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COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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August 18, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by Chairman James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance (14 Board members at beginning of meeting, 15 once James Baeza was appointed to the vacant seat). Approximately 18 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
Dave Behar	Resigned – Board seat filled by James Baeza
Gary Bettis	Present
Cari Lynn Burich	Absent
June Burlingame-Smith	Excused
Slobodan Dimitrov	Present
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Denise Marovich-Sampson	Present
Matt Matich	Present
Chris Nagle	Present
Ana Rosa Ortiz	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
Sonya Tsjimura	Present
John Vidovich	Present
Peter Warren	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present

2. Public Comment on non-agenda items:

- John, stakeholder, commented on board member affiliations that could be seen as a potential conflict of interest and suggested board members recuse themselves from voting if necessary.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of the July 28, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting:** Motion to approve by Louis Dominguez, seconded by Ana Ortiz, and passed with 11 yes votes (Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Matich, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, Waugh), 0 no, 3 abstentions (Dimon, Dimitrov & Warren).

4. Reports by Government Agency representatives:

- LAPD** - Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight reported:
 - Rise in residential burglaries between 25th Street and 18th Street and between Pacific and Walker. The LAPD has a suspect who is being sought.

- ii. The Neighborhood Justice program was announced: This is a program to address small level crimes. A board of 5 volunteer members of the community will review the cases and prescribe punishments. Volunteers would commit to 4 hours per month and would undergo a background check.
- b. **CD15** - Council District 15 Representative Ryan Ferguson gave highlights from his written report which covered the following topics (report available on CSPNC.org website).
- i. Street Resurfacing on Alma, as well as Harbor Blvd (from Swinford St to Gulch) have been completed. 8th Street has been resurfaced and restriping should be finished by 8/20/14..
 - ii. Gaffey Street (Hey Rookie) pool: Documents have been sent to the State for approval.
 - iii. 7th Street has been resurfaced and additional diagonal parking spaces have been created.
 - iv. Ponte Vista: Ryan provided an explanation of traffic mitigation measures due to closure of street that runs through Ponte Vista to Mary Star High School.
 - v. Tree Planting Ceremony: Thursday Aug. 21, 1pm-2pm on east side of Pacific Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets.
 - vi. Pacific Avenue Road Diet Townhall on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, 6pm-7:30pm. Location to be determined.
 - vii. Alma Park Community Meeting: August 27, 7pm. Peck Park Community Center.
 - viii. Peck Park Skate Park Ribbon Cutting was a huge success.
 - ix. Lawnmower Exchange Program on September 6th (details on cspnc.org website).
 - x. Chuck Hawley commented on the DWP watering restrictions.
- c. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
- i. BOHC Meetings August 21st and September 4th, 8:30am, 425 S Palos Verdes Street Board Room.
 - ii. Announcement of New Executive Director, Gene Seroka, previously with APL Shipping line.
 - iii. The Port is moving forward with the Sampson Way realignment project.
 - iv. Tall Ships Festival August 20-24. The event will include a showing of the Little Mermaid movie on one of the ships sails on August 22nd. Augie asked for the community to report to him any traffic problems that might come up due to the Tall Ships Festival.
 - v. Update on Alta Sea: Master plan for 35 acre campus is complete. Phase 1 and 2 are at berths 56 and 57. The goal is to occupy Phase I by December 2019. Fundraising continues.
 - vi. Lobster Festival September 12-14.
 - vii. Red Bull Racing event September 19 & 20th.
 - viii. Construction will soon be seen at the 110 and 47 freeway interchange. Also, the John S. Gibson ramp onto the 110 Frwy North will be closed in September 2015. Intermittent night closures will be seen in the next 15 months in these areas.
 - ix. The feasibility study regarding Ports O'Call will be made public. Consultants are looking at the LA Waterfront Alliance's proposal.
 - x. Peter Warren asked for clarification at the next meeting on the Sampson Way project. And also asked if a Port representative will be attending the NCPAC meetings.
 - xi. Rachel Waugh gave a short update on the Brewery project at Crafted.

5. **Question Time regarding written Officer and Committee Chair reports:** None

6. **Appointments to Committees and other Committee action:** Motion by Gary Bettis, seconded by Chuck Hawley to approve the appointments shown in items "a" through "e" below. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Bettis, Dimitrov, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson Matich, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Warren and Waugh), 1 no (Vidovich), and 1 abstention (Chair Dimon)
- a. Budget and Finance: Bob Gelfand
 - b. Cultural Affairs: Bob Gelfand, June Smith, Slobodan Dimitrov, Mirian Hayes and Kathleen Brown.

- c. Rules and Bylaws: Bob Gelfand
- d. Transportation Committee: Susannah Delacruz
- e. Landslide Committee: Gary Dwight and Jennifer McMullan

7. Special Appointments:

- a. The resignation/retirement of Dave Behar was announced. The chair then declared that the vacant seat was open for nominations.
- b. **Board Member appointment:** James Baezer and Dean Pentcheff were nominated.
 - i. Motion by Louis Dominguez to postpone filling the vacant seat until next month, seconded by Matt Match. **Motion failed** by a vote of 5 yes (Dominguez, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich and Waugh), 9 no (Bettis, Dimitrov, Dimon, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Nagle, Ortiz and Warren), 0 abstentions.
 - ii. A written statement from Dena Pentcheff was read out loud by the Secretary. James Baezer gave a verbal statement. **James Baezer was elected to the Board with 9 votes (Bettis, Dominguez, Marovich-Sampson, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich and Waugh); Dean Pentcheff received 4 votes (Dimitrov, Hawley, Match & Warren); the Chair (Dimon) abstained.**
 - iii. James Baeza was seated at the Board table.
- c. **HANC Representative:** **Motion by Rachel Waugh to approve Sonya Tsujimura as the CSPNC Representative to the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC). Motion carried with 13 yes votes (Bettis, Dimitrov, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, Warren and Waught), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Chair Dimon)**
- d. **HANC Alternate:** **Motion by Gary Bettis, seconded by Chris Nagle to appoint Ana Ortiz as the alternate HANC representative. Motion carried with 13 yes votes (Bettis, Dimitrov, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, Warren and Waught), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Chair Dimon).**

8. Chairman/President's Report: James Dimon read the contents of a letter regarding "Installation of Above Ground Facility (AGF) City Reference No. 2014003158, Adjacent to 3709 S. Anchovy Avenue". The City has determined that the application from Crown Castle meets the requirements of the LA Municipal Code Sec. 62.03.2 and will continue with the permit process. Homeowners/Residents may file an appeal (information available on CSPNC.org website).

9. Action Items (Items 12A-D on agenda):

- a. **Motion from Special Board Meeting 8/11/14: The following motion Re: Combining Committee was brought forth from the Special Board Meeting was seconded by Gary Bettis:** 'From item 3 of the standing rules, eliminate the stand alone "Transportation Committee" created 20 January 2014 in lieu of the already existing "Planning and Transportation Committee" whose mission is amended to read: "Responsible for all aspects of planning and transportation issues within CSPNC". **Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, Warren and Waugh); 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Chair Dimon and new board member James Baeza), Slobodan Dimitrov and Chris Nagle recused themselves.**
- b. **Motion from Special Board Meeting 8/11/14: The following motion Re: Change in Committees was brought forth from the Special Board Meeting and seconded by James Baeza:** 'In lieu of renewing the "AD HOC LANDSLIDE COMMITTEE" add the "Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee" as a standing committee whose mission will be "To oversee land movement issues and beautification projects within CSPNC." **Motion passed with 14 yes votes (Bettis, Baeza, Dimitrov, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, Warren and Waugh); 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Chair Dimon).**
- c. **Re-introduced by Ted Shirley.** The following motion was moved by Ted Shirley and seconded by Matt Match: "The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will fund a Neighborhood Purposes Grant not to exceed \$2,000 for the Cabrillo Beach Boosters to support its promotion of

recreational activities in the community and receive promotional/outreach benefits for the CSPNC.” Gary Dwight gave a short overview of the work of the Cabrillo Beach Boosters. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, Warren and Waugh); 0 no votes, 3 abstentions (Chair Dimon, Baeza, Dimitrov).

- d. **Introduced by Ted Shirley:** The following motion was moved by Ted Shirley and seconded by Matt Match: “The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will fund a Neighborhood Purposes Grant not to exceed \$1,000 for the Marine Mammal Care Center to supports its promotion of marine environment education in the community and receive promotional/outreach benefits for the CSPNC.” A representative from the Marine Mammal Care Center gave a short overview of the organization. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Bettis, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, Warren and Waugh); 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Chair Dimon, Baeza). Chris Nagle and Slobodan Dimitrov recused themselves.

10. Strategic Plan Review and Approval:

- a. James Dimon presented a draft of a proposed Strategic Plan to the Board. He commented that he would like to see each Committee Chair choose a goal that is important to their Committee and then accomplish that goes.
- b. Each board member was provided a copy of the DONE document: “Role of Neighborhood Council Board Members.”
- c. The Draft of the Strategic Plan was read.
- d. The following revision was requested by John Vidovich. “Add to goals: Revise the CSPNC bylaws to be relevant and contemporary and in alignment with Empower LA.”
- e. The following revision was requested by Rachel Waugh: In “THE BIG VISION” change “issues concerning Public Safety, as well as Youth Empowerment” to read “Issues of concern to the residents and stakeholders.”
- f. Motion by Rachel Waugh to approve the Strategic Plan with the two revisions stated above and with the following budget figures: Outreach \$14,400; Operations \$6,600; Neighborhood Purposes Grants \$15,000; Neighborhood Improvements \$1,000. Motion to approve seconded by Sonya Tsjimura and passed with 12 yes votes (Bettis, Dimitrov, Dominguez, Hawley, Marovich-Sampson, Match, Nagle, Ortiz, Shirley, Tsjimura, Vidovich, and Waugh), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Chair Dimon). Peter Warren left the meeting prior to the roll call vote.

11. **Review of Roberts’ Rules of Order:** A two page summary of Roberts Rules of Order was available in the agenda packet. Chair James Dimon asked the board members to review the document as soon as possible.

12. Public Comment on Non-agenda items:

- a. Jerry Gaines applauded the board for the strategic plan.
- b. John Vidovich commented that Mr. Behar’s letter of retirement was a class way to exit gracefully but those involved in discrediting him should reflect and be ashamed of their unprofessional public trail of Dave

13. **Announcements:** None

14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith for Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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Chairman/President, James Dimon

THE BIG VISION:

Increase stakeholder engagement with CSPNC and continue to improve the quality of life for all stakeholders in the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council area by addressing issues of concern to the residents and stakeholders.

Big Goals:

1. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will continue to develop training for the Board in order to achieve maximum effectiveness.
2. Continue to work with the Council Office to provide smooth communications between stakeholder and the City Departments
3. Continue to improve the website to make it an effective tool for stakeholders to access and information related to CSPNC and to provide information of value to community members. Increase stakeholder database to access more stakeholders.
4. Manage the budget with stakeholder influence and oversight
5. Work with other Neighborhood Councils in the area on major projects that impact more than just the Coastal area.
6. Hold a Community event to help build relationships with CSPNC stakeholders and also utilize other events to outreach to community by having a CSPNC information booth.
7. Revise the CSPNC bylaws to be relevant and contemporary and in alignment with Empower LA.

The Big Solutions:

All goals are dependent on clear organizational leadership at every level of the Neighborhood Council, from executive staff to committee chairs and board members. Having a distinct understanding as to what the goals are and how to attain them is the Big Challenge. The Big Solution is developing the leadership capacity of board members by accomplishing Goal 1.

The Big Budget

- 1) Outreach \$14,400
- 2) Operations \$6,600
- 3) Neighborhood Purpose Grants \$15,000
- 4) Neighborhood Improvements \$1,000

The Big Score

1. Create a tracking system to track issues from inception to completion.
2. File Community Impact Statements
3. File Requests for Action to our elected and City Departments
4. Conduct 12 general board meetings and 40 committee meetings this year
5. Collaborate on at least 3 events with CD 15, City Departments, local organizations and schools, and other neighborhood councils
6. Increase our stakeholder database by 15%
7. Contact stakeholders electronically 3 times month