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# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## March 17, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by Chairman Dave Behar. See list below for board member attendance (15 Board members present) and approximately 50 stakeholders in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
Dave Behar	Present
Gary Bettis	Present
Cari Lynn Burich	Present
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Excused
Bob Gelfand	Present
Lydia Gutierrez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Dan Malstrom	Present
Matt Matich	Present
Chris Nagle	Present
Ana Rosa Ortiz	Present
Frank Pereyda	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
June Burlingame Smith	Present
John Vidovich	Present
Peter Warren	Excused

2. **Reading and approval of minutes:** The February 18, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board as presented. (Motion passed unanimously) (1 abstention: Behar)
3. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
  - a. John Stinson talked about the possibility of the Coastal SPNC funding the Annual Student Art Competition. Last year there were 76 entries in the competition, they hope to increase that amount to 100 this year.
  - b. Mike Cacarella gave an update on the Music by the Sea Sunday concerts at Point Fermin.
  - c. Ed Pluemer talked about a project being spearheaded by Larry Smith of the LA Conservation Corps which involves greening and beautifying San Pedro. Three public events are planned as well as four workshops.
  - d. Brian White, a new resident of the Coastal San Pedro area, commented on his observations of water trickling out of the cliff side near the Sunken City area. He suggested that the issue should be monitored by city engineers.

- e. Dean Pentcheff urged the board to request an update presentation from the Metro Express Lane group. Ryan Ferguson provided the dates of upcoming public comment opportunities.
- f. Kristina Smith spoke on behalf of Stephanie Mardesich with an update on the LA Harbor International Film Festival scheduled for March 27-30.
- g. A stakeholder asked about street widening activities on Hamilton and was told that there is currently no timetable available.

**4. Reports by Government Agency representatives:**

- a. **LAPD** - Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight reported:
  - i. February was an excellent month with crime down in almost every category except for burglary and theft from motor vehicle. San Pedro in general has lower crime.
  - ii. Announced the resignation of Captain Nancy Lauer.
  - iii. Talked about concerns with the park at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. They are looking into upgrades to make the park safer.
  - iv. There is a Police Commission Community Meeting scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> at Peck Park, 6:30pm. The public is encouraged to attend.
  - v. The Block Captain Orientation Meeting held on March 15 was very successful. There were about 20 people in attendance.
  
- b. **CD15** - Council District 15 Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided highlights from his written report:
  - i. Alma Street from 25<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> Street is in the process of being resurfaced. Sharrow Lanes will be marked after the resurfacing has been completed. The Speed Bump Program still exists but is not funded. LADOT has been asking for it to be funded next year.
  - ii. LANI will be announcing the firm they have chosen for the Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan.
  - iii. 5 Miles of Sharrow Lanes will be installed in CD15. These markings warn drivers to share the lane with bicyclists. They are not special lanes for bicycles only.
  - iv. Ryan also provided legislative updates and announced upcoming events (the full report can be found on the CSPNC.org website).
  
- c. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
  - i. Provided the dates of upcoming BOHC meetings.
  - ii. Update on Ports O’Call Redevelopment: The Exclusive Negotiation Agreement was extended for another 60 days.
  - iii. The Downtown Harbor Project (located at the base of 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Street surrounded by the Fire Station and the Maritime Museum) should be completed the latter part of June and a ceremony will be announced.
  - iv. The Tall Ship Festival is scheduled for August 20-24. There are 20 tall ships scheduled to come into the Port.
  - v. The Mayor has announced the search for a new Port of LA Executive Director. Details can be found on the Port’s website.
  - vi. Free public boat tours are scheduled for Saturday May 17, 2014. These are 1 hour tours which depart between 10am-3pm every hour from Berth 84 in San Pedro and also at Banning’s Landing in Wilmington.
  - vii. Road Closures due to the 47/110 transition projects will start March 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm-6am. Check Port website for details.
  
- d. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** - Tom Soong, the new DONE representative for the Harbor Area reported on the following.
  - i. Funding deadlines: Demand Warrants deadline May 15<sup>th</sup>; P-Card June 15<sup>th</sup>.

- ii. Selections: DONE's Election Division is working on (s)elections for several neighborhood councils. Rashad Rucker, the IEA (Independent Election Administrator) was introduced. He oversees the Harbor and South LA areas.

**5. Question Time regarding written Officer and Committee Chair reports:**

- a. Ted Shirley provided highlights from his written Budget and Finance Committee Report. Unfortunately, there was no quorum at the meeting.
- b. Dean Pentcheff, Selection Committee Chair reported. The key outstanding question is where to hold the selections.
- c. James Dimon, Public Safety Committee Chair, reported highlights from his written report:
  - i. Traffic issues concerning Hamilton and Alma St. are being addressed and were referred to the Transportation Committee.
  - ii. Abandoned homes were also a topic of concern and it was suggested that stakeholders contact LAPD (SLO Eve Wight) if there are homes in their neighborhoods that are abandoned.
  - iii. The Committee is also looking into the issue of unregulated recovery homes. The City Attorney is working on legislation that will deal with the problems, but the Americans with Disabilities Act is a challenge. The recovery home on 23<sup>rd</sup> and Pacific is a location that is becoming a public nuisance.
  - iv. Stakeholders were reminded that Networking and being part of a Neighborhood Watch is an important way to keep your community safe.
  - v. Robert Brandin brought up the issue of gliders at Pt. Fermin Park and the potential dangers that could arise from this activity.
  - vi. Richard Havenick commented on the issue of crime at the far end of the Pt. Fermin Park. Surveillance cameras are being suggested at that location.
- d. John Vidovich reported on the Transportation Committee. Alma resurfacing and Paseo Del Mar Traffic Calming are issues with motions being presented to the Board.
- e. Ed Pluemer, reported on the Recreation and Parks Committee:
  - i. The first High School Volleyball Tournament is being proposed.
  - ii. Public Access to the High School Pool is an issue being worked on.
  - iii. Stakeholder Joe Marino commented on the disgraceful condition of the Harbor View Cemetery at 24<sup>th</sup> and Grand.
- f. Richard Havenick reported on the Landslide Ad Hoc Committee: The last committee meeting was in November. The Bureau of Engineering representative, Vince Jones, is no longer with the Bureau and their website has not been updated since October. Richard is getting no information. Dave Behar suggested having the Bureau of Engineering come to a CSPNC monthly stakeholder meeting and present updates.

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:** Ted Shirley gave a review of the budget which he reported needs various categories adjusted. The bank statements were also presented for review.
- b. Ted Shirley moved to approve the January and February 2014 bank statements as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by Bob Gelfand and passed unanimously by the Board (1 abstention – Behar).

**7. President's Report:** No report.

**8. Marymount California University Presentation:** Tom Mead, Executive Director of the San Pedro Waterfront Campus discussed a few of the accomplishments over the last year.

- a. The name of the school has been changed which allows for the abbreviation MCU. They are now a four year university offering Bachelor Degree Programs and Master Degree programs in Communications, Leadership and Business Administration which are very popular.

- b. The Waterfront Campus is located in the old Northrop building in downtown San Pedro.
- c. High school students can get a head start by taking college classes. MCU offers some classes at San Pedro High School-Olguin campus.
- d. Residential sites in San Pedro and Rancho PV house approximately 480 students.
- e. The Waterfront Campus is attended mostly by older students and has enrollment of 450 students, with a growing media and arts program. The campus also has locations in the Arcade building across from the Warner Grand Theatre.
- f. The school is now offering new internship programs.
- g. In the fall of 2014, they will be opening up their Cloud Center on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It will house a gallery of student's works. As of today their students have logged 50,564 non-profit service learning hours for the last four years, 95% of those hours were in San Pedro.

9. **Crafted Presentation:** Rachel Waugh, Executive Director, gave an overview of the new project at Warehouses 9 and 10. She provided statistics on Crafted at the Port of LA which opened in 2012. They identified four new ideas for uses of Warehouse 9. Crafted supports small businesses and helps them grow with a particular focus on local art and the handmade economy. Brian Mercer was introduced and talked about a proposed new business, Brouwerij West, at the adjacent warehouse. The plans are for a Belgian-style micro-brewery with featured restaurants and other amenities.

**NOTE:** Items 10-16 were presented for approval on a consent calendar. Dean Pentcheff commented that he was surprised that all the substantive motions were on the consent calendar which did not allow for input or discussion by the public. A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Dave Behar and seconded by Dan Malstrom. However, it was then determined that no vote was necessary on item #10. It was decided that the remaining items be voted on by the Board individually and not by consent.

10. **CSPNC BYLAWS AMENDMENT Article V Sect. 504 – TERMS & TERM LIMITS | Reading #2 presented by J. Vidovich:** *The regular terms of office for Governing Board members shall be for a period of a two (2) year staggered term commencing July 1 and ending June 30 or until a successor is selected or appointed commencing after being seated. To begin the staggered terms, the 9 candidates selected with the most votes shall receive two (2) year terms. The remaining 8 candidates selected shall receive a one (1) year term. Thereafter, beginning in year 2015, the seats selected to one (1) year terms shall have a two (2) year term. There are no term limits. (This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the proposed Bylaws Amendment. No vote necessary at this time.)*

11. **NCPAC MOTION | from the Port & Environment Committee:**  
*Whereas Community members seek to provide reasonable feedback to the Port of Los Angeles "POLA" and the Board of Harbor Commissioners, on Draft Environmental Impact Reviews (dEIRs), Environmental Impact reviews (EIRs), and Waterfront Projects in the Harbor Area and Los Angeles Waterfront, And on port programs and policies.*  
*Whereas, proposed Waterfront Development, street and infrastructure projects in and around the POLA have health, traffic and economic impact on the communities in, of and around the POLA,*  
*Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the formation of a working committee, called the Neighborhood Council Port Affairs Committee (NCPAC). Membership on this committee shall be by appointment of the various Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils.*  
**Motion passed with 11 yes, 1 no, and 2 abstentions.**

12. **PASEO TRAFFIC CALMING MOTION | from the CSPNC Transportation Committee:**  
*Whereas it has been over two years since the landslide closed Paseo Del Mar;*  
*Whereas the City has indicated it would be a minimum of five years before the road could be rebuilt depending on the stability of the impacted land and City funding;*  
*Whereas the traffic issues triggered by the landslide and the opening of South Region High School 15 (SPHS John M and Muriel Olguin Campus) combined with the traffic issues in existence prior to the landslide have created an unsafe environment for the impacted stakeholders;*  
*Whereas there continues to be significant non-resident traffic driving to the dead end of Paseo Del Mar and*

then either making u-turn on Paseo Del Mar back to Gaffey Street or driving through adjacent streets to gain access to 25<sup>th</sup>;

Therefore, be it resolved, the CSPNC requests the City of Los Angeles Council District 15, Bureau of Engineering, and Department of Transportation to 1) proceed urgently, but no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 with traffic plan to install roundabouts on Paseo Del Mar at Roxbury and Barbara – with raised medians and a “Road Closed” signs on the median and illuminated crosswalks, 2) proceed with the approved and promised cul de sac with raised median at Paseo Del Mar and Weymouth, 3) request Mapquest, Google and Yahoo Maps to change the status of Paseo Del Mar at Weymouth as “closed” in their map system, and 4) require the City funding for the rebuilding of Paseo Del Mar to be used for any cost of traffic mitigation to make the impacted neighborhoods safe.

**Motion passed with 10 yes, 0 no, and 3 abstentions.**

**13. SOUTH ALMA STREET MOTION – ENSURE PROPER SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TO ENSURE ROADWAY INTEGRITY ONCE RE-PAVED | from CSPNC Transportation Committee:**

*Whereas, the City of Los Angeles, Public Works, has notified residents that South Alma Street will be undergoing a substantial re-pavement project beginning in March 2014 from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 37<sup>th</sup> Street; Whereas, Alma Street has seen substantial traffic increases by both vehicular and pedestrian users over the past few years due to the White Point Landslide and the opening of the San Pedro High Olguin Campus; Whereas, the LA City has announced plans to create a “sharrow” lane on South Alma Street between 37<sup>th</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Street (Northbound);*

*Whereas, South Alma Street is not rated to withstand the stress of overweight vehicles (i.e., busses, commercial trucks, etc.) due to fill settling, the presence of water flow under the street and street engineering considerations all of which is evident by the rapid rise of manholes to several inches above street level and the rapid degradation of the street over a very short period of time (past couple years);*

*Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council is insisting that the following safety and traffic control measures are taken to preserve the integrity and safety of the newly paved street:*

- Overweight vehicles must be advised to use alternate routes appropriate for their weight (i.e., Gaffey Street, etc.) via signage located at 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Street on Alma Street and enhanced traffic enforcement by LAPD.*
- LAUSD must re-route school busses, and other overweight LAUSD vehicles, to utilize entrance and exit opportunities located on Gaffey Street (i.e., buses enter at Leavenworth Street and exit via Barlow Saxton Road at the Gaffey Street signal making a smooth one-way loop that minimizes traffic impacts on the community and other vehicles using the roadway around the school).*
- LAUSD, in conjunction with neighboring residents, develop a traffic plan that encourages parents and students using vehicles to access the school in such a way to minimize impact on the local community and foster a stronger relationship with its neighbors.*
- Additionally, the installation of speed humps must be strongly considered to help reduce the excessive speed of traffic using Alma Street and improve the safety for children, families, pedestrians and vehicles using the street.*

**Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.**

**14. SOUTH ALMA RE-PAVE SAFETY MOTION | from Public Safety Committee**

*Whereas, City of Los Angeles, Public Works, has notified residents that South Alma Street will be undergoing a substantial re-pavement project beginning in March 2014 from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 37<sup>th</sup> Street;*

*Whereas, Alma Street has seen substantial traffic increases by both vehicular and pedestrian users over the past few years due to the Paseo Del Mar Landslide and the opening of the San Pedro High Olguin Campus; Whereas, the LA City has announced plans to create a ‘sharrow’ lane on South Alma Street between 37<sup>th</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Street (Northbound);*

*The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council is insisting that the following safety measures are taken on the newly paved street:*

- Stop signs must be marked on the pavement with corresponding stopping lines appropriate for the direction of traffic. In regards to the stop sign at Alma Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Street (the site of numerous accidents) road markings are to include advanced ‘stop ahead’ markings and reflective materials. The inclusion of reflective bumps must be strongly considered.*

- *Intersections along the East side of Alma Street (the side of the San Pedro High School Olguin Campus) must all be painted with double parallel line crosswalks to ensure the safety of pedestrians and students using the sidewalk.*
- *The sidewalk on the East side North of 37<sup>th</sup> Street on Alma Street must be completed from the LAUSD property line to 37<sup>th</sup> Street to ensure a continuous safe path for pedestrians walking South towards the coast.*
- *Speed limits (and related postings) must be made 25mph from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 37<sup>th</sup> Street to ensure continuity between each block and a safe rate of speed in a residential community (currently, speed limits alternate between 25mph and 35mph causing confusion for drivers and increased, unnecessary, safety risk for many residents, particularly those with small children).*

**Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.**

**15. CABRILLO BEACH WATERFRONT CENTER MOTION** | *Motion brought forth by Behar & Warren and seconded by Bob Gelfand:*

*Whereas, the Board of Harbor Commissioners is considering options for the Cabrillo Beach Waterfront Center (CBWC), aka the Boy Scout (BSA) property at Cabrillo Beach,  
Whereas, the State of California is dedicated to opening the coast to use by the public, and the CBWC property is within the Coastal Commission high-use area,  
Therefore, CSPNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles open the property to public use, including the pool, and recommends that any lease requires the leaseholder to maintain and staff the pool for public, year-round use.*

Bob Gelfand moved to amend the motion to remove the last sentence, seconded by Ted Shirley. (Motion above shown with amendments). Chuck Hawley spoke in opposition because he is concerned that the City will not maintain the facility. The motion to amend passed with 7 yes, 6 no, and 1 abstention. The motion as amended was then approved with 7 yes, 6 no, and 1 abstention.

**16. CSPNC STORAGE SPACE CLEANING EXPENSE** | *Motion brought forth from agenda meeting:*

*Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of not more than \$120 to clean the CSPNC storage space and inventory CSPNC assets.*

*Motion passed with the following roll call vote: 13 yes (Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Gelfand, Gutierrez, Hawley, Malstrom, Matich, Nagle, Ortiz, Pereyda, Shirley, Smith); 0 no; 1 abstention (Behar); 1 not present at voting (Vidovich).*

**17. APPOINTMENTS** | *to Committees and other Committee actions:* Ed Pluemer was nominated to the newly voted in Neighborhood Council Port Advisory Committee (NCPAC). The Board then determined that it is too early to make appointments for this new committee.

**18. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- a. Bob Gelfand spoke to clarify that he understands Chuck Hawley's concerns about the Cabrillo Beach Waterfront Center.
- b. Stakeholder Joe Marino thanked the Board for their hard work.

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**20. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Smith for Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council