



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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March 21, 2016 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Vice President James Baeza. See list below for board member attendance. 9 Board members present. Approximately 25 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call
James Baeza	Present
Robert Campbell	Present
James Dimon	Excused
Slobodan Dimitrov	Absent
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Adele Healy	Present
Christian Jezina	Absent
George Palaziol	Present
Rick Plumley	Absent
Shannon Ross	Excused
Mary Salinas	Present
Ben Spolarich	Absent
Brian Vassallo	Present
Jason Villicano	Absent
Rachel Sindelar Waugh	Absent

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. John Stinson announced that San Pedro Art Association is sponsoring Congresswoman Hahn's Congressional Art Competition at Crafted.
- b. Millicent Borgarding announced the 9th annual Harbor L.I.T.E.S. spring fashion show fundraiser on Sunday, April 17, 2016 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, at Michaels Tuscany Room. The funds go to purchase goods and services for LAPD Harbor Division for things the city does not provide.
- c. Joleen Deatherage, Director of Marketing and Development at the Los Angeles Maritime Institute commented that they run the Tall Ships and a year round youth program called TopSail.
- d. Dean Pentcheff commented that he is happy that there are no speaker cards. It is a good thing, so that people can comment anonymously.
- e. Dave Behar requested that food at these meetings be provided by restaurants within the Coastal district.
- f. Oscar Garcia, Director of Development at Angels Gate Cultural Center announced the reception for the Open Studios Day event on Sunday, May 1, 2016, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- g. Richard Adavant thanked the council for their work with Recreation and Parks for the safety at our Coastal parks, and sunken city. Also for the work of the public safety committee for aiding LAPD in getting the booking/jail van. Thank you to LAPD SLO Eve Wight for the cameras at the park at Meyler.

- h. Jay Handal, Director of Neighborhood Council Elections for the City Clerk's office, commented that he and his staff are available to help with the upcoming elections in any way they can. They can provide materials, signage, voting booths, whatever it may be. His email is jay@empowerla.org and his cell number is 310-466-0645.
 - i. Doug Epperhart commented that Judy Cairns, who was not able to be at the meeting, provided written material regarding Animal Services proposed \$800,000 to study the feral cat situation in Los Angeles.
- 3. MINUTES:** Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to approve the February 16, 2016, Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes as presented, second by **Doug Epperhart**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Dominguez).
- 4. BUDGET & FINANCE:** Treasurer Mary Salinas
- a. Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approve the January financial report and monthly expenditures as presented by Treasurer Mary Salinas, second by **Bob Gelfand**. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).
 - b. Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approve the February financial report and monthly expenditures as presented by Treasurer Mary Salinas, second by **Bob Gelfand**. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).
- 5. LAPD REPORT:** Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight. Her report included the following:
- a. The Coastal area is one of the few places in the harbor area that is seeing a decrease in crime. Officer Wight thinks it is due in part to good neighborhood watches. Of the seven burglaries, four were from unsecured residences.
 - b. Joan Milke Flores Park has been a growing problem for a number of months. After dark there has been gang activity, drugs and drinking. She is working with Recreation and Parks to get the park hours reduced, the parking lot is now closed from dusk to dawn. However, it is not enforceable until a new T gate is in place to allow pedestrian access.
 - c. They recently installed traffic control channelization devices on Alma from high school driveway to 37th Street. There has been a lot of speeding and people losing control of their vehicles. There has already been damage and the Department of Transportation will get them repaired as soon as possible.
 - d. There is a new captain coming in, Captain Meek is transferred out. The new Captain started today.
 - e. The jail van is a huge asset, particularly for morale.
 - f. Some concerns of Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
 - i. Board member Mary Salinas thanked Officer Wight for clearing up an issue at Joan Milke Flores Park. She asked if Recreation and Parks make LAPD aware of large permitted events, to which Officer Wight replied that she has a good working relationship with the person in charge of permitted events and the park so she is made aware of many events. It is often the non-permitted ones that create problems.
 - ii. Robert Campbell asked what is the best way to notify LAPD about issues in the parks? Officer Wight responded that LAPD is not in charge of permitting and the patrol officers use their judgement as to whether it is feasible for them to intervene in a situation. Also, Recreation and Parks posts permits near events that have permits.
 - iii. An unidentified stakeholder commented about a car accident last week involving her granddaughter.
 - iv. Another stakeholder asked about a website for crime statistics and was referred to crimemapping.com.
 - v. There was also a question about the T gate at Joan Milke Flores Park and specifically if there is a time table for installation of the gate? Officer Wight commented that she got approval for the T gate from Carl Copper at Recreation and Parks and he has submitted the request. Now they need to secure the funding and then schedule the work.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

6. **Councilman Buscaino CD15:** Ryan Ferguson, San Pedro Field Deputy, was not able to attend the meeting. To view the written report please go to [cspnc.org](http://www.cspnc.org) or use the following link: <http://www.cspnc.org/council-district-15-reports>.
- a. Dean Pentcheff commented that in late 2015 there was a city chartered engineering study having to do with costing out options for Paseo Del Mar road reconstruction. That report we were told would be complete probably in January. Does anyone know what happened? Board member Adele Healy responded that the design firm presented alternatives to Los Angeles Building and Safety Geo Technical Division who authorized the study. They reviewed the report and sent back three options to the design firm. By doing so they indicated that they believe that the land is stable enough for a road. She calls every couple of weeks for an update. When a design is finalized it will be presented to the public.
7. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich
- a. The Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings on Thursday, April 7th and 21st have been cancelled. The next meeting is Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 8:30 am at the Port Administration building.
 - b. The LA Waterfront Alliance presented its plan on March 2nd at the Warner Grand. The plan can be viewed on the Port web site.
 - c. The Port is offering Community Investment Grants for local nonprofits for a total of one million dollars. Application workshops are March 30, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Port Administration building and Wednesday, March 31, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Bannings Landing Community Center. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 9, 2016, by 5:00 pm.
 - d. The Port released their environmental management vision document.
 - e. There is sand replenishment going on at Cabrillo Beach. It is in part to ensure that the bath house not be damaged by high surf due to El Nino weather conditions. The port proposes to give Recreation and Parks large blocks to install between the bath house and the water.
 - f. The construction on the John S. Gibson connector ramp is almost finished. The sound wall and such should be complete by mid-April. The project was delayed due to rain.
 - g. The contractor working on Eel grass replenishment is working around the clock. They want to be finished by April 15, 2016 due to concerns with migrating birds.
 - h. The Cars and Stripes event is Friday, July 1, 2016 at the Fan Fair Fountain.
 - i. Fleet Week begins on September 1, 2016, Labor Day Weekend.
 - j. A stakeholder asked about Red Car service. Mr. Bezmalinovich stated that the Red Car has been suspended due to the upcoming Sampson Way realignment. The port is looking at having rubber tire trolleys this summer.
8. **Congresswoman Hahn's office:** German Castilla, Field Representative
- a. In February Congresswoman Hahn reintroduced legislation intended to prevent oil pipeline spills.
 - b. This month she released a statement in response to the AQMD's decision to weaken pollution controls.
 - c. Last week she voted no on the resolution that would authorize the Speaker of the House to file an anti-immigrant amicus brief with the Supreme Court on behalf of the House of Representatives.
 - d. On Friday, May 6, 2016, the annual senior briefing event will be held at the Carson Community Center, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
 - e. On, Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, the annual Congressional Art Competition reception will be held at Crafted.
 - f. Board member James Baeza asked if the Congresswoman has been working on any legislation related to the homeless issue on a nationwide basis. There is currently no legislation on the floor. In the past she did work on legislation that helped secure funding for the Blue Butterfly housing for homeless female veterans. She also worked on the 84.2 million dollars awarded to LAHSA for homeless housing.

9. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:

- a. Selection Committee update - Kristina Smith and Dave Behar
 - i. The selection is on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at Point Fermin Park, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 - ii. Selection Committee Chair Leslie Jones wanted to have a public safety component in conjunction with the selection, so there will be some public safety content at the event.
 - iii. They have confirmed a couple of musical acts including Mike Watt.
 - iv. T-shirts will be given to people who vote.
 - v. There will be a pizza contest with free samples, a table with representatives from neighborhood watch groups and five sessions from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for candidates to present themselves. Voting ends at 3:00 pm.
 - vi. A stakeholder asked what is the northern border of the Coastal district. Board member Doug Epperhart responded that it runs along the middle of Western, from 9th Street to 18th Street, up to the boundary of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.
- b. Doug Epperhart reported for the outreach/communications committees stating that they need to get started on the next newsletter which will promote the selection. The deadline is April 8, 2016.
- c. Dean Pentcheff commented that he checked with legal counsel for DONE on the motion that was pasted last month about holding committee meetings outside of the Coastal district. Despite numerous communications he has yet to receive an answer from counsel.
- d. Dave Behar commented that the CSPNC newsletter should not be article heavy and instead be a call to action for voters for the selection and be consistent with the candidate flyer.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- a. Bob Gelfand commented that there is a new citywide organization called the Emergency Preparedness Alliance. They are having a meeting on Saturday March 26, 2016.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. James Baeza thanked stakeholders and board members for being actively involved and trying to better this community.

ACTION ITEMS:

12. Motions from Budget & Finance Committee

- a. **Motion to approve new budget:** *Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council received an additional \$5,000 in funding. Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves the version 4.3 budget with additional \$5,000 allocated to election and Neighborhood Purpose Grants. Additionally \$2,500 will be moved from the event expense account to the Neighborhood Purpose Grant account.*
Motion from committee passed with 8 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Baeza).
- b. **Motion to approve the NPGs:** *Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves the following Neighborhood Purpose Grants: (Refer to details of each item on attachment)*
 - i. *Friends of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium - \$1,336 - Motion from committee passed with 6 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Baeza) and 2 recused (Epperhart and Gelfand).*
 - ii. *Angeles Gate Cultural Center - \$1,336 - Motion from committee passed with 6 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Baeza) and 2 recused (Epperhart and Gelfand).*
 - iii. *Friends of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum - \$785 - Motion from committee passed with 6 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Baeza) and 2 recused (Epperhart and Gelfand).*

- iv. *Harbor Interfaith* –\$1,336 - Motion from committee passed with 6 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Baeza) and 2 recused (Epperhart and Gelfand).
- v. *Cabrillo Beach Boosters* –\$1,336 - Motion from committee passed with 6 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Baeza) and 2 recused (Epperhart and Gelfand).
- vi. *South Shore Magnet School* –\$1,336 - Motion from committee passed with 6 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Baeza) and 2 recused (Epperhart and Gelfand).
- vii. *San Pedro Art Association* – \$785 - Motion from committee passed with 4 yes (Dominguez, Healy, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, 3 abstention(s) (Baeza, Campbell, and Palaziol) and 2 recused (Epperhart and Gelfand).

13. Motions from Agenda Setting Meeting

- a. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council refers to the Rules & Bylaws Committee the discussion of a youth board seat with recommendations to be presented at the April Board and Stakeholders Meeting. Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the Rules & Bylaws Committee discussion of a youth board seat with recommendations to be presented at the April Board and Stakeholders Meeting, second by **George Palaziol**. Motion passed with 7 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 1 no (Healy), 1 abstention(s) (Baeza).
- b. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council asks the Rules and Bylaws Committee to review all standing committees with recommendations to be presented at the April Board and Stakeholder meeting. Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to approve the Rules and Bylaws Committee to review all standing committees with recommendations to be presented at the April Board and Stakeholder meeting, second by **Mary Salinas**. Motion passed with 7 yes (Campbell, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 1 no (Dominguez), 1 abstention(s) (Baeza).
- c. Motion to consolidate the Recreation & Parks Committee and the Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has both a Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee and a Recreation and Parks Committee. Over the past year it has been noted by both committee chairs that these two committees have similar and overlapping interests. It has also been suggested by both chairs that these two committees should be merged into one.

Therefore, be it Resolved, the CSPNC standing committees, Coastal Risk and Beautification and Recreation and Parks be disbanded and a new standing committee, Recreation, Parks and Coastline Committee be formed in its place. The current members of the disbanded committees shall serve their remaining terms on this newly formed committee.

Furthermore, the chair of the disbanded Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee shall serve as chair of the newly formed Recreation, Parks and Coastland committee for the remainder of the current 2015-16 term.

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to amend the motion to reflect the correction as noted above Recreation, Parks and Coastline Committee, second by **George Palaziol**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Baeza,).

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approve the motion to consolidate the Recreation & Parks Committee and the Coastal Risk and Beautification Committee into the Recreation, Parks and Coastline Committee, second by **George Palaziol**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Baeza).

- d. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council refers to committee the discussion of Los Angeles City departments' willingness and cost of running the Cabrillo Port of LA property currently occupied by the Boy Scouts. **Motion by Bob Gelfand to approve a motion referring to committee the discussion of Los Angeles City departments' willingness and cost of running the Cabrillo Port of LA property currently occupied by the Boy Scouts, second by Doug Epperhart.** Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).
- e. **Motion by Bob Gelfand to appoint Bob Gelfand to the newly formed Recreation, Parks and Coastline Committee and the Port Committee, second by Doug Epperhart.** Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 1 abstention(s) (Healy).

14. Stakeholder Motions, Dean Pentcheff

- a. Support for Council File 14-0518, to incorporate wildlife connectivity into land use planning in the Santa Monica Mountains. **Motion by Doug Epperhart to approve support for Council File 14-0518, to incorporate wildlife connectivity into land use planning in the Santa Monica Mountains, second by Bob Gelfand.** Motion passed with 7 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Baeza and Campbell).
- b. Support for Council File 13-1580, re-examining the use of rodenticides by City Departments. **Motion by Doug Epperhart to approve support for Council File 13-1580, re-examining the use of rodenticides by City Departments, second by Bob Gelfand.** Motion passed with 7 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 2 abstention(s) (Baeza and Campbell).
- c. Support for City Council File 15-0499, to protect biodiversity in the City of Los Angeles. **Motion by Doug Epperhart to approve support for Council File 15-0499, to protect biodiversity in the City of Los Angeles, second by Bob Gelfand.** Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Motion by Doug Epperhart to postpone a motion to approve creation of ad hoc homelessness committee and appoint Shannon Ross as chairperson, second by Bob Gelfand.** Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Palaziol, Salinas, and Vassallo), 0 no, and 0 abstention(s).

16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting is April 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council