



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Board Members	Roll Call
Robert Bryant	Resigned
Isiah Cade	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present at 6:50 p.m.
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Present at 6:40 p.m.
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Absent
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present
Jose Abraham Vargas	Absent

### 1. VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Hunter Chase reporter from Random Lengths News commented that the last issue had an article about board member Dean Pentcheff's local work with the Diversity Initiative for the Southern California Ocean.
- b. Allen Franz with Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy announced that on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Warner Grand Theatre, they are screening the Wild and Scenic Film festival it is a fund raiser for White Point Nature Center.
- c. James asked that the parking lot for city employees at the San Pedro Municipal Building could be used for homeless people for their tents and belongings.

### 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 12/13/14 Board members present and approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

### 4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Robin Rudisill commented that there are several new state laws going into effect including SB8 which bans smoking of tobacco products at state beaches and parks, and 6 new housing bills, 5 related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and 1 related, SB330, related to affordable housing. Also, the city has put a draft of the new Mello Act ordinance to protect affordable housing.
- b. Noel Gould commented that Daniel Kohn spearheaded a push to get a speed hump on Walker Avenue, which has been approved.
- c. Shannon Ross commented that Joe Stackhouse is back and will be holding a Community Park Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting next month.

- d. Louis Dominguez commented that the March primary coming, and the County is completely changing the way we vote, there will be fewer polling places, but voting will be for 11 days.
  - e. Kathleen Martin announced that on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> these will be a mobile shower event at the San Pedro United Methodist Church at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Avenue and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's annual homeless count will be on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, to sign up to volunteer please go to <https://www.theycountwillyou.org/>.
  - f. Doug Epperhart commented that Shannon Ross was elected of the President of the San Pedro Democratic Club, that Dean Pentcheff is on cover of Random Lengths News, and he recognized the board's appreciation of support staff Kristina Smith, Andrew Menzes, and Sheryl Akerblom.
- 5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – November 18, 2019 meeting minutes – Approved without objection.
- 6. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**
- a. **LAPD** – Senior Lead Officer Winter – Unable to attend
  - b. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich
    - i. The Next meetings of the Board of Harbor Commissioners will be Thursdays, December 19, 2019 and January 9, 2020, both at the port administration building at 9:00 a.m.
    - ii. A Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Star-Kist Cannery Facility Project at 1050 Ways Street on Terminal Island will be released for public review on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for a period of 30 days. The proposed Project involves the demolition of the former Star-Kist cannery facilities on an approximately 16.5-acre site within Terminal Island at the Port of Los Angeles. The proposed Project involves demolition of all facilities within the Project footprint including a small wooden dock, grading, covering exposed dirt with crushed miscellaneous base, and installation of perimeter fencing and lighting. No operations are proposed at this time. The document will be available at [www.portoflosangeles.org](http://www.portoflosangeles.org) under the “Environment” tab starting Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will host a public workshop on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to present a proposed rate structure that would help to accelerate the conversion of the San Pedro Bay truck fleet to cleaner, less-polluting models. The workshop for the Clean Truck Program Rate will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Bob Foster Civic Chambers at Long Beach City Hall, 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.
    - iv. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
  - c. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson – Not present
  - d. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Raquel Beltran , General Manager
    - i. Prior to Ms. Beltran speaking President Doug Epperhart gave a brief overview of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council's history.
    - ii. Ms. Beltran announced that Octaviano Rios would be replacing Obiamaka Ude as the board's Neighborhood Council Advocate (NEA).
    - iii. Rachel Beltran gave a brief overview of her background and experience.
    - iv. She has 4 goals; 1) improve the support that the department provides to Neighborhood Council board members and assist them to navigate the Neighborhood Council system 2) improve their relationship with Neighborhood Councils 3) work with Neighborhood Council board members to be thought partners, with things like decisions, procedures, etc. 4) improve city hall's relationship with Neighborhood Councils.
    - v. The GM position is a challenging one, she has enjoyed the first 3 months.
    - vi. Ms. Beltran answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
  - e. **Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell** – Hina Ahmad, Field Representative – Not present
- 7. PRESENTATION BY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON WHITE POINT PARK CONCEPT PLAN**
- a. The presenters gave a brief overview of the park area and how it was impacted by the landslide.
  - b. They displayed photos of conceptual plans. It will primarily be a facelift to the existing structures.
  - c. The presenters answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- 8. MOTION REQUESTING RECREATION AND PARKS TO PREPARE A PLAN TO REMOVE DEBRIS IN SUNKEN CITY** – *Sunken City ad hoc Committee*

*Whereas, the “Sunken City” slides began over 90 years ago and has continued intermittently ever since, and considerable quantities of hazardous debris and materials—both natural and man-made—continue to threaten the site, and*

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles funded a 2016 geological study of the Sunken City Slide Area [\(hyperlink\)](#) which concluded that there is imminent danger from falling debris, and

Whereas, people can legally walk on the beach beneath the slide and ascend into the slide area, and people routinely access the upper slide area even though Recreation and Parks and the City of Los Angeles has fenced and posted the street-level boundaries of the site for no trespassing, and

Whereas, wave action continues to undercut the cliff base, causing episodic rockfalls and slides, and weathering and erosion steadily weaken and undercut the foundations underneath the remnant roadbed, sidewalks, and other infrastructure, which will at some point inevitably cascade down to the beach area below, and

**Whereas, social media attracts over 100 people per day to the area, and**

Whereas, when debris slides and falls, it presents a grave risk of physical harm, even death, not just to persons illegally trespassing into the blufftop area of “Sunken City” but also to anyone legally walking along the shoreline below, now

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that Recreation and Parks and the City of Los Angeles recognize the imminent threat to life and within 90 days prepare and communicate to this Neighborhood Council and other relevant agencies a plan to promptly and expeditiously remove the hazardous debris that currently presents a clear and present danger in “Sunken City.”

**Motion** by Noel Gould to add ‘**Whereas, social media attracts over 100 people per day to the area, and**’ as noted above, without objection, 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention. **Motion** from committee as amended passed with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

**9. MOTION OPPOSING ANY USE OF COASTGUARD BUILDING AS A RESIDENCE – Coastline and Parks Committee**

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly opposes use of the Coastguard building in Point Fermin Park as a primary residence for any city employee, even on a temporary basis.

**Motion** by Noel Gould to add ‘**in Point Fermin Park**’ as noted above, without objection, 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

**Motion** from committee as amended passed with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

**10. MOTION REGARDING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR 2837 KERCKHOFF AVE & 2843 KERCKHOFF AVE. – Planning and Land Use Committee**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board recommends approval of the Coastal Development Permits for the two adjacent projects at 2837 Kerckhoff Ave and 2843 Kerckhoff Ave, with the following conditions:  
the facade materials and color schemes are different for each one; and  
the landscape includes native plants as described in the San Pedro Urban Greening Plan.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Havenick).

**11. REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT IN COASTAL SAN PEDRO PARKS – Planning and Land Use Committee**

Whereas there has been a noticeable increase in late night partying and noise in the Gaffey Overlook Park as well as all Coastal San Pedro Parks,

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board requests that the Park Rangers and the Los Angeles Police Department enforce the 10:30 pm Park closure hours.

Motion from committee passed with 8 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, and Rudisill), 4 noes (Gelfand, Martin, Muthswamy, and Ross), and 2 abstentions (Cade and Herman).

**12. RESOLUTION REGARDING AUDIT OF PROPOSITION HHH – Homelessness Committee**

*Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recognizes the audit completed by Ron Galperin on Proposition HHH and requests that the City respond to the findings and recommendations of this audit within 30 days from the date of this motion.

**Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.**

### **13. MOTION REGARDING USE OF RENEWABLE FUELS BY LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER – Richard Havenick**

*Whereas* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council filed Motions supporting Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's transition to 100% Renewable Fuels and that the Renewable Energy Study (currently in work) establish the goal of 100% Renewable Energy by 2030 (reference Council File 16-0243).

*Therefore, be it resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power ensure that agreements, amendments, and or contracts with any power generation plants include the requirement to operate on 100% Renewable fuels (reference Council File 13-0340).

**Motion by Richard Havenick to approve the motion above regarding use of renewable fuels by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, second by Daniel Kohn, and passed with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.**

### **14. MOTION REGARDING CITY ACTION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF RANCHO LIQUID PROPANE GAS FACILITY AT 2110 GAFFEY STREET IN SAN PEDRO – Richard Havenick**

*See attachments from Los Angeles Board of Education and Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council*

*Whereas* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has serious concern regarding the safety of the Rancho Liquid Propane Gas facility at 2110 Gaffey Street in San Pedro.

*Whereas* the Los Angeles Board of Education filed by unanimous vote the Resolution 027-15/16 on January 12, 2016 directing "the Superintendent to immediately submit (the) Resolution to the City officials, as well as other Federal, State and local agencies to request their support in relocating the Facility."

*Whereas* the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council filed several Motions documenting NWSPNC's constituents' concerns regarding the Rancho Liquid Propane Gas facility, including the June 10, 2016 letter stating, in summary, "On February 8, 2016, the Northwest San Pedro Council (NWSPNC) passed a motion concerning the relocation of the Rancho LPG Facility located in San Pedro, CA in support of the LAUSD's Resolution. . . The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council fully supports the LAUSD Board of Education in its stance on the relocation of the Rancho LPG butane and propane storage tanks," and, "With its close proximity to schools, homes, and recreational centers, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council views continued operation of the Rancho LPG storage facility as intolerable and politically reckless. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urgently requests that City Officials, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies, see to the immediate relocation of the Rancho LPG facility away from our community."

*Therefore be it resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) requests the office of Councilman Joe Buscaino and the City of Los Angeles reply no later than the March 2020 CSPNC Board Meeting scheduled for March 23, 2020 with the plan to respond to constituents' requests that the Rancho Liquid Propane Gas facility at 2110 Gaffey Street in San Pedro be closed or relocated to a more suitable site to reduce the hazard currently imposed on thousands of Harbor area residents.

**Motion by Richard Havenick to approve the motion above regarding City action on closure or relocation of Rancho Liquid Propane Gas facility at 2110 Gaffey Street in San Pedro, second by Louis Dominguez, and passed with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.**

### **15. MOTION REGARDING PROPOSALS BY THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS –**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the proposals now before the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) and calls on the local BONC commissioner and other commissioners of the area to oppose and vote no.

**Motion by Noel Gould to separate out the Dispute Resolution item, second by John Kopczynski, and passed without objection with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.**

**Motion by Shannon Ross to refer all 4 items to the Administrative Operations Committee, second by Louis Dominguez, and passed without objection with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.**

## 16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – Not present
- 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 – No additional information
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould – No additional information
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
  - i. Mr. Havenick thanked everyone for their support for forming a joint neighborhood council sustainability committee.
  - ii. He mistakenly did not initially include Harbor City Neighborhood Council. He has received acknowledgement from Wilmington and Harbor Gateway North.
  - iii. The first meeting will be Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin
  - i. Mr. Cade announced that he and Doug will be cooking for the mobile shower event on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – No new information
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill
  - i. Ms. Rudisill announced on Thursday, January 23, 2020 there will be a hearing at Peck Park for the new Mello Act ordinance from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  - ii. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-planning-trans>.

17. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Gave a brief overview of current funding levels

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

18. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019.**

19. **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**

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

Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Noel Gould**, and with 14 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthswamy, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

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

## 22. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Doug Epperhart announced that there is a board vacancy as Bob Bryant has resigned.

## 23. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Ivory Ratliff commented that the City of Los Angeles has an Art Activation Fund, she wants to submit an application for Shepard Street.

24. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2020 due to Martin Luther King Day.

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