



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## May 19, 2014 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 by Chairman Dave Behar. See list below for board member attendance (9 Board members). Approximately 40-45 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
Dave Behar	Present
Gary Bettis	Absent
Cari Lynn Burich	Absent
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Lydia Gutierrez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Dan Malstrom	Present
Matt Matich	Absent
Chris Nagle	Absent
Ana Rosa Ortiz	Present
Frank Pereyda	Resigned in April
Ted Shirley	Absent
June Burlingame Smith	Absent
John Vidovich	Present
Peter Warren	Absent

2. **Reading and approval of minutes:** The April 21, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were presented for approval by the Board. Bob Gelfand asked that the minutes be revised to show that Item #14 on Pg. 5 (CSPNC Bylaws Amendment Article Sect. 504, Terms & Term Limits - Final Reading and vote on proposed bylaws amendment) did not pass. The following Note was added: **(NOTE: The board was informed by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment that according to the Coastal Bylaws, the motion must be passed by a 2/3 vote of all Governing Board Members holding office at the time of the vote, whether or not they are present at the meeting. Therefore, the above Bylaws Amendment did not pass.)** The amended minutes were then passed with 8 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention. (Moved by Ana Ortiz, seconded by Louis Dominguez).
3. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
  - a. **Larry Smith**, Community Development Director for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, spoke about the San Pedro Urban Greening Project. A map was distributed showing some of the green pathways that could be part of the Urban Greening Plan in San Pedro. Smith announced

an upcoming open house and other events which will be held related to the project. The events begin with an Open House on First Thursdays at People's Place, 365 6<sup>th</sup> Street on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Three workshops and two public events will be presented between June 21 and October 18, 2014.

- b. **James Dimon** spoke about recent graffiti problems at Cabrillo Beach and the park on Paseo, as well as Pt. Fermin Park. He received over 30 emails and 20 calls from stakeholders about the problems. The Public Safety Committee will meet to come up with solutions to address this issue.
- c. **Doug Epperhart** voiced his opposition to the proposal of having Hamilton Avenue changed to a one way street.
- d. **John Stinson**, President of the San Pedro Art Association announced the opening of the 44<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Art Competition at Crafted at the Port of LA. It will be there for two weeks. There are nearly 100 pieces being exhibited. The San Pedro Art Association will be having their own competition for all students in San Pedro on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- e. **Christopher Cole**, a resident in the 1200 block of Hamilton recently sent out a flyer suggesting that Hamilton be a one way street and received mixed reviews from his neighbors. He would like support from the Board to change the degree of the project proposed by the Department of Public Works.
- f. **Lydia Gutierrez**, commented on a past event held in July 2013 that had a T-Shirt bearing the CSPNC logo without board approval. Lydia also expressed her concerns regarding payments made for CSPNC video work going to a company allegedly associated with the CSPNC president. Another concern was an upcoming volleyball competition on June 28<sup>th</sup> where the CSPNC president presented a proposal to the Cabrillo Beach Boosters containing the CSPNC logo which was not approved for this event by the Board.
- g. **Peggy Lundquist**, a stakeholder and owner of the Corner Store commented on two issues: 1) she was not happy that voters were required to sign the ballots at the CSPNC Selections; and 2) she would like to know when the newly resurfaced Alma Street will have the striping and markings completed to avoid potential safety issues.
- h. **John Vidovich** commented on the slate being circulated for the CSPNC Selections and the definition of a stakeholder as provided by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. He feels the board needs to take a hard look at the Bylaws to make sure they comply.
- i. **Bob Gelfand** clarified that the City Council has the right to define a stakeholder and require the neighborhood councils to comply. He would like to see the "factual basis stakeholder" definition more clearly defined. Bob also clarified the difference between an Election and a Selection.
- j. **Chris Bunting** introduced himself as a Coastal stakeholder. He is a location manager for the film industry.
- k. **Patrick O'Connell**, Long Beach City Council member introduced himself and announced his candidacy for the state assembly for this district.

#### 4. Reports by Government Agency representatives:

- a. **LAPD** - Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight provided the April 2014 Crime Map and reported on the following:
  - i. Drop in major crime, however there has been an increase in Grand Theft Auto (GTA's). LAPD is encouraging owners of older model Hondas and Toyotas to lock their vehicles with a "Club" as these are the vehicles stolen most often.
  - ii. Thefts from motor vehicles in parking lots: Especially targeted are sporting events.
  - iii. Tagging/Graffiti: The difficulty is that Rec and Parks can't respond as fast as GAP's abatement program. She will work with the Councilman's office to see if the process can be expedited.
  - iv. Two new neighborhood watch groups were announced. They are planning a beach cleanup for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- v. Eve also announced a California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser with proceeds going to the families of three fallen officers.
- b. **CD15** - Council District 15 Representative Rebecca Liu filled in for Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson and gave highlights from Ryan's written report:
- i. Nicole Wells should be contacted for assistance while Ryan is out on vacation.
  - ii. \$10 million from the Unappropriated Balance has been allocated to a new account for sidewalk repair.
  - iii. Cell tower at 966-972 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street: After hearing testimony from the applicant and the appellant, as well as members of the community and the Council office, the Planning Commission voted 2-2 which means that the Zoning Administrator's determination to approve this facility was upheld.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
- i. Update on upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings
  - ii. The Port is offering Community Grants, application available on Port's website.
  - iii. Harbor Community Benefits Foundation is also awarding half a million dollars for port related projects and will be holding a workshop on May 28, more info at [www.hcbf.org](http://www.hcbf.org)
  - iv. Ports O'Call: Negotiations continue. An additional 180 days extension has been granted to the Waterfront Alliance Group (in 30 day increments)
  - v. Executive Director Position at the Port: Interviews continue, an announcement should be coming soon.
  - vi. Upcoming events were announced including the Grand Opening of the Downtown Harbor Cut on June 20, 5-8pm; Cars & Stripes on June 27 from 5-10pm.
5. **Motion to Move Agenda Item:** The board approved a motion to move Agenda Item #8 Recognition of Athletic and Academic Achievements before Item #6.
6. **Recognition of Athletic and Academic Achievements:** Students from San Pedro High School were honored for their achievements and presented with certificates by the Coastal SPNC President.
7. **Question Time regarding written Officer and Committee Chair reports:**
- a. Transportation Committee: John Vidovich gave a verbal update on items discussed at the last committee meeting including:
    - i. Hamilton Widening issue: Representatives from CD15 were in attendance to discuss this issue. A Public Meeting will be held at the San Pedro Library on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30.
    - ii. Rerouting of Bus 246 will be discussed at the next committee meeting w/rep from DOT.
    - iii. Traffic Calming on Paseo del Mar: At the meeting Jacob Haik commented that funding should be in the new City Budget cycle. Jacob also hopes to expedite getting Alma Street striped (this usually doesn't occur until 6 months after resurfacing).
    - iv. Dan Malstrom mentioned that speed bumps might be a possibility for Alma and other streets. The Committee hopes to re-visit the issue of School buses on Alma.
  - b. Selection Committee: Dean Pentcheff provided a written "Selection Report" and gave highlights on the success of the Selection. The candidates selected will serve a 1 year term.
  - c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: DONE Rep Tom Soong was in attendance and spoke briefly on Selections, Elections, and Funding deadlines (NPG deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>; Purchase Card deadline is June 13).

8. **Chairman/President's Report:** A written report was submitted by the President. Highlights from that report included:
  - a. Committee Chairs are asked to hold wrap-up sessions before June 30 so the new Board and Committee Chairs can have a nice hand-off of what has been accomplished this past term.
  - b. Board Member, Frank Pereyda, resigned in April 2014 and Committee Chair, Ed Pluemer, resigned in May 2014.
  - c. The new CSPNC Board will be seated at the July meeting at which time the Executive Board will be selected. A date for a Board Retreat will be chosen with suggested dates being August 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.
9. **Future Recognition Motion:** The following motion was approved unanimously by the Board:  
*"Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will honor Mr. Saavedra for his teaching and contributions to Docs Rock at the June 2014 meeting."*
10. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:** *The April 21, 2014 Bank Statement was submitted for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee. The motion to approve was passed with 8 yes votes (Malstrom, Gelfand, Dimon, Vidovich, Dominguez, Hawley, Gutierrez and Ortiz); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Behar).*
11. The following motions were presented in the agenda packet:
  - a. **MOTION** | MUSIC BY THE SEA (*Budget & Finance*): *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 to Music by the Sea.*
  - b. **MOTION** | SAN PEDRO ARTS ASSOCIATION (*Budget & Finance*): *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 to San Pedro Arts Association.*
  - c. **MOTION** | CABRILLO BEACH BOOSTERS (*Budget & Finance*): *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates \$1000 to the Cabrillo Beach Boosters for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Show.*
  - d. **MOTION** | DIG FOR KIDS (*Budget & Finance*): *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates \$225 to Dig For Kids Youth Volleyball Tournament.*

Dave Behar explained that the above motions unfortunately would have to be tabled due to the deadline for NPG's having been May 15<sup>th</sup>. *Motion by Behar, seconded by Bob Gelfand to table these four motions indefinitely. Motion passed with 7 yes votes, (Malstrom, Gelfand, Dimon, Vidovich, Dominguez, Hawley and Ortiz); 0 no votes; 2 abstention (Behar/Gutierrez).*
12. **Appointments to Committees and other Committee actions:** A representative to the San Pedro Urban Greening Project will need to be appointed at the next meeting.
13. **Public Comment on Non-agenda items:**
  - a. **John Vidovich:** Unhappy with the overall Selection process and would like to look into having Elections by DONE which are now allowing Vote by Mail and voting during the week.
  - b. **Lydia Gutierrez:** Provided some background on her career and announced her candidacy for State Superintendent of Education and spoke on her platform.
  - c. **Dave Behar:** Read an email that was sent out by James Allen, Publisher of Random Lengths related to the Selections. Dave commented that many of the people placed on the slate that was included with the email were not approached for approval.
  - d. **James Dimon:** Commented that he did not authorize anyone to put his name on this slate.
  - e. **Denise Marovich-Sampson:** Commented that she also did not give permission to be on the Random Lengths slate.
  - f. **Chuck Hawley:** Felt that CSPNC should work closely with the Council Office to narrow the definition of a stakeholder to avoid fraudulent voting.
  - g. **Lydia Gutierrez:** Commented that the ballots are available for review and if someone has complaints they should do something about it or leave the issue alone.

- h. **Bob Gelfand:** The city has changed the stakeholder definition to “Substantial interest in the neighborhood.” We have been left without any specific guidance. Ask for a better clarification of the rules for the next CSPNC S/election.
- i. **Comment from stakeholder:** Spoke on free speech and having people activated. The system is working fine and people that want to push for their concerns should be able to do so.
- j. **Dean Pentcheff:** Running the selection has used up his patience. Publicity for the Selection was almost non-existent despite all the Communications meetings where publicity was discussed. People campaigned and got their friends to come out and vote but there was no publicity. Selection Committee was not responsible for outreach. There is mis-use of the structure of the Committees. Information is not flowing well from the Officers to the Committee Chairs. If the Committee Chairs are not doing their job, then they need to be replaced. The role is to push as hard as you can for the interests of the stakeholders, influencing agencies and elected officials in such a way that they do what is best for the stakeholders.
- k. **Dan Malstrom** gave a brief overview of the accomplishments of the CSPNC Board this year which included: CSPNC led the decision making process on the Paseo Del Mar Landslide, new neighborhood watch groups, nice signs throughout the community creating more awareness; more friends on Facebook, first ever Public Safety Summit with a panel of city officials; and Alma Street has been repaved after three years of requests.

14. **Announcements:** Linda Alexander, President of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, announced the upcoming Central Selections and urged those with a substantial interest in the Central area to come out and vote.

15. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith for Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
Reviewed by Board Secretary, Ana Ortiz  
Approved by Board June 16, 2014