



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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August 20, 2018 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

Board Members	Roll Call
Robert Bryant	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Erin Carter	Absent
Rudy Caseres	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Anna Erneholt	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Daniel Kohn	Present
John Kopczynski	Absent
Kathleen Martin	Absent
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Mike Riso	Absent
Shannon Ross	Absent

1. VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Cindy a volunteer at Harbor Animal Shelter and a member of Help Harbor Shelter, a 501c3 organization, would like to apply for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.
- b. Greg Donnan announced Fleet Week coming over Labor Day weekend.
- c. Allen Franz announced that September 22nd is National Public Lands Day and a volunteer day at White Point Nature Preserve. They are having a fund raiser on October 14th for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy at Terranea Resort. The Beauty of Nature Film Series will screen at The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on November 18th.
- d. Celia Gonzales requested that there be two more portable toilets at Cabrillo Beach on each side of the bath house.

3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board member attendance. There were 11 Board members present and approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Rudy Caseres announced a show THIS IS MY BRAVE on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Warner Grand.
- b. Bob Gelfand announced the annual Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday, September 22nd.
- c. Dean Pentcheff commented that the area got very little notice of the Music Festival at Cabrillo Beach, and that the Department of Recreation and Parks stated that they do not consult with neighborhood councils when dealing with permitting issues.

5. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – The June 18, 2018, and July 17, 2018 meeting minutes – Approved without objection.

6. **REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**

- a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson
 - i. The Elks Lodge rebuild has 80% completion of the exterior hardscape.
 - ii. The Mesa 22 development is currently building foundations for the homes.
 - iii. Rancho San Pedro redevelopment, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) Board of Commissioners is having a meeting on August 23rd, to review submitted proposals from the project.
 - iv. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich
 - i. The next meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners is Thursday, August 23rd at 8:30 a.m. at the Port Administration Building.
 - ii. Mr. Bezmalinovich provided the following information and requested that it be included in the minutes.

The Port of Los Angeles has released a Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Berths 118-119 [Kinder Morgan] Wharf Repair Project on Monday, August 13, 2018 for a period of 30 days. The project involves repairs to the wharf along with a five-year lease renewal. Specifically, the proposed work would consist of the following activities:

- Repair of several existing wharf-support timber piles and installation of one new wharf support pile.
- Installation of new fender piles.
- Installation of a berthing structure on the existing wharf including installation of five new steel piles.
- Conduct wharf deck repair work including, but not limited to repairing pile splits, repairing deficient pile connections, repairing damaged pile caps, joists, decking, crossbrace and bull rail.

During the 30-day public review period, the public has an opportunity to provide written comments on the information contained within this IS/MND. Written comments may be sent to:

Chris Cannon, Director, City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, Environmental Management Division
425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California 90731

Written comments may also be sent via email to ceqacomment@portla.org and comments sent via email should include the Project title in the subject line. The document is attached or can be found on the Port's website at www.portofla.org.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

- iii. San Pedro Public Market update – Demolition continues.
 - iv. Fleet Week will feature a concert by The Beach Boys at the Battleship Iowa on Saturday, September 1, 2018.
 - v. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles Port Police** – Aldo Morales, Maritime Community Relations Officer – Not present
 - d. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Obiamaka Ude, Neighborhood Council Advocate – Not present
 - e. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** – Morgan Roth Field Representative – Not present
 - f. **Assembly Member O'Donnell Sarah Patterson**, San Pedro Field Representative – Not present
 - g. **Senator Steven Bradford** – Brenda Baker, District Representative – Not present
 - h. **Office of Mayor Garcetti** – Manny Lopez, Harbor Area Representative – Not Present

7. **PRESENTATION BY PORT OF LOS ANGELES ON HARBOR BLVD./HWY 47 IMPROVEMENTS** – Augie Bezmalinovich

- a. Mr. Bezmalinovich gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the project. The dog park will be eliminated.
- b. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

8. **PRESENTATION BY AMBER GINSBERG, HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE, ON HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES** – Amber Sheikh-Ginsberg

- a. Ms. Ginsberg gave an update on the numbers of homeless people specifically for San Pedro from last month's working group meeting.
- b. She clarified that County Measure H is for wrap around services and City Measure HHH is funding to build supportive housing units.
- c. The next working group meeting is Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Kaiser.

d. Ms. Sheikh-Ginsberg answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

9. MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COUNCIL DISTRICT 15 HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD – Homelessness ad hoc Committee

WHEREAS, initiatives to resolve Homelessness will receive \$1.2 Billion as approved by City of Los Angeles voters in 2016 (Proposition HHH) and \$355 million over ten years as approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2017 (Measure H).

BE IT RESOLVED, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends the establishment and functioning of the Council District 15 Homelessness Initiatives Citizens' Oversight Board as defined below:

CD15 Homelessness Initiatives Citizens' Oversight Board

1. Each Council District 15 (CD15) Neighborhood Council is requested to appoint one representative to the CD15 Homelessness Initiatives Citizens' Oversight Board ("CD15 HICOB") and will submit formal notification of such appointments to appropriate offices within the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office, Council District 15, and Los Angeles County.
2. The CD15 HICOB will be responsible for monitoring implementation of the City of Los Angeles homelessness measures in CD15.
3. The CD15 Neighborhood Councils request the City of Los Angeles to designate a representative with the responsibility of functioning as a liaison with the CD15 HICOB.
4. The CD15 HICOB will monitor conditions at homelessness facilities funded by the City of Los Angeles and will issue monthly condition reports to the respective Neighborhood Council Boards.
5. The CD15 HICOB will consider comments submitted by stakeholders applicable to the City of Los Angeles homelessness measures in CD15.
6. The CD15 HICOB will submit recommendations, comments, and requests for response and/or assistance to the City of Los Angeles Mayor's office, Council District 15, and relevant responsible agencies.
7. The CD15 HICOB will continue as described above for period of three years and will continue thereafter at the direction of the CD15 Neighborhood Councils.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epphart, Erneholt, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention.

10. MOTION REGARDING REPAIR OF COASTAL ACCESS STAIRS AT WILDERS ADDITION PARK – Parks and Coastline Committee

Whereas, the coastal access staircase at Wilders Addition Park **has been closed by the City of Los Angeles and** is in need of repair by the City of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, that location is the sole visitor-serving coastal access point in 2.5 miles of shoreline;

Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to proceed with all needed repairs to the coastal access staircase at Wilders Addition Park on an expedited basis to restore shore access and avoid violating the California Coastal Act; and

Be it further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) requests that the City regularly report to CSPNC on progress of the repairs, beginning with an anticipated schedule.

Motion by Dean Pentcheff to add 'has been closed by the City of Los Angeles and...' as noted above, second by Bob Gelfand, passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epphart, Erneholt, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention.

Motion from committee as amended passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epphart, Erneholt, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention.

11. MOTION REGARDING FREE HANDICAPPED PARKING AT CABRILLO BEACH

Be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to make handicapped parking at Cabrillo Beach free of charge.

Motion from committee passed with 9 yes (Bryant, Cade, Epphart, Erneholt, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 1 abstention (Dominguez), and 1 out of room (Caseres).

12. MOTION OPPOSING SB 831, AN ACT TO AMEND GOVERNMENT CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – Planning and Transportation Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes Senate Bill 831, an act to amend Government Code regarding accessory dwelling units, and shall file a Community Impact Statement (text follows) on any relevant City of Los Angeles Council action and shall send a letter (text follows) to Senator Steven Bradford.

Community Impact Statement for Los Angeles City Council

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes SB 831, legislation that seeks to remove local government zoning and land use regulations regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and urges the City to include opposition to this measure in their legislative program. State legislation already removes much of the local autonomy by requiring the city to allow second units on any existing R1 (single family) property. The proposed SB 831 would further restrict the City's ability to regulate such units by removing the City's ability to include lot coverage standards and prohibiting the consideration of square footage of a proposed accessory dwelling unit when calculating an allowable floor-to-area ratio or lot coverage ratio for the lot. It would require that an application for an ADU be approved or disapproved within 60 days and if the City does not act within 60 days, then the application shall be deemed approved. It would prohibit requiring that off-street parking spaces be replaced when a garage, carport, or covered parking structure is demolished or converted into an ADU and would not allow the City to require owner occupancy by the permit applicant.

Letter to State Senator Steven Bradford, 35th District

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes SB 831, legislation that seeks to remove local government zoning and land use regulations regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and urges you to vote against it.

State legislation already removes much of the local autonomy by requiring the city to allow second units on any existing R1 (single family) property. The proposed SB 831 would further restrict local communities abilities to regulate such units and plan for liveable neighborhoods.

Among other things, the legislation would remove the ability to include lot coverage standards and prohibit the consideration of square footage of a proposed accessory dwelling unit when calculating an allowable floor-to-area ratio or lot coverage ratio. The result could be wildly out of scale and character developments.

The proposed reduction of time for an application to be acted on from 120 days to 60 days is unrealistic for a City the size of Los Angeles and appears designed to require automatic approval of every application.

Of particular concern to us is the proposed prohibition on requiring that off-street parking spaces be replaced when a garage, carport, or covered parking structure is demolished or converted into an ADU. Existing legislation already does not allow for a requirement of parking for that new unit. This would be a double wammy. In San Pedro, we have many old neighborhoods where the parking is already insufficient.

Finally, we are concerned about the provision that would not allow the City to require owner occupancy by the permit applicant.

SB 831 is an overreach of the State's authority. We urge you to vote against it.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Motion by Robert Bryant to postponed consideration, second by Isiah Cade, passed without objection.

13. MOTION TO ADOPT COMMENTS ON COUNCILMEMBER RYU'S "NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SYSTEM REFORMS" – Dean Pentcheff

Resolved, *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts the following comments on Councilmember David Ryu's "Neighborhood Council System Reforms" (Council File 18-0467).*

- Change the name of DONE to "~~Neighborhood Councils Department~~ **Department of Neighborhood Councils**", BONC to "Neighborhood Councils Commission" and phase out "EmpowerLA" branding. Support, but change the name to "Department of Neighborhood Councils".
- Amend LAMC to remove "Community Impact [sic] Stakeholder" and consider adding other definitions by ordinance. Strongly support removing the "Community Interest Stakeholder", given the confusion and disruption this has caused, and the impossibility of refining that definition to make it workable. Disagree with adding other stakeholder classifications: retain "lives, works, or owns property" as a reasonably clear and inclusive stakeholder definition.
- Amend City Charter to eliminate selections. Strongly support the elimination of selections. Strongly recommend that there be significant outreach and publicity from the City level to publicize the existence, capabilities, and elections of neighborhood councils. This should be in addition to localized outreach and publicity by NCs.
- Create a one-time review examining NC board seats for equity and provide suggestions to increase equity. We are concerned that any allocation of board seats amongst stakeholder types inevitably creates (rather than diminishes) inequities. We recommend removing or minimizing seat allocation by stakeholder types, and recommend open ("at large") seats as a straightforward way of improving equity of representation. We do not think that the BONC is the appropriate body to oversee an equity review process, and would prefer that it be overseen by an external review body. Another aspect of equity (not noted in Councilmember Ryu's recommendations) is funding equity across NCs. To preserve funding equity while allowing for flexibility in NC size through subdividing (or combining) NCs, NC funding should be allocated to NCs on a per-stakeholder basis, rather than at a fixed level per NC.

- Create a uniform minimum voting and board member age.
Support.
- Develop required planning and land use training for some committee chairs.
We disagree with requiring training, but support the development of voluntary training.
We strongly recommend that planning and land use training be developed by PlanCheckNC or other NC participants who have an adequate background for the job, rather than by DONE or another City agency.
- Ability to roll over a non-cumulative maximum of \$10,000 per year.
Support.
- Amend LAMC to permit in-kind or monetary donations to NCs.
Support.
- Consider holding all NC elections on a single day citywide.
Strongly support the idea of a single election day, primarily because it would highlight the need for citywide publicity about NCs, and would make citywide publicity about NC elections clearer and easier to deliver.
- Develop a process to assist NCs with accessing shared space in City facilities.
Support.
- Develop and share a compendium of best practices.
Support.
- Develop point of contact lists for City departments and agencies and appoint a single point of contact for each within each NC.
Support.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to change *Neighborhood Councils Department* to **Department of Neighborhood Councils** as noted above, second by **Dean Pentcheff**, passed without objection.
Motion from committee as amended passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Cade, Dominguez, Epphart, Erneholt, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Caseres).

14. MOTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR REDESIGN OF THE COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WEBSITE – Doug Epperhart

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall allocate funds not to exceed \$500 for a redesign of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council website.

Motion by **Robert Byrant** to refer to the Budget and Finance Committee, second by **Noel Gould**, passed with 8 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Erneholt, Gould, Havenick, and Kohn), 1 no (Gelfand), 2 abstentions (Epphart and Pentcheff).

15. MOTION TO ADD TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM TO SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS BY COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL – Doug Epperhart

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall establish Twitter, **NextDoor**, and Instagram feeds to represent the neighborhood council in parallel to and with the same guidelines as the current Facebook account.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to amend to add **NextDoor**, second by **Noel Gould**, passed without objection.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to approve the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall establish Twitter, NextDoor, and Instagram feeds to represent the neighborhood council in parallel to and with the same guidelines as the current Facebook account, second by **Richard Havenick**, passed with 10 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epphart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 1 abstention (Erneholt).

16. MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RULES

Be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall amend its Standing Rules as follows (text deleted is in ~~strikethrough~~ and text to be added is in **underlined bold**):

2. Composition and Organization of Committees

Committees shall require a quorum of three to transact business. Committees shall have at least three members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Governing Board. No stakeholder may chair more than one committee.

Each committee shall have a chair and may have a one or more vice-chairs. Committee chairs, vice-chairs, and committee members shall be appointed by the Governing Board, and must be ratified by the Governing Board in order to vote at committee meetings.

The Governing Board shall appoint committee chairs, vice-chairs, and members annually, at the first meeting of a newly elected Board, and at other times as necessary.

3. Establishment of Standing Committees

The Governing Board establishes the following standing committees.

Budget and Finance: Responsible for budgetary and fiscal matters.

Communications: Responsible for all outreach and community relations, including website, publications, and events.

~~**Economic Development:** Responsible for matters related to the commercial and economic environment.~~

Election Committee: Responsible for conducting the process for election of the Governing Board.

Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety: Responsible for matters related to emergency preparedness and public safety.

Environment and Sustainability: Responsible for matters related to environmental issues and sustainability efforts.

Homelessness: Responsible for matters relating to the alleviation of homelessness.

Parks and Coastline: Responsible for matters related to parks and coastal issues.

Planning and Transportation: Responsible for matters related to planning, zoning, and transportation issues.

Port: Responsible for matters related to the Port of Los Angeles.

Rules and Bylaws: Responsible for matters related to rules and bylaws.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to approve amendment(s) to Standing Rules as stated above, second by **Louis Dominguez**, passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epphart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention.

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget & Finance Committee – Chair Bob Bryant
 - i. The regular date and time for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – Not present
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand
 - i. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has asked that Coastal co-sponsor an Emergency Preparedness Fair with them.
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould – No new information
- e. Planning and Transportation Committee – Chair Mike Riso – Not present
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Anna Erneholm – No new information
- g. Rules & Bylaws – Chair Dean Pentcheff – No new information
- h. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin – Not present
- i. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez
 - i. The regular date and time for the Port Committee meeting will be the second Monday at 6:00 p.m. right before the agenda setting meeting.
 - ii. Mr. Dominguez distributed a handout of proposed perimeters for all Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils to the Port regarding upcoming waterfront infrastructure project funding.

18. TREASURER'S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer provided an update on budget and funding numbers to date.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

19. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS

20. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENSES, including approval of Treasurer's payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Lloyd Staffing, The Mailroom, Angels Gate Cultural Center meeting expenses, vendor(s) for meeting refreshments, and office supplies.

21. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None

22. ADOPTION OF THE CITY CLERK'S 2018–19 FISCAL YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE PACKET –

Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by **Robert Bryant**, passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Caseres, Dominguez, Epphart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention.

23. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND OTHER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES – Richard Havenich is appointed to the Homelessness Committee and Isiah Cade appointed to the Election Committee.

24. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

25. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

26. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next regular meeting is September 17, 2018.

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