



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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February 18, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes San Pedro Elks Lodge, 1748 Cumbre Dr, San Pedro, 6:30pm

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 40 stakeholders present. (14 Board Members)

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Dave Behar	Present
Gary Bettis	Excused
Cari Lynn Burich	Present
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Lydia Gutierrez	Present
Charles Hawley	Present
Dan Malstrom	Present
Matt Matich	Present
Chris Nagle	Present
Ana Rosa Ortiz	Excused
Frank Pereyda	Present
Ted Shirley	Present
June Burlingame Smith	Excused
John Vidovich	Present
Peter Warren	Present

- 2. Reading and approval of minutes:** *The January 21, 2014 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board as presented.*
- 3. Public Comment on non-agenda items:**
 - Al Satler**, Chairman for the local Sierra Club commented on three issues: 1) propane butane tanks; 2) concerns with increased emissions due to increased crude oil rail cars coming into Wilmington; and 3) a proposed moratorium on fracking within the city limits
 - Lydia Gutierrez** acknowledged James Dimon for his participation in the Public Safety Summit.
 - Dan Malstrom** commented on the success of the Public Safety Summit and recognized the efforts of Dave Behar and Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight.
 - Robert Brandin:** Commented on the dangers of radio control gliders being flown in the Point Fermin area.
 - Peggy Lundquist** commented on the potentially dangerous situation created by the re-routing of the bike lanes up Emily Street to 37th and Alma. She also commented on problems with the

wear and tear on the roadway due to buses running along 37th Street and the dip in the road at 37th and Alma Street. She suggested a possible new route.

- f. **Dave Behar** thanked James Dimon and the San Pedro Elks Lodge for allowing the use of their facilities for the Public Safety Summit.

4. **Reports by Government Agency representatives:**

- a. CD15: Ryan Ferguson provided highlights from his written report:
 - i. In Nov. 2013 the CD15 office acquired the property for the proposed exit park.
 - ii. The number of parking spaces at the Field of Dreams has been doubled.
 - iii. The basketball courts at Harbor Highlands Park have been renovated.
 - iv. The traffic signal at 10th & Gaffey is currently in the works (but may not be necessary due to the new signal at 11th & Gaffey). Chuck Hawley commented on the signal motion that was previously passed by Coastal regarding the placement of the traffic signals.
 - v. The San Pedro bridge and median improvements will begin in about 45 days. LANI has been chosen to draw up conceptual beautification plans for Gaffey Street from the 110 freeway to 13th Street. The Steering Committee will then select a firm to work on the project.
 - vi. The LA City Planning Commission approved up to 675 units for Ponte Vista.
 - vii. Legislative Updates were provided on the following issues: The Advanced \$10 million Sidewalk Repair Plan; Permit fees associated with sidewalk repair will be eliminated for property owners; motion introduced asking various agencies to develop a program for distributing smoke alarms and carbon-monoxide detectors to the public; and a motion was approved to consider policies and guidelines related to temporary street memorials placed in the public right-of-way.
 - viii. Dan Malstrom is concerned that city departments are not informing the neighborhood council about traffic related issues that affect Coastal such as the bike lane (share roads) changes. This issue was referred to the Transportation Committee.
 - ix. Richard Havenick asked about the turnabout. He also mentioned that a monthly update from the city regarding the landslide is needed.
- b. Dean Pentcheff would like a report on the meetings with Port Representative Cynthia Ruiz. Dean thinks the board should decide who attends the meetings along with the Presidents. Peter Warren commented that he has been a regular attendee at the meetings and has included information from those meetings in his Port Committee reports.

5. **Question Time regarding written Officer and Committee Chair reports:**

- a. Ted Shirley provided highlights from his written Budget and Finance Committee Report. The revised budget will be presented for approval at next month's meeting.
- b. Peter Warren commented that a motion was passed by the Port Committee related to a PCAC replacement called the NC Port Affairs Committee (NCPAC), however, it was not placed on the agenda. It will be presented in next month's agenda for board approval.
- c. Chris Nagle reported on the Parks and Recs Committee. The Committee is working on getting public access to the new school pool. This is an issue being discussed with CD15 and the Dept of Recreation and Parks.
- d. Public Safety Committee: James Dimon reported that issues brought up at the Safety Summit will be discussed at a committee meeting in approximately 10 days. They will be discussing the blueprint for LAPD's neighborhood watch, the Block Captain Program and the materials to be distributed to the neighborhood watch groups.
- e. Rules and Bylaws: Dean Pentcheff commented that he attempted to call a Rules and Bylaws Committee meeting prior to the stakeholder meeting but was not able to hold it and comply with the Brown Act.

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

- a. **Board approval of all purchasing card transactions and monthly bank statements:** Ted Shirley presented the bank statement dated 12-23-13 which was approved by the board with 13 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.
- b. **Motion from Budget and Finance Re: Bulk Mail Permit:** The following motion was presented for approval: *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates \$200 for a bulk mail permit.* Motion seconded by James Dimon and passed with 13 yes votes (Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Gelfand, Gutierrez, Hawley, Malstrom, Matich, Nagle, Pereyda, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren); 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Behar)
- c. **Motion from Budget and Finance Re: Purchase of Projector & Printer:** The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates a sum not to exceed \$1200 for a projector and printer. Motion seconded by Bob Gelfand and passed with 13 yes votes (Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Gelfand, Gutierrez, Hawley, Malstrom, Matich, Nagle, Pereyda, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren); 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Behar)
- d. **Motion from Budget and Finance Re: Climate Action Fair:** *The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates \$250 for the Wilmington Climate Action Fair.* Motion seconded by Bob Gelfand.
 - i. Al Satler gave an update on the event which is scheduled for March 1st. The rally begins in Wilmington at the Waterfront Park with the idea that people will be going all the way up to USC where the Climate Action Fair will take place (17.5 miles).
 - ii. Chuck Hawley had concerns that the flyer said "free to the public" but since public funds were being requested from the neighborhood council it is not technically free. He also had concerns with some of the "lobbyist" and political action groups involved with the Fair and felt the City Attorney should be consulted before funds were provided to a political action group. Chuck Hawley made an amendment to take no action until the CSPNC receives a city attorney's decision. Motion seconded by Lydia Gutierrez.
 - iii. Bob Gelfand offered a substitute motion that the original motion be contingent on the city attorney having a chance to approve it, seconded by Louis Dominguez. The substitute motion failed with 5 yes votes (Dominguez, Gelfand, Gutierrez, Hawley, Warren), 7 no votes (Burich, Dimon, Malstrom, Nagle, Pereyda, Shirley, Vidovich) & 2 abstentions (Matich/Behar).
 - iv. *The original motion was passed with 11 yes, 2 no (Gutierrez/Hawley), 1 abstention (Behar).*

7. **Motion to Amend Bylaws:** Motion brought forth by John Vidovich, seconded by Cari Burich. This motion is to amend the Bylaws Article V Section 504 "Terms and Term Limits" for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, to read as follows:

The regular terms of office for Governing Board members shall be for a period of a two (2) year staggered term commencing July 1 and ending June 30 or until a successor is selected or appointed commencing after being seated. To begin the staggered terms, the 9 candidates selected with the most votes shall receive two (2) year terms. The remaining 8 candidates selected shall receive a one (1) year term. Thereafter, beginning in year 2015, the seats selected to one (1) year terms shall have a two (2) year term. There are no term limits.

- a. Motion by Peter Warren to refer this to the Bylaws Committee, seconded by Bob Gelfand. Warren explained that too many motions are by-passing the appropriate committees and since this is a Bylaws change it should not bypass the Rules and Bylaws Committee.
- b. Vidovich explained that since a Bylaws change needs three consecutive readings, it needed to be on this month's agenda or it could not be implemented in time for this year's Selection.
- c. Pentcheff explained that there was an attempt to bring it to the committee but the meeting could not be held in time to accommodate the Brown Act rules.

- d. Vidovich stated that he contacted the General Manager of the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment who verified that this Bylaws change could take effect in time for this year's Selection if passed at this meeting.
- e. Malstrom and Matich were in favor of the two year terms because of the amount of time needed for new board members to be educated on the processes of the Neighborhood Council. Other board members were opposed to the change.
- f. The motion to refer failed with 4 yes votes, 9 no votes and 1 abstention. **After continued discussion, the original motion as presented passed with 8 yes, 4 no, 2 abstention.**

8. **Selection Update:** Dean Pentcheff reported that the Selection of Board Members will be in May. It is a "Selection" which means it is a Brown-Act compliant meeting at which attendees are able to vote for candidates. As this is not an "Election" there can be no secret ballot. You must be a stakeholder to vote. Candidate Statements will be prepared for publication prior to the Selection, however, candidates can register up to two days prior to the Selection but they will not be included in the publication. Voters must be present to vote. **After a short discussion, Bob Gelfand moved to approve May 10, 2014 as the date for the selection of the 2014-2015 Board. Motion seconded by Lydia Gutierrez and passed with 10 yes votes, 1 no vote and 3 abstentions.** April 18th will be the deadline for submitting Candidate Statements to be included in the publication.

9. **Motion Re: Cell Phone Tower.** The following motion was brought forth by Dan Malstrom and seconded by Lydia Gutierrez:
The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the relocation of the Verizon cell phone tower currently placed at the west end of Paseo Del Mar, near Weymouth and adjacent to the landslide area.

Dan Malstrom spoke on the motion which passed as presented with 10 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 abstention

10. **Motion Re: Request for Senator Rod Wright to Resign.** The following motion was brought forth by Bob Gelfand and seconded by Chuck Hawley:
*Whereas this neighborhood council district is served by State Senate District 35 currently represented by Senator Rod Wright, and
 Whereas Senator Wright was recently convicted of 8 felonies,
 The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on Senator Wright to resign immediately.*

Motion passed with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes and 3 abstentions.

11. **Motion Re: Neighborhood Watch Materials:** The following motion was brought forth by the Budget and Finance Committee and seconded by James Dimon:
*Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Public Safety Summit was a resounding success and there is overwhelming support for formation of Neighborhood Watch group.
 Therefore, CSPNC allocates a sum not to exceed \$1000 to purchase Neighborhood Watch start up materials including handbooks and Warning Signs from the "National Neighborhood Watch Institute **or alternate vendor.**"*

John Vidovich spoke on the motion. Ted Shirley moved to amend the motion to add the words "or alternate vendor" at the end of the last sentence. The motion to amend was seconded by James Dimon and passed with 11 yes votes (Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Gelfand, Gutierrez, Hawley, Malstrom, Matich Nagle, Shirley, Vidovich), 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Behar).

The motion as amended then passed with 11 yes votes (Burich, Dimon, Dominguez, Gelfand, Gutierrez, Hawley, Malstrom, Matich Nagle, Shirley, Vidovich), 0 no votes and 1 abstention (Behar).

Motion Re: Posting Requirements: The following motion was brought forth from the Agenda Meeting by Bob Gelfand:

Whereas Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) has gone on record calling for the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to rescind the policy requiring 5 postings for every meeting, and Whereas the BONC has voted to rescind that policy but has stayed action on this policy change pending further discussions involving ways to punish neighborhood councils that are guilty of posting infractions, even though state law adequately addresses this issue already, CSPNC calls on the BONC to activate the new policy without further restrictions or rules additions.
Motion passed with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

12. **Newsletter Update:** Bob Gelfand gave a brief overview of the print newsletter which will be a Selection edition. Candidate Statements to be submitted by a deadline of April 18th, 5:00pm. Board members and stakeholders are encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. An information meeting will be scheduled at the Corner Store.
13. **Appointments to committees:** Dean Pentcheff suggested appointments be made for the Cynthia Ruiz meetings with the Presidents. The Chair asked which members would be interested in attending those meetings. James Dimon and Louis Dominguez would like to be considered. Dean Pentcheff reiterated his dissatisfaction with the Port's meeting process.
14. **Public comment on non-agenda items:**
 - a. **Lydia Gutierrez** made a clarification on recent emails she sent out regarding her campaign.
 - b. **Andrew Menzes**, Coastal's Sound Engineer, reminded the board that bottled water needs to be purchased and the storage room needs attention.
 - c. **Dan Malstrom** commented on the irony that it took the Board less than 3 minutes to pass the motion against Senator Rod Wright but took 45 minutes to approve \$250 for climate change which John Kerry says is one of the greatest threats to national security in this country.
 - d. **Ray Medak** commented on his concerns that motions passed by the CSPNC Board are not taken seriously by City officials.
 - e. **Al Satler** commented that Councilman Joe Buscaino is on Board of the Air Quality Management District.
15. **Announcements:** None
16. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council