for crime and injuries during the summer months from Memorial Day through Labor Day. And

Whereas immediate/near-term and temporary actions could be implemented at the affected site to mitigate the negative impacts of the increase in traffic, congestion, and potential for crime, including options such as video surveillance, on-site traffic director, lighted closure sign on trailer at side of road or in median, flashing lights on fence, and removing the Detour sign on South Gaffey Street pointing in the direction of the Landslide.

Therefore be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles and Council District 15 to implement immediate and urgent action to install necessary equipment and implement necessary actions to mitigate the impacts from the summer-time increase in traffic, congestion, and potential for crime and serious injury in the affected area.

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Motion Passed	10	0	1	0

11. **EVENT PERMIT DENIAL MOTION** from Public Safety Committee. The event organizers have removed their request for a permit, therefore, no action was taken on the motion.

12. **LAUSD TOXIC SUBSTANCE MOTION** from Public Safety Committee. The motion was referred back to Committee for clarification.

Motion by Bob Gelfand to put Items 13-19 onto a Consent Calendar, seconded by Louis Dominguez. 3 yes, 7 no, 1 abstention. Motion failed.

13. **SURVEILLANCE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST** from the Budget & Finance Committee. Motion reads as follows: *“CSPNC shall approve sponsorship of LAPD Requested Surveillance Cameras for “Landslide Area” and “Hamilton Ravine” at a level of \$1,500.00.”*

Marcie Miller commented that the original request for funding was for \$5,000 for five locations. She gave an overview of the need for the surveillance sponsorship.

Dean Pentcheff, although sympathetic to the issues of the homeowners, spoke in opposition of the motion based on an invasion of privacy.

Mona Sutton spoke in favor of the motion due to the potential of crime and the use of the cameras as a tool for safety.

Peggy Lindquist from the Corner Store asked for reconsideration in raising the amount of funding for the cameras.

Dave Behar commented that this was an opportunity to start a surveillance program and additional locations could be added at a future date.

Chuck Hawley commented that cameras are as effective as having a police presence and feels that today there is a necessity for this type of safety effort.

Marcie moved to amend the motion to \$3,000 for three locations instead of \$1500, seconded by Dave Behar.

Amendment	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	6	2	3	0

Motion as amended	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	6	2	3	0

14. **SAN PEDRO ART ASSOCIATION SPONSORSHIP REQUEST** from the Budget & Finance Committee. Motion reads as follows: *“CSPNC shall approve sponsorship of the San Pedro Art Association at the amount of \$1,500.00. Accompanied by Application Statement.”* John Stinson spoke on behalf of the San Pedro Art Association.

(Bob Gelfand gave a suggestion to change all the \$1500 funding requests to \$1200 in order to accommodate the increase to the first funding motion. Ted Shirley commented that there is postage money that has been set aside that could cover the increase.)

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	10 yes	0	1	0

15. **SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA SPONSORSHIP REQUEST** from the Budget & Finance Committee. Motion reads as follows: *“CSPNC shall approve sponsorship of Shakespeare by the Sea at a level of \$1,500.00.”* Accompanied by Application Statement.

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	8	0	3	0

16. **SPAY NEUTER PROJECT SPONSORSHIP REQUEST** from the Budget & Finance Committee. Motion reads as follows: *“CSPNC shall approve sponsorship of SPAA at the amount of \$1,500.00.”* Accompanied by Application Statement. Ann Sturman from the SPAA gave an overview

of the program.

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	8	0	3	0

17. **ZHENA FOLK CHORUS SPONSORSHIP REQUEST** from the Budget & Finance Committee. Motion reads as follows: *“CSPNC shall approve sponsorship of the Zhena Folk Chorus at the amount of \$1,500.00.” Accompanied by Application Statement.* Eve Parasich spoke about the project being held April 28th at the Croatian Cultural Center.

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	9	0	2	0

18. **LAUSD ATTENDANCE PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP REQUEST** from the Budget & Finance Committee. Motion reads as follows: *“CSPNC shall approve sponsorship of the LAUSD Attendance Program for Leland Elementary School in the amount of \$1,500.00.”*

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	5	4	1	1

19. **CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS SPONSORSHIP REQUEST** from the Budget & Finance Committee. Motion reads as follows: *“CSPNC shall approve sponsorship of the Congress of Neighborhood Councils in the amount of \$250.00.”* Bob Gelfand gave an overview.

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	10	0	1	0

20. **BUDGET TRANSFER from the Budget & Finance Committee.** Motion reads as follows: *“The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council authorizes the Treasurer of CSPNC to deposit into the bulk mail account any CSPNC funds that are not otherwise allocated at the end of Fiscal Year 2012-2013.”*

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	8	2	1	0

21. **LETTER TO THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS - APPROVAL:**

Chair June Smith turned the Chairmanship over to the Vice Chair Dave Behar for this Agenda Item #21. Motion by June Smith, seconded by Marcie Miller to approve the following letter to be sent to the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

“Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that you please consider extending the contract of Debra Babcock-Doherty as Executive Secretary to the Port Community Advisory Committee, better known as PCAC. Ms. Babcock-Doherty performs an irreplaceable function for the Port of Los Angeles as the Secretary for PCAC because of her unique experience and skills. We feel that the Port is best served by ensuring that Ms. Babcock-Doherty continue in her role with the Committee.

We understand that Ms. Babcock-Doherty’s contract was extended last May for only a year ending May 10, 2013, but PCAC has never been so advised or consulted. It is our understanding that a new administrative rule now blocks further extension of her contract, but we have not been given this rule. We respectfully request a copy of the document or policy and the date of its inception and ask that the Board of Harbor Commissioners seek an exemption from that policy’s restrictions if indeed such a policy exists.

Since the early beginnings of PCAC, Ms. Babcock-Doherty has developed and employed unique skills and qualifications to function as a non-participating and objective recorder of minutes, documentarian of findings and conclusions emerging from PCAC meetings, and as a helpful aid to the members of PCAC and the Port staff. Her long experience with PCAC enables her to identify key conclusions and issues requiring resolution. We have always found her to be extremely helpful, and she is a key person in the facilitation of efficient functioning of the PCAC and its subcommittees.

Ms. Babcock-Doherty has served with exemplary and honorable performance in her duties with PCAC, Port staff and the Port Commission. We ask that you please find a way to overcome the referenced City of Los

Angeles administrative hurdle so that Ms. Babcock-Doherty may continue in her role as PCAC Secretary.”

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	7	1	2	1

22. **PROCLAMATIONS FOR MAY** from Communications Committee. Approval of presentation of proclamations during the May CSPNC Board Meeting to honor 1) Stephanie Mardesich, Founder of the 10TH Annual Los Angeles Harbor International Film Festival

Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Voting
Passed	8	0	2	1

23. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIONS:** The role of submitting Community Impact Statements will be added to committee assignments.

24. **PUBLIC COMMENT** On non-agenda items:

- a. **Dave Behar:** Asked the Board and stakeholders to reach out and get people involved in the upcoming Selection of Board Members.
- b. **Lydia Gutierrez:** asked for clarification on emailing of agendas and minutes.

25. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

26. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council