



**June 21, 2021 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**  
Zoom Electronic Meeting

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Louis Dominguez	Absent
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Absent
John Kopczynski	Absent
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present at 7:45 p.m.
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present
Vacant Seat	

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None
3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 12/13 Board members present and approximately 10 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
  - a. Noel Gould commented that on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., by the Port Police Department and Seventh Street Garage will be having a free catalytic converter etching event at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Miner Street.
  - b. Richard Havenick commented that he appreciates greatly our planning and land use committee, and that we need to find out about SB-679, to create an affordable housing agency.
  - c. Kathleen Martin commented that if anyone is interesting in volunteering to remove graffiti from Wilders Annex contact her.
  - d. Andrea Herman commented that we should demand that the West Harbor developers should give us more information about their budget and environmental issues for the project.
  - e. Shannon Ross commented that she sent a letter to the city attorney and city clerk regarding our election. She mailed in ballots for stakeholders as they did not feel comfortable providing identification. The ballots were not received. She feels that the process was not fair and asked to have the election reconsidered and to have in person voting for the election.
  - f. Robin Rudisill thanked Richard Havenick for bringing up SB-679 and commented that the planning and land use committee will be taking it up.
  - g. Doug Epperhart commented that he attended the pallet shelter opening at Harbor College. We had passed a letter of appreciation to Nanette Barragan, he ran into her, and she said not to bother sending the letter, as he had already thanked her.

5. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – May 17, 2021 meeting minutes approved as presented without objection.

6. **REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Senior Lead Officer Dan Brown for Officer Winter

- a. Officer Dan Brown gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
- b. There will be no Music by the Sea this year.
- c. Officer Brown's email address is [38616@lapd.online](mailto:38616@lapd.online).
- d. Officer Brown answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- e. Port Police Officer Morales gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
- f. Officer Morales answered questions from the board.

7. **SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 21-0002-S129 EXPANDING HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAMS** – *Joint Land Use Committee motion*

*Be It Resolved that* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-0002-S129 re. expanding housing voucher programs.

*CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement*

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy), and 1 out of meeting (Martin).

8. **OPPOSITION TO WEAKENING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PROTECTIONS** – *Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee motion*

*Resolved,* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes any legislation that would weaken the protections provided by Community Redevelopment Plans.

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Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy).

9. **PROTECTION OF PEREGRINE FALCONS AND OTHER NATIVE BIRDS** – *Coastline and Parks Committee*

*Whereas,* peregrine falcons nest seasonally in Point Fermin cliffs, and

*Whereas,* these birds are formally classified as threatened, and

*Whereas,* this committee has previously requested enforcement of protections for these rare birds, and

*Whereas,* wildlife photographers impede on the habitat of these birds and remote-control glider flyers also endanger falcons, pelicans, and other birds,

*Resolved,* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the **LOS ANGELES** Department of Recreation and Parks, **THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF Fish and WILDLIFE Game,** and Los Angeles Police Department to enforce existing regulations on protections of these species, especially during the March through July breeding and fledgling season.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to amend the motion **AS NOTED ABOVE**, second by **Richard Havenick** passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of meeting (Ross), and 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy).

Motion from committee as amended passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of meeting (Ross), and 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy).

10. **SUPPORT OF AB 223 REGARDING ILLEGAL POACHING OF DUDLEYA PLANTS** – *Coastline and Parks Committee*

*Whereas* the illegal poaching of *Dudleya*, a Coastal California native plant, in response to black market demand has reached epic proportions, and

*Whereas* AB 223 specifically addresses this issue and sets forth criminal penalties for convictions of poaching *Dudleya*,

*Resolved,* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports AB 223 and urges quick passage by the legislature, and

*Further Resolved,* Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council suggests that the Department of Recreation and Parks educate rangers as to the proper identification of *Dudleya* plants so they will be aware of any potential poaching.

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Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of meeting (Ross), and 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy).

## 11. LETTER OF THANKS TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER PATRICK O'DONNELL

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall send the following letter of thanks to Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell for the Town Hall presentation on DDT dumping (<https://fb.watch/67nj4f80zX/>):

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell,

Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council thanks you for holding a virtual town hall about the DDT chemical drums that have been dumped in the ocean between San Pedro and Catalina Island.

This is an ongoing environmental catastrophe and will likely become far worse if not addressed. It's vital to continue your efforts to solve this problem. We stand by to help in any way we can.

Sincerely, CSPNC

Motion by **Noel Gould** to send a letter of thanks to Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, second by **Greg Ellis**, passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 1 abstention (Muthuswamy), and 1 out of meeting (Ross).

## 12. MOTION RECOMMENDING MITIGATION OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS –

Whereas, sub-average annual rainfalls, especially the most recent years, have significantly increased the peril of illegal fireworks contributing to wind-driven massive firestorm conflagrations; and

Whereas enhanced illegal fireworks mitigation is critically needed in those hazard areas.

Therefore resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) supports city council action as regards illegal fireworks – proposed city ordinance (CF 21-0318) and supports exploring additional illegal fireworks mitigation.

While the CSPNC supports CF 21-0318, we also suggest education, interdiction, enforcement, and alternatives.

We specifically suggest consideration of the following:

1. Establish and make possible implementation and enforcement of a minimum fine appropriate to the neighborhoodwide impacts experienced by residents. Many cities have adopted a \$1,000 penalty, with escalating amounts for repeat offenders.
2. Engage online retail platforms to aid in the mitigation of illegal fireworks sales to California addresses.
3. Engage social media with public service announcements educating the public about the dangers, penalties and alternatives to illegal fireworks and how to report them.
4. Advocate for increased illegal fireworks interdiction at California border entry locations.

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## 13. SUPPORT OF THE PRIDE MONTH EVENT – Shannon Ross

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the Pride Month event, Sunday, June 27, 2021, **11:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, **PEPPERTREE PLAZA NEXT TO THE SAN PEDRO MUNICIPAL BUILDING..**

Motion by **Noel Gould** to send a letter of thanks to Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, second by **Andrea Herman**, passed with 12 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Cade).

## 14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – No new information
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – No new information
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand– No new information
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
  - i. The next meeting will be Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
  - i. The next meeting will be Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick

- i. The Port Los Angeles Southern California International Gateway EIR public comment period has been extended through July 30, 2021.
- ii. Regarding the DDT Barrels issue, we thank Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell and understand that Federal action and coordination with the State is now required.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin
  - i. Through the CD15 Working Group on Homelessness she participated in a Needs Assessment, asking people experiencing homelessness what they needed.
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – Unable to attend
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill – No additional information
  - i. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-7planning-trans>.

**15. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Unable to attend – President Epperhart gave a brief overview of current funding levels.

***Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)***

**16. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MAY 2021.**

**17. 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, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES**

**18. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES** – None

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented passed with 12 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of meeting (Ross).

**19. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES** – None

**20. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**21. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Candice Gawne commented that she found voting in the NC election very difficult.

**22. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting is July 19, 2021.

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