



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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September 16, 2019 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

Board Members	Roll Call
Robert Bryant	Absent
Isiah Cade	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Present
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present left at 8:00 p.m.
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present
Jose Abraham Vargas	Present

1. VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Allan Colman, Community Liaison, from the Marine Mammal Care Center is celebrating 10,000 days and 8,000 patients served.
- b. Allen Franz from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy announced that Saturday, September 28th is National Public Lands Day, there will be a celebration at White Point Nature center.
- c. Ethan Senser announced that next Friday, September 20th there will be a global strike for climate, including in Pershing Square in downtown Los Angeles at 12:00 p.m.
- d. Gwen Henry announced that on Saturday, October 5th at Dean Dana Nature Center they are having a free family friendly event, Eco Fest.
- e. Laurie Nickolelo commented that the alley behind their property is supposed to have a barricade, it has been knocked down and they are trying to get it replaced.
- f. Megan, community organizer with Breath LA, commented that they are proposing a ban on diesel fuel.

3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 16 Board members present and approximately 20 stakeholders in attendance.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Doug Epperhart announced that on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30 p.m. at the Worksource Center at 222 W. 6th Street, Suite 410, the City Clerk is conducting in person funding training, and on Wednesday, October 2nd, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) is holding a hearing in lieu of the regular Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) at Kaiser at 6:00 p.m.

- b. Shannon Ross pointed out the new table clothes and announced that on Saturday, September 21st, there is a Coastal Clean Cleanup day with Heal the Bay from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Royal Palms Beach.
 - c. Noel Gould commented that there is a proposed project on Pacific Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets – where The Spot is – for a 101-unit 4 story development.
 - d. Bob Gelfand made general comments about the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), once again threatening us with punitive training requirements.
 - e. Louis Dominguez asked if there is any interest in having a presentation at October meeting about the new voting process being implemented by the county.
- 5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – August 19, 2019 meeting minutes – Approved without objection.
- 6. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**
- a. **LAPD** – Senior Lead Officer Winter
 - i. Officer Winter gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area and an update on homeless issues.
 - ii. 532 534 40th Street update – the main suspect was arrested and is in custody.
 - iii. Officer Winter answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - b. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson – Not present
 - c. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich
 - i. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings will be Thursdays, September 19th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Port administration building and October 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. at Bannings Landing.
 - ii. [The Port of Los Angeles has released the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report \(SEIR\) for the Berths 97-109 \(China Shipping\) Container Terminal Project. The Los Angeles Harbor Commission will consider certification of the Final SEIR at a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8th. The meeting will be held at the Port's administration building, 425 S. Palos Verdes St. in San Pedro.](#)
 - iii. San Pedro Public Market update; demolition is complete, construction is expected to begin early next year.
 - iv. He announced some upcoming events.
 - v. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - d. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Obiamaka Ude, Neighborhood Council Advocate
 - i. If you are having issues with login for the new Cornerstone training portal, please contact her.
 - ii. The annual Congress of Neighborhoods is Saturday, September 28th, in City Hall.
 - iii. New General Manager for DONE, Raquel Beltran would like to attend NC meetings and all the alliances – if you want her to speak or have a preferred date please let Obiamaka know.
- 7. PRESENTATION FROM NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF L.A. COUNTY** – L.A. Urban Ocean Expedition 2019 – Dean Pentcheff
- a. Mr. Pentcheff displayed a visual presentation with detailed information and beautiful photographs.
 - b. The Diversity Initiative for the Southern California Ocean (DISCO) expedition spent two weeks at AltaSea here in San Pedro.
 - c. They are building a data base of invertebrates, everything but fish.
 - d. For more information visit <https://research.nhm.org/disco/>.
 - e. Mr. Pentcheff answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

8. MOTION REGARDING COUNCIL FILE 16-1243 ON RENEWABLE ENERGY USAGE BY LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER – *Richard Havenick*

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council passed the motion/Council File 16-0243 stating that fossil fuels pose a risk to our climate, recognizing the advantages of renewable energy, and initiating a 100% Renewable Energy Study to determine the investments necessary to achieve a 100% renewable energy portfolio for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

Whereas the Study initiated by CF 16-0243 does not define a time-frame or year-certain goal for 100% renewable energy and allows for the continued combustion of methane, biomass, and biogas and the use of nuclear energy and renewable energy credits.

Whereas the proposals created through the 100% Renewable Energy Study should include participation and dialogue with the public so that community input can help guide the city's transition to 100% Renewable Energy.

Therefore be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Mayor and City Council and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) ensure the Renewable Energy Study (1) establishes the goal of 100% Renewable Energy by 2030, (2) excludes any use of methane, biomass, biogas, nuclear energy, and unbundled renewable energy credits, and (3) includes a series of public meetings to communicate the progress of the Study and to gain public input.

Further be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall submit a community impact statement applicable to CF 16-0243 stating the above resolution and to include submittal of the CIS to LADWP.

Motion by Richard Havenick to approve filing a Community Impact Statement for Council File 16-1243 on renewable energy usage by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, second by Louis Dominguez, and passed with 10 yes (Cade, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Muthuswamy, Ross, Rudisill, and Vargas), 1 no (Gelfand), 4 abstentions (Epperhart, Kohn, Martin, and Pentcheff), and 1 out of room (Dominguez).

9. MOTION OF THE COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT URGING DENIAL (OR AMENDMENT) OF CALIFORNIA AB 1197 AND LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED RESOLUTION AT COUNCIL FILE NO: 19-0002-S159 – Robin Rudisill

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board adopts the following Community Impact Statement:

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council is opposed to State Assembly Bill 1197 (AB 1197) and the proposed resolution of the Los Angeles City Council (currently being analyzed by the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee) at Council File No. 19-0002-S159, to exempt certain public projects in Los Angeles from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA).

CEQA requires public entities to identify the significant environmental impacts of discretionary public projects, which may cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible. If AB 1197 passes, public entities seeking to build permanent supportive housing projects or other projects with Measure HHH or other similar funding, in Los Angeles only (and no other community in California), would not have to comply with CEQA. That is, they would not have to undergo any CEQA environmental review for any such project, and would thus not have to mitigate the environmental impact of any such project. It is reasonably foreseeable that unchecked additional large-scale developments in the Coastal Zone, undertaken with no environmental mitigation requirements, would have a significant adverse impact on our community. CEQA must be maintained in order to ensure environmental and social equity in the Coastal Zone.

Accordingly, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council asks that the State Senate and Assembly reject AB 1197 and that the City Council reject the proposed resolution at Council File No. 19-0002-S159 **or, at a minimum, AMEND the proposed legislation to exempt AB 1197 from applying in the Los Angeles Coastal Zones.**

Copies of this Community Impact Statement are to be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin, Senator Ben Allen, Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, and Coastal Commission Executive Director Jack Ainsworth.

Motion by Robin Rudisill to approve filing a Community Impact Statement urging denial (or AMENDMENT) of California AB 1197 and Los Angeles City Council proposed resolution at Council File No: 19-0002-S159, second by Shannon Ross, and passed with 14 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Cade and Hernandez).

10. MOTION TO SPONSOR THE ALMA PARK AREA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK PARTY IN DECEMBER 2019

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall sponsor the Alma Park Neighborhood Watch block party in December 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$750.

Motion by Jose Vargas to refer to committee, second by Noel Gould, and passed with 15 yes (Cade, Epperhart, Dominguez, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, and Vargas), 1 no (Gelfand), and 0 abstention.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – No new information
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross
 - i. The committee will be putting together a communications plan. She is asked the board for input on the subject.
 - ii. Doug Epperhart commented that the Committee has taken over responsibility for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs).
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand

- i. The committee is represented on the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance.
- ii. There will be a Rollout of the plan at the Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday, September 28th.
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. At the meeting last week, they talked about issues with Nitrous oxide use in Point Fermin Park and doing public education and outreach to local schools.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould – No new information
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
 - i. At the last meeting they discussed the LADWP clean energy issue and ongoing issues regarding Rancho LPG, and BreathLA gave a presentation.
 - ii. At the next meeting he hopes to discussed fuel requirements of ocean-going ships and other items.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin – No new information
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – No new information
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill
 - i. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-planning-trans>.

12. TRESURER’S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Gave a brief overview of current funding levels

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

13. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019.

14. 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, ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER MEETING EXPENSES, VENDOR(S) FOR MEETING REFRESHMENTS, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

15. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None

Motion by **Richard Havenick** to the consent calendar as presented, second by **Dean Pentcheff**, and with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 1 abstentions (Gelfand), and 1 left meeting early (Muthuswamy).

16. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- a. Andrea Herman, Don Marshall and Garrett Dunbar appointed to the Homelessness Committee. Approved without objection.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Doug Epperhart announced that the Port of Los Angeles sent a letter stating that they will need several months to work through all the recommendation for the Public Access Investment Plan.
- b. Louis Dominguez announced that he is having a problem with his email. Please use ldominguerz@yahoo.com.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

19. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019.

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