



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Monday, 21 August 2023 meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Board Members	Roll Call
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Dan Braxton	Absent Joined at 6:50PM
Linda Brumfield	Present
Isiah Cade	Absent
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Absent
Richard Havenick	Absent Joined at 6:46PM
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Absent
Rick Perkins	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Roz Roberts	Absent
Shannon Ross	Absent
Robin Rudisill	Present
Richard Watson	Present

1. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rick Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. Public comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. **Mr. Franz- Saturday, there will be a plant sale at White Point Nature Preserve from 10:30AM-1:00PM On Sunday, Volunteers needed 9:00AM-1:00PM. Saturday Nature Walk at 9:00AM Peck Park. AB1573- non-functional property would need to be planted with native plants.**
3. Call to order and roll call. - **The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. Roll was called. Ten Board members were present. Quorum was reached.**
4. Board member comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. **Sheryl Akerblom -made comments about the Jamie York CIS and vote by the City Council for the Ethics Commission. Ms. Akerblom explained how the vote was done. She sent a letter to the Councilmember and was unhappy with the canned response.**
 - b. **Dean Pentcheff asked if the Board had approved a calendar. The answer was no. They are no longer taking cash at the Cabrillo Aquarium parking wants it sent to Parks Committee**
 - c. **Bob Gelfand asked about the Jamie York issue wants a report from the Council Office.**
 - d. **Doug Epperhart-City Councils rejection of Jamie York for the Ethics Commission. 14 Councilmembers voted to disapprove her without any debate. She was probably the most qualified person for the Ethics Commission chosen in a long time. We were surprised. There are only two Ethics Commission Members so they are unable to meet Two Councilmembers failed to nominate their appointments so the Commission is unable to act. There will be a meeting on Thursday at Point Fermin in the Community Building. They will be requesting an RFP. They did commit the Neighborhood Council to doing an online survey. The Board had a retreat at Alta Sea and got to go on a tour. The Councilmember joined us for the tour and lunch.**

Richard Havenick joined the meeting at 6:46PM

5. Approval of prior meeting minutes. - **Item Postponed**

Dan Braxton joined the meeting at 6:50PM

6. Report from law enforcement and public officials.
 - a. **Officer Lee is reporting for Melody Shortle, who will be on vacation until the end of September. He went over the Crime Stats. Crime Suppression Overtime is being used. Keep doors locked and keep things out of view. TCS has been doing lots of DUI Arrests. Contact DOT for abandoned vehicles 213-485-6909. He spoke about the upcoming events People are running stop signs he has been focusing around the schools, ask for more patrols.**
 - b. **Tim McOsker Council District 15 Office. Amanda Enriquez- Grand Annex Town Hall Saturday 8-26 Cannolis with the Councilmember. She gave updates. Amanda spoke in regards to the Ms. York issue stating that due to residents without power, he was not able to be at tonight's meeting. He did not support Ms. York due to failure of the process and he was not able to meet her. Mr. Gelfand explained exactly what happened during the Jamie York vote.**

The Ethics Commission is unable to meet quorum.

Doug Epperhart is this an F/u to Neighborhood Councils or to the 4 million people of the city.

7. Motion to support the Many Winters Gathering of Elders as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant. Sheryl Akerblom-The event is free.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall allocate a sum not to exceed \$2,500 as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to support the Many Winters Gathering of Elders. **Moved: Akerblom Seconded: Havenick 10-Yes, (Akerblom, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Rudisill, Watson) 1-No, (Gelfand) 1-Abstain (Braxton) 0-Recused, 5-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross) Motion Passed**

8. Motion to support naming Peck Park Recreation Center in honor of Mel Bobich.

Public Comment:

a. Alan Franz spoke about why he supports the motion.

Whereas, Mel Bobich, longtime Coastal San Pedro resident and community activist, was instrumental in the establishment of facilities serving youth in San Pedro, Therefore, be it resolved; the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports naming the Peck Park recreation center in honor of Mel Bobich.

Moved: Akerblom Seconded: Perkins 10 Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Rudisill,) 0-No, 2-Abstain (Havenick, Watson), 0-Recused, 5-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross,) Motion Passed

9. Motion to give conditional support for the project at 1482 Hamilton Avenue.

Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council only supports the project at 1482 Hamilton Ave. if the applicant changes the garage level hobby room, bathroom and bar into non-habitable spaces.

Public Comments

a. James Campeau-This keeps it in check.

b. Charles Daniels- is concerned about the stability of the lot. If it starts moving it could cause damage to his property.

c. Stakeholder- Every time they have done building projects, we have been told lies.

Substitute Motion to give conditional support for the project at 1482 Hamilton Avenue.

Moved: Rudisill /Planning Land Use and Transportation Committee. Seconded Akerblom

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the project at 1482 Hamilton Ave if the City approvals include the following CDP and building permit conditions, for purposes of compliance with the San Pedro Specific Plan, Ordinance No. 166,352, Section 5. B. 1 and with the San Pedro Coastal Land Use Plan Housing Standards (a) and (b), related to the height limit calculation:

- 1) that the applicant changes the plans provided to the City in its application to remove the garage level hobby room, bathroom and bar uses such that the lower level is all non-habitable space; and
- 2) that a City inspector or qualified surveyor independently verify the plans for a) calculation of average existing natural grade, b) calculation showing the building height is no more than 26 feet as measured from the average existing natural grade to the highest point of the roof or parapet wall of the building, whichever is higher, c) calculation showing the ceiling of the lower level is not more than 6 feet above average existing natural grade, and d) compliance with all setback requirements.

Doug Epperhart- there is no View Ordinance in Los Angeles

Moved: Pentcheff Seconded: Perkins No objection to remove the word only from the first sentence 7-Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Ellis, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill) 3-No (Gelfand, Perkins Watson), 2-Abstain (Brumfield, Epperhart), 0-Recused, 5-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross)

10. Motion to give conditional support for the project at 1486 Hamilton Avenue. Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council only supports the project at 1486 Hamilton Ave. if the applicant changes the garage level storage room, gym and bathroom into non-habitable spaces, and support is also conditioned on receiving proof that 1) the height of the house does not exceed 26 feet above the average existing natural grade, 2) the ceiling height of the ground floor does not exceed 6 feet above the average existing natural grade, and 3) all setbacks are in compliance.

Substitute Motion to give conditional support for the project at 1486 Hamilton Avenue.

Motion: Rudisill/ Planning Land Use and Transportation Committee

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- 1) that the applicant changes the plans provided to the City in its application to remove the garage level storage room, gym and bathroom uses such that the lower level is all non-habitable space; and
- 2) that a City inspector or qualified surveyor independently verify the plans for a) calculation of average existing natural grade, b) calculation showing the building height is no more than 26 feet as measured from the average existing natural grade to the highest point of the roof or parapet wall of the building, whichever is higher, c) calculation showing the ceiling of the lower level is not more than 6 feet above average existing natural grade, and d) compliance with all setback requirements.-

Submission of substitute motion Approved without objection

The word only will be removed from the first sentence Moved Pentcheff seconded Perkins -Approved without objection.

Public Comments

a. Stakeholder -disagrees with this project

Moved Land Use and Transportation Committee Seconded N/A 7-Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Ellis, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill) 1-No (Perkins), 4-Abstain (Brumfield, Epperhart Gelfand, Watson), 0-Recused, 5-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross) Motion Passed

11. Motion to oppose the Metro Transportation Communication Network program.

Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

[See attached document from Council File 21-0600-S110 substantiating first "Whereas" clause]

Whereas on January 12, 2022, the City Council entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Metro to move forward with the Metro Transportation Communication Network program without any notice to or input from the public and prior to the commencement of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process, and with a \$1 million penalty clause to cover Metro's CEQA costs if the City decides not to move forward with the program;

Whereas as a result of the MOA, the City handed over its power as CEQA lead agency to Metro and the Metro Board subsequently moved forward and approved the program on January 26, 2023, including approval of an EIR with overriding considerations impacting City resources;

Whereas the Metro Transportation Communication Network program is a digital billboard advertising program for which seven out of every eight images would be for advertising and only one out of every eight images would be dedicated to transportation-related communications;

Whereas digital billboards with changing images are documented in safety studies as distracting to drivers, creating dangerous situations which will undermine the City's "Vision Zero" goals;

Whereas the Metro Transportation Communication Network program will bring blight to the visual environment of 22 Community Plan areas; and

Whereas digital billboards have been shown to capture personal data from passers-by without permission and the extent of data gathering and protections for the public, including data storage security, has not been addressed;

Therefore, be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes adoption of the City ordinances that would result in the approval and implementation of the Metro Transportation Communication Network digital advertising program.

Moved: Land Use Planning and Transportation Seconded: N/A

CIS to Council File 22-0392

Public Comment

a. James Campeau – He supports the motion; this will cause distractions and it is a Public Safety Issue.

12-Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Rudisill, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 0-Recused, 5-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross,) Motion Passed

12. Motion requesting that local park gates be locked at night and opened in the morning.

Coastline and Parks Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the local park gates be locked at night and continue to be open in the morning on a regular basis.

Public Comments

- a. **Alan Franz-supports the motion. There hasn't been people to do it.**
- b. **James Campeau- supports the motion would like it so people that want to work late can.**

Moved Coastline and Parks Seconded: N/A

12- Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Rudisill, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 0-Recused, 5-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross) Motion Passed

13. Motion regarding "paper street" maintenance at Western Ave and Paseo del Mar.

Coastline and Parks Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the One Five Council office to instruct the LA Conservation Corps to properly maintain the "paper street" connecting Western Ave and Paseo del Mar at least once per quarter. [See attached document from Council File 23-0002-S71]

Whereas, Senate Bill 423 was amended on July 10, 2023 to change from maintaining the Coastal Zone exemption to exempt only certain areas of the Coastal Zone, such as those vulnerable to sea level rise or within a 100-foot radius of a wetland, and to not exempt areas subject to a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) or a certified Land Use Plan (LUP);

Whereas, Coastal Act Section 30604(a) requires that prior to certification of an LCP, a coastal development permit shall be issued if the issuing agency, or the commission on appeal, finds that the proposed development is in conformity with Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30200) and that the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare an LCP that is in conformity with Chapter 3;

Whereas applying SB 423 to areas with only a certified LUP, such as is the case with all of the Los Angeles Coastal Zones, would prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare an LCP that conforms with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act as it would allow for projects that do not conform with the Coastal Act;

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly recommends that the City modify its 2023 State Legislative Program position for Senate Bill 423 from "support if amended to maintain the Coastal Zone exemption and provide an unconditional exemption for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones" to "deny unless amended to exempt jurisdictions with only a certified LUP and provide an unconditional exemption for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones."

CIS to Council File 23-0002-S71

Moved: Coastline and Parks Committee Seconded: N/A 11 Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 0-Recused,6-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross, Rudisill,) Motion Passed

14. Motion to oppose Senate Bill 423 unless amended to exempt jurisdictions with only a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP).

Robin Rudisill [See attached document from Council File 23-0002-S71]

Whereas, Senate Bill 423 was amended on July 10, 2023 to change from maintaining the Coastal Zone exemption to exempt only certain areas of the Coastal Zone, such as those vulnerable to sea level rise or within a 100-foot radius of a wetland, and to not exempt areas subject to a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) or a certified Land Use Plan (LUP);

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Whereas applying SB 423 to areas with only a certified LUP, such as is the case with all of the Los Angeles Coastal Zones, would prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare an LCP that conforms with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act as it would allow for projects that do not conform with the Coastal Act;

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly recommends that the City modify its 2023 State Legislative Program position for Senate Bill 423 from “support if amended to maintain the Coastal Zone exemption and provide an unconditional exemption for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones” to “~~deny~~ **oppose** unless amended to exempt jurisdictions with only a certified LUP and provide an unconditional exemption for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.”

CIS to Council File 23-0002-S71

**Motion to amend to add the word oppose in place of the word deny in the second to last line-
Gelfand Approved without objection**

Motion as amended Moved: Rudisill Seconded: Ellis

12 Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Rudisill, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 0-Recused, 5-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross,) Motion Passed

Robin Rudisill left the meeting at 8:25PM

15. Motion to reallocate funds between budget categories.

Sheryl Akerblom [See attached document]

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$6,000 from Neighborhood Purpose Grants to Out-reach/Newsletters Committee

Moved: Akerblom Seconded: Braxton 11 Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 0-Recused, 6-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross, Rudisill) Motion Passed

16. Motion to request public meeting regarding traffic issues on 32nd Street between Gaffey Street and Pacific Avenue.

Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Police Department, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation hold a public meeting to discuss traffic problems and possible remedies for the area along 32nd Street between Gaffey Street and Pacific Avenue. Traffic from the Olguin campus is expected to increase in the fall due to movement of students between campuses, and will further complicate traffic problems. As has been previously communicated, neighbors and parents are concerned about automotive traffic which is increasingly out of control, including many drivers who run stop signs.

Public Comments

- a. **James Campeau supports the motion.**

Moved: Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee Seconded: N/A
11-Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 0-Recused, 6-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross, Rudisill) Motion Passed

17. Treasurer's report.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar) Items 18 and 19

18. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for July 2023.

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

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 18 and 19 Moved Budget and Finance Committee Seconded N/A 11-Yes, (Akerblom, Braxton, Brumfield, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Rudisill, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 0-Recused, 6-Absent, (Cade, Gould, Leach, Roberts, Ross, Rudisill)
Motion Passed

20. Approval of funding requests received from committees. -No Action Needed

21. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives. No Action Needed

22. Announcements.

- a. **Bob Gelfand- Emergency Preparedness Committee-We will be doing drills with the radios that you bought for us.**
- b. **Bob Gelfand – Coastal San Pedro Business Cards are blank on the back so you can write on them.**

23. Public comment on non-agenda items.

- a. Central San Pedro-September 25 will be a sustainability meeting which they would like to do Joint with Coastal.

- b. Doug Epperhart spoke about him and Lydia Grant presenting to the Neighborhoods Committee.
- c. Bob stated that they did a great job.

24. Adjournment. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM**