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COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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January 16, 2024 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Yacht Club, 285 Whalers Walk, San Pedro CA 90731

Board Members	Roll Call
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Dennis “Dan” Braxton	Present at 7:00 p.m.
Linda Brumfield	Present
Isiah Cade	Absent
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present at 7:00 p.m.
Richard Havenick	Present
John Kopczynski	Present
Tahira Levels	Present
Rick Perkins	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Present at 7:00 p.m.
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Absent
Richard Watson	Absent
Total: 17 Quorum: 9	Present: 10/13 Absent: 4

1. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance (no substantive discussion or comment)
2. Public comment on non-agenda items
 - a. Carrie Scoville announced that she is running for Central Committee of the Democratic Party Assembly District 65, ballots come out in February.
 - b. Nilo Michelin announced that he is running for State senate District 35.
 - c. Sue Jin Kim commented regarding a charter school petition for grades K-5th specializing in performing arts.
 - d. Celia Gonzales commented regarding the Starbucks at 25th and Western Avenue, about possibly adding a u turn lane.
 - e. James Campo commented regarding gang tagging in Point Fermin Park.
3. Call to order and roll call – The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 10/13 Board members present and approximately 10 stakeholders in attendance.
4. Board member comment on non-agenda items
 - a. Doug Epperhart commented that Shannon Ross will staff a table at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on Thursday, February 8th at the Crown Plaza at 4:30 p.m.
 - b. Doug Epperhart also commented that interviews for a new general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will start on Friday, January 26th.
 - c. Doug Epperhart also commented that last week he attended the State of the Port luncheon, as a guest of the port. Video of the event is available on the port website.
5. Approval of prior meeting minutes – November 20, 2023 as corrected and December 18, 2023 regular meeting approved as presented without objection.

6. Presentation from Pacific Environment on their environmental advocacy – presenter Christina Tapia-Degado
 - a. The presenters gave a very detailed slide presentation of statistics related to environmental pollution/pollutants.
 - b. He gave an overview of the organization.
 - c. Shipping accounts for 3% of emissions globally.
 - d. Statistics related to health impacts, particularly for residents in proximity of ports.
 - e. Mr. Tapia-Degado answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
7. Presentation from Laurie Jacobs on Homelessness Count and other issues
 - a. Ms. Jacobs gave an oral review of her written report.
 - b. When reporting a homeless person, please report only after seeing them in the same place at least 2 times as the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is overwhelmed.
 - c. She announced the annual LAHSA homeless count for our area on January 24th. She asked for people to participate/volunteer.
 - d. Ms. Jacobs answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
8. Report from law enforcement and public officials
 - a. Office of City Council District 15 Tim McOsker – Drew Leach Field Representative
 - i. Ms. Leach commented about a car vandalism/hate crime incident in Northwest San Pedro. There will be a Unity Walk starting at Weymouth Corners on Thursday at 5p.m.
 - ii. She announced that the grand opening of the Parkway Promenade on January 20th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Harbor Boulevard between 1st and 3rd streets.
 - iii. The proposed JEDI zone for Pacific Avenue from 6th to 14th streets is in process.
 - iv. The Port will be coming neighborhood council meetings to present on the Public Access Investment Plan (PAIP).
 - v. At a prior board meeting, board member Robin Rudisill, asked Ms. Leach to inquire as to why councilmember McOsker voted to support a digital sign ordinance that the board had opposed. Ms. Leach reported that councilmember McOsker voted to support the digital sign ordinance at the request of other councilmembers, as it would benefit their districts. There will not be any digital signs in CD15, other communities want them for the revenue.
 - vi. Ms. Leach’s phone number is 213-905-0251.
 - vii. Ms. Leach answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - b. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officer Melody Shortle
 - i. Officer Shortle gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
 - ii. She thanked all the people that participated in their holiday events.
 - iii. LAPD is meeting this Friday with the Harbor Connects organization to see how Harbor Connects can help LAPD.
 - iv. Officer Shortle answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - v. Officer Shortle’s email is 37142@lapd.online.
 - c. Los Angeles Port Police Office Morales – Not present
 - i. The port police dispatch can be reached at 310-732-3500 and his email amorales@portla.org.

9. Committee reports – None

10. Support of Reasonable Accommodation for Project at 572 W. 38th Street - Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council finds that the proposed garage conversion ADU project at 572 W. 38th Street is consistent with the Coastal Act, the San Pedro Community Plan and the certified San Pedro Local Coastal Plan and therefore, as provided for in LAMC Section 12.22 A.27 Reasonable Accommodation — Fair Housing Protections for Individuals with Disabilities, supports the City’s determination of a Reasonable Accommodation for the project, to allow for CEX (single permit jurisdiction coastal exemption) processing.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Levels, Pentcheff, Roberts, and Ross), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

11. Recommendation to post City-approved “No Trespassing” signs for properties on Shepard St.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the owners of the properties at 557-565-573-581 Shepard Street post City-approved No Trespassing signs for their properties as they are vacant and subject to trespassing.

Motion by **Noel Gould** to approve the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the owners of the properties at 557-565-573-581 Shepard Street post City-approved No Trespassing signs for their properties as they are vacant and subject to trespassing, second by **John Kopczynski**, and passed with 13 yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Levels, Pentcheff, Roberts, and Ross), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

12. Comments on the Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent for the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Port of Long Beach Pier Wind Terminal Development Project. – Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to approve a substitute motion, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed with 13 yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Levels, Pentcheff, Roberts, and Ross), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Motion by **Noel Gould** to amend the substitute motion, second by **Bob Gelfand**, and passed without objection.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to approve the substituted and amended motion, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed with 13 yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Levels, Pentcheff, Roberts, and Ross), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Substitute motion on [Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council website](#)

See accompanying documents: NOP/NOI and Initial Study (available at <https://cspnc.org>)

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that with respect to the Port of Long Beach Pier Wind Terminal Development Project the following issues are investigated:

- ~~Is any public land being ceded to private interests — who owns/operates the project~~
- ~~Use of or effects on tidelands or navigable waters for private use~~
- ~~Environmental impacts on land, water, flora and fauna~~
- ~~Design being proposed that would result in the least amount of environmental damage~~
- ~~Displacement of people, if any~~
- ~~Project alternatives that do not require constructing new land in the ocean, including consideration of repurposing of existing underutilized manufacturing facilities on existing land or use of other existing underutilized government property~~
- ~~Project alternatives including a smaller amount of land — is 400 acres a reasonable amount of land — need comparative information from other similar projects/sites~~
- ~~No project — whether project would be better done in other ports, including POLA~~
- ~~Remediation of DDT and munitions on the ocean floor when obtaining fill for the new land or dumping of the material into ocean waters~~
- ~~Materials that will be used and disposition of any by-products~~
- ~~Whether proper/adequate notice was given to San Pedro residents~~

13. Treasurer's report – Shery Akerblom, Treasurer – (Consent Calendar)

14. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2023 – Not available

15. Approval of Monthly Expenses, including approval of Treasurer's payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency in the amount not to exceed \$1,000 per month, the Mailroom in the amount not to exceed \$1,000 per month, office supplies in the amount not to exceed \$1,000 per month, an amount not to exceed \$300 for refreshments for the monthly Board meeting, and an amount not to exceed \$200 for cleaning fees after the Board meeting.

16. Purchase of Zoom license for teleconferencing.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall allocate and expend an amount not to exceed \$300 (per year) to purchase a Zoom license for teleconferencing.

17. Approval of funding requests received from committees – None

Motion to approve consent calendar items 15, and 16, and passed with 13 yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Levels, Pentcheff, Roberts, and Ross), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

18. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives – None

19. Announcements – None

20. Public comment on non-agenda items

a. Celia Gonzales commented about holding another CERT course.

21. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next regular meeting is February 20, 2024.

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