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COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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February 23, 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm by Chairman James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 15 Board members present. Approximately 35 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
James Baeza	Present
Gary Bettis	Present
Cari Burich	Present
Slobodan Dimitrov	Present
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Adele Healy	Present
Matt Matich	Present
Shannon Ross	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
June Burlingame-Smith	Present
John Vidovich	Present
Peter Warren	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present
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2. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- a. **Lydia Gutierrez** commented that she was providing a copy of the minutes from the past Cultural Affairs Committee meeting which she chaired. Lydia also spoke about the serious problems in our schools which is why she is running as a candidate for the LAUSD board.
- b. **June Smith** announced several upcoming events.
- c. **Graham Robertson**, Block Captain for the Sunken City Watch group, distributed a flyer about Sunken City and he thanked Coastal SPNC's Rec and Parks Committee and also the Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee for moving this agenda item forward.
- d. **Debbie Rouser** announced the Leland Park Spring Fling now scheduled for June 6, 12-6pm. The event will include a softball game between LAPD and LAFD; a Dunk Tank, a silent auction, face painting, food, live music, a DJ, rock wall, and jumpers.
- e. **Peggy Lindquist**, owner of The Corner Store, announced a fundraiser on March 14th for the Marine Mammal Care Center. It will include Beer and Wine tasting for \$21.
- f. **Kimberly Caballero**, of the Boys Club of San Pedro announced open house tours at the San Pedro Club on Cabrillo and 13th Street scheduled for March 4, 4pm-5pm. The Club serves 500 children per day and provides 250 suppers per day, as well as provided a variety of enrichment programs.

- 3. Featured presentation by Councilman Joe Buscaino:** The Councilman thanked the leadership of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and thanked Ryan Ferguson for providing the monthly reports on behalf of CD15. The following are highlights from Buscaino's presentation:

His vision for 2015:

- 1) He hopes that a lease agreement is signed to redevelop Ports O'Call.
- 2) He looks forward to the feasibility study at Rancho SP Housing Development in conjunction with HACLA (there were 8 respondents to the RFP for the study which will determine the feasibility of mixed housing and retail/commercial development at this site with results of the study available by this summer).
- 3) He is working with the City on a comprehensive financial plan to fix our crumbling sidewalks in the City of LA.
- 4) His office will continue to address quality of life issues such as providing homeless supportive permanent housing.
- 5) He is working with the City Attorney's office to shut down every illegal pot shop throughout CD15.
- 6) The following were additional comments and questions from the Councilman:
 - a. Status of POC redevelopment: Just entered a letter of intent last week regarding the lease agreement.
 - b. Pacific Avenue issues: High speed was the cause of 23% of the accidents on Pacific Avenue. The Road Diet is backed up with numbers. Its purpose is to slow down traffic and to create safe passage for students crossing the street.
 - c. The Councilman's Emergency Response Team is working with the Quality of Life Car provided by LAPD. Together they provide critical resources to the homeless.
 - d. Park Issues: Buscaino thanked Debbie Rouser for her efforts at Leland Park. He would love to bring in more park rangers but due to budget constraints this is difficult.
 - e. The Councilman sent a letter to the LAPD Chief requesting he open the Harbor Jail. He thanked the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council for last year's Safety Summit event.
 - f. Mona Sutton was recognized for being a CPAB Co-Chair.
 - g. Status of negotiations between ILWU and PMA: Ratification hopefully this week. Thanked President Obama for his help in getting them to talk.
 - h. Pot Shops: The Councilman is in favor of appropriate medicinal use of marijuana but this has gone too far. There are 13 pending cases on illegal pot shops with 7 more cases opened this week. Business Tax Licenses are still being issued to these businesses by the City of LA and the Councilman is trying to get this stopped. He would like all neighborhood councils to join the Councilman to support his efforts
 - i. RFP for Cabrillo Watersports Center: The Councilman agrees it should be accessible to the general public.
 - j. Gaffey Street Changes: The Councilman encourages everyone to attend and bring their ideas. He announced the Workshop this Thursday at 6pm at the Grand Annex. He commented that we can still have a great street without lane reductions
 - k. The Councilman gave a brief update on the Landslide.
 - l. Hamilton Avenue Widening Project: The design is 50% complete and should be completed by June 30th.
 - m. Raise the Wage LA: The Councilman met with The Chamber of Commerce to get input from local business and non-profits which will be impacted. He is working towards getting all stakeholders to the table. Councilman Price and his Economic Development Committee will hold meetings city wide. Buscaino is in support of raising the minimum wage, but he is also sensitive to the business owners.
 - n. Chuck Hawley: Asked about penalizing the property owner of the properties that are being rented to pot shops. This is being considered by the City Attorney.
 - o. Louis Dominguez asked about the status of the new blue lights on the welcoming bridge which are not currently lit. The Councilman responded that the manufacturer agreed to bring in new LED rope lights by the end of March to fix the problem.

- p. Shannon Ross voice her concerns with the Pacific Road Diet and safety issues caused by kids jay walking. The Councilman gave his commitment that if there is no reduction in accidents he will restripe Pacific back to the way it was.
- q. Sunken City: The Councilman struggles with the issue of opening this area up to the public. It is beautiful but because of the dangers he will defer to the City Attorney
- r. Gary Bettis asked for enforcement of stop signs.
- s. Richard Havenick commented on Landslide water issues. He was told that the council office is checking into it. Havenick also commented that there is an increase in crime on Paseo del Mar.

4. Minutes | Presentation of January 2015 minutes for approval. Motion by Gary Bettis to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes, seconded by Matt Matich. Motion passed with 14 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Match, Ross, Shirley, Smith, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh; 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Hawley).

5. Approval of Monthly Finance Report: Ted Shirley provided a review of the Monthly Finance Report, Bank Statement and Expenditures. Motion by James Baeza to approve the Financial Report, Bank Statement and Expenditures as presented, seconded by Matt Matich. Motion passed with 9 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Match, Shirley, Waugh); 1 no vote (Warren), 2 abstentions (Dimitrov, Dimon); 1 ineligible (Ross). (Smith & Vidovich had left the meeting).

6. LAPD REPORT : Officer Frank Lopez spoke for SLO Eve Wight:

- a. LAPD made an arrest on an individual breaking into a garage. He is being charged with 13 counts of burglary. Prop 47 reduced a lot of felony crimes to misdemeanors. This is putting criminals back on the street and causes more crime.
- b. Work tools are being stolen from locked trucks so it was suggested that tools be removed from the trucks to avoid theft.
- c. SLO Wight met with block captains, they are working on increasing membership and planning clean up events.
- d. Neighborhood Justice Program flyers were provided.
- e. There is a new juvenile task force on truancy and maybe they can report the complaints about jay walking to this task force.
- f. There was also some discussion on traffic issues.

7. Brian Kite, SRK Architects, Inc: San Pedro Elks Club Rebuilding Update: No presentation as no representation from SRK was in attendance.

WRITTEN REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY

- 8. Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich's report included the following highlights:
- a. Announced the next two Board of Harbor Commissioner's meetings.
 - b. The labor dispute has been resolved by the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore Workers Union.
 - c. Port's O'Call Development team: At the last BOHC meeting a 4 month extension was approved on ENA (Exclusive Negotiating Meeting)
 - d. RFP for Boy Scout Camp. Panel has been selected and they are going through the RFP's. Robert Gelfand asked about the members of the panel but Augie commented that he has not been given permission at this time to release the names of the individuals on the panel.
 - e. Port of LA's 2015 Internship program: Details available on CSPNC website.
 - f. Public Access Investment Funding Policy is moving forward.
 - g. The Port's Lunar New Year's Festival held at the downtown harbor was very successful.

9. RAISE THE WAGE PRESENTATION: Vito Triglia gave a brief presentation on the “Raise the Wage” Campaign. This is a coalition of over 130 organizations, non-profits, labor unions, religious and business leaders, who support a three-point plan that they hope will influence the discussion being held by the City Council. They would like to see the wage raised to a “living wage” as soon as possible. They also want strong enforcement and an increase in earned sick days from 3 to 5. He explained the benefits of raising the minimum wage and spoke about how financial confidence stimulates the economy. The Coalition has a lot of support from the Los Angeles City Council. Stakeholder and local business owner, Mona Sutton, provided comments on how raising the wage affects small local businesses. She hired a forensic accountant to review the financial effects of raising the minimum wage on her business and the results were staggering. She would like to meet with the CSPNC Ad Hoc committee to provide input.

10. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:

- a. **Bylaws Changes:** Dean reported that he is awaiting the time line from DONE on the bylaws changes.
- b. **Selection Committee:** Bob Gelfand gave an update on the meeting of the three committee members. Pt. Fermin is being considered as a location for the Selection event as the Cabrillo Marina Community Room is not available on that date. The following information was presented to the board: ***Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will select its governing board by a signed ballot selection to be carried out on May 2, 2015. The selection rules and procedures are to be created by the appointed selection committee. Candidates for the governing board must register their candidacy by 5 PM, April 2, 2015. CSPNC will make registration available on its website. Candidates have until 5 PM, April 6, 2015 to supply candidate statements and/or candidate photos.*** Motion by Gary Bettis to approve the above Selection Committee Timeline as shown in bold above, seconded by Louis Dominguez. Approved with 10 yes votes (Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Ross, Shirley, Warren); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Baeza)
- c. **CSPNC Legal Liaison:** Dean Pentcheff spoke briefly on Brown Act regulations and on his position as legal liaison. He read out loud some context from the Brown Act. The purpose of the Brown Act: 1) Public must know ahead of time all the items (posting requirement); 2) the public must have time to prepare their input (72 hour limit); 3) the public has right to make that input known to you (in the form of public comment); and 4) the public has the right to know all the deliberations of the board (keeping all discussions public).

11. APPOINTMENTS | to Committees and other Committee actions

- a. **Nominations to fill the vacant seats of Denise Sampson and Ana Ortiz:** No nominations were brought forth at this time.
- b. **Appointment of a second Signatory for financial transactions:** Ted Shirley nominated James Dimon as the Second Signatory for financial transactions. Nomination seconded by Gary Bettis and approved by a vote of 9 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Ross, Shirley); 0 no votes; and 2 abstentions (Dimon, Warren).
- c. **Acceptance of Rachel Waugh resignation as Communications Committee Chair:** The resignation of Rachel Waugh as Communications Committee Chair was accepted by a vote of 10 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Ross, Shirley); 0 no votes, 1 abstention (Warren).
- d. **Appointment of Committee Chair for Communications/Outreach:** Shannon Ross was nominated as Chair of the Communications/Outreach Committee by James Baeza. Nomination seconded by Gary Bettis and approved by the board with a vote of 9 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Shirley); 0 no votes; and 2 abstentions (Ross, Warren).

- e. **Appointment of members of Coastal Risk & Beautification Committee:** Motion by Adele Healy to appoint Michael McCann and James Baeza to the Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee. Motion seconded by Louis Dominguez and approved with a vote of 10 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Matich, Ross, Shirley); 0 no votes; and 1 abstentions (Warren).

12. CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT'S REPORT: For the first time in the history of neighborhood councils, five of the councils and the three chambers of commerce came together to discuss the Port's Public Access Funding Plan and to respond as a group to their issues with the Port's plan. Dimon suggests that this type of collaboration continue in the future on important subjects.

13. Stakeholder/Non-committee Motions

- a. **Elks Lodge request for Support in response to communication from Elks Club Exalted Ruler Jose Chavez.** The following board members recused themselves from discussion of this topic and left the room: James Dimon, Matt Matich, James Baeza and Shannon Ross recused themselves from the room as they are members of the Elks Lodge. This left the following board members: Bettis, Healy, Shirley, Burich, Dominguez and Warren which meant that a quorum was lost and no action could be taken on the motion. Peter Warren suggested that this issue be referred to the Agenda Committee and Dean Pentcheff agreed to contact the City Attorney.
- b. **Action on letter from Stakeholder John G. Scoble asking for support in requesting a traffic study for potential traffic mitigation along Pacific Avenue between 22nd Street and Stephen White Drive (traffic light to traffic light).** Motion by Gary Bettis, seconded by Louis Dominguez to support the request for a traffic study for potential traffic mitigation along Pacific Avenue between 22nd Street and Stephen White Drive (traffic light to traffic light). Motion passed with 9 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Ross, Shirley); 1 no vote (Warren); and 0 abstentions.

14. Committee Motions:

- a. **Motion from Rec and Parks Committee to finalize the date for the Public Safety Summit as March 28, 2015, 1:00 pm.** Jim Baeza presented the following:
The Recreation and Parks Committee (RAP) of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC), sighting the increase in crime emanating from our public parks and affecting our communities, has decided to hold a Public Safety Summit of community leaders to relate to our CSPNC Stakeholders. Utilizing the budget approved by the CSPNC Board of \$2500, at the request of the Communications Committee via the Budget and Finance Committee, the Public Safety Summit would take place March 28, 2015.
Motion from Committee that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board support the holding of a Public Safety Summit on March 28, 2015 commencing at 1:00pm passed with 10 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Ross, Shirley, Warren); 0 no votes; and 0 abstentions.
- b. **The following motion was presented by Ted Shirley, seconded by Louis Dominguez:** The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will fund a Neighborhood Purpose Grant not to exceed \$500 for Rainbow Services to support repair of transitional shelter or purchase of refrigerator; **and to reduce the CSPNC advertising budget by \$500 to put toward this NPG.** Motion to amend by Ted Shirley to add the words above in bold to the original motion. Motion to amend passed with 8 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Shirley); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Warren); 1 ineligible (Ross).
Motion as amended passed with 8 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Hawley, Healy, Shirley); 0 no votes; 1 abstention (Warren); 1 ineligible (Ross).

- c. **Ad Hoc Committee Re: Minimum Wage Increase.** Motion from Agenda Meeting: **Motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee to study support of the Proposed Minimum Wage Increase put forth by Mayor Garcetti compared to “Raise the Wage” organization. Moved by Bettis, seconded by Louis Dominguez and passed with 9 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Ross, Shirley, Warren); 1 no vote (Hawley); 0 abstentions.**

15. Public Comment on non-agenda items:

- a. Comment from stakeholder in favor of having the representatives speak at the beginning of the meeting and keeping the budget and finance and committee meeting items later in the meeting to keep the stakeholders engaged.

16. Announcements: None

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:32.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council