



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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March 16, 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm Vice President Gary Bettis. President James Dimon arrived after roll call. See list below for board member attendance. 12 Board members present. Approximately 40 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
James Baeza	Present
Gary Bettis	Present
Cari Burich	Present
June Burlingame-Smith	Present
Slobodan Dimitrov	Absent
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Charles Hawley	Absent
Adele Healy	Present
Matt Matich	Present
Shannon Ross	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
John Vidovich	Absent
Peter Warren	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present
Vacant Seat	
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2. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- a. **June Smith:** Announced that on April 25th the PV Land Conservancy will be celebrating their birthday and the community is invited to attend. 9am-2pm.
- b. **Louis Dominguez:** Announced that San Pedro hosting some of the Special Olympics athletes.
- c. **Dave Galbraith:** Talked about his business South Coast Art and Murals and provided business cards for those in attendance who might be interested.
- d. **Lydia Gutierrez:** Gave statistics on serious issues facing the school system and promoted her candidacy for the LAUSD School Board.
- e. **Boys and Girls Club of LA Harbor:** They are hosting a block party at Daniel's field next Friday.

3. **Minutes | Presentation of February 23, 2015 minutes for approval.** Motion by Gary Bettis to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes, seconded by Louis Dominguez. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Ross, Shirley, Smith, Warren, Waugh); 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.

4. **BUDGET & FINANCE:**

- a. **Presentation for approval of monthly financial report.** Ted Shirley gave an overview of the CSPNC Finances. There were no Neighborhood Purpose Grants being presented for approval. Ted disclosed that due to the resignation of the Secretary there was no second signature for the monthly reconciliations and the council's funds were frozen. This will be addressed by having James Dimon fill out the appropriate documents to become the new second signatory.

- b. **Approval of Transactions.** Ted Shirley reviewed the details of the monthly budgetary expenditure's and bank statement. **Motion by James Baeza, seconded by Adele Healy, to approve the transactions and bank statement as presented. Motion passed with 10 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Ross, Shirley, Smith, Waugh); 1 no vote (Warren); 1 abstention (Dimon).**

5. LAPD Report: SLO Eve Wight gave an update on crime in the Coastal area.

- a. Due to Prop 47 and the release of non-violent offenders, property crimes continue to be a problem. There have been several arrests which should show a decrease the number of crimes. Peter Warren would like to see some statistics for our area showing the impact, if any, Prop. 47 is having in terms of the number of felonies that have been reduced to misdemeanors as a result of Prop 47. He would also like to see numbers on how many people are being arrested in a given month.
- b. June Smith thanked Officer Wight for her work in the area. June also talked about the issue of drug deals in the area and the need for the community to assist the officers with good intelligence information in order to catch these individuals.
- c. Louis Dominguez commented on the deterrents that he has implemented in his home in order to avoid becoming a target for criminal activity.
- d. Shannon Ross wondered if there were any ideas for making the reporting of a crime easier.
- e. Lauren Halligan, the Neighborhood Prosecutor for San Pedro in the Office of the City Attorney, was introduced and offered to keep the council up to date on helpful programs that come through the City Attorney's office.

6. Port Police Report: Officer Ramirez is the Wilmington Community Relations Officers and spoke briefly on the jurisdiction of the Port Police and the LAPD. They have generated extra patrols to address drug activity. There is currently an ongoing investigation into a rape that occurred at Cabrillo Beach. Three suspects were apprehended. The Port Police 24 hour dispatch number is 310-732-3500.

7. Council District 15 Report: Ryan Ferguson reported.

- a. **Ponte Vista:** The Ponte Vista team is working with the LA Dept. of Building and Safety and the Bureau of Engineering on permits for grading the site.
- b. **Rancho San Pedro Housing Project.** The Social Hall Expansion Project will require a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit a zero foot setback in lieu of 15 feet required at the front yard along Centre Street and 5 feet at the side yard along 1st Street. HACLA is finalizing the scope of work and design documents to issue a design-build construction Invitation for Bid to be advertised sometime early May 2015.
- c. **Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study:** HACLA received 9 responses to their RFP and a contractor will be selected to perform the feasibility study in April.
- d. **Capitol Drive** has been repaved and will be re-stripped.
- e. **Westmont/Western/Delasonde** traffic signal is now operational.
- f. **8th & Center Street Project:** 24 units, approval by full city council. The next steps are to move forward with building and grading permits.
- g. **335 N. Gaffey:** There is a proposal for a 30-unit development, which is still under review by the Planning Department. A public hearing will be held once the review is completed.
- h. The full CD15 report can be found on the CSPNC website.

8. Port of Los Angeles: Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- a. Augie provided the dates of the next BOHC meetings.
- b. **Ports O'Call:** The LA Waterfront Alliance and Port signed a letter of intent in February. Negotiations continue. There is a 4-month expiration period.

- c. **Sampson Way Design** is moving forward. Construction is scheduled for 2016. The Red Car will be suspended through the construction period and they are reviewing alternative transportation for visitor mobility.
- d. **RFP for the Boy Scout Camp:** Proposals are being reviewed.
- e. **Community Investment Grant Application on line.** The deadline is for submitting applications is May 18th. There will be two workshops in April. The information can be found on the Port's website.
- f. **N. Gaffey Street Phase II Beautification Project:** The project area runs from the Easy Lube Station under the I-110 freeway and connects to Pacific Avenue. Northwest San Pedro NC's Planning and Land Use Committee will be discussing this project at their next committee meeting.
- g. **STEM Fun Shop event** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) scheduled for March 21st, 11am-2pm.
- h. **Presentation on I-110 ramps and SR47 improvements:** Augie presented a PowerPoint presentation with diagrams showing the improvements to the I-110 on ramp off John S. Gibson Blvd. The skate park will be closed for about 9 months. The project manager was introduced and details of the project were explained.
- i. Comments from the public related to the closing of the red car.

9. LAUSD Dr. Vladovic's Office: John Larson reported:

- a. Two local teachers from San Pedro High School and Dodson Middle School received awards from the Carlson Family Foundation being nominated by students; \$15,000 was awarded to San Pedro High School.
- b. Dr. Vladovic voted against the authorization for the Superintendent to move forward with pink slips for the teachers as the budget discussions continue. He also voted against keeping the school start date in the August month due to the effect it has on the climate control systems of the school and concerns on how it affects work and vacation schedules.

10. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME

- a. **Legal Liaison Report:** Dean Pentcheff gave an overview of the process of Board Members recusing themselves when there is a conflict of interest on an agenda item. Board members are urged to contact Carmen Hawkins directly if they have any question about potential conflicts. She is the Neighborhood Council Representative from the City Attorney's office.
- b. **Thomas Soong** from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment announced that there would be ethics training with the City Attorney coming up the following Monday. He urged Board members to attend.

11. APPOINTMENTS | *to Committees and other Committee actions*

- a. **Vacant Board Seats:** There were no nominations to fill the two vacant board seats.
- b. **Alta Sea Community Advisory Group:** Dean Pentcheff and Rachel Waugh were both nominated for the position of CSPNC representative to the Alta Sea Community Advisory Group. Dean Pentcheff was appointed with 6 votes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Matich, Shirley, Smith). There were 4 votes for Waugh (Burich, Healy, Ross, Waugh); 1 abstention (Dimon).

12. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. **LAFD:** Asst. Chief Daren Palacios of the LAFD South Bureau was not in attendance to make his presentation on the cause and effect of the recent Pasha Wharf Fire.

- b. **COPE:** Lonna Calhoun of COPE Preparedness (Community Outreach Promoting Emergency Preparedness) gave an overview of their Map Your Neighborhood which won the FEMA 2010 award for neighborhood preparedness. COPE has received funding from the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation to implement some of their programs. On April 4th at Providence Hospital in San Pedro from 9am-1pm they will hold a community workshop to explain the Map Your Neighborhood Program, which helps communities survive emergencies.

13. CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President James Dimon commented that he was very happy to see the committees moving forward on important issues in the community.

- a. **Peter Warren** reminded the Board of the protocol in having committee agendas posted. There was some discussion on recent issues involving agendas.

ACTION ITEMS:

14. Stakeholder/Non-committee Motions: The following motions were brought forth from the Agenda Meeting.

- a. Motion by Ted Shirley, 2nd James Baeza: CSPNC authorizes Shannon Ross, chair of Communications Committee, to oversee the expenditure of the Communications Budget amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the production and distribution of Communications and Outreach materials promoting CSPNC.
- b. Motion by Ted Shirley, 2nd Dean Pentcheff: CSPNC authorizes James Baeza, chair of Recreation and Parks Committee, to oversee the expenditure of the Public Safety Summit Budget amount not to exceed \$2,500 for production and distribution of materials promoting the Public Safety Summit at Bogdanovich Park, March 28, 2015.
- c. Motion by Dean Pentcheff, 2nd by James Baeza: CSPNC authorizes the Communications Committee to oversee the Selection/Outreach budget amount not to exceed \$3,500 with input from the Selections Committee.
 - i. June Smith had questions about the legality of the motions based on CSPNC bylaws and protocol. The DONE representative, Tom Soong, was in attendance and explained that the itemized expenditures would still have to come back to the board for approval.
 - ii. Gary Bettis had concerns with what he felt were inconsistencies in the DONE rules.
 - iii. Ted Shirley had hoped that the Board could give the Communications Chair the right to approve spending the funds for items that are regular expenses behind the production of a newsletter.
 - iv. Tom Soong explained that the public needs to be given notice on what is being done with the funds. Stakeholders should be given input on how taxpayer dollars are being spent. The Communications Committee can have the authority to spend the funds but the Board still needs to approve the expenses.
 - v. A stakeholder commented that state agencies require a budget for expenses down to the penny and this is a common practice.
 - vi. Bob Gelfand commented on issues he was having getting cooperation to have sufficient outreach to the stakeholders announcing the upcoming Selection.
 - vii. Shannon Ross was disappointed with the overall unprofessionalism exhibited from those attending the Communications Committee.
 - viii. AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS (Baeza, Ross and Waugh) LEFT THE ROOM AND A QUORUM WAS LOST. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT: Stakeholder announced an upcoming Oil Spill Preparedness Class and offered to email those interested the details.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council