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# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## July 20, 2020 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Isiah Cade	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Greg Ellis	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
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Present internet out at 7:40 p.m.
Robin Rudisill	Present
Jose Abraham Vargas	Absent

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
  - a. Patricia Valladolid ([Pvalladolid@century.org](mailto:Pvalladolid@century.org)), the new director for One San Pedro, commented about their Transformation Plan for Rancho San Pedro which is now available on their website <https://onesanpedro.org/>.
  - b. Scott Strgacich, Special Assistant to Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan gave a brief overview of his background. He deals primarily with port and labor issues. His email is [Scott.strgacich@mail.house.gov](mailto:Scott.strgacich@mail.house.gov).
  - c. Lou Caravella commented that at tomorrow night's Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting, Neighborhood Council representative City Attorney Steve Houchin will be presenting.
  - d. James Campeau commented that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council seems to run their meetings tight for an ending time. Also, that at last week's LAPD Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, Officer Daunte talking about Bridge Home, the site in San Pedro is full but, the Wilmington site is mostly empty. The county emergency shelter has overflow tents. Seems that nothing has changed even though there are these shelters.
  - e. Julien Antelin, Director of Innovation, for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment commented that the department is in the middle of a reorganization as they are understaffed. He Introduced Coastal's new NEA, Mr. Freddy Cupen-Ames. Soon they will be able to provide a toll-free phone number for zoom meetings.
  - f. Mr. Cupen-Ames gave an update that included a brief overview of his experience, particularly with Neighborhood Councils, and announced some upcoming events.
3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 16/15 Board members present and approximately 10 stakeholders in attendance.

**4. BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS** – All current executive officers were re-elected without objection.

**5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Richard Havenick thanked all the board members, and that it is a pleasure and honor working with fact, evidence based, not so much opinion, as logic and reason, individuals. He also specifically thanked Andrea Herman for the alternate methods of dealing with traffic stops CF 20-0875 motion later in agenda.
- b. Robin Rudisill commented that a couple of months ago an appeal for the project at 1309 Pacific Avenue was filled, Central and Northwest SP Neighborhood Councils voted to support the appeal, she is happy to be in solidarity and looks forward to future discussions. The project at 2111 Pacific Avenue is currently on hold.
- c. Andrea Herman announced that there is a Renter Emergency Assistance program and that the LA Tenants Union is having a workshop on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, regarding tenant's rights.
- d. Louis Dominguez asked about the status for the city to pick up abandon cars and are they still taking addresses for potholes?
- e. Noel Gould commented that it's been a pleasure working with everyone on this board. There are a plethora of bills that are trying to be jammed through the state legislature, all of which effect California single family zoning laws.
- f. Bob Gelfand commented that he thinks Andrea Herman's motion was referred to the Public Safety Committee and asked for the motion text be sent to him.
- g. Kathleen Martin gave a brief Bridge Home shelter update: so many of us have worked so hard to support this facility opening. Advocates have been working with homeless to get them into the shelter. So many of the people homeless people on Beacon Street have said yes to housing. She knows there are still a lot of tents, but they continue to work.
- h. Erika Hernandez announced resources there is an LA Covid 19 Recover Fund, there are 6 rounds, 2 have already been completed. Go to [lacovidfund.org](http://lacovidfund.org) for more information.

**6. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – Approved without objection as presented.

**7. PRESENTATION BY KAVITHA MUTHUSWAMY ON COVID-19, AND DISCUSSION OF LOCAL AND STATEWIDE RESPONSES**

- a. Ms. Muthuswamy disclosed that she works at the CDC, not for them.
- b. This is the first outbreak that she has been involved in. Each day brings new statistics and information and it can leave us not being able to trust information.
- c. This virus has impacted everyone's livelihood, families, etc. It is going to be a long road ahead.
- d. She gave an overview of data, cases have spiked rapidly since the end of May, since re-opening.
- e. There is information posted on the CSPNC Website. The statistics for San Pedro do NOT include Terminal Island.
- f. It is important to comply with mitigation measures. Wear a mask and social distance. It is best to stay at home as much as possible.
- g. We all know this is going to be a long haul. The best thing is to maintain the mitigation measures.
- h. Ms. Muthuswamy answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

**8. MOTION RECOMMENDING PRESERVATION OF BUDGET ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES** – *Richard Havenick*

*Whereas* Los Angeles County residents living in areas with higher levels of poverty and people of color suffer from Coronavirus infection rates and deaths at significantly greater numbers than white residents and residents in the wealthier parts of the County. *Whereas* the most economically disadvantaged areas of Los Angeles and areas with greater racial diversity are the areas suffering the greatest environmental injustices and are located in closest proximity to industrial areas, oil processing operations, and freight transportation.

*Whereas* such areas of environmental injustice suffer higher per capita rates of asthma, cardio-pulmonary disease, cancer, and other medical conditions known to increase Coronavirus infection rates and morbidity.

*Therefore be it resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that our Councilman Joe Buscaino and Mayor Eric Garcetti work to compel the City of Los Angeles to preserve all budget allocations associated with City Agencies directly engaged in environmental issues (including Urban Forestry, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and the Environmental departments of the Harbor Departments). (*Reference the Council File/Community Impact Statement 20-0692.*)

Further be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that our Supervisor Janice Hahn work to compel the County of Los Angeles to preserve all budget allocations associated with County offices directly engaged in environmental issues.

*References:*

1. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health established on May 22, 2020 that “African Americans, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, and people living in communities with high levels of poverty continue to have the highest rate of death per 100,000 people for COVID-19 when compared to other groups,” at the following rates:

Blacks twice as likely; Latinos 75% greater; and, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 12 times greater; residents in areas with higher rates of poverty were nearly four times as likely to die of Coronavirus than those living in areas with very low poverty levels.

References: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-29/whites-far-less-likely-to-die-from-the-coronavirus-than-non-whites-in-l-a-county>;

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubdetail.cfm?unit=media&ou=ph&prog=media&cur=cur&prid=2393&row=25&start=1>

2. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer provided the following updated statistics as reported in the July 11, 2020 Los Angeles Times for every 100,000 residents per the listed category:

Latino residents, 700 per 100,000; Black residents, 400; and white residents, 300.

In areas of higher levels of poverty, more than 1,800 are infected for every 100,000 residents and in wealthier areas, about 600 are infected per 100,000.

For deaths, Latino and Black residents are roughly twice as likely to die from the virus than white residents.

Motion by **Richard Havenick** to approve a Motion recommending preservation of budget items associated with environmental issues, second by **Kathleen Martin**, and passed with 14 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 1 abstention (Cade), and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**9. MOTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED MELLO ACT ORDINANCE, WITH RESERVATIONS – Planning and Land Use Committee**

*Be It Resolved that* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council generally supports the draft Mello Act Ordinance except that we strongly recommend against: 1) any provisions that would allow for the demolition of 100% residential structures for purposes of a nonresidential/commercial mixed use project; and 2) all feasibility analyses except for when the City may be required to determine whether a residential use is still feasible. (Council File 15-0129-S1/CPC-2019-7393-CA)

Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**10. MOTION RECOMMENDING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HOME SHARING ORDINANCE – Planning and Land Use Committee**

*Be It Resolved that* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly recommends that City Planning hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of public input and engagement, including a Q&A period, on enforcement of the Home Sharing Ordinance. (Council File 18-1245/CPC-2020-2762-CA)

Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**11. MOTION RECOMMENDING ENFORCEMENT FOR PROPOSED HOME SHARING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Planning and Land Use Committee**

*Be It Resolved that* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council insists that with respect to the pending Home Sharing Ordinance City Planning implement an adequate enforcement mechanism, as the City Council required in its October 30, 2019 Motion, which states: “...DIRECT the Department of City Planning to report in 30 days on the enforcement mechanism that would assure that units subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance participating in the program are owner-occupied.” (Council File 18-1245/CPC-2020-2762-CA)

Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of room (Dominguez), and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**12. MOTION SUPPORTING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR 322 W. 15TH ST — DIR-2020-1539-CDP-MEL - Planning and Land Use Committee**

*Be It Resolved* that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the coastal development permit for the project at 322 W. 15th Ave for conversion of a retail structure to an Accessory Dwelling Unit, with one parking space, and asks that City Planning expedite the remaining processing. (Case # DIR-2020-1539-CDP-MEL)

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Cade and Epperhart), and 1 left meeting (Ross).

### **13. MOTION SUPPORTING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR 322 W. 15TH ST — DIR-2020-1539-CDP-MEL – Planning and Land Use Committee**

*Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges that governmental entities at all levels (local, state and federal) enact legislation and adopt policies to reform law enforcement agencies to better serve and respect the rights of all individuals in America.

*Be it further resolved*, these reforms include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Elimination or modification of the qualified immunity doctrine,
- Establishment of a nationwide registry of law enforcement officers who have been terminated from employment or who have resigned while under investigation,
- Establishment of an early warning system to identify officers who may need more training,
- Requirement for comprehensive reporting that includes both uses of force and threats of force.
- Establishment of a publicly-accessible use-of-force analysis website so that the public can monitor when and how force is used,
- Recurring and frequent training in crisis intervention and de-escalation training,
- Prohibition of the use of chokeholds, strangleholds, and carotid restraints,
- Requirement that officers intervene to stop another officer from using excessive force,
- Requirement that officers do their best to de-escalate situations before using the minimal force required,
- Requirement that officers use a force continuum or matrix that defines and limits the types of force that can be used to respond to specific types of resistance,
- Requirement that officers give a verbal warning before using deadly force ***WHEN POSSIBLE***,
- Requirement that officers exhaust all other reasonable alternatives before resorting to using deadly force,
- Requirement for more comprehensive vetting in preliminary personality evaluation for hiring by law enforcement agencies,
- REQUIREMENT THAT THERE BE EXHAUSTIVE ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS FOR OFFICERS WHO VIOLATE THESE CONDITIONS***,

*Be it further resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood urges that governmental entities employing law enforcement officers conduct a thorough examination of the structure, funding, and regulations and policies of their police agencies to determine what additional reforms may be needed.

***Motion*** by **Bob Gelfand** to amend the motion to add ***WHEN POSSIBLE*** to reform #11 as noted above, second by **Louis Dominguez**, and passed with 8 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, and Kopczynski), 3 noes (Cade, Hernandez, and Martin), 3 abstentions (Epperhart, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 1 out of room (Muthuswamy) and 1 left meeting (Ross).

***Motion*** by **Noel Gould** to amend the motion to add ***REQUIREMENT THAT THERE BE EXHAUSTIVE ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS FOR OFFICERS WHO VIOLATE THESE CONDITIONS***, as noted above, second by **Robin Rudisill**, and passed with 8 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, and Rudisill), 2 noes (Herman and Kohn), 5 abstentions (Gelfand, Hernandez, Martin, Muthuswamy, and Pentcheff), and 1 left meeting (Ross).

***Motion*** from committee as amended passed with 13 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 1 no (Hernandez), 1 abstention (Martin), and 1 left meeting (Ross).

The following item was taken up by the Board although it was not in the Agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act, California Government Code §54954.2.(b)(2), a two-thirds vote of Board members present at the meeting supported taking up the item since it required immediate action and it came to the attention of the body subsequent to the agenda being posted.

Motion by **Richard Havenick** to approve adding the motion below to the agenda, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed with 16 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

#### **Support of City Council's Motion to Oppose SB 1120**

*Joint Planning and Land Use Management Committee*

*Whereas* State Senate Bill 1120:

- `1) would eliminate public hearings and public notice and only require administrative, ministerial review;

- 2) would provide ministerial approval of a parcel map of four or fewer parcels;
- 3) would undermine the Subdivision Map Act which now vests the authority to regulate and control the design and improvement of subdivisions by the legislative body of a local agency;
- 4) would exempt projects from environmental review, undermining community participation and vetting by local legislative bodies;
- 5) would override local zoning, in effect eliminating single-family zoning in the city and statewide;
- 6) would disregard the zoning limitations that homeowners statewide relied upon when making their home purchase decision;
- 7) would reduce parking requirements and eliminate parking within ½ mile of transit; and
- 8) would not require that any of the units created be affordable and so fails to address the City's and the State's most pressing need for low and very low income housing.

Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board supports the City Council Resolution dated June 24, 2020 to include opposition to SB 1120 in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program. **The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes SB 1120.** (Council File 20-2002-S101)

**Motion** by **Bob Gelfand** to amend the motion to add **The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes SB 1120.** as noted above, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**Motion** from committee as amended passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**14. APPOINTMENTS OF ALL COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CARD HOLDERS, SECOND SIGNERS, COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT FILERS, AGENCY LIASIONS, AND OTHER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:** Appointing Carmenza Adams to the following committees: Administrative Operations, Communications, Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety, Environment & Sustainability, and Port; Appointing Jose Vargas as a member of the LGBTQ+ Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. All above approved without objection.

**15. THE COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2020–2021 FISCAL YEAR, AS WELL AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE PACKAGE – Administrative Operations Committee**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall adopt the following budget for the 2020–2021 fiscal year:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Allocation</i>
<b>OFFICE / OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES</b>	
Audio services	\$ 1,500.00
Virtual office / storage	\$ 4,000.00
Temporary staff: transcription / bookkeeping	\$ 8,000.00
Post office box rental: annual	\$ 175.00
Committee meeting space	\$ 1,500.00
Office: miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00
Food / refreshments	\$ 525.00
Website hosting	\$ 300.00
Operating expenses	\$ 2,000.00
<i>Totals</i>	<u>\$ 19,000.00</u>
<b>ELECTION EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<b>OUTREACH EXPENDITURES</b>	
Newsletters	\$ 5,000.00
Committee funding requests	\$ 1,000.00
Outreach activities	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Totals</i>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS</b>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<b><i>Grand totals</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 32,000.00</u></b>

Motion from committee passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**16. TRESURER'S REPORT** – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Gave a brief overview of current funding levels

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

**17. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JUNE 2020.**

**18. 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**

Motion by **Louis Domiguez** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Bob Gelfand**, and passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Richard Havenick commented that at the next Environmental and Sustainability Committee meeting will include representatives from Assemblymembers O'Donnell and Muratsuchi.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**21. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is Monday, August 17, 2020.

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