



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## December 15, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Chairman James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 10 Board members present (11 present after 8pm). Approximately 20-25 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
James Baeza	Present
Gary Bettis	Present
Cari Lynn Burich	Excused
June Burlingame-Smith	Excused
Slobodan Dimitrov	Excused
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Adele Healy	Present
Denise Marovich-Sampson	Excused
Matt Matich	Present
Ana Rosa Ortiz	Excused
Ted Shirley	Present
Sonya Tusjimura	Resigned
John Vidovich	Excused (but arrived at 8:00)
Peter Warren	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present

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

- a. Graham Roberson provided an update on Sunken City. The group is continuing the process to attempt to get the area opened up to the public.
- b. Tina Parkison commented on the Billboard on Gaffey at end of freeway. Property is currently for sale and the owner has offered it to the city for purchase but there has been no response from the city. She would like to see the CSPNC Board communicate with CD15 on this issue.

3. **Minutes** | Presentation of November 17, 2014 minutes for approval. **Motion by Peter Warren to table approval of the November 17, 2014 minutes until the January 2015 meeting, seconded by Adele Healy. Motion to table passed with 4 yes votes (Bettis, Matich, Warren, Healy); 3 no votes (Baeza, Hawley, Shirley), 3 abstentions (Dimon, Dominguez, Waugh).**

4. **Budget and Finance Report and Approval of Transactions:** Presentation for approval of monthly financial report. Ted Shirley gave an overview of the budget and presented the monthly expenses and bank statement October 14 through November 18th for approval. **Motion to approve passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Waugh), 1 no (Warren), 1 Abstention (Dimon)**

**Budget Motions:**

- a. **CSPNC will pay \$200 to Jim and Tabat Ghannadi for storage of CSPNC assets at 731 21<sup>st</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA 90731 from October to November 2014. Motion to approve by Louis**

- Dominguez, second by James Baeza approved with 9 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Dimon).
- b. **CSPNC will revise the budget for 2014-2015 by increasing Newsletter Expenses by \$1,000 to \$5,000 and decreasing Advertising Expense by \$1,000 to \$3,100.** Motion to approve by Gary Bettis, second by Matt Matich and approved with 9 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Dimon).
  - c. **CSPNC will pay up to \$500 for Constant Contact services to come from existing Advertising Expense budget.** Motion by James Baeza, second by Gary Bettis and approved with 9 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Dimon).
  - d. **CSPNC will revise budget for 2014-2015 to include funds not to exceed \$2,500 for a Public Safety Summit by increasing Event Expense by \$2,500, decreasing Advertising Expense by \$1,500, and decreasing Community Improvement Project by \$1,000.** Motion by Louis Dominguez, second by James Baeza and approved with 9 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Dimon).
  - e. **CSPNC approval of monthly board expenditures for October to December 2014.** Motion to amend by Ted Shirley, seconded by Jim Baeza to read: "CSPNC approval of monthly board expenditures for November 2014." Motion to amend passed with 8 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Waugh), 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Dimon, Warren). Motion as amended passed with 8 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Waugh), 1 no vote (Warren), 1 abstention (Dimon).

**5. LAPD Report:**

- a. Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight reported that she was in the office most of this month so there was not much for her to update.
- b. There have been issues with illegal use of ATV's in Bogdonavich Park and also at Angel's Gate. The LAPD will be addressing this problem.
- c. SLO Wight suggested that the students who have taken CERT training be given a chance to demonstrate their skills at the January stakeholder meeting.

**6. CD15 Report:** Ryan Ferguson provided highlights from his written report which included:

- a. The City Council will be in recess from December 17, 2014 until January 2, 2015. The first council meeting of 2015 will be January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Ponte Vista: No changes, the project is moving forward.
- c. December 10<sup>th</sup> the City Council approved unanimously the naming of the intersection of Gaffey Street and Capitol Drive in San Pedro as Di Carlo Square. A dedication ceremony will be planned for the future.
- d. A resolution has been co-presented by Buscaino & Englander in support of AB8 which would authorize law enforcement agencies to issue a "Yellow Alert" if a person has been killed or seriously injured by a hit-an-run incident and there is a reliable description of the vehicle. (Currently pending in the Rules, Elections U Intergovernmental Relations Committee).
- e. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> the Council approved unanimously an Ordinance requiring ammunition vendors to electronically transmit all records of ammunition transactions to the LAPD.
- f. Councilmen Bonin presented a Motion requesting that the Board of Public Works require a 30-day public notice and public hearing for any permit application for the removal of three or more trees on private property; and also require limits on extensions of tree removal permits.

**7. Port of LA:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- a. Provided the dates of upcoming Harbor Commission meetings (can be found on Port website)
- b. Ports of Call Development: Feasibility study is out and available on the Port's website.

- c. The LA Waterfront Alliance ENA (Exclusive Negotiation Agreement) with the Port of LA has been extended to January 8<sup>th</sup> with two 30-day extensions possible after that if the Port chooses to do so.
- d. The Port is moving forward on the design of Sampson Way.
- e. The RFP for the Boy Scout Property is due December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- f. Dredging for Cabrillo Beach Boat Launch to address sediment build up etc., will require closing the ramp for about a week. Information will be sent out.
- g. At the last Harbor Commissioner meeting there was a presentation on a Public Access Infrastructure Funding Policy for discussion. Augie gave an overview of the policy which can be viewed on the Port's website.
- h. The Alta Sea project is moving forward.
- i. Clay Marshall, stakeholder, asked if Cirque de Soleil is coming to the Port this year but Augie had not heard about such plans.
- j. Bob Gelfand, stakeholder, commented on his City Watch article related to the Boy Scout Camp. He feels there should be an open community forum to address what should be done at that location. He also commented that the Port is ill advised to move forward with the RFP.

**8. Office of Congresswoman Janice Hahn:** Ivan Sulic reported.

- a. Introduced the new district Director, Lara Larramendi.
- b. Provided highlights from the "Congresswoman Janice Hahn Out and About" newsletter.
  - i. Hahn joined Mayor Garcetti and other members of Congress at UCLA for the Mayoral Housing, Transportation and Jobs Summit where she talked about putting Angelenos back to work.
  - ii. Hahn is building support for a Freight Network Trust Fund which would keep our critical infrastructure projects funded and keep our local economy competitive.
  - iii. When Women Succeed, America Succeeds: The Congresswoman joined local small business owners for a roundtable discussion. Items discussed were the need to improve access to capital and reduce the paperwork necessary to apply for loans and meet federal regulations.
  - iv. Hahn joined Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx at the groundbreaking of the LA Metro Regional Connector Project in Little Tokyo. The project received \$894 million in federal funds and will better connect the community with accessible transit options across the city.
  - v. Sulic also provided an update on the recent Appropriations Bill that the Congresswoman did not support.

**9. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:**

- a. **Rec and Parks.** James Baeza reported that CD15 Representative Ryan Ferguson has been instrumental in meetings with the City Attorney's office regarding liabilities at Sunken City. The area has been toured to look at safety concerns. The committee is working to get police officers to come to meetings to further discuss safety issues at local parks.
- b. Dean Pentcheff gave an update to board members on his discussion with Carmen Hawkins.
- c. Louis Dominguez apologized for not having Port Meetings for the last couple months. The committee will meet in January and look at how to address the Port's Public Access Infrastructure Funding Policy

**10. SECOND READING OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO APPOINTMENTS** to Committees and other Committee actions. The changes are required to be read out loud but no vote is necessary at this second reading. The changes were read out loud by Dean Pentcheff. These changes can be found in the November 17, 2014 minutes.

## 11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

- a. **Acceptance of Resignation and Nomination to fill board seat vacated by Sonya Tsujimura:** James Dimon read out loud the Letter of Resignation submitted by Sonya Tsujimura.
  - i. *Motion by Gary Bettis to accept the letter of resignation, seconded by James Baeza. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Match, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.*
  - ii. *Motion by Gary Bettis to table nominations (items a [part two] c & d on the agenda) seconded by James Baeza. Motion to table failed with 5 no votes (Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Match, Healy); 4 yes votes (Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh)*
- b. **Other committee appointments as introduced (HANC Representative):** Chuck Hawley nominated by James Dimon to be the CSPNC Representative to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC). Nomination seconded by Gary Bettis. Appointment approved with 10 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Match, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Hawley)
- c. **CSPNC Representative to San Pedro Urban Greening Project:** Motion by Louis Dominguez, seconded by Matt Match to appoint Adele Healy as the CSPNC Representative to the San Pedro Urban Greening Position. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Match, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.
- d. **Selection Committee for May 2015 Board Selections: Tabled with no objections.**

## 12. PRESENTATIONS: None

## 13. CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. James Dimon commented that the bantering at the board meetings is part of the process. It is important that every member understands what is going on. A lot of good things are happening on this board.
- b. President Dimon attended a meeting with the Chief of Police for the Port of LA. The Emergency Alert (alertla.org) System was one of the topics. It is suggested that everyone go to website and register so that they will be notified of any emergencies in the Port. James commented that the Chief candidly admitted that corrections need to be made to the system. They are also working on a reverse 911 system.

## 14. ACTION ITEMS: Sponsorship Requests: Recommended by Budget & Finance: No sponsorship requests received.

## 15. STAKEHOLDER/NON COMMITTEE MOTIONS:

- a. **Motion from agenda meeting to direct President James Dimon to purchase letterhead and envelopes for use in official correspondence of CSPNC. Cost not to exceed \$100. Moved by Gary Bettis, seconded by James Baeza. Motion passed with 10 yes votes ((Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Match, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Dimon).**
- b. **Motion from Transportation Committee:** The following motion from the Transportation Committee (brought forth from Agenda meeting) was read by Mike Browne.
  - ***Motion opposing reduction of lanes on Gaffey Street as part of***
  - ***the Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan***
  - *Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes **any** proposed reduction of lanes to two lanes in each direction on Gaffey Street between the I-110 and 5th Street; and Further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement to City Council File 12-1567 noting this objection to reducing the number of lanes on Gaffey Street between I-110 and 5th Street; and*

- *Further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) authorizes the President of CSPNC to sign a shared letter between all Harbor Area neighborhood councils explaining that position.*
- Ryan Ferguson gave an update explaining that the idea of a lane reduction on Gaffey was just an idea. The plan is not finished. A 3<sup>rd</sup> community workshop is coming up in January. No formal recommendations have been brought to the Council Office. A representative from LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative) was introduced and talked about the Great Streets Project. She requested that the board table the vote until after the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop and after a joint meeting with the NC's. Meetings are planned for January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> at which time experts will be on hand to answer questions and to explain details of the conceptual plan. Comments will be heard from the public.
- Chuck Hawley felt that the CSPNC needs to have their position on record now. Louis Dominguez agreed that a vote needed to be held now. Gary Bettis commented that the plan itself is not being condemned; only the opposition of three lanes being reduced to two is being put to a vote by the CSPNC Board.
- *James Baeza moved to amend the motion replacing the word "the" before "proposed reduction" to read "any proposed reduction". Motion to amend seconded by Louis Dominguez and passed with 6 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Matich, Healy), 4 no votes (Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), and 1 abstention (Dimon).*
- John Vidovich felt it would be a good idea to have the DOT's new General Manager present their overall general plan for traffic citywide and maybe Ryan Ferguson could facilitate getting such a presentation organized.
- Comments were also heard from Peter Warren, Linda Alexander, Mona Sutton, Leslie Jones, and Dean Pentcheff; all feeling that the entire plan needed to be reviewed by the board prior to taking a position.
- Mike Browne stated that a lot of the positive items in the plan were reviewed by the Transportation Committee prior to creating the motion. He agreed with Chuck Hawley that "if we don't speak now our voices won't be heard."
- James Dimon commented on the changes within the last decade in San Pedro which have affected traffic.
- The LANI representative commented on the positions of the other two San Pedro meetings who are sending representatives to the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- *Ted Shirley moved to table the motion until next month, seconded by John Vidovich. Motion to table failed with 4 yes votes (Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh); 5 no votes (Bettis, Domingues, Hawley, Matich, Healy); 2 abstentions (Baeza, Dimon).*
- *Original Motion as amended failed with 6 no votes (Baeza, Bettis, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh); 4 yes votes (Dominguez, Hawley, Matich, Healy); 1 abstention (Dimon).*

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

- a. June Smith commented that there are four applications who have submitted RFP's on the Boy School Camp, the Boosters, the Boy Scouts, the Doubletree Hotel and one other.

**17. Announcements:** None.

**18. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

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