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January 26, 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building, 6:30pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 12 Board members present (13 after appointment of Shannon Ross to vacant seat was held). Approximately 20-25 stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call Vote
James Baeza	Present
Gary Bettis	Present
Cari Lynn Burich	Absent
June Burlingame-Smith	Present
Slobodan Dimitrov	Present
James Dimon	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Charles Hawley	Absent
Adele Healy	Present
Denise Marovich-Sampson	Excused
Matt Matich	Present
Ana Rosa Ortiz	Excused
Ted Shirley	Present
John Vidovich	Present
Peter Warren	Present
Rachel Waugh	Present
VACANT BOARD SEAT	Shannon Ross appointed to
	this seat during this meeting

2. Public Comment on non-agenda items:

- **a. June Smith:** Announced the Pt. Fermin Resident's Association meeting scheduled for February 7, 2015 at the Red Man's Lodge.
- **b. Debbie Rouser:** Vice President of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, Chair of Central's Ad Hoc Rec and Parks Committee and member of the Leland Park Advisory Board spoke in support of a motion being presented later in the agenda related to neighborhood councils coming together to form a Committee to collaborate on Park Problems throughout the Harbor Area with a goal of providing a better park experience for stakeholders.
- **c. Peter Warren:** Commented on his 12 years experience as a CSPNC board member and announced to stakeholders that they should stay to have a chance to vote on the upcoming Bylaws change being presented later in the meeting.
- **d.** LAFD Deputy Chief Daren Palacios: Asked to be on the agenda for next month's meeting to provide a presentation on the wharf fire.
- **e. Stakeholder Anthony Krusic**: Hopes the board stays in tune with what is going on with the Gaffey Street Improvements being proposed. The design that was presented will require lane reductions in order to accommodate bulb outs and planters.

3. Minutes | Presentation of November and December 2014 minutes for approval. Motion by James Baeza to approve the November 17, 2014 and December 15, 2014 minutes, seconded by Louis Dominguez. Motion passed with 11 yes votes (Baeeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Waugh); 0 no votes, 1 abstentions (Warren).

4. Budget and Finance Report and Approval of Transactions:

- a. Presentation for approval of monthly financial report. Ted Shirley gave an overview of the budget and presented the monthly expenses and bank statement showing transactions from 11/3/14 through 1/20/15.. Motion by James Baeza to approve transaction as presented, seconded by Gary Bettis and passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Waugh); 1 no (Warren); 2 abstentions (Dimon, Dominguez).
- **b.** Motion from Committee: Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will pay Andrew Menzes \$190 per meeting for audio and set-up services, an increase of \$5 per meeting, to cover additional costs. Motion passed with 10 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren Waugh); 0 no; 2 abstentions (Dimitrov, Dimon),
- c. Motion from Committee: Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will pay Kristina Smith \$25 per month to send out board emails and meeting notifications, and administer the CSPNC Constant Contact account. Motion passed with 10 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren Waugh); 0 no; 2 abstentions (Dimitrov, Dimon),
- **5. LAPD Report:** Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight reported on the following:
 - **a.** Lauren Halligan, Neighborhood Prosecutor, was introduced and provided her contact information: lauren.halligan@lacity.org.
 - **b.** The LAPD has been exploring prosecution options for the issue of vehicles illegally on the grass in the parks tearing up the landscaping. They hope to have witnesses from the community who can provide license plate numbers and are willing to come to court and report what they have seen.
 - **c. CERT Presentation:** San Pedro High School students from Officer Wight's CERT class provided a demonstration on techniques learned during the training
 - **d.** Officer Wight also reported that Harbor Division Captains Woodyard and Thomas are being transferred to other divisions. Captains Meek and Wittens will be their replacements and will take their new positions in a few weeks. Both Captains are hard working and willing to work closely with the community.
- **6. CD15 Report**: Ryan Ferguson, Field Deputy for Councilman Joe Busaino, provided highlights from his written report which included:
 - **a.** Introduced Heather Anderson, Community Planning Deputy.
 - **b.** Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study: A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released for a feasibility study on the redevelopment of the Rancho San Pedro housing complex.
 - **c.** Ponte Vista is in the final stages of demolition with removal of in-ground infrastructure ongoing at the site.
 - **d.** Quality of Life Task Force Car: Two officers will be assigned to the car and will be addressing daily quality of life issues such as homelessness, graffiti and illegal dumping.

- e. Legislative Updates included 1) the passing of a motion for the City of LA to acquire the propert at 427 N Gaffey in order to improve visibility and public access to the Welcome and Bandini Canyon Parks in San Pedro; 2) a motion being considered to fund a full-time, 2 person, LAHSA Emergency Response Team to work in conjunction with City and County Departments and law enforcement agencies to help resolve homeless and related health and welfare issues in Council District 15; 3) a motion relative to erecting a ceremonial sign on 22nd Street (between Signal and Miner) dedicating it as Leonard Aube Way; 4) Appointment of Ms. Alma Ortiz to the Harbor Area Planning Commission; and 5) Introduction of a motion directing the General Services Department to negotiate a lease for the property of 502 N. Mesa to serve as office space for GAP.
- **f.** Upcoming events were also announced. This information is included in the written report that can be found on the website.
- **g.** Question answered related to electronic signs. The proposed ordinance is still in the conversation stage.
- h. Question related to the MOU between the Rec and Parks and LAUSD to allow public access to the swimming pool at the John Olguin campus of San Pedro High School. Peter Warren's comments included having the Council Office look into getting this significant recreational opportunity for the kids and adults in our community.
- i. President James Dimon commented that promises are made consistently to the community but they are not kept.
- **j.** John Larson was introduced as the new Director of Policy and Communications for Dr. Vladovic's office (LAUSD). Facebook page: www.facebook.com/drrichardvladovic.
- 7. Port of LA: Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:
 - a. Provided upcoming meeting dates for the Board of Harbor Commissioners. (Feb 5 & 19)
 - **b.** Ports O'Call Exclusive Negotiating Agreement expired January 8th but has been extended for another two months.
 - **c.** Sampson Way intersection is being worked on by the Design Team
 - **d.** Boy Scout Camp: A panel is being selected to review the applications.
 - **e.** Proposed Public Access Investment Funding Policy. Two public meetings are planned. A presentation is available on the Port's website.
 - **f.** Changes in staff at the Port include a new Deputy Executive Director and Chief of Staff Doan Liu. Cynthia Ruiz, Molly Campbell and Mike Christiansen are no longer at the Port.
 - g. San Pedro Waterfront Parking Study has been completed as is on the wesite.
 - **h.** Lunar New Year Festival planned for February 21st at the downtown Harbor and will include fireworks.
 - i. In response to Peter Warren's question about the Boy Scout RFP Panel, Augie commented that there will probably be is at least one neighborhood council member on the panel. Typically there are 4 or 5 panel members selected. The panel will grade the applications based on the criteria as shown in the RFP. Board members stressed their desire that this property be accessible to the public.

COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME:

- 8. Rec and Parks. In response to June Smith's question related to Sunken City, James Baeza reported that he has been communicating with the City Attorney's office. There will be a future joint meeting between the CSPNC Rec and Parks Committee and the CSPNC Coastal Risk and Beautification Committees to further discuss this issue.
- 9. Rules and Bylaws: THIRD and FINAL reading of proposed changes to the bylaws and Vote of the board and Stakeholders present: Dean Pencheff thanked the Bylaws Committee for their hard work in crafting the proposed changes being presented. The changes were then presented for a vote.

B2. Motion to amend Bylaws *Article VIII Section 1. Meeting Time and Place* —Determine who has the authority to set a Governing Board meeting date if the Board fails to do so

Whereas, the Governing Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) is the sole authority for fixing the time and place of meetings of the Governing Board according to Article VIII Section 1 of the CSPNC Bylaws; and

Whereas, there is no provision for setting a time and date for Governing Board meetings in the event that the Governing Board fails to do so; therefore

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall make the following amendment to its Bylaws (text to be removed in strikeout, text to be added in **boldface**):

Article VII

Section 801. Meeting Time and Place. Meetings of the Council will be held within the Council area on a regular basis, at least once per calendar quarter, at the time and place fixed by resolution of the Governing Board. In the absence of a resolution by the Governing Board that sets a meeting date, it shall be the responsibility of the President to set a meeting date consistent with the regular schedule previously adopted by the Governing Board.

Special Meetings: The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice President, may call a special...

Motion to approve B2 passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh); 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. (Stakeholder vote 24 yes, 0 no).

B3. Motion to amend Bylaws to bring non-substantive language into compliance with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment requests

Whereas, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has suggested numerous non-substantive changes to the language of the Bylaws of Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council; and

Whereas, these changes have been evaluated and combined with other changes that non-substantively remove unnecessary or redundant language; therefore

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall make the following package of amendments to its Bylaws, as detailed in the attached marked-up version of the Bylaws that reflect accepted and unaccepted recommendations from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment as well as related non-substantive changes. [Consult appended marked-up copy of Bylaws as presented with Agenda]

Motion to approve B3 passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh); 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. (Stakeholder vote 24 yes, 0 no).

B4. Motion to amend Bylaws Article V Section 6. Vacancies — Agendize vacancies

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council have a procedure for appointing stakeholders as Board members to fill vacancies; and

Whereas, it is important to let stakeholders know of such opportunities well in advance so that they may consider candidacy;

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall make the following amendment to its Bylaws (text to be removed in strikeout, text to be added in **boldface**):

Article V

Section 506. Vacancies. Any vacancy on the Governing Board may be filled by vote of a majority of the serving Governing Board members. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board following acceptance of the letter of resignation. Members so elected will immediately take office and serve the remainder of the term to which they are appointed. Any stakeholder may nominate an individual to serve, including themselves. Nominations may be received from the floor or via written communication. Nominees must accept nomination either personally or via written communication prior to the board's vote. If no candidate receives a majority, the board may continue to vote. In the event no candidates are nominated or the board is unable to choose an individual to serve, the board may postpone the election to fill the vacancy or declare the seat vacant until the next stakeholder election.

Motion to approve B4 passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh); 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. (Stakeholder vote 26 yes, 0 no).

B5. Motion to amend Bylaws *Article XI Section 1. Grievance Process* — Assign specific grievance process language to the Standing Rules

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council are not specific on procedures to be followed for a grievance process; and

Whereas, specific procedures are better placed in the Standing Rules, where they can be changed as needed or desired without requiring a full update of the Bylaws; therefore

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall make the following amendment to its Bylaws (text to be removed in strikeout, text to be added in **boldface**), revising

Bylaws Article XI — Grievance Process §1101:

Article XI

1101. Grievance Process. The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall have a procedure for considering stakeholder grievances and this procedure shall be consistent with rules and regulations set forth by the City of Los Angeles through its Charter, its ordinances, and its rules as communicated by agencies including the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

The Grievance Process shall be established by Standing Rules adopted by the Governing Board.

Motion to approve B5 passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh); 0 no votes, 0 abstentions. (Stakeholder vote 24 yes, 0 no).

B6. Motion to amend Bylaws *Article V Section 4* and *Article X Section 1* to change Board terms of office and selection procedures to provide for two-year overlapping terms of office.

Whereas, it may be desirable to have two year overlapping terms of office for Board Members of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council instead of the current one-year terms; therefore *Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall make the following amendments to its Bylaws (text to be deleted is in strikethrough, text to be added is in boldface): Article V

Section 1004. Terms and Term Limits. The regular terms of office for Governing Board members shall be for a period of one (1) year **two** (2) **year staggered terms** commencing July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year **or until a successor is appointed**. There shall be no term limits. Article X

Section 1001. Administration of Selection Process Elections. The Council shall hold a selection process instead of an election to fill the Governing Board. Members for expiring seats on The Governing Board will be chosen at an annual meeting which will be held during the month of May. The Governing Board shall, no later than February 1, set the date of the annual meeting. To begin the staggered terms in the first year, the nine (9) candidates receiving the most votes shall receive two (2) year terms; the remaining eight (8) candidates shall receive one (1) year terms; thereafter all terms shall be for two (2) years. A selection committee consisting of stakeholders, who cannot be candidates, shall be appointed by the Governing Board no later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. The selection committee shall promulgate procedures for the conduct of the annual meeting and selection of Governing Board members. The selection committee shall also choose an independent and neutral third party to monitor the selection process and certify the result. All selection procedures shall be in conformity with the selection rules established by the City of Los Angeles and shall be approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Comments in favor of B6 included:

- Most other organizations have board members who serve two year commitments.
- A commitment by a board member of two years would create continuity. Committee chairs will continue to serve until replaced.
- Board members would have to be willing to make a two year commitment.
- Out of 95 NC's CSPNC is only one of two that has one year terms.
- Running for re-election every year creates the possibility of committee work being stalled.
- This would make CSPNC more in line with the way other government entities serve terms in office.
- This system makes it so that the board has to keep re-inventing the same thing over and over again.
- With the current system board members just begin to get traction and then are in a position
 where there is a possibility that they would not be able to stay on the board if not elected for a
 second year.
- The suggested changes make the CSPNC more relative and contemporary.

Comments in opposition of B6 included:

- There is no burden to run for the office and an election focuses people's minds on why they want to be on the board.
- Running for re-election recommits board members and reminds board members that they are working for the public.
- Two year terms means the public will get to vote half as often to replace board members.
- There is plenty of continuity to be had and continuity can be accomplished by board members speaking with one another and sharing past experiences.
- This approach is not the solution. Having an election vs. a selection would be a better way to solve some of the issues, especially the issue of a secret ballot.
- The suggested system would make it more difficult for stakeholders to get elected.

After a discussion of the pros and cons of the bylaws change related to staggered terms, the board voted on Bylaws Change B6. **Motion to approve B6 failed** (2/3 of governing board members [present or not] is required to pass bylaws change): Vote count: 10 yes (Baeza, Bettis, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Waugh); 2 no votes (Burlingame-Smith, Warren), 0 abstentions.

10. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

- **a.** Acceptance of Resignations: Motion by Gary Bettis to approve the resignations of Board Members Denise Marovich-Sampson and Ana Ortiz, seconded by Matt Matich and passed with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vldovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.
- **b. Nominations to fill the vacant seat of Sonya Tsujimura:** Shannon Ross nominated by James Baeza to fill the board seat vacated by Sony Tsujimua. Appointment of Hannon Ross approved by the board with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.
- c. Nomination to replace secretary due to resignation of Ana Ortiz: Dean Pentcheff read out loud the duties of the Secretary per the Bylaws. Peter Warren was nominated to the position of Secretary by Matt Matich and approved by the board with a vote of 10 yes votes (Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Waugh), 1 no vote (Baeza), 1 abstentions (Warren).

- d. Selection Committee for May 2015 Board Selections: The following volunteers for the Section Committee we approved by the Board: Mary McCann, Bob Gelfand, Kristina Smith. Moved by Dominguez, second by Waugh, 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.
- e. Date for 2015 Board Selection: The date of May 2, 2015 was chosen as the date for the CSPNC Board Selections and approved by the board with 12 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimitrov, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Warren, Waugh), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.

11. PRESENTATIONS: None

12. CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- a. James Dimon reported that he attended two meetings with neighborhood council Presidents and the Port Director, Gene Seroka. He also attended two meetings with LAPD Harbor Division Captain Woodyard. He commented that this is the first time that 5 Harbor Area neighborhood councils and 3 chambers have met to stand together on a variety of issues.
- **b.** Dimon suggested that everyone read and understand the Tidelands Trust Act. You will learn why coming together as a community to address public land issues is important.
- **c.** Harbor Division Jail House: We need enforcement of the laws to make sure that we maintain a good quality of life in our community. The opening of the jail is

13. ACTION ITEMS: Sponsorship Requests: Recommended by Budget & Finance:

Rachel Waugh, Gary Bettis, Slobodan Dimitrov and Peter Warren recused themselves from any discussion or action related to the Angel's Gate motion.

a. Angel's Gate NPG: The following motion was brought forth by the Budget and Finance Committee: Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will fund a Neighborhood Purpose Grant not to exceed \$1,000 to the Angels Gate Cultural Center to support their Open Studios Day event and cultural/educational advancement in coastal San Pedro. Motion to Amend by Ted Shirley to change the amount to \$2,000 (which was the original request that was approved by both the Budget and Finance Committee and the Agenda Setting Meeting, but due to a clerical error it was reflected as \$1,000 in the agenda). The motion was amended with no objection. The Director of Angel's Gate spoke about the Open Studios Event. The motion as amended was approved by the Board with a vote of 8 yes votes (Baeza, Burlingame-Smith, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions, 4 recused (Waugh, Bettis, Dimitrov, Warren)

14. STAKEHOLDER/NON COMMITTEE MOTIONS:

a. Motion Re: Port Public Access Funding Policy: The following Proposed Resolution regarding the Port Public Access Funding Policy was brought forth by Louis Dominguez.

WHEREAS, the Port of Los Angeles ["Port"] is proposing a Public Access Facility funding policy ["Policy"] that limits the amount the Port will spend on constructing the improvements promised in its 2009 approved waterfront development EIRs [the "Funds"]; and

WHEREAS, the Port also proposes to limit funding for maintenance and operation expenses for public access facilities; and

WHEREAS, many of the improvements included in those EIR's have not been constructed and have now been removed from the Port budget and Capital Improvement Program [CIP];

WHEREAS, the Port proposes to deduct environmental expenses and threatened litigation and settlement expenses from the Funds; and

WHEREAS, many Public Access Facilities in the Port are actually mitigations constructed for specific Port industrial improvements; and

WHEREAS, Port fiscal reports, including the 2014 Harbor Revenue Fund report, show that the Port has sufficient funds in its Unrestricted Cash accounts, other accounts, and Operating Income accounts, currently and on average at least

over the last ten years, to fund the improvements listed herein; and

WHEREAS, the Port has not included sales tax revenue, the City share of possessory interest taxes, business license taxes, bed taxes, impacts on employment, or small business opportunity in its calculation of return on investment in Public Access Facilities; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the Port's past efforts and accomplishments to improve the LA Waterfront and urge the Port to continue fulfilling its obligation to develop and improve the tide and submerged lands for the benefit of the people of the State of California, especially the substantial land areas of the Port that are suitable only for Public Access; and

WHEREAS, the Port has proposed its Policy before soliciting input from Neighborhood Councils, thereby raising issues addressed in Sections 907 and 910 of the City Charter, such as notice, opportunity to provide input, and monitoring of City services:

NOW THEREFOR, the San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) hereby requests that the Port table its proposed policy and instead work with the five Neighborhood Councils in the harbor area and the three local Chambers of Commerce on composing a policy acceptable to the Neighborhood Councils, the Chambers and the Port; and

FURTHER RESOLVES that the Port, in its 2014-2015 budget and Capital Improvement Program ["CIP"], fund the following six projects [the "Projects"] from the approved 2009 EIR's without applying any limitations contained in the Proposed Policy:

- a. Complete the final design work for the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project, using the approved Wilmington EIR, the Port Master Plan and Wilmington's Community Guiding Principles.
- b. Design and construct the Sampson Way/Harbor Blvd realignment.
- c. Enhance access to Wilmington waterfront via Avalon which is direct, functional, and aesthetically pleasing so it enhances rejuvenation of downtown Wilmington via pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle access to Banning's Landing/waterfront prior to closure of Avalon and Fries.
- d. Complete the promenade South of the Town Plaza through Ports of Call to Alta Sea.
- e. Complete the promenade along the Wilmington Waterfront (demo Catalina Freight buildings) with an Observation Tower, dedicated pier(s) which include dock space for Wilmington Youth Sailing Center, LAMI to finish tall ship, and restaurant/retail development.
- f. Construct the Town Plaza at the foot of 6th street.

THE CSPNC FURTHER RESOLVES, that in addition to including the Projects in its 2014-2015 budget and CIP, the Port instruct its staff to proceed this fiscal year with preparing the specifications, RFP's, contracts, bids, etc. and award the contracts for the work on the Projects; that the Port provide the Neighborhood Councils with quarterly status updates regarding the Projects; and

THE CSPNC FURTHER RESOLVES that in redrafting its policy, the Port recognize that

- a. Substantial portions of the Port lands are not suitable for industrial development and can only be developed for non-industrial, visitor serving facilities including recreation and education,
- b. Such non-industrial facilities have a return on investment that may include revenues to the City and public [such as sales taxes, business license taxes, City share of possessory interest taxes, bed taxes, job growth, small business opportunities] if not the Harbor Revenue Fund,
- c. Many facilities the Port considers to be Public Access Facilities, including some of the Projects, are mitigation for the impacts of industrial facilities and should not be considered as Public Access Facilities, and
- d. The costs for the facilities included in [c] above, and for their maintenance and operation, should be considered costs of the related Port industrial facilities and operations.

Motion by Louis Dominguez to approve the above resolution, seconded by June Burlingame-Smith and approved with 10 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Ross), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.

b. Proposed motion to form a Harbor Area Recreations and Parks Committee in connection with the other Harbor Area Councils: The following motion was brought forth by Stakeholder James Baeza:

MOTION TO FORM HARBOR AREA RECREATIONS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks land comprises over 700 acres within the Harbor/San Pedro Area. According to the University of Southern California's Sustainable Cities Program and their GIS Research Laboratory, there exists 3.7 park acres for every 1,000 residents.

Recently it has been becoming more apparent that the activity in our public parks is directly affecting the safety and quality of life within the communities in which we reside.

Even though the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils have unique differences, it would be advantageous for us to form an area wide Recreation and Parks Committee, creating a stronger voice to address the common issues we share. The goal would be to collaborate with Stakeholders throughout the Harbor Area, allowing them a stronger voice in resolving issues related to city parks, thereby mitigating the impact of those issues for adjacent communities. Our public park lands should be inviting to all as refuge from urban life as a place to go for exercise, sports, youth programs and relaxation, in an open and safe outdoor environment.

The importance in doing this would cover a wide variety of concerns with the largest impact on the community being as follows:

It would improve the quality of life to collaborate and foster a relationship, not only with LARAP (Los Angeles Recreation and Parks) but also equally as important, have the same relationships with other area Neighborhood Councils. This would not only be a more effective means for the community to voice concerns directly to LARAP decision making staff, it would also enable the larger community to have a clear voice in regards to public land and how it is used.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopt the creation of a Harbor Area Recreation and Parks Committee, committing to its representation within, and encouraging the participation all Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils.

I FURTHER MOVE that passage of this motion by the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will allow the presentation of this document at the next Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils meeting to solicit support.

Motion by James Baeza to approve the above resolution, seconded by Louis Dominguez and approved with 10 yes votes (Baeza, Bettis, Burlingame-Smith, Dimon, Dominguez, Healy, Matich, Shirley, Vidovich, Ross), 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristina Smith for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council 18 November 2014 Dean Pentcheff

Due to a typographic error in laying out the motion last night, I omitted/scrambled text that is part of our current Bylaws. That made the exact placement of the motion and the wording of Peter Warren's amendment a bit ambiguous.

Though the text was not completely correct, I believe the error caused no confusion in the Board's mind regarding the intent of the proposed Bylaws change, or in the intent of Peter Warren's amendment. Below, I give the original text of the Bylaws, the intended Bylaws change, and a consistent version of Peter Warren's amendment.

Unless there is an objection from an officer or Mr. Warren, I believe we can proceed with this corrected version of what was proposed, amended, and approved last night. I will be happy to describe the differences to the Board at the Second Reading if that seems advisable.

I apologize for the error.

Current Bylaws text:

506. Vacancies. Any vacancy on the Governing Board may be filled by vote of a majority of the serving Governing Board members. Members so elected will immediately take office and serve the remainder of the term to which they are appointed. Any stakeholder may nominate an individual to serve, including themselves. Nominations may be received from the floor or via written communication. Nominees must accept nomination either personally or via written communication prior to the board's vote. If no candidate receives a majority, the board may continue to vote. In the event no candidates are nominated or the board is unable to choose an individual to serve, the board may postpone the election to fill the vacancy or declare the seat vacant until the next stakeholder election.

Corrected motion as it should have been introduced, without typographic errors:

Section 506. Vacancies. Any vacancy on the Governing Board may be filled by vote of a majority of the serving Governing Board members. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board following acceptance of the letter of resignation. Members so elected will immediately take office and serve the remainder of the term to which they are appointed. Any stakeholder may nominate an individual to serve, including themselves. Nominations may be received from the floor or via written communication. Nominees must accept nomination either personally or via written communication prior to the board's vote. If no candidate receives a majority, the board may continue to vote. In the event no candidates are nominated or the board is unable to choose an individual to serve, the board may postpone the election to fill the vacancy or declare the seat vacant until the next stakeholder election.

Peter Warren's amendment as it should have been applied (final motion as accepted):

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