



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## Approved Minutes

**Monday 18 July 2022 6:15 PM (meeting called to order 6:30 PM)**

### Zoom Electronic Meeting

<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Sheryl Akerblom	Present (Arrived at 7:00PM)
Dennis Braxton	Present
Isiah Cade	Absent
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Absent
Richard Havenick	Absent(Arrived at 6:36PM)
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Present
Chelsea Oruche	Absent (Arrived at 6:40) (Ineligible)
Rick Perkins	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present( 7:30 Left the Meeting)
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Absent
Shannon Ross	Absent
Robin Rudisill	Present
Richard Watson	Absent

1. Technical checkout for online meeting (no substantive discussion or comment)
2. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance. - Rick Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public comment on non-agenda items. - No Public Comment
4. Call to order and roll call. The Meeting was called to order at 6:32PM. Roll was called and is reflected in the Chart above.
5. Appointment of Board Officers. President -Doug Epperhart, Vice President-Dean Pentcheff, Secretary-Drew Leach, Treasurer - Sheryl Akerblom

No Public Comment

Motion: to appoint President -Doug Epperhart, Vice President-Dean Pentcheff, Secretary Drew Leach, Treasurer – Sheryl Akerblom Moved Gelfand Second Rudisill 10 Yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 6 Absent (Akerblom, Braxton, Cade, Gould, Ross, Walker)- Motion Passed

6. Board member comment on non-agenda items. -No Comment
7. Approval of prior meeting minutes. June Meeting Minutes were approved without objection.
8. Report from Los Angeles Police Department [*5 minutes*]
  - a. Officer Morales, Port Police- Make sure to hydrate during the heatwave. There have been some break ins. There have been about five stolen cars recovered. Keep your vehicles locked and valuables out of sight. Please go look at the Port website for upcoming events (portoflosangeles.org)
9. Committee reports
  - a. NPG Committee-We are not currently in an NPG cycle. The committee will be meeting to discuss the next cycle. -Drew Leach
  - b. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee-The Coastal San Pedro NC has appropriated funds for large Emergency Preparedness Kits and radios to help the community be prepared. They have now found four locations to store the items. They are hoping to work with the Neighborhood Teen Program- Gelfand
  - c. Parks and Coastline-update on Walkers Café work is being done at the location which is unpermitted. We are still waiting for the Historical Monument designation. It still has to go to the City's Plum Committee and to the City Council for the final vote. -The people who own the property want to lease it for \$12,000.00 a month. -Gould

- d. Daniel Johnson from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- you may not have received your July Monthly Profile. The Congress of Neighborhoods is scheduled for September 24, 2022. The Department is doing Grievance Panel Training. If your Neighborhood Council has taken a position on Budget Advocates / Budget Advocacy CIS. There is a link in the Monthly Profile the Department would like you to view and we recommend reconsideration. Given there is more clarity in the statement we are recommending you reconsider. Mr. Watson is missing trainings. There are 4 Boardmembers missing trainings according to the EmpowerLA site. There is an Ad Hoc EVG Committee looking into Hybrid Meetings. The Department did a survey on NC's and their readiness to return to in person meetings.
  - i. Dean Pentcheff brought up that he did not appreciate an Anonymous Survey that asked for his specific Position and which Board he was on that were required as entries before you could take the survey.

The Meeting was moved to agenda Item #14

#### 10. Motion urging maintenance of the Point Fermin Community Building.

##### Public Comment

- a. James Campeau mentioned that 36" box trees would help decrease the mass of the building.
- b. Ivan Sulic, County Supervisor District 4 Janice Hahn's Office -They would like support for this Project Home Key site.
- c. Orlando Ward, Volunteers of America- they manage seven different sites around the County.

##### Coastline and Parks Committee

Whereas, the Point Fermin Community Building is of historical and community significance; and

Whereas, the Point Fermin Community Building is in disrepair and continues to deteriorate,

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the Department of Recreation and Parks commence a process of determining the current state of the building and what repairs are needed to immediately stabilize and end the continuing deterioration, and

Further Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the Department of Recreation and Parks pursue funding for necessary repairs, and

Further Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will engage in a process to determine the community's priorities and preferences regarding the future use of the building, and

Further Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Recreation and Parks to maintain the current designation as a community building and insists that it continue to be used for the needs and benefit of the community.

**Motion urging maintenance of the Point Fermin Community Building. Moved: The Coastline and Parks Committee Second: N/A 11 Yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 5 Absent ( Braxton, Cade, Pentcheff, Ross, Walker)-Motion Passed**

**7:30PM Dean Pentcheff left the meeting**

11. Motion regarding Best Western, 111 Gaffey, conversion to homeless housing.  
Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

No Public Comment

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the project at 111 S. Gaffey, the Best Western Motel, which converts the current hotel use to housing for homeless male veterans, and requests that the following items be incorporated as part of the project:

- a. Staff to resident ratio to be a minimum of 1 to 20.
- b. 24-hour security to be provided for the perimeter of the building, including video surveillance at street level.
- c. Any missing street trees along Gaffey Street to be replaced.
- d. More landscaping on the upper terraces and along 1st Street to be provided.
- e. As maintenance of the property is required, building to be painted in a consistent color.
- f. Exterior lighting that is softer and that has illumination throughout the exterior to be re-considered.
- g. The covenant for use as homeless housing to be increased to 55 years.

Motion regarding Best Western, 111 Gaffey, conversion to homeless housing. Moved: Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee Second: N/A 11 Yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 5 Absent ( Braxton, Cade, Pentcheff, Ross, Walker)-Motion Passed

12. Motion regarding Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) digital signs.  
Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

No Public Comment

Whereas, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has previously expressed serious concerns regarding the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and about digital signs in particular (see attached letters dated January 18, 2022 and January 27, 2020);

Whereas, the program will involve the collection of individuals' personal data, and the City does not define what data will be collected, which *vendors or* City departments will have access to it, or how it will be used;

Whereas, the program has moved forward for City Council review having been mis-represented to the public and without addressing critical concerns and questions raised during public outreach;

Whereas, the further failure to produce an Environmental Impact Report and perform a full CEQA review is problematic, and the introduction of a new L.A. Municipal Code (LAMC) within the STAP Mitigated Negative Declaration is inappropriate, as there already is a dedicated LAMC to allow for advertising on the public right-of-way for transit shelters;

Whereas, the failure to incorporate any formal avenues for input and consideration from Neighborhood Councils or from the local City Council District Offices on future placement of structures (in this program or in any new programs resulting from the new LAMC) is unacceptable.

*Resolved, The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the collection of any and all personal data.*

~~Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the action of the L.A. City Council *not related to digital signs.* in Council File No. 22-0392 and urges the City Council to question and reject the proposed ordinance to allow digital off-site signs to be displayed on structures that are part of the Transportation Communication Network Program between the City and Metro (Council File No. 21-0600-S110).~~

Post to CF Nos .related to digital signs 22-0392 and 21-0600-S110 and 20-5361

**Motion to amend**

**After the word which in the second Whereas also in the Resolve the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the actions plural of the Los Angeles City Council and then insert related to digital signs. and strike the rest. Also add the words related to digital signs also, add CF 20-5361. Moved: Rudisill Second: Gould- amended with no objection**

**Motion to amend and add an additional Resolved, The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the collection of any and all personal data. Moved Gelfand Second Gould Passed without objection**

**Motion to oppose Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) digital signs as amended. Moved Planning and Land Use Committee Second N/A 11 Yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 5 Absent ( Braxton, Cade, Pentcheff, Ross, Walker)-Motion Passed**

13. Motion regarding crossing warnings on Gaffey Street across from Hey Rookie Pool.  
Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee

Public Comment-

- a. James Campeau -thanks and supports the Boards Motion.
- b. Allen Franz- thanks and urges support for the Motion

Whereas, stakeholders have raised concerns regarding the safety of crossing Gaffey Street across from Hey Rookie Pool;

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that LADOT investigate and consider installing an effective warning system.

**Motion regarding crossing warnings on Gaffey Street across from Hey Rookie Pool.**

**Moved: Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee N/A 11 Yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 5 Absent ( Braxton, Cade, Pentcheff, Ross, Walker)-Motion Passed**

14. Motion in support of the Draft Wildlife Ordinance.

Public Comment

- a. James Campeau- supports the motion and wants the Board to support it.

Whereas, Los Angeles has extraordinary natural wildlife resources distributed across a broad landscape; and

Whereas, wildlife vitality depends critically on open migration for animals to find food and to reproduce;  
and

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is considering a “Wildlife District Supplemental Use District and Zone Change”, which would create a special “Wildlife District” in the Santa Monica Mountains, in which carefully considered modifications to zoning and planning requirements (such as setbacks, lot coverage, fencing, lighting, and grading) would be made to preserve wildlife connectivity through private and commercial properties; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of all City residents to preserve and enhance our irreplaceable and valuable natural heritage;

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the proposed “Wildlife District Supplemental Use District and Zone Change”.

CIS or letters to: City Planning Department (citing cases CPC-2022-3413-CA and CPC-2022-3712-ZC), Council File 14-0518, LANCC

Supplemental Information:

Notice of Public Hearing: [https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/98193a4a-70b5-4bcb-a4c7-e2a152bc394e/Final\\_202206\\_Wildlife\\_HearingNotice.pdf](https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/98193a4a-70b5-4bcb-a4c7-e2a152bc394e/Final_202206_Wildlife_HearingNotice.pdf)

Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance Fact Sheet:

[https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/657f9e1a-2651-462a-9729-32d1c67b29fe/2022\\_Revised\\_Draft\\_Wildlife\\_Ordinance\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/657f9e1a-2651-462a-9729-32d1c67b29fe/2022_Revised_Draft_Wildlife_Ordinance_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

City Planning Wildlife Ordinance Informational Website: <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/wildlife-pilot-study>

**Motion in support of the Draft Wildlife Ordinance. Moved: Dean Pentcheff Second: Havenick -12 Yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 4 Absent ( Braxton, Cade, Ross, Walker)- Motion Passed**

Meeting returned to Item #10.

15. Treasurer’s report. We currently have \$32,000 minus \$175.56 also waiting for the last credit card statement for Bridgegap.

No Public Comment

*Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)* Item 18 has been removed from Consent.

16. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for June 2022.

17. Approval of Monthly Expenses, including approval of Treasurer’s payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Lloyd Staffing, Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency, The Mailroom, and office supplies.

18. Motion allocating funding for Reed Printing. The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,027.97 to Reed Printing for publication of the CSPNC newsletter.

19. Motion allocating funds to purchase Zoom accounts.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$500 to purchase a total of two Zoom accounts for the 2023 Fiscal Year.

Motion to approve the Budget and Finance Consent Calendar Items 16, 17, and 19.

Moved: Budget and Finance Committee Second: N/A 11 Yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 5 Absent ( Braxton, Cade, Pentcheff, Ross, Walker)-Motion Passed

18. Motion allocating funding for Reed Printing.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,027.97 to Reed Printing for publication of the CSPNC newsletter *in the last fiscal year 2021-2022*

Motion Approve #18 as amended, The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,027.97 to Reed Printing for publication of the CSPNC newsletter in the last fiscal year 2021-2022 Moved: Budget and Finance Committee Second/N/A 11 Yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Leach, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible (Oruche), 5 Absent ( Braxton, Cade, Pentcheff, Ross, Walker)-Motion Passed

20. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives, including but not limited to the appointment of E. Geno Frazier to the Coastline, Parks, & Sunken City Committee, the Environment and Sustainability Committee, and the Homelessness Committee, the appointment of Dennis Braxton and Linda Brumfield to the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee, and the selection of Community Impact Filers, financial signers, and credit card holders, also appointment of Sheryl Akerblom and Doug Epperhart as Budget Advocates. Bob Gelfand as a Community Impact Filer. Committee Chairs will remain the same. Richard Watson will be the representative to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. - Appointed without objection.

21. Announcements. No announcements

22. Public comment on non-agenda items. -No Public Comments

23. Adjournment. - The Meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM