



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Minutes

Monday 15 August 2022 6:15 PM (meeting called to order 6:30 PM)

Zoom Electronic Meeting

| <u>Board Members</u> | Roll Call |
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| Sheryl Akerblom | Present |
| Dennis Braxton | Absent |
| Isiah Cade | Present |
| Greg Ellis | Present |
| Doug Epperhart | Present |
| Bob Gelfand | Absent (Arrived at 6:55PM) |
| Noel Gould | Present |
| Richard Havenick | Present |
| John Kopczynski | Present |
| Drew Leach | Present(Left at 7:00PM) |
| Chelsea Oruche | Absent |
| Rick Perkins | Absent |
| Dean Pentcheff | Absent |
| Lashanda Roz Roberts | Absent |
| Shannon Ross | Present |
| Robin Rudisill | Absent |
| Richard Watson | Present |

1. Technical checkout for online meeting (no substantive discussion or comment)

2. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Epperhart.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. Jocelyn Dominguez Harbor Representative to Mayor Garcetti's office-The Contract Ready LA Event will be held at the Proud Bird. Near LAX on August 27, 2022 10:00AM-12:00PM. It is to help businesses get city contracts and is hosted by the Mayor's Office of Economic Development. She will send a link to the event. There is an update on the Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance that has been prepared in response to City Council File # 17-0447 which amends the Municipal Code. It prohibits all new oil and gas and makes existing extractions a non-conforming use. Metro Back to School Go Pass Program can provide students with Metro Go Passes free of charge so they can use the public transit system. There is also a Metro Life Program for low-income fare. There are also other programs for saving money and riding Metro. Metro also has a Youth Council and they are accepting applications. Contact information: jocelyndominguez@lacity.org or 213-400-9266.
4. Call to order and roll call. The Board and Stakeholder Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM, Roll was taken as reflected in the chart above 10 Board members were present.
5. Board member comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. Ms. Leach spoke about the charging of parking fees at Cabrillo Beach. They only take Credit Cards not cash and you have to know how long you will stay and pay in advance. Many people were upset so Ms. Leach conducted a survey. She went over the survey results and included problems that the new parking issues are causing for the neighbors in the vicinity. The survey will be sent out to other local Neighborhood Councils.
 - b. Celia Gonzalez spoke on the Cabrillo Beach parking issues.
 - c. Noel Gould- has been receiving emails on the item. There will be an onsite meeting.
 - d. Richard Havenick received an email from Pacific Environment, they are a world-wide environmental organization that works on air quality and reducing the causes of climate change. They are hosting with Long Beach Alliance for Children a Community Town Hall for children with Asthma. It will be on August 31, 2022, 7:00PM to 8:30PM at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach. Approval of prior meeting minutes. Congressman Lowenthal will be announcing his Clean Shipping Act of 2022. It include monitoring and reporting of carbon emissions from large ships modeled on the European Union and that could potentially create a carbon charging program. Rex Richardson, Mayor of Long Beach will announce that Long Beach is joining the City of Los Angeles in supporting Zero ship emissions by 2030.
6. Approval of prior meeting minutes. - Minutes of the August Special Meeting were approved without objection.

Bob Gelfand arrived at 6:55PM

Drew Leach left the meeting at 7:00PM

7. Report from Los Angeles Police Department -The Crime Stats were reviewed

- a. LAPD SLO Melody Shortle- gave updates on the events and she discussed the Bloody Thursday Event which will not be returning to Pt. Fermin. The Crime Stats were reviewed. There is a Tik Tok video showing how to steal Kia cars. Theft of Kia's are up. She asked if anyone is interested in being part of Harbor Lights which is an organization that supports the Harbor Division. They plan projects, fundraisers and luncheons for the officers in the field. The Holidays are coming. Send her an email if you want more information. Issues were brought up that Officer Shortle will look into. -Celia Gonzales would like the ILWU to move the Bloody Thursday Event to Peck Park.
 - b. Port Police Officer Morales -gave an update. The Crime Stats were not available. The Port Police did a cross training with Long Beach and the Fire Divers as an exercise to better familiarize themselves with each other's ports.
 - c. Daniel Johnson, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment-gave Covid 19 updates letting the Board know that no one will be allowed in city or private buildings for Neighborhood Council meetings when they go back to in person, without the Boardmembers and public being fully vaccinated. At this time, we are continuing to meet virtually. NOTHER Anti-Bias training will be available soon in regards to gender expression and gender identity. The Digital Media Policy goes into effect in October. There will be a training on September 24 at The Congress of Neighborhoods.
8. Presentation from Lou Roupoli for the "Legends Car Club" show on 28 August 10:00AM-4:00PM There will be live music. The event will be held at Angel's Gate. There will be shuttle service from San Pedro High School.
- a. Celia Gonzales mentioned there were over 600 cars last time
 - b. James Campeau suggested using Berth 46 in the future.
9. Presentation from Deanne Dedmon (City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks) regarding basketball court plan They are planning to create a Laker's Basketball Court. The renderings were shown on the screen. Suggestions were made by the Boardmembers.
- a. Celia Gonzales- is there a plan to put in additional parking?
 - b. James Campeau-suggested putting in a curb.
10. Committee reports *[2 minutes per committee]*
- a. Land Use- The Plum Hearing in regards to Walkers Café will be tomorrow at 2:00PM. They will be talking about moving forward with the Historic Designation Status. -Gould
 - b. Port- There is a motion on tonight's agenda. -Ross
 - c. Congress of Neighborhoods-The Congress will have an interesting collection of presentations. - Gelfand
 - d. At the LANCC meeting there was a conversation about Evacuation Routes with one of the LA Fire Captains. Bob raised concerns that the community is not getting information and the captain agreed to come speak to us at the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee Meeting- Gelfand
11. Motion regarding transfer of property on Crescent Ave from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) To Port of L.A. Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Whereas, the 22nd Street Park (Park), developed by the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and completed in

2010 with great fanfare, is defined by the Port as “bounded by 22nd Street, Crescent Avenue, and Miner Street.” included, at great expense, extensive landscaping and geotechnical work in the Park area between

Crescent Avenue and the Port surveyed boundary near the Crescent Bike Path, and

Whereas, this portion of the 22nd Street Park was properly maintained by the POLA for some years thereafter, and since that time the landscaping maintenance of this area ceased to be done in a regular manner and the Park area along Crescent Avenue has for some number of years become an eyesore for the community and for the POLA, and

Whereas, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) has previously brought this to the attention of the POLA in a letter dated September 17, 2019 with the request that the POLA “clear unwanted and invasive vegetation from this area and maintain the clearance with regularly scheduled maintenance” however, the area currently receives no, or only occasional, limited landscaping maintenance for periods of many months at a time, and this has resulted in continuing ongoing deterioration of landscaping features, and in dry seasons, presents a fire hazard, and Whereas, this land is the property of the City of Los Angeles, and it is a relatively small narrow strip of land that is contiguous with, but outside the official surveyed boundary of the POLA, and whereas this has provided some rationalization that it is not the POLA’s responsibility, despite the fact that landscaping features were installed on this property by the POLA at great expense.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly urges that the City of Los Angeles transfer the ownership of this parcel of land between the current POLA surveyed boundary and Crescent Avenue from the Department of Public Works to the POLA (aka: the Los Angeles Harbor Department), and

Further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly urges that the POLA commence frequent and regularly scheduled landscape maintenance, removal of invasive plants that were not part of the original landscape design, and trash cleanup of this area, by POLA Construction and Maintenance staff and gardeners.

Motion to support transfer of property on Crescent Ave from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to Port of L.A. Moved Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee-Second N/A- 10 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Ross, Watson) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

12. Motion regarding proposed project at 3504 Carolina Street

Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Whereas, the proposed project at 3504 Carolina Street meets the LAMC Maximum Building Height and San Pedro Specific Plan Coastal Zone height regulations.

Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has no objection to the Hillside Ordinance Envelope Height variance.

Motion to support the Envelope Height variance for the proposed project at 3504 Carolina Street. Moved Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee Second N/A- 10 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Ross, Watson) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

13. Motion to file comment on the Port of Los Angeles NOP/IS on the Vopak Terminal.

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Port Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall adopt and forward the following comments on the Vopak NOP/IS to relevant City agencies:

Chris Cannon

Director of Environmental Management

City of Los Angeles Harbor Department

425 S. Palos Verdes St.

San Pedro, CA. 90731

Re: Vopak NOP/IS

Dear Mr. Cannon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Vopak NOP/IS.

We have divided our comments into three parts. The first section concerns the lack of alternatives, a CEQA requirement. The second section concerns the liquid bulk operations. The third section addresses the dry bulk cement material operations.

Section One. The NOP/IS Does Not Include any Project Alternatives.

CEQA requires a discussion of reasonable alternatives to the proposed preferred project, including a “no project” alternative. There are none in the NOP/IS. CEQA also requires adoption of the least environmentally impactful alternative that meets the objectives of the project. As is discussed in the third section, a reasonable alternative exists that almost totally eliminates the impacts of 40,000 truck trips per year on local streets.

Section Two. Liquid Bulk Operations.

Baseline Year.

The NOP/IS suggests using 2021 as the baseline year. However, a better indicator of use might be a pre-pandemic year, such as 2018 (reference California Code of Regulations, 14 CCR § 15125, Environmental Setting). Please consider that consumption of the primary fuels which are the subject of the proposed Project was greatly diminished for the period of Covid slow-downs in the years 2020 and 2021.

Potential Soil Contamination and Cleanup.

The NOP includes “Utility and pipeline relocation and improvements at Berths 187–190” but does not include any information on soil contamination in the area of such work and does not address how such contamination will be removed or remediated. Two important principles are involved here. First, at the conclusion of a lease, the tenant has an obligation to restore the premises which means clean up the pollution they have caused. Second, when a long-term lease is contemplated as a renewal, that is a CEQA project requiring analysis and remediation before a new term permit is approved. In this case, the analysis should include the triangle park area across from the Banning Community Center where Vopak’s manifold is located. It is known to be highly contaminated and needs to be remediated. It is directly east of the area now being prepared as a park for the Wilmington community.

Motion to amend and add Section 3 which is missing from the language on the agenda. Moved Gelfand, Second Ellis-passed without objection

Motion to file comment on the Port of Los Angeles NOP/IS on the Vopak Terminal as amended. Moved Gelfand Second Ellis- 10 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Ross, Watson) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

14. Motion requesting that the Department of Recreation and Parks notify Neighborhood Councils of relevant Environmental Impact Statements and other documents.

Administrative Operations Committee

Whereas, the Charter of the City of Los Angeles requires City departments to notify Neighborhood Councils of prospective City actions that affect Neighborhood Councils' stakeholders; therefore

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks notify all Neighborhood Councils in any area that would be affected by actions to be evaluated in any Notices of Preparation and Environmental Impact Statements that the Department files for compliance to the California Environmental Quality Act (or similar documents that permit public comment), and does so in a timely manner that permits Neighborhood Councils to gather public opinion and make formal comment.

Motion requesting that the Department of Recreation and Parks notify Neighborhood Councils of relevant Environmental Impact Statements and other documents. Moved Administrative Operations Committee Second N/A- 10 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Ross, Watson) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

15. Motion to support draft changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (Council File 22-0560).

Administrative Operations Committee

Whereas, the proposed changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (Council File 22-0560) would benefit Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders by increasing transparency, and Whereas, the proposed non-profit exemption of \$2,000,000 in gross receipts is excessive, inconsistent with IRS requirements, and would allow the vast majority of nonprofit corporations to gain exemption, thereby damaging transparency;

Therefore resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the proposed changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (Council File 22-0560), particularly SEC. 48.11, which requires verbal disclosure of lobbyist status in verbal communications with Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood Council members; and

Further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the proposed nonprofit exemption be changed to \$200,000 in gross receipts or \$500,000 in assets.

Council File 22-0560

Motion to support draft changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (Council File 22-0560). Moved Administrative Operations Committee Second N/A 9 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski,) 1 No (Watson), 1 Abstain, (Ross) 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

16. Motion directing separate placement of updates from government agencies on Board Meeting agendas.

Administrative Operations Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall add a standing rule that reads: The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall place an item titled: "Reports from public officials and government agencies" on Board Meeting agendas.

Motion to Table indefinitely Moved Akerblom Second Epperhart- 10 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Ross, Watson) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

17. Motion to adopt a meeting calendar for the 2022 – 2023 Board term.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall adopt the following meeting calendar for the 2022 – 2023 Board term:

Month Agenda Board

2022 August 8 15

2022 September 12 19

2022 October 11 (10 is Indigenous Peoples' Day) 17

2022 November 14 21

2022 December 12 19

2023 January 9 17 (16 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

2023 February 13 21 (20 is Presidents' Day)

2023 March 13 20

2023 April 10 17

2023 May 8 15

2023 June 12 20 (19 is Juneteenth)

2023 July 10 17

Motion to adopt a meeting calendar for the 2022 – 2023 Board term. Moved Akerblom Second Gelfand- 10 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Ross, Watson) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

18. Treasurer's report.- After the commitments for Read Printing the available balance is \$21,190. There are still issues with the City Clerk and getting the Emergency Preparedness items paid for. The balance does not include the roll over funds.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

19 Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for July 2022.

20 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.

21 Approval of funding requests received from committees.

Motion to approve the Funding Consent Calendar Items 19,20, and 21. Moved Budget and Finance Committee second N/A 10 Yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Ross, Watson) 0 No, 0 Abstain, 7 Absent (Braxton, Leach, Oruche, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill)

- 22 Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives including, but not limited to, Robin Rudisill as Alternate Signer, and Robert Gelfand as a Community Impact Statement filer. **Motion to Postpone the appointment of Robin Rudisill as it needs a BAC. Approve Bob Gelfand as a Community Impact Statement filer and add David Ross JR and Dan Braxton to the Port Committee-passed without objection.**
- 23 Announcements.
- 24 Public comment on non-agenda items. No Comments
- 25 Adjournment-The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM