



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## November 15, 2021 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Carmenza Adams	Present
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present at 6:50 pm.
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Rick Perkins	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Absent
Shannon Ross	Seated
Robin Rudisill	Present
Vacant Seat	

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING (NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OR COMMENT)**
2. **VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
  - a. Kristle Adler commented about the deaths at Point Fermin. There have been seven bodies found this year.
  - b. May Lou Fentis asked if there are steps being taken to prevent suicide attempts that shut down the Vincent Thomas Bridge.
  - c. James Campeau commented that the council office should be attending this meeting. Staff should be at every neighborhood council meeting.
  - d. Rob Wilcox announced that he is a candidate for City Controller. He previously worked for City Clerk Laura Chick. He currently works for Mike Feuer. He has a plan to address the homeless crisis.
  - e. Rachel Bruhnke commented about the recent Proud Boys Protest at Point Fermin Park. Participants came with knives and mace. They did not have a permit.
4. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 13/14/15 Board members present and approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance.
5. **FILL VACANCY ON THE GOVERNING BOARD BY VOTE OF SERVING GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**  
**Shannon Ross** appointed to fill vacant seat with 13 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 not yet present (Havenick).
6. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Kathleen Martin commented that she will be the coordinator in our area for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) annual Homeless count on January 26, 2022. The new location will be at the Cabrillo Marina Community Building at 2965 Via Cabrillo-Marina – the same room where the board meetings were held.

**7. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – October 18, meeting minutes approved as presented without objection.

**8. REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Senior Lead Officer Melody Shortle for Officer Winter

- a. Officer Shortle gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
  - i. She reminded everyone to keep your car doors locked and to not leave anything of value in your car.
  - ii. There has been an increase in package thefts. She recommends that you be home or arrange to have a neighbor accept your packages.
  - iii. Officer Shortle's email is [37142@lapd.online](mailto:37142@lapd.online).
- b. Port Police Officer Morales gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
  - i. He announced the annual Holiday Boat Parade on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm.
  - ii. The port police dispatch can be reached at 310-732-3500 and his email [amorales@portla.org](mailto:amorales@portla.org).
  - iii. Officer Morales answered questions from the board.
- c. Neighborhood Prosecutor Kahlil Rasheed
  - i. introduced himself, he is the Neighborhood Prosecutor for the Harbor area.
  - ii. His contact information is [Khalil.racheed@lacity.org](mailto:Khalil.racheed@lacity.org) and 213-978-7840.

**9. MOTION RECOMMENDING DESIGNATION OF BLOCH FIELD AND GIBSON SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY GARDEN AS “SENSITIVE USE AREAS” UNDER LAMC 41.18** – *Motion postponed by Board in October until November – Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee*

Whereas LAMC 41.18 protects the public right of way within 500 feet of areas designated as a sensitive facility, including schools, day care facilities, parks and libraries;

Whereas the City Council's resolution, Designation of Prohibited Locations, for CD-15 only identifies locations in San Pedro that are existing homeless shelter facilities;

Whereas there are homeless encampments on Gulch Road and the surrounding area that are within 500 feet of an existing community park that is actively being used by children's recreation organizations, including the Bloch Field Little League Ballpark and the Gibson Senior Citizen Community Gardens.

Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council specifically designate Bloch Field, 1500 W. Miner, and the Gibson Senior Citizen Community Garden as sensitive use areas subject to the protections of LAMC 41.18.

Further Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council take immediate action as per LAMC 41.18 to find safe and appropriate areas and services for those experiencing homelessness in the existing encampments adjacent to Bloch Field and the Gibson Senior Citizen Community Garden.

**Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, and Ross), 2 noes (Gelfand and Perkins), 0 abstention, and 2 out of room (Cade and Rudisill).**

**10. MOTION RECOMMENDING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE ISSUES AT 516 W 38TH ST., SAN PEDRO** – *Motion postponed by Board in October until November – Coastline & Parks and Sunken City Committee*

Whereas the Pacific Inn at 516 W 38th Street San Pedro, CA 90731 is continually a source of tremendous nuisances including construction day and night, noise, graffiti, and narcotics activities,

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council insists that the city attorney and Council District 15 take action to abate these problems immediately.

**Proposed substitute motion from Coastline and Parks Committee**

Whereas many persons have made complaints regarding diverse nuisances and possible criminal activity at the premises located at 516 West 38th Street in San Pedro, commonly known as the Pacific Inn and Suites; and

Whereas the Pacific Inn and Suites management have been limited with regard to their ability to evict problem tenants because of Los Angeles County's eviction moratorium and Covid-19 tenant protections, and

Whereas the Pacific Inn and Suites management has made numerous attempts to rectify these problems by requesting assistance from the Los Angeles Police Department,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Office of the City Attorney with assistance from Los Angeles Police Department to act immediately to abate all nuisances and investigate alleged criminal behavior and prosecute offenses that may have occurred on or about said premises.

Be it further resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests a report regarding this matter from the Office of the City Attorney neighborhood prosecutor and Los Angeles Police Department at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the council on December 20, 2021.

**Motion by Bob Gelfand to cancel item 10 and go to item 11, second by Kathleen Martin, passed without objection.**

**11. MOTION REQUESTING MITIGATION OF NUISANCES AT 516 W 38TH ST. (PACIFIC INN) – Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety**

Whereas many persons have made complaints regarding diverse nuisances and possible criminal activity at the premises located at 516 West 38th Street in San Pedro, commonly known as the Pacific Inn and Suites;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles Police Department and Office of the City Attorney to ~~act immediately~~ **CONTINUE ACTING** to abate all nuisances and investigate alleged criminal behavior and prosecute offenses that may have occurred on or about said premises.

Be it further resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests a report regarding this matter from the Office of the City Attorney neighborhood prosecutor and Los Angeles Police Department at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the council.

**Motion by Noel Gould to amend the motion to strike ‘act immediately’ and insert ‘continue acting’ as noted above, second by Bob Gelfand, passed without objection.**

**Motion from committee as amended passed with 13 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, and Ross), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 2 out of room (Cade and Rudisill).**

**12. MOTION REQUESTING MITIGATION OF NUISANCES AT 1661 CRESCENT AVE. – Coastline and Parks Committee**

Whereas the property at 1661 Crescent Avenue is a nuisance to the community due to its use as an illegal dumping ground, accumulated graffiti, combustible and hazardous vegetation, and vermin; and

Whereas the property is frequently trespassed upon and creates an ongoing eyesore, health hazards, and general nuisance to the neighbors, including the historic Muller House Museum,

Therefore be it Resolved Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Building and Safety and Los Angeles Fire Department to investigate and take immediate action to mitigate the nuisances.

**Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, and Ross), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 2 out of room (Cade and Rudisill).**

**13. MOTION REGARDING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) AND MOTORCYCLE USE AT ANGELS GATE PARK AND WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE – Coastline and Parks Committee**

Whereas motorcycle, ATV, and off road activities in Angels Gate Park and the White Point Nature Preserve are illegal and create a public safety hazard,

Resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Police Department to increase patrols in order to curtail this activity.

**Motion by Noel Gould to amend the motion to add ‘4x4 trucks and to add Further the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends The Department of Recreation and Parks investigate and prepare a plan to create physical barriers to prevent this activity’, second by Robin Rudisill, falled with 2 yes (Adams, and Rudisill)), 12 noes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, and Ross), 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Cade).**

**Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Cade).**

**14. MOTION REGARDING BEAUTIFICATION OF HILLSIDE BETWEEN GULCH RD. & MINER ST. –  
Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee**

*Whereas* the hillside between Gulch Road and Miner Street has become a blighted area due to trash and dumping.

*Resolved*, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the relevant City agencies landscape and beautify the area to enhance the community, and

*Further Resolved*, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends the use of Southern California native plants.

**Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Cade).**

**15. MOTION URGING COLLABORATION BETWEEN CITY AGENCIES AND SAN PEDRO  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COLLABORATIVE – Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety**

*Whereas*, the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee of CSPNC heard testimony and viewed photographic evidence regarding graffiti and gunshots fired in Alma Park, San Pedro, both of which have happened repeatedly in recent weeks,

*Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the City Attorney, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the office of the City Councilman, Council District 15, to work with the San Pedro Neighborhood Watch Collaborative to investigate security and safety in our San Pedro parks and prepare a plan to improve security and safety.

**Motion by Richard Havenick to amend the motion to remove the word ‘Collaborative’ as noted above, second by Kathleen Martin, passed with 11 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 1 no (Gelfand), 2 abstentions (Gould and Martin), and 1 out of room (Cade).**

**Motion from committee as amended passed with 14 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Cade).**

**16. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL SAN PEDRO HOLIDAY PARADE –  
Communications Committee**

*Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall be authorized to participate in the 41st Annual Spirit of San Pedro Holiday Parade, no cost involved.

**Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Cade).**

**17. MOTION TO ESTABLISH A NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT PROCESS – Communications  
Committee**

*Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council establishes the date of 25 February 2022 by 6pm as the deadline for receiving Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) applications and establishes an *ad hoc* committee to receive applications and advise the Board on those applications.

**Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Cade).**

**18. COMMITTEE REPORTS – No new information**

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Drew Leach
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin
- h. Port Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill

**19. TRESURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Sheryl Akerblom gave a brief overview of current funding levels.

***Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)***

**20. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021.**

**21. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENSES, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S PAYMENT OF ALL RECURRING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXPENSES INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) LLOYD STAFFING, BRIDGEGAP TEMPORARY STAFFING AND SERVICES AGENCY, THE MAILROOM, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES.**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$60 to The Mailroom/Kristina Smith for the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) website and domain name for fiscal year 2021-2022.

**22. MOTION TO PAY THE MAILROOM/KRISTINA SMITH FOR HARBOR ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS WEBSITE AND DOMAIN NAME.**

Motion to approve consent calendar items 20., 21., and 22., passed with 13 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 1 abstention (Havenick), and 1 out of room (Cade).

**23. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE FOR OUTREACH – *Communications Committee***

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$900 for outreach materials as follows:

- a sum not to exceed \$150 for maps and lamination of maps.
- a sum not to exceed \$250 on general business cards for use by CSPNC board members
- a sum not to exceed \$250 on t-shirts for board members
- a sum not to exceed \$100 on a CSPNC banner

Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Pentcheff, Perkins, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Cade).

**24. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

- a. Appoint Bob Silence as Co-Chair of the Arts and Culture committee.
- b. Create an Ad Hoc Committee for Neighborhood Purposes Grants and appoint members Carmenza Adams, Sheryl Akerblom, Greg Ellis, and Drew Leach.

**25. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**26. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None

**27. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is December 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council