



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## September 21, 2020 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Isiah Cade	Absent
Louis Dominguez	Present
Greg Ellis	Absent
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present
Andrea Herman	Present at 6:40 p.m.
Daniel Kohn	Present
John Kopczynski	Absent
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Absent
Robin Rudisill	Present left at 7:50 p.m.
Jose Abraham Vargas	Absent

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None
3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 11/12/11 Board members present and approximately 10 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
  - a. Doug Epperhart commented that the following board members are designated Community Impact Statement (CIS) filers; Isiah Cade, Noel Gould, Kathleen Martin, Dean Pentcheff, and Robin Rudisill, so if you have CIS's to file please contact one of them.
  - b. Dean Pentcheff commented that the city council approved the final EIR regarding the permanent Paseo Del Mar bridge as road replacement, though there is no funding for the project.
  - c. Bob Gelfand announced the annual Congress of Neighborhoods this Saturday.
5. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – Approved as presented without objection.
6. **REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – No one present
7. **MOTION REQUESTING RECYCLING CANS IN SAN PEDRO PARKS** – *Coastline and Parks Committee*  
The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks add recycling cans to Coastal San Pedro parks.  
*Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.*
8. **MOTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROJECT AT 3029 PACIFIC AVENUE** – *Land Use, Planning and Transportation Committee*

Whereas the affordable housing needs of our community's low- to moderate-income Workforce who are increasingly caught in the gap between skyrocketing rents and ineligibility for other assistance must be addressed,

Therefore resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board supports the City Council Motion to instruct the Planning Department to prepare revised Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Guidelines to increase the 55-year covenanted affordable housing percentage requirements in high and mid market areas, similar to the higher affordability levels contained in the Linkage Fee Ordinance.

Council File 20-0189

**Motion from committee passed with 9 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 3 abstentions (Hernandez, Martin, and Muthuswamy).**

## **9. MOTION RECOMMENDING MITIGATION OF FIRE HAZARDS IN COASTAL SAN PEDRO PARKS – Land Use, Planning and Transportation Committee**

Whereas future fire seasons are likely to be more prolonged and intense due to climate change, and we are currently experiencing an especially high-risk fire season;

Whereas there was a recent significant fire in Angel's Gate Park that was very near homes, the Korean Friendship Bell monument, the Marine Exchange facility, and the Upper Fort MacArthur national historic site;

Whereas there is currently significant brush "fuel" in open areas in Coastal San Pedro parklands;

Whereas many of these areas are not easily accessible to emergency responders in the case of a fire or other time-critical emergency, making preventive measures and pro-active preparation especially important;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Recreation and Parks to work with Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to assess and remediate potential fire hazards in Coastal San Pedro parks.

Be It Further Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges LAFD to direct the Department of Recreation and Parks to perform ~~the necessary~~ **REGULARLY SCHEDULED(amendment #1) NECESSARY(amendment #2)** fire risk abatement measures for these open park areas **AND REPORT BACK TO CSPNC WITH THE SCHEDULE OF ABATEMENT MEASURES** where gates should remain unlocked during hours when the public is able to access the parks.

And Be It Further Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the two departments submit a joint written summary of their risk assessment and mitigation plan to the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and the office of the City of Los Angeles 15th City Council District by December 1, 2020.

**Motion by Richard Havenick to amend the motion to strike the necessary and insert REGULARLY SCHEDULED as noted above, second by Louis Dominguez, and passed without objection.**

**Motion by Robin Rudisill to amend the motion to insert NECESSARY as noted above, second by Bob Gelfand, and passed without objection.**

**Motion by Noel Gould to amend the motion to insert AND REPORT BACK TO CSPNC WITH THE SCHEDULE OF ABATEMENT MEASURES as noted above, second by Richard Havenick, and passed without objection.**

**Motion from committee as amended passed with 12 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.**

## **10. MOTION TO ADDRESS STREET RACING AND LOUD MOTORCYCLES – Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee (Original motion from Coastline and Parks Committee, referred by Board)**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) regards vehicle street racing ~~and~~, illegally loud motorcycles, **AND ILLEGALLY LOUD AUTOMOBILES** to be a major detriment to the quality of life and safety of residents. ~~In addition, the Port allows the Porsche Owners Club to have car rallies which are loud and contribute to the problem.~~

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls upon the Port **AND THE CITY TO DISCONTINUE THE ALLOWANCE FOR CAR AND MOTORCYCLE RALLIES** to eliminate the disturbances and noise through limitations in its permitting process for vehicular activities.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles Police Department and the Port to enforce anti-noise regulations to resolve these problems.

**Motion by Dean Pentcheff to strike** ~~In addition, the Port allows the Porsche Owners Club to have car rallies which are loud and contribute to the problem.~~ **as noted above, second by Richard Havenick, and passed without objection.**

**Motion by Noel Gould to send to the Coastline and Parks Committee, second by Kathleen Martin, and failed 4 yes (Gould, Hernandez, Martin, and Muthuswamy), 7 noes (Dominguez, Gelfand, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Epperhart).**

**Motion by Bob Gelfand to end discussion in 5, second by Noel Gould, and passed without objection.**

**Motion** by **Bob Gelfand** to amend the motion to strike the word **and** insert **AND ILLEGALLY LOUD AUTOMOBILES** in the first paragraph and **AND THE CITY TO DISCONTINUE THE ALLOWANCE FOR CAR AND MOTORCYCLE RALLIES** in the second paragraph, as noted above, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed without objection.

**Motion** from committee as amended passed with 8 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, and Pentcheff), 1 no (Hernandez), and 3 abstentions (Martin, Muthuswamy, and Rudisill).

#### **11. MOTION SUPPORTING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY EVICTION DEFENSE PROGRAM – *Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee***

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports passage by City Council of the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction Defense Program (Council File 20-1084, Martinez and O’Farrell).

**Motion** from committee passed with 12 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

#### **12. MOTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WHITE POINT PATROL’S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS WITH INTERTIDAL FOOD HARVESTING – *Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee***

*Whereas* the intertidal zones along the coast of San Pedro have experienced a rapid increase in visitors who are removing large quantities of coastal sea life and damaging the intertidal habitat,

*Whereas* the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Wardens’ increased patrols and issuance of citations in the area have not hampered the taking of protected sea life or the taking of amounts beyond legal limits,

*Resolved, that* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) supports the efforts of the White Point Patrol to gather data on human behavior during low tide, to provide culturally sensitive education to visitors at White Point Beach and other locally affected intertidal zones, and to extend community outreach and education initiatives with communities throughout Southern California.

*Be it further resolved,* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall allocate a sum not to exceed \$1,000 to M’ever LaYam (“Across the Ocean”, EIN 82-3583020) **PENDING SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT**, to support volunteer activities and the distribution of educational signage and/or educational materials to help control intertidal harvesting and minimize habitat destruction.

**Motion** by **Noel Gould** to amend the motion to insert **PENDING SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT**, as noted above, second by **Richard Havenick**, and passed without objection.

**Motion** from committee as amended passed with 10 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of room (Muthuswamy), and 1 left meeting (Rudisill).

#### **13. MOTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF THE HARBOR ALLIANCE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS –**

*Resolved,* the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorses the proposed organization of the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils as an unincorporated association with bylaws and a more formal financial structure based on annual dues paid by members.

**Motion** by **Dean Pentcheff** to endorse the proposed organization of the Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, second by **Richard Havenick**, and passed 11 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Rudisill).

#### **14. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – No new information
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – Not present
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand
  - i. The next meeting to be announced.
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
  - i. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
  - i. The next meeting to be announced.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
  - i. The next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin – No new information

- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – No new information
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill – No new information
  - i. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-planning-trans>.

15. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Gave a brief overview of current funding levels.

***Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)***

16. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020.**

17. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENSES, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S PAYMENT OF ALL RECURRING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXPENSES INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) LLOYD STAFFING, THE MAILROOM, ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER MEETING EXPENSES, VENDOR(S) FOR MEETING REFRESHMENTS, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES**

18. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH KRISTINA SMITH FOR WEBSITE SERVICES**

19. **APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES** – None

Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Richard Havenick**, and passed 11 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Rudisill).

20. **APPROVAL OF EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER**

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to approve of existing Neighborhood Council Memorandum Of Understanding with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, second by **Dean Pentcheff**, and passed 11 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, and Pentcheff), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Rudisill).

21. **APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS O’CONNELL AND ANNALISA LITTLE TO THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.** Approved without objection.

22. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

23. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None

24. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is Monday, October 19, 2020.

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