



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## March 21, 2022 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Carmenza Adams	Present
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Absent (Joined at 6:40PM)
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Chelsea Oruche	Present
Rick Perkins	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Absent (Joined at: 7:53PM)
Shannon Ross	Present
Robin Rudisill	Absent

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: Doug Epperhart.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items.
  - a. James Campeau-on the 18<sup>th</sup> there were people tearing up the parking lot and doing donuts at Cabrillo Beach. He mentioned the gates being closed, but not chained. Several people were cited. The bathrooms were graffitied on Saturday morning.
  - b. Allen Franz-invited everyone to attend the Wild and Scenic Film Festival at the Warner Grand Theatre. It is a series of short films from 2-30minutes long. This is a fundraiser for White Point Nature Reserve and Wildlife Center. Tickets are available at PVPLC.org. The event is on April 24, 2022.
  - c. Mona Dallas Reddick-the palm tree near the restrooms in the Wilder addition is missing its fronds and may be a hazard. Please let Rec and Parks know about this.
4. Call to order and roll call. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Doug Epperhart See list above for Board member attendance. Quorum was met with 14 Board members present and approximately 12 stakeholders in attendance.
5. Board member comment on non-agenda items.

- a. Richard Havenick-The Port of Los Angeles is moving forward with the C40 Cities, with the Zero Emission Plan to be completed by the end of the year for all of the ships in the Pacific Rim to produce zero emissions by 2034. They are forming working groups. There has been some hesitancy from China due to the conflict in the Ukraine. There will be a Table of Contents for the draft, and it should be available right away. There is going to be a Stakeholder Engagement Group, an advisory group, by the end of spring formed. Zero Emission Heavy Duty Ships could be applicable to a broad range of applications, energy production, and so forth. You know about the resolution that the City Council would establish for a Green Hydrogen Hub at the Port of Los Angeles, coincidentally, which might have great bearing on the possibilities for truly zero emissions that is zero carbon, zero methane, and our future.

### **Bob Gelfand joined the meeting at 6:40PM**

- b. Doug Epperhart- the City Clerk issued the final list of candidates for the ballot in June 2022. There are four individuals that have qualified for the 15<sup>th</sup> Council District race: Danielle Sandoval, Tim Mc Osker, Anthony Santich, and Bryant Odega. Today at the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting they took the final vote on the Social Media Policy proposal, which this Board did weigh in on (against). The vote was four to three and it was defeated. Our Commissioner, Ray Regalado, voted against it.
  - c. Dean Pentcheff asked about The Walker's Café Application for Historic Monument Status. Doug Epperhart responded that he was at the meeting and the vote was unanimous to forward it to the City Council for final approval.
6. Approval of prior meeting minutes. - The minutes were approved without objection.
  7. Report from Los Angeles Police Department
    - a. LAPD Melody Shortle- went over the Crime Stats. There were three suicides at Point Fermin. The individuals suffered from mental health issues and were not from the local area. On March 26, 2022 at 8:00AM, There will be a Gun Buy Back Program at The Municipal Building in Wilmington. A question was raised as to whether there are numbers of how many people have fallen off the cliff at Point Fermin unintentionally. Officer Shortle said those numbers are listed as injuries not crimes.
    - b. Port Police Officer Morales- went over the stats for the Port side. Regarding Cabrillo Beach, there is a new, heavy gate being fabricated. The boat launch ramp is closed from 10:00PM to 6:00AM. The fishing pier and the fire pits also have a 10:00PM closing time. We do see cars doing donuts there and it is definitely not legal. Call us if you need a response. Log on to [Portoflosangeles.org](http://Portoflosangeles.org) to view the calendar of upcoming events. Things are opening up.
- Atziri Camerena introduced Daniel Johnson who will be covering her position while she is out on leave. Ms. Camerena mentioned they would be receiving an email with a full introduction and contact information. Mr. Johnson lives in Long Beach and is a Los Angeles native. He has been with the Department since November 2021. He announced that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is hosting a CIS Townhall with the Budget Tribunes on Thursday March 31, 2022. It is from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Nury Martinez, Paul Koretz, and Ron Galperin will be guests. Ms. Camerena will send the Board members the link to R.S.V.P. Mr. Johnson will be working with the Outreach Chair to help with the upcoming elections. A final reminder that the Bylaw changes are due on April 1, 2022. Her last day before she goes on leave will be April 1, 2022.
8. Motion to reallocate \$2,500 from line item "Election Expenditures Category/unallocated" to line item "Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)".

- a. Motion to put Agenda items 8-15 on Consent Calendar Moved by Havenick, Second Akerblom Motion Passed with 12 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff), 2 No (Martin, Ross), 1 Abstention (Cade), and 2 Absent (Roberts, Rudisill).
- b. Motion to remove Items. Items (All Items) 8, 9, -10, -11, -12, -13, -14, -15, from the Consent Motion Passed with 15 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Ross), 2 Absent (Roberts, Rudisill).
- c. Motion to reallocate \$2,500 from line item "Election Expenditures Category/unallocated" to line item "Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG)." Moved by-Akerblom Second- Neighborhood Purpose Grant Ad hoc Committee Motion Passed with 15 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Ross), 0 No (0), 2 Absent (Roberts, Rudisill).

9. Motion to recommend awarding a total amount not to exceed \$17,707 in Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG's)

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall award the following Neighborhood Purpose

Grants: ENTITY \$ REQUESTED \$ RECOMMENDED

- a. Exceptional Children's Foundation \$ 2,107 \$ 490
- b. Street Meet Company \$ 5,000 \$ 0
- c. San Pedro Meals on Wheels \$ 5,000 \$ 3,265
- d. Arts District – San Pedro Waterfront \$ 3,000 \$ 0
- e. International Bird Rescue \$ 5,000 \$ 2,500
- f. Angels Gate Cultural Center \$ 5,000 \$ 0
- g. Willenberg CTC \$ 4,500 \$ 800
- h. Hearts Respond \$ 4,590 \$ 0
- i. Community Disaster Prep Foundation \$ 5,000 \$ 3,300
- j. Feed and Be Fed \$ 3,185 \$ 0
- k. Rainbow Services \$ 5,000 \$ 1,000
- l. San Pedro Bay Historical Society \$ 2,500 \$ 2,400
- m. 15th Street Elementary School – LAUSD \$ 3,915 \$ 1,915
- n. National Water Color Society \$ 4,640 \$ 0
- o. Friends of LAMM \$ 4,280 \$ 2,037

\$62,717 \$ 17,707

Requested Recommended

Doug Epperhart Recused himself.

Public Comment:

- a. Mary Francis T.- representing friends of LAMM felt the process was fair.
- b. James Campeau- support the Emergency Preparedness but had some questions.
- c. Mona Dallas Reddick- They have a time limit on their project.

### **Roz Roberts joined the meeting at 7:53PM**

- i. Amendment to send back to the Neighborhood Purposes Grant Ad hoc Committee for reconsideration. Moved Adams Second Gould -Motion Failed with 4 Yes (Adams, Gould, Martin, Ross), 7 No (Ellis, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Oruche, Perkins), 4 Abstentions (Akerblom, Cade, Pentcheff Roberts), 1 Recused (Epperhart), 2 Absent (Rudisill).
- ii. Motion to approve a Consent Calendar for items a-o Moved Gelfand Seconded by Cade Motion Passed with 13 Yes (Adams, Cade, Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Perkins Roberts, Ross), 0-No, 2 Abstentions (Akerblom, Pentcheff), 1 Recused (Epperhart), Absent 1(Rudisill).

Ms. Camerena said the items can't be voted on as one block. They need to be voted on individually.

Items: f, Angels Gate Cultural Center, i, Community Disaster Prep Foundation, and e International Bird Rescue were pulled from the Consent Calendar

**Meeting returned to item 9- with the removal of items e, f, and i.**

- iii. Amended Motion to recommend awarding a total amount not to exceed \$17,707 in Neighborhood Purpose Grants with the removal of items 9e, 9f, and 9i. by Neighborhood Purpose Grants Ad hoc Committee - Motion Passed with 14 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Perkins, Roberts, Ross), 0 No, 1 Abstention (Pentcheff) 1 Recused (Epperhart), Absent 1 (Rudisill).
- iv. Motion to send item e. International Bird Rescue back to committee Moved Akerblom Second Ross Motion Passed with 8 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Gould, Kopczynski, Perkins, Ross), 6 No (Gelfand, Havenick Leach Martin Oruche, Roberts), 1 Abstention (Pentcheff), 1 Recused (Epperhart), 1 Absent (Rudisill),
- v. Motion to send item f. Angels Gate Cultural Center back to committee. Moved Akerblom Second Gould Motion Passed with 12 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Martin, Oruche, Perkins, Roberts, Ross), 1 No (Gelfand), 2 Abstentions (Leach, Pentcheff), 1 Recused (Epperhart), Absent 1 (Rudisill).
- vi. Motion to send item i Community Disaster Prep Foundation back to committee Moved Akerblom Second Gould Motion Passed with 11Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Martin, Perkins, Roberts, Ross) 0No, 4 Abstentions (Gelfand, Leach, Oruche Pentcheff)1 Recused (Epperhart) Absent 1 (Rudisill).

Doug Epperhart returned to the meeting at 8:24PM

10. Motion regarding funding and measures to mitigate damage caused by vehicle vandalism at Angels Gate Park. Coastline and Parks Committee

Public Comment:

- a. James Campeau- sent some background information, nothing protects the open space.
- b. Allen Franz urged support for amending the item
  
- a. Motion to amend to add the following language:, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the use of T-gates, or similar gates, to close off the railroad tie area during rain events, but supports the use of chains on the east and west entrances of the unpaved bluff area along NCO road which is adjacent to building H and building F to close the area to trucks during these times, and CSPNC requests the department of Recreation and Parks add signs to the park entrance citing LAMC 63.44 which prohibits motorized vehicles from driving anywhere other than the paved roads in the park. Moved by Pentcheff Second by Gould the Motion Passed with 11Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Roberts), 1 No (Martin), 3 Abstentions (Gelfand, Pentcheff, Ross), 1 Absent from the vote (Adams), 1 Absent from the meeting (Rudisill).
- b. Motion to add an additional amendment in regards to using posts that are not treated with environmentally toxic materials. Moved Gould Second Cade without objection the amendment was added. No vote was taken to approve the second amendment

Coastline and Parks Committee Draft Letter

Whereas, there is destruction of unpaved surfaces due to 10-20 trucks per day at Angels Gate Park when it rains,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Angels Gate Cultural Center applying for funding to donate to the Department of Recreation and Parks to employ mitigation measures such as the railroad ties that are already in use in the park and also to pave the area in front of building H, and

Be it further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the Department of Recreation and Parks to install the same post system used in the parking lot below the Korean Bell (using posts that are not treated with environmentally toxic materials), and / or post and single cable 3 feet high along Barlow Saxton Road, Leavenworth Road and Leary Merriam Drive, to protect the open space hillsides and natural habitat from off road vehicle activity.

[Amendment adopted.]

Be it further resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the use of T-gates, or similar gates, to close off the railroad tie area during rain events, but supports the use of chains on the east and west entrances of the unpaved bluff area along NCO road which is adjacent to building H and building F to close the area to trucks during these times, and

Be it further resolved, CSPNC requests the department of Recreation and Parks add signs to the park entrance citing LAMC 63.44 which prohibits motorized vehicles from driving anywhere other than the paved roads in the park.

- a. Amended Motion as approved above, Moved Coastline and Parks Committee. The Motion Passed 12 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts). 0 No, 4-Abstentions (Adams, Leach, Martin, Ross), 1 Absent (Rudisill).

11. Motion to endorse letter containing recommendations to the Port of Los Angeles regarding the Public Access Investment Plan. The Letter submitted by the Northwest San Pedro NC was shown on the screen

Public Comment

- a. Pat Nave there are a lot of things that seem like they should be heard in one committee or another. This effects our whole community.
- b. Allen Franz there is a lot of overlap between committees.

Motion

- a. Motion Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the letter dated December 22, 2021 from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council to the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Port of Los Angeles and requests responses to the letter no later than March 31, 2022.
- b. Motion to send this item to the Port Committee-Moved Ross, Second Leach Motion Failed with 6 Yes (Adams, Epperhart Leach, Martin, Roberts, Ross), 9 No (Akerblom Ellis, Gelfand Gould, Havenick Kopczynski, Oruche Perkins, Pentcheff), 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent from the vote (Cade), 1 Absent (Rudisill).
- c. Motion to endorse letter containing recommendations to the Port of Los Angeles regarding the Public Access Investment Plan. The Letter submitted by the Northwest San Pedro NC was shown on the screen Motion Passed with 13 Yes (Adams, Cade, Ellis Epperhart, Gelfand Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach Martin, Oruche, Pentcheff, Roberts,) 3 No (Akerblom, Perkins Ross) 0 Abstentions, 1 Absent (Rudisill).

12. Motion requesting development of plan to mitigate and solve problems caused by visual blight and excessive heavy-duty traffic in and around the Port of Los Angeles



Motion requesting development of plan to mitigate and solve problems caused by visual blight and excessive heavy-duty traffic in and around the Port of Los Angeles.

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Whereas, increased freight movement through Wilmington resulted in excessive container stacking immediately adjacent to residential areas, in vastly increased air pollution and unsafe traffic conditions on residential streets over-run with heavy duty trucks, excessive truck idling, operations beyond permitted business hours, and possible non-compliance with City of Los Angeles noise ordinance.

Whereas, the container stacking immediately adjacent to residential areas created visual blight and unsightly conditions and the heavy-duty truck traffic through residential streets resulted in vastly increased local air pollution and reduction in safety on roadways neither designed nor intended for such heavy-duty vehicle traffic.

Whereas, the excessive container stacking and heavy-duty vehicle traffic on residential streets vastly degraded living conditions for all stakeholders in the Harbor Area and is a negative reflection of the City and Port of Los Angeles, the Council District 15, and all government and industrial agencies associated with the freight movement.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the offices of Council District 15, Harbor Department, and Mayor's Office to immediately convene the public and private entities responsible (including container yards, trucking companies, Department of Transportation, CD15 Office, and Mayor's office) to identify and implement both the short-term mitigations and long-term solutions to reduce the visual blight and the excessive traffic.

Be it further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the CD15, Harbor Department, and Mayor's Office acknowledge our request and respond with the plan, by April 30 2022, to convene the stakeholders necessary to develop and implement the immediate and longer-term solutions to the visual blight and excessive heavy-duty traffic.

- a. Motion requesting development of plan to mitigate and solve problems caused by visual blight and excessive heavy-duty traffic in and around the Port of Los Angeles and amended to include, by April 30, 2022 as underlined above. Moved Environment and Sustainability Committee Motion Passed 16 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Ross), 0 No, 0 Abstentions 1 Absent (Rudisill).

13. Motion to establish recommended remediations for negative impacts caused by Port operations.  
Environment and Sustainability Committee

Whereas, Port infrastructure and Port activities can have negative impacts on harbor area communities and neighborhood councils; and

Whereas, the impacts negatively affect property values and local quality of life such as roadway deterioration from truck traffic and truck routing, rail horn noise, aesthetic impacts as cranes and above-ground utility poles, use of Port property in residential areas, excessive light pollution, and reduction of the urban greening plan for San Pedro; and

Whereas, we will define in a working document many of the negative impacts and suggest remediations, mitigation measures that can be included in future Port environmental documents, and other policy recommendations for the Port.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorses the effort to address the impacts of past Port infrastructure improvements and the development of a working document to define potential remediations, mitigations, and policy recommendations, and urges the Port to consider the policies included therein; and,

Be it further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Neighborhood Councils represented by the Joint San Pedro Neighborhood Council Environment and Sustainability Committee appoint representatives to collaborate with other Harbor Area Neighborhood Council representatives to work with Port staff and/or Harbor Commissioners in proposing remedial measures and policies to be defined in the working document.

#### Public Comment

- a. Pat-she is here to answer any questions and thank everyone for their work.
- b. James Campeau-spoke about the sirens and trucks idling.
- c. David Ross- did not know about this. Are you looking to collaborate with Port workers?
- d. Craig Goldfarb- he is directly impacted.

Isiah Cade left the meeting at 9:46PM

- a. Motion to send item to the Port Committee Moved by Ross Second Martin- The Motion Failed with 6 Yes (Adams, Epperhart, Gelfand, Leach, Martin, Ross) 8 No (Akerblom Ellis Gould, Havenick Kopczynski, Oruche, Pentcheff, Perkins) 1 Abstention (Roberts), 2 Absent (Cade, Rudisill).
- b. Motion to establish recommended remediations for negative impacts caused by Port operations. Environment and Sustainability Committee, the Motion Passed with 9 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts) 3 No (Martin, Leach, Ross), 3 Abstentions (Epperhart, Gelfand Oruche, 2 Absent (Cade, Rudisill).

14. Motion to host a forum for candidates for the Los Angeles city council 15th district.

Ad Hoc Committee on Government Performance and Accountability. Be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall organize and host a forum for candidates for the Los Angeles City Council 15th district.

#### Public Comment:

- a. Craig Goldfarb- thinks it is a good idea and would be useful to be able to review meetings.

#### Motion

- a. Motion to host a forum for candidates for the Los Angeles City Council 15th District. Moved Ad Hoc Committee on Government Performance and Accountability. Motion Passed with 15 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Ross) 0 No, 0Abstain, 2 Absent (Cade Rudisill).

15. Motion to adopt a standing rule requiring that meetings be conducted using official Zoom account and that meetings be recorded.

Be it resolved; the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall adopt the following standing rule:

When meetings of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council are conducted via Zoom, the meetings shall be conducted using the official Zoom account provided by the City of Los Angeles and they shall be record-ed.

[Amendment proposed but amendment failed (motion passed as originally written above)]

conducted using the official Zoom account provided by the City of Los Angeles and they shall be recorded and links to the recordings shall be posted on the CSPNC website within 48 hours subsequent to the conduct of the respective meeting.

- a. Amendment to the Motion that meetings be conducted using the official Zoom account provided by the City of Los Angeles and they shall be recorded and links to the recordings shall be posted on the CSPNC website within 48 hours subsequent to the conduct of the respective meeting. Motion Failed with 0 Yes 14 No (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Ross), 1 Abstentions (Gould), 2 Absent (Cade Rudisill)
- b. Motion to adopt a standing rule requiring that meetings be conducted using official Zoom account and that meetings be recorded. Moved Martin Second Ellis Motion Passed with 15 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Ross), 0 No, 0 Abstentions, 2 Absent (Cade Rudisill).

### Meeting moved to item 18

16. Committee reports. -No Committee Reports

17. Treasurer's report. - There is still money available.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)- Items 18, 19, and-20

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 18, 19, and 20 Moved Budget and Finance Committee Motion Passed 14 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Ross), 0 No, 1 Abstention (Gelfand), 2 Absent (Cade Rudisill).

### Returned to Item 16

18. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for February 2022.

19. 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.

20. Approval of funding requests received from committees: Motion from Communications and Outreach Committee for an amount not to exceed \$600 for the redesign of the CSPNC logo. - **No Action Taken**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 18, 19, and 20 Moved Budget and Finance Committee Motion Passed 14 Yes (Adams, Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Martin, Oruche, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Ross), 0 No, 1 Abstention (Gelfand), 2 Absent (Cade Rudisill).

21. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives including, but not limited to, the appointment of Freddy Castillo to the following committees: Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety; Environment and Sustainability; Homelessness; and Planning, Land Use and Transportation. **Ms. Martin, Shannon Ross and Bob Gelfand would like to be added to the NPG Committee-Passed as Amended. No vote was taken**

22. Announcements: Mr. Epperhart-**There are still 19 participants in the meeting.**

23. Public comment on non-agenda items. - **No Public Comments**



24. Adjournment. - **The Meeting was adjourned at: 10:41PM**