



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes

Monday, 16 October 2023 meeting called to order 6:30 PM

Board Members	Roll Call
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Dan Braxton	Present
Brumfield	Absent
Isiah Cade	Absent
Greg Ellis	Absent
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Absent
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Present / Left at 7:52PM
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Rick Perkins	Absent
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Absent
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present
Richard Watson	Present

1. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance. **The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Epperhart**
2. Public comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. **Mary Lou- wants Tim McOsker to fight against the Starbucks. Cal Trans has weighed in.**
 - b. **Laura Shannon-23-year local resident, Tim McOsker please do not support Starbucks. The drive-thru is open 19 hours a day it will negatively impact our quality of life. There are often accidents at that corner.**
 - c. **Scott Smith-very little outreach was done. There was only one meeting at the site. The traffic study is wrong.**
 - d. **Stakeholder-traffic is terrible, he is worried about the safety issues. He does not support the project.**
 - e. **Veronica Smith- their house faces the back of Smart and Final. There are already existing traffic issues. She is not anti- Starbucks. A drive thru with 2 lanes is not best for the community.**
 - f. **Rita Stratton-she faces the parking lot. The street is not safe.**
 - g. **Ms. Johnson- the traffic cuts through, there is trash and noise. Come to see.**
 - h. **Jennifer Williams-is a candidate for State Senate. She over-came childhood poverty and homelessness. She currently works as a CPA. We do not need people who will continue the status quo.**
 - i. **Richard South Shores Resident- safety is the big issue. Traffic is backed up during the busiest times of day. He does not support the project.**
 - j. **Bob-is against the Drive-thru. There is only one lane in each direction.**
 - k. **Stakeholder-does not support project due to traffic issues and already existing issues with cut through traffic.**
 - l. **Hugh Van Kleist-lives in South Shores. Traffic is a big issue. The cars are speeding through there. Adding two lanes of idling cars in the drive-thru adds too many additional emissions and the noise over the loud speaker is too much for people to have to listen to all day and night.**
 - m. **Stakeholder- lives on 25th Street. There is too much traffic already. She shops at Smart and Final and the traffic is already bad. She is against the project. There is traffic at all times of the day.**
 - n. **Antoinette Smith- has concerns about the halfway house. Safety is a big concern. There should be a light on Moray by the 711. There are more homeless than ever and it needs to stop.**
 - o. **Cecelia Gonzalez-A developer was taking photos of the gas station. She mentioned that maybe it could be flipped with another location.**
3. Call to order and roll call. **The Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Doug Epperhart. Sheryl Akerblom called the roll, a quorum of the Board was reached. 11 Board members were present as listed in the chart above. There were 100 people in attendance.**
4. Boardmember Comment
 - a. **Robin Rudisill-would like the Starbucks vote reconsidered. (cautioned as it was not on the agenda)**
 - b. **Doug Epperhart- explained why the Board could not vote on the issue at this meeting.**
 - c. **Noel Gould-further explained that the issue would be going to Planning and Land Use to give more opportunity for input.**
 - d. **Dean Pentcheff- explained the reason behind the Brown Act Law. We can't take-action unless it is on the agenda.**
 - e. **Dan Braxton- feels that the public didn't feel they had input but there is nothing that can be done at this meeting.**

- f. **Doug Epperhart warned community members that they were disrupting the meeting. He tried to explain the process that the project will go through.**
5. Approval of prior meeting minutes.-**Item Postponed**
6. Report from law enforcement and public officials.
- a. **Officer Shortle-went over crime stats. She spoke about the Alma Park shootings. Last month two victims were shot at. The LAPD caught a documented gang member that was the suspect in that crime, but he was released to his parents. Be vigilant and be aware of your surroundings. At 34th and Pacific they were doing narcotics bust and they found some stolen cars. Someone committed suicide by driving off of the cliff. There is also a man in the hospital that is unidentified who tried to commit suicide. She will be doing outreach at some of the local schools.**
 - b. **Senator Bradford's Office Policy Analyst, Milo -the legislature is on recess.-one of his bills that the Governor signed was for Scholarships. She will send more information.**
 - c. **Tim McOsker, Case Manager for San Pedro, Christian Guzman introduced himself The Neighborhood Councils deal with lots of different issues and the council office is happy to partner with them. The staff have been collecting the comments in regards to the Starbucks and the Councilmember is aware of the community's opinion. They have been doing parking enforcement in the area around Gaffey and Pacific. The office is going to be addressing some of the paper street issues. City council expansion and redistricting are still being discussed. The issues have been separated and will be addressed as different Council Files. The Clean 15 Team cleaned up the area around Whiskey Flats. The team is paid for by the Council Office. Please use 311 for reporting dumping. An issue was brought up about the street sweeping signs and the fact they are not sweeping according to the schedule.**

**Break from 7:53PM to 8:00PM to sign paperwork for attending high school students.
Meeting returned to Item 7 at 8:00PM**

- d. **Daniel Johnson spoke about weighing in on the two Council Files related to SB411. CF1113 and CF23-1114 one allows Neighborhood Councils to return to in person meetings and the other addresses any technical issues that may need to be addressed. He will be on vacation for a week starting November 1, 2023. The city budget is coming up and you can advocate for more money.**

**Meeting was moved to Item 14
Drew Leach left the meeting at 7:52PM**

7. Committee reports
- a. **Sustainability Committee, Richard Watson-the committee will be meeting one week from today.**
 - b. **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Bob Gelfand- the committee has been meeting and holding drills to train people in what to do in case of emergency. They now have 3 of the 4 lockers of supplies they have been working towards.**
8. Motion supporting a Charter amendment to increase the number of City Council Members.
Whereas, each of the 15 members of the Los Angeles City Council now represent more than 250,000 constituents; and

Whereas, this results in a lack of accountability and diversity which means many communities are not adequately represented and whose needs are often not considered or served; and
Whereas, fewer councilmembers result in a government which is more likely susceptible to influence by special interests which have little or no care for what is best for Angelenos;
Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports amending the Los Angeles City Charter to increase the number of city council members to no less than 29, and
Be it further resolved; any expansion of the Los Angeles City Council should take effect with the 2026 election.

Moved: Epperhart Seconded: Akerblom 10 Yes (Akerbloom, Braxton, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson) 0 No () 07 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts) Motion Passed

9. Motion calling upon the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to assist neighborhood councils in finding places to meet.

Whereas, many neighborhood councils have experienced much difficulty in securing places for board and committee meetings, and

Whereas, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is obligated to assist neighborhood councils in the performance of the councils' work,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls upon the General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to consult with neighborhood councils for the purpose of determining which councils need immediate assistance with obtaining meeting locations, and

Be it further resolved, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment shall compile and maintain a list of available meeting spaces at public facilities.

To Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and CIS to Council File 02-0090.

Public Comment Celia- spoke about some of the different locations the NC has used to hold their meetings.

Moved: Pentcheff Seconded: Ross 10 Yes(Akerbloom, Braxton, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson,) 0 No () 07 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts,) Motion Passed

10. Motion to support the Accessory Dwelling Unit project at 717 W 33rd. Street.

Public Comment- Celia- The problem with the ADU's are the lack of parking requirements causing parking issues.

Motion to support the Accessory Dwelling Unit project at 717 W 33rd. Street. Joint Coastline and Parks and Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the project at 717 W. 33rd St. for a conversion of a recreation room into a new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) with the condition that one of the existing visitor parking spaces becomes a designated parking space for the new ADU

Moved: Joint Coastline and Parks and Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees Seconded N/A 09 Yes (Braxton, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson) -01 Abstain (Akerbloom) 0 No 07 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts,) Motion Passed

11. Motion opposing Housing Element's proposed rezoning of residential neighborhoods.

Joint Coastline and Parks and Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles, like every California city, is required to update its General Plan Housing Element every 8 years; however, the City's new draft Housing Element identifies zoning for 1.4 million new housing units, when compliance only requires the City to add 255,000 newly zoned housing units;

Whereas, the City proposes to find room for all of these extra housing units in our single and multi-family residential neighborhoods;

Whereas, the Housing Element has plenty of zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, public lands and through Adaptive Reuse to meet state housing density mandates; thus, there is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, single- or multi-family residential zones, many with sensitive rent-stabilized ("RSO") housing;

Whereas, San Pedro, sitting as it does at the end of a peninsula, is in a unique position as we have virtually no public transit and it is even worse in the area identified as a high opportunity zone;

Whereas, San Pedro's infrastructure is already stretched and a plan for upgrading/replacing and/or maintaining it must be in place before density is increased;

Whereas, the 2021 American Community survey found that only 0.7% of the people in zip code 90731 use public transit to get to work and 86% of them commute more than 15 minutes;

Whereas, to increase density an upgraded transit plan must be in place, and Metro has no plans to improve the public transit system in San Pedro;

Whereas, Gaffey St. and Pacific Ave. are main routes for emergency egress, such as during a Tsunami;

Whereas, according to City Planning the jobs to housing ratio for San Pedro is significantly lower than that for the city as a whole (in 2010 the City was 1.34 while the ratio for San Pedro was only 0.44);

Whereas, adding housing without additional jobs and improved public transit would have adverse environmental impacts; and

Whereas, Western Avenue would seem like a logical place for higher density but traffic there is already impacted and will only get worse as the nearly 800 new units at Ponte Vista get developed and occupied, and furthermore, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is proposing to locate virtually all of their planned for density along Western avenue abutting San Pedro, adding to the traffic congestion.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of single- and multi-family residential neighborhoods beyond what existing laws allow.

File CIS to Council File 21-1230

Public Comment-Celia-parking gets shorted and less than 1% use public transportation.

Moved: Joint Coastline and Parks and Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees Seconded N/A 06 Yes(Akerbloom, Braxton, Epperhart, Gould, Ross, Rudisill,) 03 No (Gelfand, Pentcheff, Watson,) 01 Abstain (Kopczyński) 07 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts,) Motion Passed

12. Request to Councilmember for study of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies.

Joint Coastline and Parks and Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees [See attached letter]

Whereas, Councilmember Tim McOsker has introduced a motion requesting a parking study for down- town San Pedro;

Whereas, when the City created its current Transportation Demand Management (TDM) policy, the community was concerned about the impact of the Parking TDM Strategies 1. "Pricing and Unbundling Parking" and 5. "Reduced Parking Supply" (see attached letter);

Whereas, we have not yet seen the true impact of these strategies in San Pedro as most of the new developments that have opened were built prior to the adoption of the TDM policy; and

Whereas, we are very concerned about how implementation of the TDM policy for the newer developments will impact the already critical parking situation in San Pedro.

Resolved, that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that as part of the parking study Councilmember McOsker asks the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study the impact of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies 1 and 5. in locations where they have been implemented, particularly in communities similar to ours that lack good public transit.

Dan Braxton was absent for the vote.

Moved: Joint Coastline and Parks and Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees Seconded N/A 09 Yes(Akerbloom, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson) 0 No 08 Absent (Braxton, Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts) Motion Passed

13. Motion requesting an update to the Port of Los Angeles Connectivity Plan (POLA-CP) to designate natural wildlife habitat. Sustainability Committee

Whereas all 3 Neighborhood Councils, LA City District 15 office, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, and hundreds of individual stakeholders collaborated in 2013–2017 to create the San Pedro Urban Greening Implementation Plan (SPUGIP), and

Whereas Opportunity 26 of the SPUGIP requests that the Port of Los Angeles create natural habitat in the open space on 22nd St, east of Miner and adjacent to the Red Trolley (rail) maintenance depot, and

Whereas the Port of Los Angeles Connectivity Plan (POLA-CP) designates that same parcel for overflow parking, in addition to several other areas designated for overflow parking,

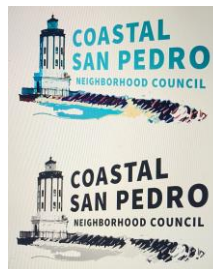
Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Port of Los Angeles Connectivity Plan (POLA-CP) be updated to permanently designate no less than 1% (or 4.6 acres of the land area within scope of the POLA-CP, whichever is greater) for natural wildlife habitat.

Moved: Joint Coastline and Parks and Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees Seconded N/A 09 Yes(Akerbloom, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson) 0 No 01 Abstain (Braxton) 07 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts,) Motion Passed

14. Discussion and possible action on proposed logos for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.



Option 1



Option 2

Option 3



Option 4

Option 5

Motion to approve continued working on Option 1 Moved: Ross Seconded: Gould 10-Yes(Akerbloom,

Braxton, Epperhart, Gould, Kopczynski, Leach, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson) 01 No (Gelfand,) 06 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Perkins, Roberts) Motion Passed

Meeting was moved back to Item 7 by Doug Epperhart.

15. Treasurer's report- We have money

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

Motion to approve Items 16, 17, 18, 20, and 21 Moved Budget and Finance Seconded: N/A 10 Yes(Akerbloom, Braxton, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson) 0 No () 07 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts,) Motion Passed

16. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for September 2023.

17. Approval of Monthly Expenses, including approval of Treasurer's payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency in the amount not to exceed \$1000 per month, The Mailroom in the amount not to exceed \$1000 per month, office supplies in the amount not to exceed \$1000 per month, an amount not to exceed \$300 for refreshments for the monthly Board meeting, and an amount not to exceed \$200 for cleaning fees after the Board meeting.

18. Motion to reallocate funds from Outreach/Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) to Office/ Minute Taking.

19. Motion to approve payment for minute taking service **(Added words: for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.)-**

Action taken in a separate vote. Motion to approve additional wording Moved Akerblom Seconded: Ross 10 Yes(Akerbloom, Braxton, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, Rudisill, Watson) 0 No () 07 Absent (Brumfield, Cade, Ellis, Havenick, Leach, Perkins, Roberts) Motion Passed

20. Motion to allocate funding for printing the newsletter

21. Motion to allocate funding for mailing the newsletter.

22. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives.- **No Action Taken**

23. Announcements.-**No Announcements**

24. Public comment on non-agenda items. **No Additional Public Comments**

25. Adjournment. **The meeting was adjourned at:8:55PM**