



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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October 20, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Chairman James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 10 Board members present. Approximately 70 stakeholders also in attendance.

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

2. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- a. **Melanie Jones:** Announced the Howl and Scary Stories events at Angel’s Gate on October 30, 2014.
- b. **Louis Dominguez:** Announced his candidacy for Senate District 35.
- c. **Tina Grant:** Announced an upcoming meeting regarding Alma Park.
- d. **Bob Gelfand:** Provided a brief update on Robert’s Rules as they relate to amending motions and offered board members training on the subject.
- e. **Peggy Lundquist:** Announced the Corner Store’s Halloween plans which will be a safe haven for children to trick-a-treat until 8:30pm.
- f. **Bill Keenan** announced that the Toberman Neighborhood Center is having a Neighborhood Coffee every Thursday for the next few weeks at 3pm.

3. **MINUTES** | Presentation of September 15, 2014 minutes for approval: Motion by Louis Dominguez to approve the September 15, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Gary Bettis and approved with 8 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Matich, Shirley, Smith, Vidovich); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Dimon, Warren).

4. **Correspondence:** James Dimon announced the resignation of Christopher Nagle as Board Member and as Chair of the Education Committee. There was a short discussion on whether action could be taken at this meeting to appoint a new board member due to the item not being listed as an “action

item.” The chair called for nominations. Dean Pentcheff was nominated to fill the vacant board seat but declined. No other nominates were received. The item will be placed on next month’s agenda.

5. **BUDGET & FINANCE** | Presentation for approval of monthly financial report: Ted Shirley gave a very brief update. Four neighborhood purposes grants are being turned in to DONE. No motions were brought forth by the Committee for action..
6. **TRANSACTIONS APPROVAL** | Presentation for approval of monthly budgetary expenditure’s and bank statements: Ted Shirley explained all items on the Bank Statement. **Motion by Louis Dominguez, seconded by June Smith to approve the expenditures/bank statement as presented. Motion passed with 8 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Matich, Shirley, Smith, Vidovich); 0 no votes; 2 abstentions (Chair Dimon; Peter Warren**
7. **LAPD REPORT :**
 - a. Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight distributed the crime statistics.
 - b. Captain Woodyard was introduced and spoke about the community and answered questions from stakeholders related to Cabrillo Beach, Sunken City; and also a shooting at In and Out Burger. He commented that the Harbor City area has improved tremendously with crime issues.
 - c. SLO Eve Wight talked about LAPD flyers being targeted at bars to warn women about date rape situations.
 - d. Crime statistics were reviewed. As a result of effective neighborhood watch groups, crime in those watch areas is down. She suggested that stakeholders remind their neighbors to lock their doors.
 - e. There was also an announcement on the Young Women’s Conference scheduled for November 10th.
8. **WRITTEN REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES: »**
 - a. **CD15 Office:** Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided a written report which is available for review on the CSPNC.org website. He gave highlights from the report which included:
 - i. Update on Harbor View Memorial Cemetery at 24th & Grand: New irrigation system, new asphalt walkways and new tubular steel fencing are upgrades being proposed by the Dept. of Rec and Parks.
 - ii. Ponte Vista: Demotion of existing roads and infrastructure continues. Grading should continue into the second quarter of 2015.
 - iii. Red Car Update: The issue of cutting hours has been brought to the Council Office and they are asking the port for an explanation of this reduction in service.
 - iv. Legislative updates were provided and included a motion related to raising the minimum wage in Los Angeles; as well as a water bond to support water quality.
 - v. The Councilman has directed the Harbor Department to report to the Trade, Commerce and Tourism and on the Port’s O’Call Feasibility Study.
 - vi. The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Watch Facebook page has become to most popular Neighborhood Watch page in the City. The Corner Store will host the first Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Watch Flashlight Walk on Monday, November 10, 2014. 1118 W. 37th Street. 6-9pm.
 - b. **Port of LA. Augie Bezmanovich**
 - i. The next Board of Harbor Commissioner Meetings will be held November 6th and 20th at 8:30am at the Port Admin Bldg.
 - ii. Ports O’Call Development. The Feasibility Study has been completed and is in draft form. The Commissioners spoke about it in closed session. LA Waterfront Alliance negotiations continue. The re-design of the Sampson Way Intersection is moving forward.

- iii. Cruise Season has officially kicked off. 124 Vessel Calls expected for 2014-2015 which is an increase of 10 and visitor increase by 50,000. There is one day where there will be three cruise ships in port. For details visit: www.portsamerica.com
- iv. Cabrillo Youth Watersports Center: The RFP is up for the Boy Scout Property.
- v. Dredging of the boat launch at Cabrillo Beach will take place in January 2015. The boat launch will be closed for three weeks.
- vi. Response to question from the CSPNC related to landscaping and the best way for neighborhood councils to give input. Augie suggested that these issues be discussed at the NC Port Committee meetings.
- vii. Global Ralley Cross: Successful event, they want to come back next year.
- viii. STEAM Carnival October 25-26 at Crafted.
- ix. Happy Harbor Halloween is scheduled for Oct. 25 11am-2pm at the Promenade on Harbor Blvd.
- x. Naval Training Vessel from Mexico will be at Berth 46 October 27-31. This has been a big draw in the past. 200 crew members are onboard. Free tours will be available.
- xi. Veterans Appreciation Festival event will be November 8th on the USS Iowa 10am-4pm.
- xii. Question from Peter Warren: Cruise ships when docked are the most polluting. Peter would like a report on how many of the 124 ships will be plugged in and amped while they are here. Peter would like this info sent to the Port Committee. Peter would also like to see an update on the status of signage acknowledging which improvement project were a result of the China Shipping settlement.
- xiii. Update on Wharf fire in Wilmington Berth 177-178: The scene has been turned over the the Harbor Department and the damage is being assessed.
- xiv. Dean Pentcheff would like some kind of mechanism for the Port to communicate with the NC's when there are projects where landscaping issues are concerned so that NC's can give their input.
- xv. Louis Dominguez urged the community to tour the Naval Training Vessel from Mexico.

9. Committee Question Time: None.

10. Appointments to Committees:

- a. **Appointment of Chair for "Coastal Risk & Beautification" Committee.** Adele Healey was nominated by Gary Bettis, seconded by James Baeza and appointed as Chair with a board vote of 8 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich and Warren); 0 no; 2 abstentions (Chair Dimon; Smith)
- b. **Appointment of Chair for Education Committee due to resignation of Chris Nagle:** Denise Sampson Marovich was nominated by John Vidovich, seconded by Matt Matich; and appointed by the board with a vote of 7 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Matich, Vidovich and Warren); 0 no; 3 abstentions (Chair Dimon; Shirley, Smith)

11. Presentations:

- a. **White Point Landslide:** Gene Edwards and Chris Johnson of the LA Bureau of Engineering gave a power point presentation on the latest geotechnical report relative to the White Point Landslide. After the presentation the representative responded to questions from the community.
- b. **Sunken City-** Graham Roberson from the Sunken City Watch Group gave a presentation on Sunken City. Questions from the group included: "How can the area be opened for general use and made safer than it is now? How do you close it at night?" There are also issues with parking and enforcement. Mark Mariscal from the Dept. of Recreation & Parks talked about the ordinance for all 445 parks in the City of LA. The Park is closed from 10:30pm to 5am. They try to get the homeless people out at night. There is no easy solution and it is a constant challenge. The Dept's position is that Sunken City is closed and the fence remains up. Their instructions to

LAPD are to continue enforcement due to safety issues. After a lengthy discussion on the issue, Gary Bettis recommended that the Sunkien City Watch Group work within the CSPNC Rec and Parks Committee to continue the dialogue and possibly take a position as a Council.

12. CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT’S REPORT: No report.

13. ACTION ITEMS:

a. **Sponsorship Requests Recommended by Budget & Finance – None**

b. **Stakeholder/non committee motions: (Note: Board Member Matich left meeting)**

Motion #1 Re: Cabrillo Beach Youth Water sports Center

The following motion was brought forth from the Agenda Committee by Bob Gelfand; Seconded by: D. Pentcheff:

Whereas, the community of San Pedro has for years made clear its interest in opening the area known as the Cabrillo Beach Youth Watersports Center at 3000 Shoshonean Road to the public; and

Whereas, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has a history of resolutions reflecting that sentiment; and

Whereas, the Port of Los Angeles’s RFP for that site has been released in the absence of public input; therefore

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council demands that the City of Los Angeles and the Port of Los Angeles suspend the RFP process and open a process for public input to determine the will of the community for the future of the Cabrillo Beach Youth Watersports Center at 3000 Shoshonean Road.

Discussion:

Dean Pentcheff gave additional information on the issue. John Vidovich asked Augie if the RFP process could be extended. Augie responded that it might be possible. Leslie Jones of the LA Dragon Boat Team talked about the current use of the property and how it benefits the youth. They would like to keep their team at that location. Bob Gelfand questioned whether there should be an RFP at all since this should become a public facility. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council passed a motion asking for a 120 day moratorium. Peter Warren stated that he had read the entire 150 page document and did not see any mention of the public having input in the RFP process. Louis Dominguez provided some additional background information on the Boy Scout Camp. **After discussion the above motion was passed with 7 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Shirley, Smith, Warren); 2 no votes (Dominguez, Vidovich); 0 abstentions.**

MOTION #2 from Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee

Motion on Boy Scout Camp RFP to Neighborhood Councils & their port committees:

Motion on Boy Scout Camp land

Whereas, the community of San Pedro has for years made clear its interest in opening to the public the area known as the Cabrillo Beach Youth Watersports Center, at 3000 Shoshonean Road,

Whereas, the Port of Los Angeles has just released (Oct. 8, 2014) a Request for Proposal for the property without previous announcement or a public discussion of what the land’s future use should be,

Whereas, the port will hold a “Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting and Site Tour: Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.”,

Whereas, responses from the developers, which are due next month (Nov. 20), will be assessed by an “evaluation committee” yet to be selected,

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the port to open the pre-proposal meeting to the public,

Resolved, should the RFP process go forward despite community objections, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the port to open the pre-proposal meeting to the public,

Resolved, the CSPNC asks for a community representative on the evaluation committee, who would be selected by the neighborhood councils via the Neighborhood Council Port Advisory Committee, *Further Resolved*, the CSPNC calls on Councilmember Joe Buscaino and the Harbor Commissioners to assist the Neighborhood Councils in securing port cooperation with this community initiative.

Motion to amend by Peter Warren adding the second “Resolved” clause as shown in bold type above. Motion seconded by Louis Dominguez. Motion to amend passed with 7 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Shirley, Smith, Warren); 1 no vote (Vidovich); and 1 abstention (Chair/Dimon).

Motion as amended passed with 7 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Shirley, Smith, Warren); 1 no vote (Vidovich); and 1 abstention (Chair/Dimon).

c. Committee Motions:

Motion #3 RE: Cabrillo Beach youth Watersports Center recommended by CSPNC Recreation and Parks Committee.

The following motion was brought forth from the October 7 CSPNC Rec and Parks Committee Meeting [Passed with 3 yes (Healy, Nagle, Warren), 1 abstention (Baeza)]:

Resolved, CPSNC asks the port to give, at the next CSPNC board meeting, a report on the current status and future plans for the property known as the Boy Scout Camp at Cabrillo Beach, and also provide updates monthly.

Committee chair would alert Cynthia Ruiz and/or Augie Bezmalinovich of the item and suggest information at the next meeting, if possible.

Motion passed by CSPNC Board with a vote of 8 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Shirley, Smith, Vidovich, Warren), 0 no, 1 abstention (Chair/Dimon).

Motion #4 RE: recommending the council office use necessary means to locate funding to open the pool for public use as per MOU.

The following motion was brought forth from the October 7 CSPNC Rec and Parks Committee Meeting [Passed with 3 yes (Healy, Nagle, Warren), 1 abstention (Baeza)]:

Whereas the community was promised an operating pool with access for the public on the campus of Olguin High School annex,

Whereas an MOU was signed between Recreation and Parks Dept. and LAUSD to allow R&P to operate the school pool for public use,

Whereas it has been two years since the school opened, and the pool remains closed to the public despite numerous attempts by the community to get it opened,

Resolved,

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges that Councilman Buscaino direct his staff take all possible actions to move the negotiations to completion and provide any necessary funding to open the pool to the public by May 2015.

Motion passed by CSPNC Board with a vote of 8 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Shirley, Smith, Vidovich, Warren), 0 no, 1 abstention (Chair/Dimon).

14. AMENDMENTS TO BY LAWS OF CSPNC-RECOMMENDED BY RULES & BY-LAWS:

Recommendations from the Rules and Bylaws committee brought forth for review were not addressed due to the **loss of a quorum at 9:35pm**. Those items will be brought forth to the November Board and Stakeholder meeting.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council