



**July 19, 2021 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**  
Zoom Electronic Meeting

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Carmenza Adams	Present
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Isiah Cade	Present left at 9:10 p.m.
Greg Ellis	Present left at 8:30 p.m.
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Present left at 9:20 p.m.
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Present left at 9:05 p.m.
Kathleen Martin	Present
Rick Perkins	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Absent
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
  - a. Tim McOsker thanked the board for their work and looks forward to when we can be together again live.
  - b. Laurie Jacobs commented regarding the neighborhood council election, if people did not receive their ballots in time to vote, she and Diana Nave are collecting information on the issue.
  - c. Maria Leonido from Housing Services of LA County non-profit lender and financial counseling 213-381-2862 or <https://nhslacounty.org/>.
  - d. Rob Wilcox announced that he is running to be city controller. He requested that people email him the biggest issues [rob@robforcontroller.com](mailto:rob@robforcontroller.com).
  - e. Mike Riso, former board member, congratulated the newly elected board members and whoever takes on outreach please be committed for the right reason.
3. **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 16/15/14/13/12 Board members present and approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS** – Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) Ray Regalado
  - a. President  
**Doug Epperhart** appointed to serve as President with 15 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Epperhart).
  - b. Vice President  
**Dean Pentcheff** appointed to serve as Vice President with 16 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

- c. Secretary  
**Kathleen Martin** appointed to serve as Secretary with 15 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Martin).
- d. Treasurer  
**Sheryl Akerblom** appointed to serve as Treasurer with 16 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

**5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Noel Gould commend that Sheryl is took over bookkeeping when Louis fell ill, she should not be the treasurer and taking minutes, it appears to be a conflict of interest.
- b. Richard Havenick commented regarding the DDT barrels issue has been identified as a shared federal and state issue, accordingly Congresswoman Nanette Baraigan and Senator Diane Feinstein are now involved.
- c. John Kopczynski announced that the San Pedro CPR group is having a community clean up on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at Averil park.

**6. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – June 21, 2021 regular meeting, and July 7, 2021 Special meeting minutes approved as presented without objection.

**7. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CARD HOLDERS, SECOND SIGNERS, COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT FILERS, AGENCY LIASIONS, AND OTHER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

- a. Committees to remain in place, except as noted below, by acclimation.
- b. Parks and Coastline committee  
**Noel Gould** appointed to serve as chair of the Parks and Coastline committee with 10 votes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, and Rudisill), and **Drew Leach** with 6 votes (Adams, Cade, Leach, Martin, Perkins, and Roberts), 0 no, and 0 abstention.
- c. Communications  
**Drew Leach** appointed to serve as chair of the Communications committee with 16 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.
- d. Port Committee  
**Kathleen Martin** appointed to serve as chair of the Port committee with 16 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

**8. REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua for Officer Winter

- a. Officer Nua gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
- b. They are hoping to do another catalytic converter etching event.
- c. Officer Nua’s email address is [316818@lapd.online](mailto:316818@lapd.online), his cell phone is 310) 869-2138.
- d. Officer Nua answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- e. Port Police Office Morales gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
- f. 310-732-3500 port policer dispatch and his email [amorales@portla.org](mailto:amorales@portla.org) s
- g. Officer Morales answered questions from the board.

**9. PRESENTATION FROM THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES ON THE PORT CONNECTIVITY PLAN** – Mike Galvin Director of Waterfront and Commercial Real Estate

- a. Mr. Galvin displayed a detailed presentation.
- b. They didn’t have the funds to do everything they initially intended.
- c. The Waterfront Connectivity Plan builds upon existing waterfront public access and private development issues.
- d. The plan continues to evolve.
- e. Mr. Galvin answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

**10. MOTION TO OPPOSE COUNCIL FILE 20-1376-S2** – *Andrea Herman*

Whereas, On July 1, 2021 Councilmember Joe Buscaino introduced the following Motion (Seconded by John S. Lee) which proposes to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 to add the following language:

“At no time shall any person who has been offered shelter sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way, or publicly owned property. Violations of this section may be eligible for referral to any applicable prosecutorial-led diversion program.”

And, whereas, The Municipal Code 41.18 (d) establishes “No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way.” An injunction of this code section was upheld in the Court of Appeal case Jones v. Los Angeles 444 F.3d 1118 (2006). The Court of Appeal held that “so long as there is a greater number of homeless individuals in Los Angeles than the number of available beds, the City may not enforce section 41.18(d) at all times and places throughout the City against homeless individuals for involuntarily sitting, lying, and sleeping in public.”

And, whereas, At that time, the Court stated plainly “Because there is substantial and undisputed evidence that the number of homeless persons in Los Angeles far exceeds the number of available shelter beds at all times, including on the nights of their arrest or citation, Los Angeles has encroached upon Appellants’ Eighth Amendment protections by criminalizing the unavoidable act of sitting, lying, or sleeping at night while being involuntarily homeless.”

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the Motion (Council File 20-1376-S2).

We also urge the City Council to work toward a feasible approach that is constitutionally permissible, safe, cost-effective, and humane.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement.

**Motion by Andrea Herman to oppose Council File 20-1376-S2, second by Greg Ellis, passed with 12 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Roberts, and Rudisill), 2 noes (Kopczynski and Perkins), 1 abstention (Leach), and 1 out of meeting (Kohn).**

#### **11. MOTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE FOR BEVERAGES FOR THE PROJECT AT 311 22ND ST – Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends approval as presented of the Conditional Use for Beverages for the project at 311 22nd St, Trani’s Dockside Station restaurant, conditioned on a return to the committee prior to any outdoor expansion.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement.

**Motion from committee as amended passed with 16 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.**

#### **12. MOTION RECOMMENDING OPPOSITION TO SB 8 – Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the City Council include opposition to SB 8 in the City’s Legislative Platform.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement.

**Motion from committee as amended passed with 9 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, and Rudisill), 0 no, 6 abstention (Cade, Havenick, Leach, Martin, Perkins, and Roberts), and 1 left meeting (Ellis).**

#### **13. MOTION RECOMMENDING OPPOSITION TO SB 478 – Robin Rudisill**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the City Council include opposition to SB 478 in the City’s Legislative Platform.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall file a Community Impact Statement.

**Motion by Robin Rudisill to oppose SB 478, second by Noel Gould, passed with 14 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, 1 abstention (Cade), and 1 left meeting (Ellis).**

#### **14. MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RULES TO ADD A CULTURAL ART COMMITTEE – Carmenza Adams**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall amend its Standing Rules to add a Cultural Art Committee, and shall appoint a chair and members; the committee shall have the following principles:

Vision:

To propel our city towards a connected community that embraces culture and art for all without limitations, restrictions, or conditions.

Mission Statement:

To engage, support and strengthen the diverse cultures of our community through all forms of art.

Core Values:

We stand for love, integrity and progress for us and all others.

Pillars:

1. Funding programs and events that encourage the involvement of local artists in our community.
2. Assisting with the creation, collaboration and support of youth art programs.
3. Increasing art awareness and appreciation of different cultures by celebrating diversity and equity through art.
4. Supporting cultural & art inclusion for all individuals in spite of any limitations.
5. Supporting local businesses that foster cultural art as an incentive to enhance businesses 'involvement in the community.

Projects:

1. Speakers 'Club Invitation: community leaders representing established cultural arts and expanding awareness in our community.
2. Nonprofit organizations presentations: Offering art enrichment programs that enhance creativity, cultural awareness, and support for small businesses.
3. Supporting and organizing cultural arts events in our community
4. Collaborating with other cultural art organizations in order to share events and ideas
5. Maintaining a media presence that announces current cultural arts events

Motion by **Carmenza Adams** to amend the Standing Rules to add a Cultural Art Committee, second by **Kathleen Martin**, passed with 14 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, and Rudisill), 0 no, 1 abstention (Adams), and 1 left meeting (Ellis).

**15. MOTION TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER A METHOD TO EVALUATE AND GRADE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SERVICES – Bob Gelfand**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council establishes an ad hoc committee to consider a method to evaluate and grade public officials and the delivery of public services, and shall appoint a chair and members.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to establish an ad hoc committee to consider a method to evaluate and grade public officials and the delivery of public services, second by **Noel Gould**, passed with 11 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, and Rudisill), 1 no (Leach), 1 abstention (Martin, Perkins, and Roberts), and 1 left meeting (Ellis).

**16. 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

**17. TRESURER'S REPORT – President Epperhart gave a brief overview of current funding levels.**

**18. MOTION TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE 2021–2022 FISCAL YEAR**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts the following budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

OFFICE / OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES	
Audio services	\$ 3,000.00
Virtual office / storage	\$ 4,000.00
Post office box rental: annual	\$ 175.00
Committee meeting space	\$ 1,500.00
Office: miscellaneous	\$ 1,025.00
Food / refreshments	\$ 2,500.00
Website hosting	\$ 300.00
Totals	\$12,500.00

COMMUNICATIONS EXPENDITURES	
Newsletters	\$ 4,000.00
Committee funding requests	\$ 1,500.00
Outreach activities	\$ 1,500.00
Totals	\$ 7,000.00

NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS \$ 10,000.00

UNALLOCATED \$ 2,500.00

Grand totals \$ 32,000.00

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to adopt a budget for the 2021–2022 fiscal year, second by **Noel Gould**, passed with 12 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 ineligible (Perkins, and Roberts), and 2 left meeting (Ellis and Leach).

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

**19. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JUNE 2021.**

**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, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES**

**21. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None**

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented, passed with 10 yes (Adams, Akerblom, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kopczynski, Martin, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 ineligible (Perkins, and Roberts), and 4 left meeting (Cade, Ellis, Kohn, and Leach).

**22. MOTION TO FUND “REOPENING AND HEALING STORYTELLING” COMMUNITY EVENT**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall fund the “Reopening and Healing Storytelling Event” by Feed and Be Fed on Sunday 29 August for an amount not to exceed \$300.

Motion by **Sheryl Akerblom** to postpone funding a “Reopening and Healing Storytelling” community event, second by **Noel Gould**, passed without objection.

**23. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Bob Gelfand read an excerpt from the proposed BONC policy about removal of board members.
- b. Robin Rudisill announced that the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP), which will give the general public the opportunity to see and give feedback on proposed new bus shelters and technology features, will be in San Pedro on July 29th and 30th between 12 noon to 10:00 PM.

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

**25. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is August 16, 2021.

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