



**July 20, 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.**

- 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by President James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 10 Board members present. Approximately 50 stakeholders also in attendance.

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call Vote</b>
James Baeza	Present
Gary Bettis	Absent
Slobodan Dimitrov	Present
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Adele Healy	Present
Rick Plumley	Present
Shannon Ross	Present
John Vidovich	Present
Jason Villicano	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present
Christopher Jezina	Appointed at meeting
Mary Salinas	Appointed at meeting
Ben Spolarich	Appointed at meeting
Brian Vassallo	Appointed at meeting

- 2. **Minutes | Presentation of June 15, 2015 minutes for approval.**

- a. Motion by James Baeza to amend June 15, 2015 minutes to remove the first sentence of item 17f which reads "It was determined that a motion was not necessary for the calling of a meeting." The motion to amend was seconded by Doug Epperhart and passed with 7 yes votes (Baeza, Dimitrov, Dominguez, Epperhart, Healy, Ross and Vidovich); 0 no votes, 4 abstentions (Dimon, Gelfand, Plumley & Villicano). (Note: Rachel Waugh arrived after the vote on this motion).
- b. Motion by Doug Epperhart, seconded by Louis Dominguez to approve June 15, 2015 minutes as amended passed with 7 yes votes (Baeza, Dimitrov, Dominguez, Epperhart, Healy, Ross and Vidovich); 0 no votes, 4 abstentions (Dimon, Gelfand, Plumley & Villicano). (Note: Rachel Waugh arrived after the vote on this motion).

- 3. **Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- a. **James Baeza** thanked those individuals who signed up as candidates to fill the four vacant board seats. He also expressed his disappointment in the circumstances that led to the stakeholders not being able to participate in the process of getting the board seats filled.
- b. **Gitane Serrato** would like to see a longer window of time for voting at future elections.
- c. **Officer Palacios** of the LAFD presented information regarding response times on fire engines. He would like to provide a full presentation in the future.

4. **Vacant Board Seat Appointments:** President James Dimon read the names of the 15 candidates who had submitted applications to fill the four vacant board seats. They were: Cathy Beauregard, Angela Calderin, Jo Ann Correa, Gayle Fleury, Chris Harris, Bruce Horton, Christian Jezina, Lolita Lewis, Matt Match, Jesse Mendez, Frank Nolan, Mary Salinas, Ben Spolarich, Brian Vassallo and K.C. Villoria. Dimon announced that per the CSPNC Standing Rules, candidates must be present at the meeting in order to be appointed. Of the 15 applicants, 7 candidates were present and their names were placed on a ballot and distributed to the board members. Those names on the ballot were Cathy Beauregard, Bruce Horton, Christian Jezina, Jesse Mendez, Mary Salinas, Ben Spolarich and Brian Vassallo. The candidates each gave a short candidate statement. The results of the voting were announced and the four new appointed board members: Christian Jezina, Mary Salinas, Ben Spolarich and Brian Vassallo. The new board members were then seated.
  
5. **LAPD Report:** Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight gave her report:
  - a. Harbor Division in general is up in crime.
  - b. A recent shooting in the Coastal area was gang related. Gang investigators continue to work on the case. Officer Wight spoke briefly on some of the gangs in the area.
  - c. Three "Music by the Sea" events were very successful with no incidents. Legends Car Show is August 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Shannon Ross thanked Officer Wight for holding the "Coffee with a Cop" event at the Corner Store. There will be a second event planned for July 25<sup>th</sup> at Zina's Pizza (next to the Alma Market) at noon. Future events will be planned at various locations.
  - e. A police sweep at Sunken City resulted in 114 citations, 22 of them juveniles. The neighborhood prosecutor will be processing those cases.
  - f. A stakeholder asked about the problem with coyotes in the area and James Dimon responded that a plan is being formulated by the Animal Control Department to deal with the issue.
  - g. The issue of racing on Paseo del Mar was also mentioned.
  
6. **Election of 2015-2016 Officer:**
  - a. **President:** James Dimon was nominated by Doug Epperhart for position of President and approved unanimously by the board.
  - b. **Vice President:** Gary Bettis and James Baeza were nominated. James Baeza was approved unanimously by the board.
  - c. **Secretary:** James Baeza was nominated by Shannon Ross for the position of President and approved unanimously by the board.
  - d. **Treasurer:** Mary Salinas was nominated for the position of Treasurer and approved unanimously by the board.
  
7. **President's comments.** James Dimon spoke briefly on his vision for the 2015-2016 year and reminded the board that the only way to make a change is by all working together.
  
8. **Appointment of 2015-2016 Signatories:** Mary Salinas signer and James Baeza, second signer, were appointed unanimously by the board.
  
9. **Appointments of Committee Chairs and Members:** The following Committee Chairs and Members were appointed:
  - a. **Cultural affairs.** Chair: Gitane Serrato; Members: Bruce Horton, Bob Gelfand.
  - b. **Rec and Parks.** Chair: Jim Baeza; Members: Adele Healy, Shannon Ross, June Smith, Mary Salina, Linda Hallet and Julia Chacon.

- c. **Planning and Transportation.** Chair: Cathy Hetzer; Members: Adele Healy, Clay Marshall, Brian Vassallo.
- d. **Communications.** Chair: Shannon Ross; Members: James Baeza, Doug Epperhart, Amy Epperhart, Rick Plumley, Bob Gelfand, Kathy Beauregard, Brian Vassallo, Jesse Mendez and Rachel Waugh.
- e. **Coastal Risk and Beautification.** Chair: Adele Healy; Members: June Smith, Jason Villicano, Dawn Schock, Julia Cachon, Jennifer McMullen, Dave Custance, James Baeza, Rick Plumley, Louis Dominguez.
- f. **Education.** Chair: Matt Match; Members: Lyida Gutierrez, Jason Villicano.
- g. **Public Safety.** Chair: Jason Villicano; Members: Adele Healy, Ben Spolarich, Julia Cachon, John Vidovich, Brian Vassallo, and Jesse Mendez.
- h. **Budget and Finance.** Chair: Mary Salinas; Members: Bob Gelfand, Doug Epperhart, James Baeza, Louis Dominguez.
- i. **Port and Environment.** Chair: Louis Dominguez; Members: June Smith, Kathy Beauregard, Dawn Schock, Bruce Horton, Rick Plumley.
- j. **Rules and Bylaws.** Chair: Dean Pentcheff; Members: Doug Epperhart, James Baeza, Bob Gelfand, Jason Villicano.

**10. Budget and Finance:**

- a. Outgoing Treasurer Ted Shirley gave a final report for the 2014-2015 year.
- b. An overview was given on all June-July monthly expenditures. The Apple One expense will be further investigated.
- c. The board will vote on the new budget at the August 17, 2015 meeting.

**WRITTEN REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:**

**11. Port of LA.** Augie Bezmalinovich reported:

- a. Provided the upcoming Board of Harbor Commissioners (BOHC) meeting schedule.
- b. Ports O'Call Development: In February 2015 the BOHC approved a letter of intent to continue the negotiations with the LA Waterfront Alliance which ran through July 9<sup>th</sup>. During this period an agreement was reached on a non-binding term sheet. At last Monday's board meeting the BOHC voted to extent the Letter of Intent to the end of the year and hopefully during this time a development concept will be finalized, along with a 50-year option for a ground lease.
- c. RFP for the Boy Scout Camp: Nothing new to report.
- d. Draft Zero Emission White Paper. POLA has issued a draft white paper on zero emission technology. Further information is available on the Port's website.
- e. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cars and Stripes Event: About 25,000 people attended. The event went really well.
- f. Other events were announced including an update on Navy Days.

**12. CD15 – No Report**

**13. Recreation and Parks:** Carl Stevens, Senior Director of the Cabrillo Beach Bath House and also Alma Park, reported:

- a. Alma Park has a vacancy on the Park Advisory Board.
- b. Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse: Currently providing a Summer Camp for Youth, as well as a "Parent and Me Class" on Wednesdays and Fridays. They are also getting ready for the fall which consists of the After School Club.
- c. Permits: The Bath House and Beach are also open for permits to reserve the beach for a party. They have a ballroom upstairs with an ocean view which is rented out for weddings and events.

- d. Special Olympics: All the summer day camps from Rec and Parks are sending the camp kids to the Cheer the Athletes Program on July 29 at the Galen Center. Stevens also gave an update on the Olympic Torch Run.
- e. Baeza asked questions about Alma Park. Restrictions due to the drought allow only 30 minutes of irrigation per week. Other questions were referred to Juan Benitez, Park Maintenance.

**14. Board member comments to board and stakeholders for non-agendized items:**

- a. **Louis Dominguez** talked about the Special Olympics and the Croatian team which is staying at the Marymount housing area off PV Drive North. They are expecting 160 athletes to stay in San Pedro until Friday.
- b. **Shannon Ross** mentioned that the CSPNC newsletter went out recently. Extra copies were available at the meeting. There was a lot of positive feedback on the newsletter.

**15. Presentations:** No presentations this month.

**16. President's Report:**

- a. James Dimon thanked everyone for entrusting him to another year as President of the CSPNC. He looks forward to a year of board members working together for the community.
- b. Board retreat. **Motion by Baezer, seconded by Adele Healy that the CSPNC President move forward with organizing the board retreat. Motion passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Plumley, Ross, Vidovich, Villicano & Waugh), 0 no, 0 abstentions, 4 new board members ineligible (Jezina, Salinas, Spolarich, Vassallo).**

**17. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Stakeholder/Non-committee Motions: From Agenda Meeting**

Motions 1-2 brought by Ted Shirley for Pam Gaume, Alma-Leland Neighborhood Watch

- 1) *CSPNC approves the use of its printer and paper for production of 50 posters for the Alma Park BBQ hosted by three local neighborhood watch groups (Alma.Leland, Alma Park, and 23rd/Patton-Walker). Motion by Doug Epperhart, seconded Bob Gelfand and approved with 12 yes (Baeza, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Plumley, Ross, Vidovich, Villicano & Waugh), 0 no, 0 abstentions, 4 new board members ineligible (Jezina, Salinas, Spolarich, Vassallo).*
- 2) *CSPNC supports request of Alma-Leland Neighborhood Watch to the Harbor Police Boosters for \$150 for printing and event expenses at the Alma Park BBQ (hosted by Alma.Leland, Alma Park, and 23rd/Patton-Walker Neighborhood Watch groups). Letter to be undersigned by the CSPNC Treasurer and Second Signatory and sent to the Harbor Police Boosters. (This motion is asking to write a letter to the police boosters asking that they use the funds we gave them to support this). Motion by Louis Dominguez, seconded Jim Baeza and approved with 12 yes (Baeza, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Plumley, Ross, Vidovich, Villicano & Waugh), 0 no, 0 abstentions, 4 new board members ineligible (Jezina, Salinas, Spolarich, Vassallo). NOTE - Neither of these motions has a direct financial impact on CSPNC's 2015-2016 budget.*
- 3) **Proposed Standing Rule 6:** *The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that content posted on the website of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council complies with the Council's editorial policy.*

- 4) **Proposed Standing Rule 10:** *In the interim between July 1 and the first regular meeting of the Council, the officers of the previous term shall continue in their duties. In the event that the presidency is vacated on July 1, the vice president shall serve as president. If the vice presidency is also vacated, the board member with the longest consecutive length of service shall assume the duties of president. If two members or more have served for an equal length of time, the senior member in age shall assume the duties of president.*
- 5) **Proposed Standing Rule 11:** *At the opening session of the Council, the longest serving member shall preside until a president of the Council has been elected under that member's supervision. If two members or more have served for an equal length of time, the senior member in age shall have seniority.*
- 6) **Proposed Standing Rule 12:** *Standing rules shall have effect from the date of their adoption at the first regular meeting of the board's term until the first regular meeting of the next term or until the board shall adopt standing rules for the new term.*
- 7) **Proposed Standing Rule 13:** *On the motion of a board member, the provisions of these standing rules may be suspended if supported by two thirds of the voting members.*

Motions 3-7 Above (Amendments to Standing Rules) were brought by Board Member Doug Epperhart: **Motion by Jim Baeza to table and send the proposed amendments to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. Motion seconded by Shannon Ross and passed with 7 yes votes (Baeza, Dimitrov, Dimon, Healy, Ross, Vidovich, Waugh), 5 no votes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Plumley, Villicano), 0 abstentions, 4 new board members ineligible (Jezina, Salinas, Spolarich, Vassallo).**

**Motion by Doug Epperhart to adopt the current standing rules for the 2015-2016 year. Motion seconded by Louis Dominguez and passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Plumley, Ross, Vidovich, Villicano & Waugh), 0 no, 0 abstentions, 4 new board members ineligible (Jezina, Salinas, Spolarich, Vassallo).**

**b). Committee Motions:** None.

**18. Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

- a. **Gitane Serrato** commented on a resource on Facebook "Lost and Founds Pets of San Pedro and Rancho PV page". Serrato also asked everyone to support Animal Services.
- b. **Bill Orton:** Candidate for Congress running an independent candidacy and spoke briefly on his platform. More information can be found on his website: [www.treatitlikealcohol.com](http://www.treatitlikealcohol.com).
- c. **Unidentified Stakeholder** asked for support to save the red car. Would like to see a joint letter from the NC's.
- d. **James Washington** also spoke in support of the red car.
- e. **Julia Mathews Manor** commented on the plans to beautify Pt. Fermin.
- f. **Bruce Horton:** Commented that he still is not receiving CSPNC mailers.
- g. **Neighborhood Watch Captain** (name not clear): Announced National Night out. Mesa Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**19. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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