



minutes

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September 21, 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by President James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 11 Board members present. Approximately 40+ stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
James Baeza	Present
Gary Bettis	Absent
Slobodan Dimitrov	Absent
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present (arrived 7:31pm)
Bob Gelfand	Present
Adele Healy	Absent (called in)
Rick Plumley	Present
Shannon Ross	Absent (called in)
John Vidovich	Absent
Jason Villicano	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present
Christopher Jezina	Absent
Mary Salinas	Present
Ben Spolarich	Present
Brian Vassallo	Present

- 2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. Graham Robertson**, block captain for the Sunken City Neighborhood Watch Group, stated that last Saturday at the Point Fermin Residents Meeting the Department of Rec and Parks announced that they will keep sunken city closed to the public. Graham just obtained the actual copy of the coastal permit for closing off Sunken City. It shows that the City of Los Angeles has been negligent in not doing any kind of geological study. They simply claimed that the whole area is unstable and in 1987 when the Coastal Commission denied their permit for the fence the Commission cited that the City had not done any studies and claiming it was unstable based on an older landslide was untenable. Graham would like to see a position taken by the Coastal SPNC to take to Andrew Willis the enforcement officer that we have done what he has recommended. James Dimon stated that he had some information on this and would report it later in the meeting.
- b. Dave Behar** reminded the Coastal SPNC Board and the stakeholder that Saturday is the Congress of Neighborhood Councils at City Hall in Los Angeles. This is an all day event with 40 workshops available. He would like to see the Coastal SPNC board there.

- 3. Approval of Minutes:** The board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Board and Stakeholder meeting as presented. (10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

4. **Approval of monthly financial report and monthly expenditures:** The board unanimously approved the financial report and monthly expenditures as presented. (10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
5. **LAPD Report:**
 - a. Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight provided an update on crime statistics and related that overall crime is down. Four juveniles were arrested for burglaries committed after school hours. Surveillance footage helped to identify them.
 - b. Officer Wight met with LA County Beaches and Harbor to work on adjustments to address issues at Royal Palms Beach (trespassing after hours).
 - c. **Special Recognition:** Officer Wight made a presentation on behalf of LAPD and the Councilman's Office. Pam Gaume was recognized for her work on the Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair at Alma Park. The neighborhood watch in the area has worked to reclaim the park and get rid of the criminal activity at that location.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

6. **Port of Los Angeles.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported.
 - a. Announced upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioner meetings, Oct 1 and Oct 15 8:30am at 425 S. Palos Verdes Street.
 - b. Boy Scout Property: The RFP is still under review.
 - c. Street closures: Augie gave an update on road work closures.
 - d. Four cruise ships will be in the Harbor on October 3rd. There are also a few 3-cruise ship days starting November 1st.
 - e. Clean Air Action Plan Meeting: The Ports of LA and LB are preparing the next update for the CAAP. A Public information meeting/workshop will be held October 14, 2015 at Bannings Landing
 - f. NOP (Notice of Preparation) of Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for China Shipping Berths 97-109: Mitigation measures in the Final EIR will be reviewed (these include air quality, noise and traffic). The public scoping meeting is October 7th at the POLA board room. It will include an overview of the supplemental EIR and staff will be ready to receive public input. The deadline for comments is October 19th.
 - g. Augie announced that the Lobster Festival is this weekend at Port's O'Call.
 - h. Movie night is scheduled for Friday, October 16th, 6:30pm in the downtown harbor. The movie will be "Book of Life."
 - i. Bob Gelfand voiced complaints about noise issues from the recent Red Bull Car Rally and a stakeholder stated that the parking lot needs some repairs after the Rally that was held at that location.
 - j. There was also concern from a stakeholder with regard to a recent article suggesting that excess Port property may be sold off to developers.
7. **Congresswoman's Office:** German Castillo reported on the following topics.
 - a. Pope Francis will be addressing Congress on October 4th
 - b. Hahn has introduced legislation requiring body cameras on all police in the country.
 - c. Hahn has co-introduced a bill to restore lost grants to students.
 - d. Hahn supported the nuclear agreement.
 - e. Hahn supports Pier Pass being audited by a third party.
 - f. Hahn to introduce legislative forcing commercial airlines to not reduce leg space on flights and control the raising of prices.
 - g. Board member Shannon Ross commented that she won the special lottery to attend the Pope's visit to Congress.
 - h. Stakeholder Robert Brandin announced that there were High School Seniors from the class of 2016 in attendance to fulfill their Civics requirements for graduation.

- 8. PRESENTATION by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs on the Public Art Review Process.** Becky Snodgrass gave a presentation on the proposed artwork for the Gaffey Street Pool Project. She explained the process for selecting the artist. This project has historic significance and was limited to artists in residence at the Angel's Gate Cultural Center. A Peer Panel was put together and they identified three artists who presented their proposals. One of the artists, Elyse Pignolet, gave an overview of the art piece which will be placed on tiles on one of the walls at the site. Another artist involved in the project, Sandow Birk, was also present.
- 9. Council District 15.** Ryan Ferguson reported. He thanked those who attended the homeless forum earlier this month. A list of individuals appointed to the Councilman's Homelessness Task force has been announced. It will be co-chaired by Joe Buscaino and Raymond Regalado. Ryan then provided highlights from his written report which included:
- a. Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study Update. Should be completed in early October. Presentations should be scheduled late October or early November.
 - b. John Larson from the office of LAUSD Board Member Richard Vladovic requested that Ryan provide the following updates:
 - 1) The District has hired a search firm to find a candidate to replace returning superintendent Ramon Cortinez. HYA & Associates has been given the contract to search for the best candidate to lead LAUSD.
 - 2) Dr. Vladovic is continuing to push to return to the post Labor Day traditional calendar with school starting after Labor Day.
 - 3) After extensive work from District Staff and Microsoft the majority of bugs in the Misis scheduling system have been worked out.
 - 4) Check Dr. V's Facebook Page for additional information and updates. The link is" www.facebook.com/drrichardvladovic
 - c. Legislative updates and upcoming events were provided and can be found in Ryan's written report on the CSPNC website.
 - d. There were several stakeholders who had concerns and questions related to the City Council's Resolution to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislature Program as a SPONSOR of SB399 (Hall), which would authorize the City of Los Angeles to renew a franchise or permit on, or lease tidelands and submerged lands for additional terms to expand the potential economic opportunities promoting commerce, navigation and fishery at the Port of LA. (Council File 15-0002-S777A). Ryan responded that he did not have any knowledge of specific developments being proposed at this time.
- 10. PRESENTATION by Southern California Gas Company:** Mimi Goh, Project Manager for Advanced Meter Community Education & Outreach provided an update on the installation of advanced meters by the Gas Company. The meters are automated and would no longer require the use of staff as meter readers and make it possible for customers to access detailed information on their gas usage.
- 11. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:** None.
- 12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS on non-agendized items:**
- a. Mary Salinas announced that September 30th is the deadline for submitting requests for NPG funds for this period.
- 13. APPOINTMENTS | to Committees and other Committee actions**
- a. Shannon Ross was appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee (Moved by Baeza, seconded by Salinas and passed by unanimous vote of 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

14. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- a. Red Car: Don Knabe has written a letter to the Director of the Port of LA to protect the Red Car.
- b. Sunken City: James Dimon reported on a letter from Jacob Haik that CSPNC is going to get a meeting with the City Attorney and the Director of Rec and Parks on this issue.
- c. Hamilton Street widening will continue as scheduled.
- d. With regards to the Homeless issue, Dimon commented that the Councilman's Homeless Task Force is the best thing we've seen so far.
- e. Dimon also encouraged board members to sign up and attend the Congress of Neighborhood Councils event.

ACTION ITEMS:

15. Communication & Outreach Committee Consent Agenda *(All items were passed by unanimous vote of the Communication Committee)*

- a. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) will host a Flashlight Walk / Night of a Thousand Candles in conjunction with Council District 15 and neighborhood watches on a date yet to be determined.
- b. Due to the nonuse of the CSPNC phone, the subscription will be terminated immediately. All calls will be handled through our CSPNC office personnel.
- c. In order to streamline and coordinate communications, CSPNC will adopt the attached Proposed Communications Plan for 2015-16. (Page 18 of the agenda).

The board approved the above items (15a, 15b and 15c) by consent. (10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

16. Rules & Bylaws Committee Consent Agenda

- a. Second reading and presentation of Changes to Bylaws to reflect language recommended by DONE regarding posting requirements and grievance process. The board will vote on these changes at the October 19, 2015 meeting.

Whereas an insertion and modification of text into the Bylaws has been recommended by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment,

Resolved, The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall amend its Bylaws by prepending the following text to Article VIII Section 3:

"At a minimum, meeting notices shall be posted in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and in compliance with City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council posting policy. An updated listing of the Neighborhood Council's physical posting location/s shall be kept on file with the Neighborhood Council.",
And be it further resolved, CSPNC shall amend its Bylaws by changing all instances of "EmpowerLA" to "Department of Neighborhood Empowerment" in Article VIII Section 3,

And be it further resolved, CSPNC shall amend its Bylaws by appending the following text to Article XI:
The Neighborhood Council grievance review process shall be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies, and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council grievances.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT | *Non-agenda items*

- a. **Dean Pentcheff. Suggested that everyone read the State tidelands trust law and how it relates to the Port and beach property.**

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

19. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57pm.

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