



agenda

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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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CSPNC | Planning, Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting MINUTES

Saturday December 11, 2021 2:30 p.m.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 2:43 pm.
- 2) In attendance:
 - Robin Rudisill, Chair
 - Greg Ellis (left before the vote on Item 13)
 - Allen Franz (arrived at 3:38 pm, during Item 10)
 - Noel Gould
- 3) The minutes for the November 6th meeting were approved unanimously
- 4) Announcements
- 5) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- 6) Chair Update--new & current projects and land use policy issues were discussed
- 7) MND for Sidewalk & Transit Amenities Program (STAP)

The following motion was approved 3-0-0:

Whereas, on August 16, 2021 the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approved a motion in opposition to the City's proposed designs in the digital bus shelter plan, including such features as digital billboards and package drop off, and further requested that new proposals be prepared, including a CEQA analysis,

Whereas, a one-year extension of the digital bus shelter contract has been proposed and should be approved at the December Board of Public Works meeting.

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the one-year postponement be used to go back to the drawing board and write a new Request for Proposal that respects the environment, health, safety and privacy. (CF-20-1536 and Board of Public Works)

- 8) City Council Environmental Justice motion (CF 21-071)

The following motion was approved 3-0-0:

Whereas, the Coastal Zone must be made accessible to all Angelenos;

Whereas, California Government Code §65040.12 defines "environmental justice" as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies;

Whereas, State Assembly Bill 2616 (Burke) amended the Coastal Act in 2016 to give all local governments, including the City of Los Angeles, the authority to consider environmental justice and the equitable distribution of environmental benefits when acting on a coastal development permit;

Whereas, in 2019, the California Coastal Commission unanimously approved an 'Environmental Justice Policy' to ensure equitable access to clean, healthy, and accessible coastal environments;

Whereas, a 'Coastal Equity and Environmental Justice Policy' would not only place our local determinations in greater conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act, but it would take a step towards correcting decades of injustice and exclusionary land use practices;

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles must take the lead in pursuing environmental justice in our coastal communities;

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the September 28, 2021 City Council Motion to develop a 'Coastal Equity and Environmental Justice Policy' that will inform future land use policy, promote greater public participation and engagement with underrepresented and/or underserved communities, and be reflected in project determinations in the Coastal Zone. (CF-21-1071)

9) 2111 Pacific appeal to City Council

The following motion was approved 3-0-0:

Whereas, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has issued five letters recommending denial of and expressing serious concerns about the proposed project at 2111-2139 Pacific Ave;

Whereas, an appeal of the City Planning Commission approval of the project was filed on October 20, 2021.

Therefore be it Resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly supports the October 20, 2021 appeal of the proposed project at 2111-2139 Pacific Ave. (CF-21-1269)

10) Neighborhood Council Speaking Time at City Council and Committees meetings

The following motion was approved 3-0-0:

Whereas, Neighborhood Councils, which are branches of Los Angeles City government, are intended by the Los Angeles City Charter to promote citizen participation in government and to make government more responsive to local needs;

Whereas, the current rules of the Area Planning Commissions and the City Planning Commission allow Neighborhood Council representatives to speak at Commission meetings on an agenda item in their communities;

Whereas, project advocates are allowed to set their own time limit to speak before the City Council and the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee, and Planning department representatives and Councilmember representatives are allowed unlimited time to speak, thus creating a significant imbalance and equity issue with regards to the presentation of the views of developers, Planning, and the Council Office vs. the Neighborhood Councils;

Whereas, at the November 30, 2021 PLUM committee meeting the Chair treated the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council representative the same as any other public commenter.

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council and the PLUM committee allow for the relevant Neighborhood Council representative to speak on an agenda item or amendment thereto during the agenda item hearing for a minimum of three minutes, with the Chair's discretion to grant more time.

11) 379 19th St – case is on hold, continued.

12) Port--San Pedro Waterfront Project & Waterfront Access Plan

Committee members will review the documents at the link provided prior to the January meeting.

13) Draft Mello Act Ordinance – the following motion was approved 3-0-0:

Whereas, on November 30, 2021, Councilmember Buscaino introduced an amendment to the draft Mello Ordinance during the Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) hearing to change the existing options for inclusionary on-site residential units from three choices of a minimum of 8% for Extremely Low Income Households, or 11% for Very Low Income Households, or 20% for Low Income Households, to add a fourth option: 40% for Moderate Income Persons or Households;

Whereas, while the text of this amendment states that it is a "minor adjustment," it is a very significant and consequential change, requiring analysis of the impact and findings;

Whereas, the required findings for approval of such a change were not presented during the hearing and are not in the council file and therefore the potential impacts and possible unintended consequences or loopholes related to this amendment are unknown;

Whereas, introducing this amendment at the meeting did not provide the public any time to provide informed testimony and as such constitutes a systematic lack of transparency apparently designed to undermine public input;

Whereas, to participate, the public and neighborhood councils need to have access to such amendments with sufficient time to review them;

Whereas, the City Planning Commission specifically considered this change and decided not to add the moderate income category in order to keep the inclusionary options focused on the lower income categories;

Whereas, limiting access to affordable housing mainly impacts the multi-generational Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, further exacerbating systemic racism, and further removing social, cultural, ethnic and economically diverse populations from the Coastal Zone.

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the substance of the amendment to add a fourth option for moderate income persons or households to the menu of inclusionary on-site residential unit options and opposes the process by which the amendment was presented;

Be it Further Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that analysis and findings for this amendment be provided and that PLUM rehear this item with proper notice of this amendment.

(CF-15-0129-S1)

- 14) LOTS E + F 22nd St, POLA – update was provided
- 15) Gaffey Overlook – update was provided
- 16) Joint Northwest, Central, & Coastal San Pedro NC's Planning & Land Use Committee--Update
- 17) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- 18) The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.