



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## June 16, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Dave Behar. See list below for board member attendance (14 Board members). Approximately 40 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
Dave Behar	Present
Gary Bettis	Present
Cari Lynn Burich	Present
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Lydia Gutierrez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Dan Malstrom	Present
Matt Match	Present
Chris Nagle	Excused
Ana Rosa Ortiz	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
June Burlingame Smith	Present
John Vidovich	Excused
Peter Warren	Present

2. **Reading and approval of minutes:** The May 19, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were presented for approval by the Board. **Motion by Ted Shirley, seconded by Ana Ortiz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed with 8 yes (Malstrom, Bettis, Gelfand, Dimon, Shirley, Dominguez, Gutierrez and Ortiz), 0 no votes, 4 abstentions (Behar, Smith, Warren & Burich).**
3. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
  - a. Linda Alexander had concerns that the Agenda setting meeting agenda did not meet the requirements of the Brown Act due to it being too vague.
  - b. James Dimon commented on the progress in handling the graffiti issues in the Coastal San Pedro area. An album has been created of the activity and the committee is working on solutions.
  - c. Alan Miller, resident of Alma Street, made comments on the eastern portion of Hamilton. Four families that use the public right of way to access their back yards are concerned that access will be affected.
  - d. John Stinson, President of the San Pedro Art Association, reported that the Student Art Competition at Crafted was very successful. He also spoke on the importance of art education and announced an upcoming event at Crafted on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

- e. Lydia Gutierrez thanked those who supported her campaign for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- f. Dan Farr, new resident of San Pedro. Spoke in favor of dog parks.
- g. Judy, a stakeholder new to the community, had complaints about dirty alleys. She was referred to Ryan Ferguson.

**4. Reports by Government Agency representatives:**

- a. **LAPD** - Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight reported on the following:
  - i. Burglary and Theft from Motor Vehicles continues to be a serious issue.
  - ii. Announced the upcoming Neighborhood Prosecutor Forum (June 24<sup>th</sup>) for stakeholders. SLO Wight will be meeting with the Neighborhood Prosecutor to work on the graffiti problem.
  - iii. Stakeholders were made aware of a DWP scam alert. SLO Wight also mentioned that the LAPD does not solicit for funds by phone.
  - iv. Cari Burich spoke about the Next Door program. SLO Wight stays updated by her block captains.
  - v. Lydia Gutierrez asked about outlets for young people during the Summer months. SLO Wight responded that there is an LAPD Cadet program every Wednesday and also commented on other programs.
  - vi. June Smith also commented on the problems at sunken city and hopes the LAPD will have their raids during the night when the issues there are more prevalent.
  - vii. Block Party Cleanup at Pt. Fermin Park on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  
- b. **CD15** - Council District 15 Representative Ryan Ferguson gave highlights from his written report:
  - i. Thanked the outgoing board members for their hard work and congratulated the new board members.
  - ii. Hamilton Avenue Widening (Hamilton between Patton and Barbara Streets): CD15 Office is working with LADOT/BOE on this project. It is currently in the design phase as funding for construction has not yet been identified. Residents' concerns will be taken into consideration during the design phase.
  - iii. Pacific Avenue from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 36<sup>th</sup> Street/Stephen White Drive is being resurfaced and should be completed by the end of this month.
  - iv. Update on Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Looking for a representative. (Details in the written report which is available on the CSPNC website.
  - v. Mayor Garcetti's Proposed Budget was approved by the City Council.
  - vi. Hearing Thursday at San Pedro City Hall for alcohol permit for Philly B's on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - vii. Shred (skateboarding) Festival held June 14<sup>th</sup> was a huge success.
  - viii. Lunch Mob will be Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at A-1 Italian Deli, 11:30pm.
  - ix. The full report will be made available on the Coastal website ([www.cspnc.org](http://www.cspnc.org))
  - x. Louis Dominguez thanked the Council Office for having Alma repaved but is anxious to see the re-striping completed.
  - xi. Lydia Gutierrez asked about youth programs sponsored by CD15. Ryan will check into it. Lydia also asked about the Road Diet program on Pacific Avenue and if this was going forward. Chuck Hawley commented that the issue was abandoned along with the CRA as far as he knows. Ryan will ask Crystal Killion to attend a committee meeting for an overview.
  
- c. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
  - i. Update on BOHC meetings. This Thursday the meeting will be held in the evening in Wilmington as requested for several neighborhood council board members in the Harbor Area.
  - ii. Executive Director position. Gene Soroka, APL Shipping Line executive, was chosen by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council on June 11<sup>th</sup> to be the new Port Director.
  - iii. Application deadline has passed for Port grants. Well over 100 applications were received and the Port is currently reviewing them.
  - iv. HCBF is awarding \$550,000 in grants, applications due Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. Road Closures: Harbor Blvd is getting new paving. The work will be conducted in July on weekend nights in preparation for the Tall Ships event.
  - vi. This Friday is the Grand opening of the Downtown Harbor. 6-8pm.
  - vii. The following Friday, Cars and Stripes event with fireworks at 9:20pm.

- viii. Aug 20-24 is the Tall Ships Festival. World largest rubber duck will be on display.
- ix. James Dimon asked about public access for boats at the new Downtown Harbor. Augie responded that there will be guest parking for boats there.
- x. Dean Pentcheff wanted
- xi. Kathleen Woodfield commented on the expansion plan of the YTI terminal. She had concerns that the Coastal SPNC was not making comments on the DEIR.

- d. **Metro Service Planning:** Scott Green gave a presentation on the Metro bus lines.
  - i. Hand outs were provided. 1) Graph showing Line 246 Ons and Offs from Hamilton Avenue to Paseo del Mar for average weekdays over the past five years. 2) A map showing Line 246 route.
  - ii. Ridership has grown 50%. They would like to work with the community to improve the service.
  - iii. Concerns from stakeholders included: Distance of the Planning Meetings suggests there is very little thought about the people in the Harbor Area; Getting to the Harbor Transit Center from San Pedro takes a very long time; Mid Day services for Line 450 doesn't go all the way to downtown LA; bus stopping at 37<sup>th</sup> & Alma is very dangerous; rerouting of buses periodically to avoid always stopping in front of the same house.
  - iv. Metro.net website has a customer comment section for input from stakeholders.
  - v. Metro has a South Bay Service Council that meets at Inglewood City Hall the second Friday of the month, 9:30am. (On Manchester one block west of La Brea).

5. **Question Time regarding written Officer and Committee Chair reports:**

a. **Budget and Finance:**

- Ted Shirley reported on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. He also commented that he had hoped to hold a Special meeting on the same day as the agenda meeting to get board approval of specific Financial Motions prior to the DONE cutoff date, however, there was a lack of board support to hold the June 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting, so therefore the motions in the Financial Packet were moot.
- The Budget being proposed for next year mirrors this year's ending budget.
- Significant funds were moved before the cutoff date.

b. **Public Safety:**

- James Dimon commented that he has learned a lot during his first year as the Public Safety Committee Chair and hopes to be a more effective board member this coming year.
- He commented that the Public Safety issues within the Coastal boundaries are always changing and he thanked SLO Eve Wight for her contributions towards Public Safety.
- The committee is working to create an even larger Neighborhood Watch community.

c. **Port Committee:**

- Pete Warren submitted a written report and also commented on the NCPAC meeting that he attended. The next meeting will be held July 10<sup>th</sup>. The location has not yet been determined.
- Northwest has not yet formally endorsed the committee.

6. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:** The May 21, 2014 Bank Statement was submitted for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee. Motion to approve by James Dimon, seconded by Gary Bettis. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Malstrom, Bettis, Matich, Gelfand, Dimon, Shirley, Burich, Smith, Dominguez, Hawley, Gutierrez and Ortiz); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Behar and Warren).

7. **Chairman/President's Report:** Chair Dave Behar spoke on the following topics:

- a. **Selection:** Thank you to Dean Pentcheff for his work on the Selections. Coastal Selections turned out the most voters of all the Harbor Area NC's.
- b. **Recognition:** Steve Correa, San Pedro High School Track, won for the third time in the City Championships
- c. **BONC:** Proposed Policy against Bullying and Harassment amongst board members. Information included in the agenda packet.

- d. **HANC:** Lucy Jones, Seismologist, gave a compelling presentation at the HANC meeting on the subject of earthquakes.
  - e. **NCPAC:** First meeting was a success. It is being adopted by all the neighborhood councils. This is a technical working group to address DEIR's and EIR's.
  - f. **BOHC** meeting is June 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. **Civic University:** Dave Behar was invited by Mayor Garcetti and Rafael Schonenstein to be part of the inaugural class at Cal State LA, and was part of the first graduating class.
  - h. **Rec and Parks Committee:** The issue of repeated brown act violations and misrepresentations of the Rec and Park Committee will be addressed by the new committee when the new board is seated.
8. **Recognition of Mr. Saavedra, Doc Rocs Program:** This agenda item was rescheduled for the July 2014 Board and Stakeholder meeting.
9. **Presentation:** Port Tech LA Representative Ann Lee Carpenter, Director of Marketing for Port Tech Los Angeles gave a presentation. Highlights included:
- a. Port Tech LA provides sustainable technologies for Ports and beyond.
  - b. They bring together technology entrepreneurs, mentors, investors and strategic partners to accelerate innovation, advance clean technologies, and create economic opportunities.
  - c. This is a nonprofit organization formed and originally sponsored by the chambers of San Pedro and Wilmington and the Port of Los Angeles in an effort to create job opportunities and economic growth in the area while also bringing in technologies that have an opportunity to address issues and challenges of being in a port community.
  - d. Business incubators: Focus on working with startup companies in a variety of businesses and provide general business services.
  - e. Focus on four technology sectors: Energy, environment, transportation/logistics, safety/security. Market-Centric Focus: Ports and Maritime and beyond. Work with entrepreneurs and look to help them make traction in the market with the ports, the trucking companies, logistics companies, etc.
  - f. September 17<sup>th</sup> will be Port Tech Expo. Live demonstrations, exhibits, keynote speakers, panel sessions. Diverse networking opportunity. 500+ attendees: entrepreneurs and investors; port and transportation executives; academic, corporate, civic leaders. (Facebook: porttechlosangeles)
10. **Update on Pt. Fermin Seepage issue:**
- Brian White gave an update on the water seepage issue at the base of the cliff below the Point Fermin lighthouse. A slide presentation showed the seepage in great detail. Erosion is ongoing. There are at least two types of water seeping out from the cliff. It appears to have all the danger signs of a potential landslide. Brian gave an overview of the various assets at the park that could be vulnerable or at danger of being lost if there were to be a landslide.
  - Many departments should be involved in addressing this issue such as the DWP which provides the water to the park, Rec and Parks who spread the water, Public Works who handle the waste water, the Bureau of Engineering who has all the expertise, and the Port because the property is on Tidelands. Brian fears that another landslide scenario could be brewing at this location. This is a coastal concern involving a lot of city departments and he hopes that a committee can address the issue further.
  - Dave Behar made contact with the BOE. Both BOE and Rec and Parks went down to look at the seepage and according to both departments there is no way to determine the source of the seepage but those departments will be on the agenda to present further at the July meeting.
11. **Discussion/Inquiry: Request brought by Ed Pluemer Re: Possible Misuse of Coastal SPNC logo:** Bob Gelfand was asked to chair the item. Ed Pluemer gave an overview of his concerns commenting that the Coastal council logo has been showing up in various places. He showed

examples of where the logo was allegedly used without CSPNC Board authorization which included a beach volley ball event t-shirt. Dave Behar responded stating that he donated the T-shirts to the event and at that time he was Chair of the CSPNC Communications Committee. Putting the Coastal logo on the t-shirt was his thank you to the council for supporting the volleyball courts at Cabrillo Beach. Dave Behar also commented that he donated the CSPNC Supports logo to the council. There was additional and lengthy discussion which can be found on the official recording of the meeting. The discussion included comments from the DONE representative Tom Soong and Doug Epperhart stating that the authority to authorize use of the council logo belongs to board. No action was taken by the Board after discussion.

(Bob Gelfand asked June Smith to chair next item to give him an opportunity to comment.)

**12. Discussion/Inquiry: Request brought by Chris Nagle Re: Clarification of funding (\$2100) for video service by PV On The Net.**

- Ted Shirley commented that these inquiries should have come to the Treasurer/Budget and Finance Committee before coming to the Agenda Setting meeting.
- Bob Gelfand clarified that he had spoken with PV on the Net and Ted Vegvari of that organization who stated that they had been paid and that it was their choice to utilize the Square account with the project name Avenue I. (An email from Ted Vegvari, President/Executive Director of PV on the Net (a copy of which was in the agenda packet) was read out loud.)
- Dave Behar explained that he had unfortunately suggested the name Avenue I to Ted Vegvari since it was a name that he was no longer using and a project name was needed to process the payment through the "Square" merchant account.
- After additional discussion and comments, June Smith, closed discussion on the item.

(June Smith continued to chair the meeting)

**13. Discussion/Inquiry: Request brought by Peter Warren Re: To discuss and inquire why the vote and directive by the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council for the publication and management of the print version of Coastal Currents for the 2014 Selection period, given by governing board motion in January, 2014 were ignored by the President:**

- Peter Warren explained that in January 2014 the board voted to appoint Bob Gelfand with a budget of \$3,000-\$4,000 to create a Spring issue of Coastal Currents which would include Selection information. He asked for an explanation from the President as to why he took over the publication.
- Dave Behar responded that he had asked Bob Gelfand for the status of the newsletter and it was passed the deadline and nothing had yet been put together. He took it upon himself to make an Executive decision to publish something for the stakeholders related to the Selection to make it successful.
- Bob Gelfand commented that he was outraged and offended that the President took over the publication without simply asking for help.
- The President reminded the board that there had not been a Coastal newsletter or newspaper published in three years prior to him donating his time in 2013. For the selection he felt he needed to rescue the publication because no work had been done and the deadline was approaching.
- After additional discussion and comments (which can be heard on the official recording), June Smith, closed discussion on the item.

**14. Motion Re: Ethics.** (Motion brought through Agenda Setting Committee).

*Whereas, at the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) meeting held on May 19, 2014, allegations of possible ethics violations were brought to the attention of the CSPNC Governing Board and to the stakeholders during public comment, and*

*Whereas, these allegations involved the possible conflict of interest involving a Governing Board member having a motion placed on the CSPNC agenda for funding of an organization to video record the CSPNC meetings, that the Board member had a direct or indirect professional relation with the organization requesting funding, and the*

*Board member did not so advise the CSPNC Governing Board during discussions of the motion or excuse themselves from discussions of the motion, and*

***Whereas**, after the motion was passed, a check was issued to an organization, separate from the requesting organization, that the Board member is involved with directly or indirectly as an organization officer, and **Whereas**, also during the May 19, 2014 CSPNC meeting, the CSPNC Board became aware of an allegation that the CSPNC logo was being used without authorization from the CSPNC and that the CSPNC logo was applied to t-shirts being either issued to, or sold for, a volleyball team that a CSPNC Board member is directly or indirectly involved with as an officer.*

***Therefore be it resolved:** The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission investigate these alleged ethics violations and take appropriate actions or make recommendations at the conclusion of their investigation.*

- Motion brought from Agenda Committee Meeting by Chuck Hawley. The final clause of the motion was read out loud to the stakeholders, and then subsequently seconded by Lydia Gutierrez.
- Motion to amend made by Ted Shirley, to remove the third whereas clause beginning with "Whereas, after the motion was passed....." The motion to amend to remove the third clause was seconded by Louis Dominguez. Dan Malstrom moved to amend the amendment to include removal of the second Whereas Clause in addition to the third Whereas clause. Motion to amend and remove both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Whereas clauses was seconded by Ted Shirley. The motion to amend passed with 9 yes votes (Dan Malstrom, Gary Bettis, Matt Match, James Dimon, Ted Shirley, Dave Behar, Cari Burich, Louis Dominguez and Ana Ortiz), 5 no votes (Bob Gelfand, June Smith, Chuck Hawley, Peter Warren, Lydia Gutierrez), 0 abstentions. Motion to amend and remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Whereas Clauses passed.
- Motion by Chuck Hawley to include an additional sentence to the "Therefore" clause as follows: Be it further resolved that the CSPNC request the DONE do an investigative audit of the 2013-14 expenditures. The motion was seconded but failed by a vote of 5 yes (Bob Gelfand, June Smith, Chuck Hawley, Peter Warren, Lydia Gutierrez), 7 no votes (Dan Malstrom, Gary Bettis, Matt Match, James Dimon, Ted Shirley, Dave Behar, Cari Burich), 2 abstentions (Louis Dominguez, Ana Ortiz).
- Before the vote on the motion as amended was called for, James Dimon moved to indefinitely table the entire motion (Item #14 on the agenda) seconded by Ted Shirley. Motion to table passed with 8 yes votes (Dan Malstrom, Gary Bettis, Matt Match, James Dimon, Ted Shirley, Dave Behar, Cari Burich, Ana Ortiz), 5 no votes (Bob Gelfand, June Smith, Chuck Hawley, Peter Warren, Lydia Guitierrez), one abstention (Louis Dominguez).

15. **Motion Re: Removal.** *Motion brought by Peter Warren, personally through Agenda Setting Meeting and seconded by Matt Match. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council removes Dave Behar as President of CSPNC and from all appointed and elected positions that it is within the neighborhood council's power to bestow, including, but not limited to committees, ex officio posts, delegate and/or representative to HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) and NCPAC (Neighborhood Council Port Advisory Committee), and any and all liaison roles with official departments, commissions, and other bodies.*

*Motion to indefinitely table Item #15 by James Dimon, seconded by Matt Match. Motion to table passed with 9 yes votes (Dan Malstrom, Gary Bettis, Matt Match, James Dimon, Ted Shirley, Dave Behar, Cari Burich, Louis Dominguez, Ana Ortiz), 5 no votes (Bob Gelfand, June Smith, Chuck Hawley, Peter Warren, Lydia Guitierrez), 0 abstentions.*

(Dave Behar resumed as Chair of the meeting.)

16. **Motion Re: 2014-2015 Budget:** *Motion brought forth by Budget and Finance Committee as follows: "Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget."*
- a. Ted presented the proposed budget for 2014-2015. *Motion to approve by Gary Bettis, seconded by Matt Match. Motion to amend by Ana Ortiz to add the word "proposed" before Budget, seconded by*

Lydia Gutierrez. The motion to amend was passed with 13 yes votes (Dan Malstrom, Gary Bettis, Matt Matich, James Dimon, Ted Shirley, Cari Burich, June Smith, Louis Dominguez, Chuck Hawley, Lydia Gutierrez, Peter Warren, and Ana Ortiz), 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Dave Behar):

b. Motion by Peter Warren that board retreat money not be spent on food or refreshments, seconded by Chuck Hawley. Motion failed with 3 yes votes (Louis Dominguez, Chuck Hawley and Peter Warren); 9 no votes (Dan Malstrom, Gary Bettis, Matt Matich, James Dimon, Ted Shirley, Dave Behar, Cari Burich, June Smith and Ana Ortiz); 1 abstention (Lydia Gutierrez).

c. Motion to approve proposed as amended passed with 11 yes votes (Dan Malstrom, Gary Bettis, Matt Matich, James Dimon, Ted Shirley, Cari Burich, June Smith, Louis Dominguez, Chuck Hawley, Lydia Gutierrez and Ana Ortiz), 1 no vote (Peter Warren); 1 abstention (Dave Behar).

17. **Appointments to Committees and other Committee actions:** None.

18. **Public Comment on Non-agenda items:**

- a. Lydia Gutierrez: Commented that she has enjoyed her seven years on the board.
- b. Dean Pentcheff: Thanked the board for all the time they put in over the past year serving on the board.
- c. James Dimon: Hopes that the next year the board can be respectful to each other and move forward in positive work for the community.
- d. Bob Gelfand: Commented on the work that he has been involved with since February 2002. Thanked June for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Park through the PCAC and reminded the board that the Boy Scout Camp needs to be protected.
- e. Dan Malstrom: Provided a quick overview of the work that Coastal has done over the past year which includes: First Whole Neighborhood Watch; Public Safety Summit; better relationships with government officials, signs throughout the community supporting CSPNC, streets are getting attention and getting repaved. Thanked Dave Behar for his leadership.
- f. Gary Bettis: There are other ways that issues can be vetted out. It should have been addressed in a committee and not in front of the stakeholders.
- g. Dave Behar: Very disappointed in how the meeting went this evening. There is a lot of work ahead. He is sad about the last meeting of the session, which should have been celebratory particularly thanking outstanding Board Members like Dan Malstrom. He had wanted to donate some certificates to present to the board members for all their hard work but due to the issues with the logo he did not create them.
- h. Cari Burich expressed concerns about the safety of the lighthouse due to the seepage on the cliffs below. She would like the board to seriously think about this issue.

19. **Announcements:** None.

20. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith for Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council