



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes Board Retreat

Saturday August 12, 2023 meeting called to order at 10:10 AM

Board Members	Roll Call
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Dan Braxton	Present
Linda Brumfield	Present
Isiah Cade	Absent
Greg Ellis	Absent
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Present
Rick Perkins	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Roz Roberts	Absent
Shannon Ross	Absent
Robin Rudisill	Present
Richard Watson	Present

1. Call to order and roll call -**The meeting was called to order at 10:10AM by President Doug Epperhart. Attendance is listed in the chart above. Quorum was reached.**

2. Introduction and Opening Remarks
 - Doug Epperhart-We are expecting the Councilmember to join us for lunch. There is so much happening with a new Mayor and with the city. We will need more participation from folks.**

 - Bob Gelfand spoke about the new business cards, which were distributed. Thank you to Linda Brumfield for bringing Cannolis.**

 - Ray Regalado was introduced as the President of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), President of North West San Pedro Neighborhood Council, and Mr. Siren (His wife owns Sirens Café in San Pedro.) Ray offered to answer any questions or talk about his background.**

 - Dean Pentcheff asked what is the relationship between DONE and BONC while they are looking for a new General Manager? Ray Regalado feels that their role is advisory and that the timing will allow for some good changes. Since Mr. Regalado worked for the County for over 25 years. his focus was on human rights, he also focuses on equity, inclusion, and diversity. He looks for opportunities to include those things in the work he is doing. He looks for opportunities to organize. He also worked for AT&T which was corporate, and he worked for Catholic Charities in Gang Prevention. He spoke about Non-Profits and how all of these are different entities and opportunities.**

 - Bob Gelfand feels that the fundamental right is to be left alone and he does not agree with Mr. Regalado. He also does not agree with the new Code of Conduct. He also mentioned the way Exhausted Efforts are handled. There needs to be autonomy for Neighborhood Councils. Karen Bass removed The Department Manager from DONE because she listened to the Neighborhood Councils and she is planning to find out what the Neighborhood Councils want in a new Department Manager. Ray Regalado was thanked for keeping the BONC Meetings going when other Commissioners were not showing up.**

3. Remarks from public officials- **No Reports**

4. Parliamentary procedures and writing motions discussion
 - Bob Gelfand – spoke about Roberts Rules of order. If you need to interrupt, say point of order. Motions are pre- written and are presented at the meeting. You do not have to speak a lot about an item because they go to committee first for vetting. Many new comers feel there needs to be a complex explanation. Simple is better.**

 - Doug Epperhart- This Board does not use the phrase “Call the Question” very often, or “Call for the previous question.” The Chair is not the boss. He does not make the rules, he follows them. Calling for the question cuts off the debate.**

Mr. Gelfand discussed the making of amendments. Lay on the Table, or Move to Table were discussed. Robert's Rules (Parliamentary Procedure) goes back 2,500 years. When a motion is brought from the floor it you need to discuss it, debate it, adopt it, reject it, table it. or postpone it. Items can be taken off the table at that meeting or the next meeting. Tabling indefinitely kills the motion. If no one takes it from the table at the current meeting whoever would like it heard, needs to add it to the next Agenda Setting Meeting. You can take something off of the table at the same meeting to finish it. Anyone can ask to bring it back. You can postpone until next meeting. A discussion was had on voting, roll call votes versus simple vote. Certain things require roll call votes for funding and items that could be controversial Some votes are done as all of those in favor or opposed / Voting without objection was discussed. Anyone can ask for a roll call vote. Referring motions, if they need more work they can be sent back to committee.

5. 2023-24 Fiscal Year calendar and meeting location discussion

January, February, June, The Board meets on the third Tuesday during these months due to Holidays, not on the third Monday. 6:30 Start Time for Board Meetings. Agenda Meetings are at 7:00PM. Land Use Committee still needs a place to meet. The Double Tree workers are on strike so we should not meet there for now. Alta Sea has to have staff for meetings to be held here. Angels Gate isn't great. Doug will be looking into the schools. A discussion was had about other location that the Board and Committees can meet.

6. 2023-24 Fiscal Year budget discussion and possible motion. -\$32,000 Haven't gotten roll over yet.

The Board is expecting \$10,000. In Roll over funds. Are we doing a newsletter this year- yes, they want two, they should budget \$10,000. They want the glossy magazine style. The first one will likely go out in November and then one in the Spring. CERT Trainings can be set up and advertised in the newsletter. The Board does have an audio system but may need a projector and screen.

7. 2023-24 Neighborhood Purpose Grant process discussion and possible motion

NPGs will be done differently. They will be done as they come in. They will set a deadline. First come first served. They will be submitted through the website. Councilmember McOsker joined the meeting. He used to have his office at Alta Sea. He brought in shipping containers to make his office. He explained why they are calling Council District 15 the 1-5 1 District 5 Unique and Deserving Communities. If people bring him something important, he sends them to the Neighborhood Councils. Equity and justice are important across the District. He supports Neighborhood Councils. He just arrived from an event in East Wilmington with the Wilmington Neighborhood Council handing out backpacks and providing resources. Sometimes we won't agree and that is okay. Parks and Recreation just put out information for Community Meetings. He wants them to go through the NCs.

The issue with Recreation and Parks and the Coastal Access Point was discussed and The Neighborhood Council wants to be engaged on the issue. Councilmember is thinking of making a motion through the Energy and Environment Committee. The Coastal Access Project was funded two years ago. The money is in an account in the bureau of engineering. It is a Coastal Act issue. The Neighborhood Council has weighed in on the issue several times. There should be community feedback on the designs. He does ask Neighborhood Councils for letters of support. SB423 Housing Elements and Builders remedy please do not support unless the Coastal zone is excluded. This was brought up as an issue.

Chronic and long-standing election engagement issue for Neighborhood Councils. Why should we have to canvass to replace ourselves. Would like to see more support from DONE and Council Offices during Election times. The Councilmember does not feel at this time that he could get other Councilmembers to approve more funding for DONE. He would be willing to spend some of his funds. Ray responded about engagement. There is outreach from the Department but the Neighborhood Councils don't see it or hear it. BONC had a retreat. There are definite responsibilities the Commissioners should also be doing. We should have specific outreach to the NCs by the Commissioners. Tim McOsker could help us with some of the other Councilmembers. We need to bring people to the table and give them a role.

8. Public Comment on non- agenda items-**No Comments**
9. Closing Remarks-Doug Epperhart stated that the food was here it is time for lunch. The meeting adjourned without comment.
10. Adjournment; **12:30PM**
11. Lunch Break **12:30PM**
12. Tour of Alta Sea Facility