



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## October 19, 2015 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. A quorum of 9 Board members was in attendance (see list below). 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	Absent
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Adele Healy	Present
Christopher Jezina	Absent
Rick Plumley	Absent
Shannon Ross	Absent
Mary Salinas	Present
Ben Spolarich	Absent
Brian Vassallo	Present
John Vidovich	Absent
Jason Villicano	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present

- 2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
  - Debbie Rouser commented on the hillside at the 47 Freeway and the need to help CalTrans and the neighborhood clean up the area from dead trees and plants.
  - Robert Brandin: Introduced the students from San Pedro High School in attendance.
  - Nancy Richardson: Spoke on behalf of the Garden Church on 6<sup>th</sup> Street across from the Grand Annex. Sunday afternoon there will be a harvest celebration.
  - Kathy Hetzer announced a Safe Zone for Halloween between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> on Mesa where parents can bring their children.
  - Leslie Jones, Chair of the Community Police Advisory Board talked about the purpose of a small library in the police station providing books for children ages 4-12. Donations are welcome.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Doug Epperhart, second by James Baeza to approve the September 21, 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 1 abstention (Healy)
- 4. Approval of monthly financial report and monthly expenditures:** Motion by Doug Epperhart, second by James Baeza to approve the monthly financial report and monthly expenditures as presented by Treasurer Mary Salinas. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions.

5. **LAPD Report:** Sr. Lead Officer Terrazas was in attendance to fill in for Officer Eve Wight. His report included the following:
- Crime numbers have increased with Robberies up 100%, Aggravated Assaults up 58%, Grand Theft Auto up 66%, Burglary from Motor Vehicles up 50% from last year.
  - There is a decrease in rapes and burglaries in San Pedro.
  - In the Coastal area, aggravated assaults are up from last year, mostly domestic violence and gang related incidents. The Chain and Purse thieves have been apprehended.
  - Plain clothes officers are investigating the thefts of bicycles. It was stressed that citizens need to register bikes with the bike registry and keep a record of the serial numbers.
  - Don't become a victim by leaving valuables on the front seat of your vehicle.
  - Citywide thieves are targeting homes that are being covered for fumigation.
  - Gang injunctions are still in place.

#### **REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:**

6. **Council District 15** - Ryan Ferguson, Field Deputy, reported on the following:
- Parking Signs have been installed on W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street from S. Patton to S Western as a result of multiple complaints from constituents.
  - The Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study will be presented on Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Harbor Commission Board Room from 6-7pm.
  - Legislative Updates and Upcoming Events were also provided. (The full CD15 Report is available on the [www.cspnc.org](http://www.cspnc.org) website.)
7. **Port of Los Angeles.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported.
- The upcoming BOHC meetings were announced (only one meeting in November).
  - John S. Gibson on ramp is now open.
  - On ramp and I110 project update was provided.
  - The Port had a four cruise ship day on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will have a three cruise ship day on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Events: Happy Harbor Halloween, October 25; Halloween Pet Parade, October 31<sup>st</sup> 9am-11am at Downtown Harbor.
8. **State Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell's office:** A representative from the Assemblyman's Office announced an opportunity for casual conversation on legislative issues with the Assemblyman. The event is Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Bagel's Galore. (A flyer was distributed).
9. **LAUSD:** John Larson reported:
- There will be an opportunity for the community to give input related to the school start dates. Dr. Vladovich wants to return to the traditional schedule. The upcoming meeting will be October 28 at Steven Wight Middle School in Carson.
  - The search for the new LAUSD Superintendent is entering the public outreach phase. The following website link was provided: [Achieve.lausd.net/superintendentsearch](http://Achieve.lausd.net/superintendentsearch)
10. **Congresswoman's Office:** German Castilla provided a report from the Congresswoman's office which included these highlights:
- Congresswoman Hahn released a statement as to why she voted against HR 702. The statement can be viewed in full at <http://hahn.house.gov/press-release/congresswoman-hahn-releases-statement-vote-against-bill-lift-ban-oil-exports>.
  - They are still working on HR 3544, the Safer Citizens act of 2015 which is intended to keep law enforcement and communities safer.

- c. Hahn is still working on a debt relief bill she introduced intended to alleviate student loan debt for those who have been preyed upon by for-profit institutions that have gone out of business leaving students still owing on their loans.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

**11. 2015 Public Safety Summit:** A short video was presented on last year's Public Safety Summit and there was an announcement of Coastal SPNC's intention to hold a 2016 Summit.

**12. Car Show by the Sea Update:** Lou Rapoli representing Legends Car Club gave an update on the issues that concerned the community at the recent Car Show by the Sea event. Recommendations and changes were discussed for next year's car show to make it more community friendly. Some of those recommendations included:

- 1) Establish a coordinator – offer to speak to the Council and Homeowners Associations.
- 2) Coordinate a more effective Traffic plan with LAPD
- 3) Have more professional signs posted.
- 4) Limit the amount of vehicles in the car show.
- 5) Increase paid security
- 6) Provide placards for the vehicles that are vending.
- 7) Keep it a non-alcohol car show event.

## **13. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:**

- a. Bob Gelfand spoke briefly about the Cultural Committee. One issue discussed was complaints following a recent location television shoot with a helicopter and machine gun fire. The committee discussed what they might do about this. They are also considering inviting Film in LA, the permitting organization, to come and give a presentation on the rules etc.
- b. Dean Pentcheff gave a presentation of "Roberts Rules of Order" and distributed reference books to board members. He provided highlights which included information on the Brown Act.

## **14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS on non-agendized items:**

- a. James Baeza commented on Prop Q, a \$600 million bond related to public safety. This is how the Harbor Jail was built at a cost of \$42 million. Property owners are paying on that bond and yet the jail is not being utilized. James would like to see the jail utilized either partially but preferably fully. Now is the right time in the cycle of things to put the pressure on and let the people downtown know what the community wants.

## **15. APPOINTMENTS | to Committees and other Committee actions**

- a. Mike Browne and Richard Havenick were appointed to the Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee by a vote of 9 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions. (First, Epperhart; Second by Bob Gelfand)
- c. Mary Salinas, Brian Vassallo, Doug Epperhart, Jim Baeza and Adele Healy were approved as the 5 persons responsible for filing Community Impact Statements. Moved by Jim Baeza; seconded by Adele Healy; 9 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions.

## **16. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

- a. James Dimon commented that CSPNC's Committees need to function and do their duties.

**17. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT APPROVALS:** Five Neighborhood Purpose Grants were brought forth from the Budget and Finance Committee for approval: (Board Member Bob Gelfand recused himself from the meeting during the Grant Approvals.) Mary Salinas and Dean Pentcheff explained how the committee came to recommend funding in the amounts below to these five organizations. Detailed information on these organizations was presented in the agenda packet.

Doug Epperhart announced that although only 8 members were voting on the following, a quorum was present at the time. The following grants were approved:

- a. **Dana Middle School Mural - \$500.** Approved with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions; 1 recusal (Gelfand).
- b. **Wild and Scenic Film Festival - \$250** (included a brief presentation). Approved with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions; 1 recusal (Gelfand).
- c. **Art in Motion Film Festival - \$250.** Approved with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions; 1 recusal (Gelfand).
- d. **UniCamp - \$2,125.** Approved with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions; 1 recusal (Gelfand).
- e. **Rainbow Services - \$2,125.** Approved with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions; 1 recusal (Gelfand).

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **18. Motion from Communication & Outreach Committee.**

- a. **Motion reads as follows:** *In order to enhance the public outreach and awareness of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CoastalSPNC), the Communications Committee by unanimous vote, moves that CoastalSPNC allocate a sum, not to exceed \$2,500, for the purchase of 500 Royal Blue Tshirts displaying the CoastalSPNC logo to be produced by Badfish Clothing Company.*
- b. **Motion to amend** by Doug Epperhart by adding the following: *“This expenditure is contingent on re-allocating outreach budget items.”* Motion to amend seconded by Rachel Waugh and passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions.
- c. **Motion as amended passed with** 7 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 2 no (Salinas, Vassallo); 0 abstentions.

#### **19. Budget and Finance Committee Consent Agenda**

- a. For the purpose of sending the Monthly Expenditures Report (MER) via FedEx to City Hall, a monthly sum not to exceed \$25 per month is requested.
- b. For the purpose of holding board meetings, a sum not to exceed \$15 is requested to purchase batteries for microphones and other electronics
- c. **Motion by Doug Epperhart to approve by consent items a & b above, seconded by James Baeza and passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions.**

#### **20. Motion from Stakeholder Clay Marshall Regarding expanded Silver Line and new Silver Express changes to take place in December 2015.**

##### **a. The following motion was presented for approval:**

“WHEREAS, Metro’s expanded Silver Line and new Silver Xpress line will launch in December; WHEREAS, it is unclear what (if any) changes will concurrently be made to the service levels of Line 246, which is currently Coastal San Pedro’s primary mass transit connection to the rest of Los Angeles; WHEREAS, Coastal San Pedro has lost two mass transit options over the past two years in MAX 3X and the Los Angeles Waterfront Red Car Line; WHEREAS, the current Metro and LADOT DASH routes that operate locally leave large pockets of San Pedro underserved; NOW THEREFORE, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests a formal dialogue with CD15, Metro and LADOT to discuss ways to further improve the quality and frequency of mass transit service locally.”

- b. **Motion to approve by Doug Epperhart, seconded by James Baeza and passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Salinas, Vassallo, Villicano, Waugh & Dimon); 0 no; 0 abstentions.**

- c. If was suggested that the Transportation Committee come up with a game plan on how move forward t dialogue.

**21. Rules & Bylaws Committee:** The following “Third Reading of Changes to the Bylaws to reflect language recommended by DONE regarding posting requirements and grievance process” was presented to the Board.

*Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) has conducted the first two of the required three readings of proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council; and*

*Whereas the Bylaws of the CSPNC provide for adoption of amendments to the Bylaws at the third reading, as stated in the Bylaws:*

*“Third Reading: At the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting, final passage shall require a two-thirds vote of all serving Governing Board members and, in addition, by a simple majority vote of all stakeholders present and voting at that meeting.*

*For purposes of this section, Governing Board members are considered to be stakeholders in counting the stakeholder votes. Serving Governing Board members are all those members of the Governing Board holding office at the time, whether or not they are present at the meeting.”;*

*Therefore be it 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.*

- a. Dean Pentcheff explained that this attempt to make changes fails due to the need to have 12 board members present to pass a bylaws change. He will take this back to the Rules and Bylaws Committee to determine if they should institute the three month process. His advice is to contact DONE that we are not interested in these useless amendment but he will see what the committee decides.
- b. Bob Gelfand suggested that the Board go ahead and do a roll call vote to have this on the record.
- c. **The 9 board members present voted unanimously in favor of the bylaws changes.**

## **22. PUBLIC COMMENT | Non-agenda items**

- a. **Rudy Rios** thanked the board for approving the Dana School grant.
- b. **Anthony Kusic** commented on the Harbor Area Budget Advocate who is also a Central San Pedro NC board member and suggested the board send a representative to the Budget Advocates meeting.

**23. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:19pm.

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