



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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January 17, 2022 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Carmenza Adams	Present at 6:46PM
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present.
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Absent
Kathleen Martin	Present
Rick Perkins	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Absent
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Present
Vacant Seat	

1. **Technical checkout for online meeting (no substantive discussion or comment)**
2. **Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Noel Gould.
3. **A moment of silence was given to honor Jonathan Flagler, Los Angeles County firefighter in Rancho Palos Verdes, who lost his life on January 6, 2022 in the line of duty.**
4. **Public comment on non-agenda items.**
 - A. Lou Caravella, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council President, invited everyone to attend the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council meetings and to find ways to collaborate as both Neighborhood Councils have common ground and shared interests. He would like to collaborate.
 - B. Chelsea Oruche, had a recent accident on her street and would like to understand the process to get speed humps.
5. **Call to order and roll call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 14 Boardmembers present and approximately 10 stakeholders in attendance.
6. **Board member comment on non-agenda items**

- A. Kathleen Martin commented that the date of the San Pedro Homeless Count has been changed to February 23, 2022 from 8:00PM-11:00PM. If you sign up please do so as a team of three people. You will be staying in your car and will need a driver, navigator and a counter. The website to sign up is: theycountwillyou.org
- B. Laurie Jacobs spoke in regards to the training for the Homeless Count, it will be rescheduled.
- C. Noel Gould raised concerns about the Planning 101 Training for non-Boardmembers.
- D. Bob Gelfand would like you get the Report Card Committee started. It will help to evaluate the performance of the Elected Officials.
- E. Doug Epperhart mentioned that there will be some changes made to the Code of Conduct Policy under discussion by the Bard of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Carmenza Adams joined the meeting at 6:46PM

7. Approval of prior meeting minutes.

Motion by Noel Gould to postpone November and December Meeting minutes until the February Board Meeting, second by Greg Ellis. Passed with 13 yes (Carmenza Adams, Sheryl Akerblom, Isiah Cade, Greg Ellis, Doug Epperhart, Bob Gelfand, Noel Gould, Richard Havenick, John Kopczynski, Kathleen Martin, Rick Perkins, Dean Pentcheff, Robin Rudisill) 1 absent from the vote (Shannon Ross)

8. Report from Los Angeles Police Department

A. Melody Shortle

- i. Officer Shortle went over crime comparisons between December 2021 and January 2022.
- ii. The highest numbers of GTAs are on Fridays from midnight to 6:00AM. Park your cars in well-lit areas.
- iii. Many delivery packages are being stolen. Have someone watch for them.
- iv. Officer Paul Winter officially retires on January 31, 2021.
- v. They are still working on Pacific issue.
- vi. The Catalytic Convertor etching event will be rescheduled.
- vii. Officer Shortle's email is 37142@lapd.online

Mayor Garcetti's Office, Johanna Rodriguez- gave an update on the latest Covid numbers and will send information on where the local testing centers are. You are able to order kits from the Federal Government online, you will receive four free kits per household. Emergency Rental Assistance Program still has some funding available.

9. Motion supporting Cultural-Historic Monument designation for Walker's Cafe.

Emma Rault, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council presented-

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges designation of Walker's Cafe at 700 W Paseo Del Mar as a Cultural-Historic Monument, and supports the following letter of recommendation:

To: chc@lacity.org CC: Melissa.Jones@lacity.org, ken.bernstein@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

Subject line: Walker's Cafe – Case: CHC-2021-10727-HCM

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing in support of Cultural-Historic Monument designation for Walker’s Cafe at 700 W Paseo del Mar in San Pedro.

Walker’s Cafe has been serving the community for almost eighty years, with its origins going back more than a century. Walker’s is one of the oldest restaurants in San Pedro—and indeed in the Los Angeles area—and played a formative role in the early development of the Point Fermin neighborhood. Its founder, the late Bessie Mae Petersen, is still remembered fondly by many for her unflinching generosity to those in need and for creating a welcoming community gathering place that has stood the test of time.

As a long-standing local institution, the cafe’s diverse clientele is a microcosm of San Pedro’s community, with longshoremen, fishermen, service members and others all coming together. Generations of San Pedrans have come to Walker’s to eat the famous “Bessie Burgers,” enjoy the unrivaled view of the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island, and talk as neighbors and friends. People have gotten married there, brought their children and grandchildren there.

From the original neon sign to the friendly yellow stucco building and the time-warp interior, Walker’s is a fully intact slice of 1940s Americana. Its high-integrity period features have made it a popular filming location for countless iconic productions such as Chinatown, Inherent Vice and Gods and Monsters, and—importantly—a touchstone for people wishing to connect with San Pedro’s past.

Walker’s is on a par with other historic businesses such as Cole’s (LA HCM No. 104) and The Original Pantry Cafe (LA HCM No. 255) in downtown Los Angeles, Tom Bergin’s (LA HCM No. 1182) in Wilshire, and Rod’s Grill in Arcadia—places that transport present-day patrons to a different time and narrate the story of the earliest days of the city’s development.

In short, under Criterion 1, Walker’s exemplifies significant contributions to the broad cultural, economic and social history of the city and community, while under Criterion 2, it is associated with two significant figures in

local history in Felicien Landier and Bessie Mae Petersen. Losing it would significantly impoverish the heritage of San Pedro. We urge you to protect this San Pedro landmark for future generations by supporting the nomination for this extraordinary place.

Please include a copy of this letter in the case file.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Public Comment: Candice Gawne

Shannon Ross left the Meeting at 7:00PM

Motion by Richard Havenick supporting Cultural-Historic Monument designation for Walker's Cafe Second by Isiah Cade. Passed with 13 yes (Carmenza Adams, Sheryl Akerblom, Isiah Cade, Greg Ellis, Doug Epperhart, Bob Gelfand, Noel Gould, Richard Havenick, John Kopczynski, Kathleen Martin, Rick Perkins, Dean Pentcheff, Robin Rudisill)

10. Committee reports.

- A. Noel Gould- There will be a meeting of the Joint Coastline and Parks Sunken City Committee on February 2, 2022.
- B. Kathleen Martin- The State of the Port of LA is happening on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 12:00PM. The link will be added to the website.
- C. Kathleen Martin- The Homelessness Committee will be doing a couple of presentations which will happen over the next week to ten days. Information will be coming soon. Also reminding everyone of the upcoming Homeless Count on February 23, 2022.
- D. Richard Havenick-The next Clean Air Action Plan Meeting is February 1, 2022 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. You have to pre-register on their website.
- E. Noel Gould- Gave an update on the Wilders Annex Stairway.

11. Treasurer's report. - Treasurer, Sheryl Akerblom gave a brief overview of current funding levels.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

12. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for December 2021.

13. Approval of Monthly Expenses, including approval of Treasurer's payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Lloyd Staffing, Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency, The Mailroom, and office supplies.

14. Approval of funding requests received from committees. - No funding requests

Motion by Sheryl Akerblom to approve consent calendar items 12 and 13, Second by Kathleen Martin passed with 13 yes (Carmenza Adams, Sheryl Akerblom, Isiah Cade, Greg Ellis, Doug Epperhart, Bob Gelfand, Noel Gould, Richard Havenick, John Kopczynski, Kathleen Martin, Rick Perkins, Dean Pentcheff, Robin Rudisill)

15. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives

- A. Kathleen Martin was added to Parks and Coastline Committee without objection.

16. Announcements

- A. Sheryl Akerblom thanked Kathleen Martin for sending the link to the Covid test.gov link

17. Public comment on non-agenda items. - No Comments

18. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM
