



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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January 19, 2016 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by President James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 11 Board members present. Approximately 20+ stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
James Baeza	Present
Gary Bettis	Resigned
Slobodan Dimitrov	Absent
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Adele Healy	Present
Rick Plumley	Excused
Shannon Ross	Present
John Vidovich	Resigned
Jason Villicano	Absent
Rachel Sindelar Waugh	Present left 8:50 pm
Christopher Jezina	Present
Mary Salinas	Present
Ben Spolarich	Absent
Brian Vassallo	Present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Gayle Fleury, co-owner of Seaside Studios, announced that they are hosting an Empty Bowls event on Saturday, February 13, 2016, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center, it is a benefit for Harbor Interfaith. Tickets are available online at <http://www.seasidestudiossanpedro.com/events-at-seaside-studios--rsvp-here.html>.

- 3. MINUTES:** Motion by **Doug Epperhart**, to approve the November 16, 2015, Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes as presented, second by **James Baeza**. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Ross, Salinas and Vassallo), 0 no, 2 abstention(s) (Dimon and Waugh).

- 4. BUDGET & FINANCE:** Motion by **Doug Epperhart**, to approve the monthly financial report and monthly expenditures as presented by Treasurer Mary Salinas, second by **James Baeza**. Motion passed with 10 yes (Baeza, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Ross, Salinas, Vassallo and Waugh). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Dimon).

There was an overview of the expense policy and also public comment from a stakeholder related to the newsletter budget.

5. **LAPD REPORT:** Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight's report included the following:
- a. In January there was a huge spike in burglaries/thefts from motor vehicles in South Shores. About half of the vehicles were unlocked. Crime is up overall in San Pedro.
 - b. LAPD is on Facebook, Next Door, has a twitter feed and an LAPD website. They have a Community Police Advisory Board meeting with the public on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Harbor Division.
 - c. Some of the concerns of Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
 - i. The number of officers assigned to Harbor Division, both patrol and detectives, and how can the community help get more officers.
 - ii. The types of proactive programs LAPD has to prevent crime, not just react to it.
 - iii. Problems with homeless people in the community.
 - iv. Installation of surveillance cameras in local parks.
 - v. Traffic enforcement around Point Fermin Elementary.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

6. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn:** German Castilla, Field Deputy, reported on the following:
- a. Legislative update, the omnibus legislation included Congresswoman Hahn's provision to better secure our ports from cyber-attacks as well as a boost in funding for our ports out of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.
 - b. With the coming El Nino storms, Congresswoman Hahn wrote a letter to the head of the Army Corps of Engineers, Jo Ellen Darcy, to immediately make funds available for repairs to the breakwater.
 - c. Last Wednesday Congresswoman Hahn offered an amendment in the small business contracting legislation to close a loophole in existing law that has prevented small businesses from fairly competing for a type of federal contract called task-order contracts.
 - d. She will be having her annual Senior Briefing event the first week of May.
 - e. May 14, 2016 is the annual Congressional Art Contest at Crafted. It is open to all high school students in the 44th District.
7. **Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell.** Sarah Patterson, San Pedro Field Representative, reported:
- a. Introduced herself as a new field representative for the Assembly Member.
 - b. They have moved their Long Beach office and will also have a new phone number.
 - c. The Assembly Member's staff can assist people with state issues from Covered California to the DMV.
8. **LAUSD:** Board Member Dr. Vladovic's Director of Communications, John Larson reported:
- a. He was asked by the Councilman's Field Deputy, Ryan Ferguson to remind everyone that on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at the Warner Grand, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Councilman Buscaino is sponsoring the Los Angeles Forum on Crime.
 - b. Related to a comment about traffic enforcement around schools. People can contact the school principal and Local District South for assistance with this issue.
 - c. Last week the Board discussed the issue of the start date for the 2016, 2017, and 2018 school years. They only finalized the 2016-2017 start date of August 16, 2016. They postponed finalizing the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 calendars for more community and staff input.
9. **PRESENTATION by Christopher Downing, LAUSD District South Superintendent,** regarding keeping the Christiansen Science Center open for the 2016-17 school year.
- a. It costs approximately \$400,000 annually to run the center. He commented that LAUSD is facing a deficit for the upcoming fiscal year budget and declining use. Accordingly, it is very likely that the center will be closed.

- b. The animals at the center were all relocated to other facilities for proper care. Some to New Life Animal Sanctuary in Lake Elsinore, and some to Carson and Narbonne High Schools.
- c. President Dimon asked what can the community do to support and keep the center?. Mr. Downing responded that as the budget process gets closer he would come back to give an update on the situation. He is willing to include members of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council in meetings for possible ideas for the site.
- d. Some of the concerns expressed by Board Members and Stakeholders were as follows:
 - i. Loss of the community gardens as well as the science center.
 - ii. Questioning the reality of the budget shortage.
 - iii. Questioning the cost of repurposing the site as well as what other uses are being considered.
 - iv. Could actual data for the attendance and use of the Center be provided?

10. PRESENTATION, Michael McLean, Los Angeles United Against the “Housing Moratorium Initiative”

- a. This is a ballot initiative that is being proposed for the November 2016 ballot.
- b. McLean was representing a group called Communities United for Jobs and Housing.
- c. The group is opposed to the initiative that at its heart proposes a two-year moratorium on any development that requires an amendment to the general plan.
- d. Accordingly, any currently slated development that has not already received an amendment to the general plan will be halted as well as all future proposed development for two years.
- e. It would cost a lot of jobs and impact a wide range of community issues.
- f. The initiative is being proposed and funded by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. It has been approved by the City Attorney and the City Clerk’s office.

11. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:

- a. Communications committee chair Shannon Ross commented that the t-shirts are in, they look fantastic. At its next meeting, the committee will discuss ideas for how to give out t-shirts to stakeholders.
- b. President Dimon commented that he will be asking the Board to remove and replace Jason Villicano as chair of the Public Safety committee. He stated the Committee has not yet held a successful meeting.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS | *to board and stakeholders for non-agendized items*

- a. Board member Shannon Ross commented that with the recent rise of the homeless issue in Coastal San Pedro, she wants to start an ad homeless committee, she is interested in being the chair. President Dimon thinks it should be part of public safety.

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

- a. **President Dimon moved that Brian Vassallo be appointed to the Budget and Finance committee. Approved unanimously.**

14. Announcement for selection

- a. Kristina Smith, the Independent Election Administrator (IEA) for Region 12 introduced herself. She works closely with Empower LA and the City Clerk’s office. As the IEA she maintains authority and responsibility for the administration of selections and elections in Region 12.
- b. Candidate registration begins on February 27, 2016. Candidate registration is done online, though it is possible to register manually. Candidates will be vetted by the City Clerk’s office. There is a video on the Empower LA website explaining the responsibilities of being a neighborhood council board member.
- c. This year 35 councils will have on line voting, though not Coastal.
- d. They need volunteer poll workers.

- e. The chair of the Selection Committee will be Stakeholder Leslie Jones, with members Mona Sutton and Gayle Fleury. Doug Epperhart moved to appoint Leslie Jones as chair of the selection committee. Approved unanimously. Motion by President Dimon, seconded by James Baeza, to appoint Gayle Fleury to the selection committee. Approved unanimously.
- f. Motion by Louis Dominguez, seconded by Doug Epperhart, to approve holding the selection on May 21, 2016. Approved unanimously.
- g. Motion by Louis Dominguez, seconded by Shannon Ross, to approve holding the selection from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Point Fermin Park band shell, with the Cetacean Society building as a backup in case of inclement weather. Approved unanimously.

15. Announcement of open board seats

- a. President Dimon announced that there are two open board seats as Gary Bettis and John Vidovich have both resigned. Motion by James Baeza, seconded by Mary Salinas, to accept the resignations of Gary Bettis and John Vidovich. Approved unanimously.

16. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

- a. President Dimon commented that he is very pleased with the first half of the term. He feels that the council has covered virtually every issue. He urged committee chairs to find out what's going on in our community and have their committees get involved and address any specific issue. He hopes that in the remaining five months of this fiscal year that the Coastal SPNC can accomplish something important.
- b. Dimon reminded the board members that they have stepped up to represent the community. That they may not always agree but should put personality issues aside for the good of the community.
- c. Dimon commented that due to unforeseen circumstances, Jason Villicano, is unable to complete his position as Public Safety Chair. Motion by Louis Dominguez, to remove Jason Villicano as chair of the Public Safety committee, seconded by James Baeza. Motion passed with 10 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Healy, Jezina, Ross, Salinas, Vassallo, and Waugh), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Gelfand).

17. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion from Adele Healy

- a. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will hold a mid-year planning session on a date and time to be determined by the chair, with a vote from the entire board via email by February 15, 2016. Motion by Adele Healy, to approve holding a mid-year planning session on a date and time to be determined by the chair, with a vote from the entire board via email by February 15, 2016, second by Brian Vassallo. Motion passed with 10 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Ross, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 left meeting early (Waugh).

2. Budget and Finance Committee, motion to approve revised budget.

- a. Be It Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves the Version 3 budget with adjustments to account for previously approved expenses. Motion from committee to approve version 3 budget with adjustments to account for previously approved expenses. Motion passed with 10 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Ross, Salinas, and Vassallo); 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 left meeting early (Waugh).

3. Approval of Coastal Currents Newsletter for immediate Print and Distribution (*copy presented to Board Members*)

- a. **Motion from committee to approve the Coastal Currents Newsletter for immediate Print and Distribution.** Motion passed with 10 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Ross, Salinas, and Vassallo); 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 left meeting early (Waugh).

18. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Miki Jackson and Richard Slatkin from the Coalition to Preserve Los Angeles, part of a coalition sponsoring the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative. She urged people to keep an open mind and that they would like to come give a presentation for their side of the issue at a future meeting. (They had difficulty in finding the meeting and arrived very late, therefore they were not able to give their presentation).
- b. George Palaziol, founding member of Saving San Pedro, announced that the group became an official nonprofit organization on December 31, 2015.
- c. Shannon Ross commented about an issue at Moray and 25th Street. She and members of her neighborhood want a stop light at the intersection. Currently there is a crosswalk, however, people do not stop, she believes there have been two fatalities, and it is almost impossible to make a left hand turn from Moray onto 25th Street.
- d. John Stammreich from the San Pedro Elks Lodge, commented that they are going to rebuild. They are working with the insurance company, the architect and the contractor, to get everything finalized.
- e. On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Warner Grand Theater, at 6:00 pm there is a presentation of the Waterfront/Ports O'Call redevelopment plan.

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Included above in public comments.

20. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm. Next meeting is February 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council