



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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December 21, 2020 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Isiah Cade	Absent
Louis Dominguez	Present left at 9:00 p.m.
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Present
John Kopczynski	Absent
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present at 8:15 p.m.
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Absent
Robin Rudisill	Present
Vacant Seat	

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. **Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan’s office** – Scott Stragacich, Special Assistant to Ms. Barragan
 - i. Mr. Stragacich gave a brief legislative update.
 - ii. Mr. Stragacich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
3. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 12/13/12 Board members present and approximately 10 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Dean Pentcheff commented that the Bureau of Street Services has an Urban Tree Program for Street Trees. Residents may request many services related to city street trees. For more information, please go to <https://streetsla.lacity.org/>.
 - b. Kathleen Martin announced that the annual Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority homeless count, scheduled for January 2021, has been canceled due to COVID. The next CSPNC Homelessness Committee meeting will be mid-January.
 - c. Noel Gould commented about the successful resolution regarding Department of Transportation installing no overnight parking signs along the north side of Paseo del Mar.
5. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – November 16, 2020 meeting minutes approved as presented without objection.
6. **REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Senior Lead Officer Paul Winter – Unable to attend

- 7. PRESENTATION ON HOMELESSNESS PLAN** by Allison Becker (Council District 15 office)
- Ms. Becker gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation that included some of the following.
 - No solution is going to capture 100% of homeless people, the goal is to reach 60% of people.
 - A Navigation Center for safe storage was established at the LAPD Harbor Station. It is run by Volunteers of America.
 - They are working on having a Safe Parking program. There is one Safe Parking site in Watts. There are 2 more expected to come online next year, one in SP and one in Harbor Gateway.
 - There are now 3 Bridge Home sites, Watts, Wilmington, and San Pedro.
 - Project RoomKey at the Sunrise has been extended for several more months, this location will NOT become a Project Home Key.
 - Project RoomKey, now Project HomeKey, in San Pedro at Sunrise Hotel, is operated by the Salvation Army. There is also Project HomeKey at Travel Lodge in Harbor Gateway.
 - Ms. Becker answered questions from the board and stakeholders.

8. SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 19-1577, DIVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUELS/CLIMATE TRANSITION RISK FRAMEWORK – *Environment and Sustainability Committee*

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council adopted unanimously on 12/02/20 the Motion requesting the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System Board, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, report with the feasibility to develop a Climate Transition Risk framework and other related actions as defined in Council File 19-1577.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the Council File 19-1577 and requests submittal of a Community Impact Statement documenting the CSPNC support.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of room (Gould), and 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy).

9. SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 20-0492, REDUCE CLIMATE IMPACT/INSURANCE CONTRACTS – *Environment and Sustainability Committee*

Whereas the Council File 20-0492 requesting the evaluation of insurance contracts for climate impact, was submitted on 4/22/20 to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0492, requests the City Council perform the immediate actions necessary to implement the requirements defined in the Council File 20-0492

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of room (Gould), and 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy).

10. REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION ON WEST HARBOR DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT & AMPHITHEATER – *Planning and Land Use Committee*

Whereas West Harbor Development presented development plans to the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board and Stakeholder meeting on November 16, 2020, and stakeholders in San Pedro are deeply concerned about noise pollution coming from West Harbor, particularly from the amphitheater, as well as the impact on the environment and quality of life.

Whereas documentation from developers, including environmental impact reports, coastal development permits, and other developmental certification documents, including applications, would assist the community in discussing the noise impacts of the West Harbor property. A neighborhood council is charged with connecting the needs of the community with the government in an effort to ensure that the City government remains responsive to the different needs and lifestyles of communities. As such, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council wants this documentation to discuss with stakeholders, and ultimately to discuss the development of West Harbor with the City and other agencies if necessary.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) urgently seeks that the West Harbor developers, City Council office, and the Department of City Planning involve CSPNC and commit to involving the community in their planning process by providing planning documentation, environmental impact reports, coastal development permits, and other pertinent governmental certification documents, including applications, for this purpose.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 not yet present (Muthuswamy).

11. REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY USE OF LOTS E + F, 22ND STREET, PORT OF L.A., TO RELIEVE HOMELESSNESS – *Planning and Land Use Committee*

Whereas Lots E + F are located on the north side of 22nd Street between Miner and Sampson Way in the Port of L.A. It is approximately 4 acres of unused open space and will be unused for some time especially during two more years of construction at Ports O 'Call.

Whereas San Pedro immediately needs a safe and clean space away from the sidewalks for the homeless encampments. There are no portable toilets for the homeless that live along Beacon street between 7th Street and Crescent Ave, Gulch Street, Palos Verdes Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, and Pacific Ave between 19th- 17th Streets.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) urgently requests, in the spirit of "we're all in this together," the Port to allow the EMERGENCY TEMPORARY USE of lots E + F for the homeless that camp along our streets in San Pedro. The CSPNC further requests that the Port and/or the City provide portable toilets, 2 or more as needed, and 6 trash cans, with toilets to be pumped and trash cans to be emptied on a weekly basis, and that LAPD and the Port Police work in tandem to ensure that these homeless encampments will no longer be allowed on San Pedro's streets and parkways because of this new location at Lots E + F.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion by Dean Pentcheff to remand to the Planning and Land Use and Homelessness committees, as noted above, second by Daniel Kohn, and passed 9 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, and Pentcheff), 3 noes (Ellis, Gould, and Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Herman).

12. REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA OF THE 110/47 OFF RAMP AND 47 TERMINUS ON GAFFEY – Planning and Land Use Committee

Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the opportunities detailed in the attached letter requesting further improvements in the area of the 110/47 off ramp and 47 terminus on Gaffey.

[See attached letter]

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 1 no (Dominguez), and 0 abstention.

13. SUPPORT OF CF 20-0047 AND 19-0400 RE. SB 330 REGARDING EVICTION PROTECTION – Planning and Land Use Committee

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has a dire shortage of AFFORDABLE housing;

Whereas SB 330 was passed by the State Legislature and chaptered on January 1, 2020 and provides enhanced protections for those tenants in "protected units" which in Los Angeles are described as Rent Stabilized Units (RSO). The protections include: replacement of housing units in the same number as those demolished; replacement of "protected units" when there is no housing construction to be replaced on a 1:1 basis; the right for tenants to remain in their housing unit until 6 months prior to commencement of construction; no differentiation between ministerial or non-ministerial construction of housing developments when applying these enhanced protections; tenants in "protected units" have the First Right of Return in any replacement housing constructed as a result of demolition; legal recourse for any interested party, including a tenant, against the City of Los Angeles if the protections are not complied with and enforced; and

Whereas SB 330 provides for the protections above, and that the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, Department of Building and Safety and HCIDLA have not been complying with SB 330 and have not been enforcing the protections included in the bill.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council demands that the City of Los Angeles comply with the provisions of SB 330 immediately to minimize the effects of displacement in the face of rising development contributing to the non-compliance with these provisions; and further, that the City Attorney direct HCIDLA, the Department of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety to add these protections to an Ellis Act Eviction and Replacement checklist for full compliance with SB 330 provisions PRIOR to approving any Ellis Act Eviction or issuing any permit for demolition of housing units.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

14. SUPPORT OF CF 19-0742 RE. DRAFT ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE DETENTION CENTERS – Planning and Land Use Committee

Whereas the purpose of detention centers is to help and rehabilitate juveniles and protect the community. Various studies and public testimony have documented the inadequate access to legal, medical, and mental health care resulting in physical and emotional trauma and other long-term effects of private sector detention centers. Private sector centers are for-profit businesses whose purpose is to maximize profits for its shareholders. Their goals are different and incompatible with rehabilitation. When it comes to incarcerating people, giving this responsibility to for-profit businesses is a bad idea.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the draft ordinance to prohibit private detention centers (CF 19-0742) and urges its quick approval.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

15. SUPPORT OF CF 20-0584 AND 20-0498 RE. TELECOMMUTING – Planning and Land Use Committee

Whereas City Council Files 20-0584 and 20-0498 would create incentives for employees of businesses and for government officials and employees to work from home.

Whereas remote work is not a panacea for the climate crisis, making the practice more widespread and available in Los Angeles could help to reduce commuter traffic, which would have the benefit of reducing vehicle air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Teleworking is just one of many tools in our toolbox that we must utilize to fight the climate crisis and create sustainable air quality improvements to our region. By improving air quality, we also create healthier Angelenos. Air pollution is linked to a host of health problems and makes people more vulnerable to COVID-19. A recent UCLA study found that approximately 14,000 premature deaths could be avoided annually if California decreases greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050. Underserved communities who suffer the most from air pollution would see disproportionately higher levels of benefits from cleaner air, the study also found.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the City’s Chief Legislative Analyst, Personnel Department and IT Department studying these issues further and exploring its implementation in the City of Los Angeles and to report within the next 60 days (City Council Files 20-0584 and 20-0498).

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

16. OPPOSITION TO COUNCIL FILE 20-1044 RE. “HIGH VALUE PROJECTS” – Planning and Land Use Committee

Whereas while we applaud necessary efforts to reduce corruption, we do not support the proposal to bypass the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) and bring “high value projects” directly to the City Council. High value projects implies projects of significant size and with significant impact on their neighboring communities and, indeed, our entire city. As such, they deserve full vetting with sufficient time and input for evaluating their impacts. The proposal would have the effect of limiting public participation in the approval process. The proposed procedural changes would also result in delay of other City Council business.

Resolved, a solution must be developed to deal with the problem of the corruption in the planning and land use process engaged in by the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management Committee and the City Council.

Further be it Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the City Council motion recommending bypass of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) for “high value projects” (Council File 20-1044).

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Dominguez).

17. Motion regarding reducing funding for Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in FY 2021–22 Proposed Budget – Doug Epperhart

Whereas, the general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is proposing a 15.1 percent increase in the department’s budget for fiscal year 2021-22; and

Whereas, the city of Los Angeles is experiencing a serious budget emergency and severe cuts in services, including critical public safety functions, are contemplated; and

Whereas, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment does not provide essential services to the people of Los Angeles;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the fiscal year 2021–22 budget of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be reduced by a minimum of 20 percent.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement.

DONE GENERAL MANAGER BUDGET PROPOSAL STATEMENT

Neighborhood Empowerment is pleased to present the Department's 2021-2022 Budget Proposal. The Department is submitting a Proposed Budget for FY 2021-22 of \$3,257,738 with a 15.1% (\$428,294) increase from the Department's Approved FY 2020-2021 budget. The Budget acknowledges Mayor Eric Garcetti's cost containment and fiscal constraint mandates. The increase in the budgetary request from the prior year reflects salary increases, and the continuation of existing service levels operated by resolution authority positions. Department staffing levels would drop by 2 positions compared to FY 2020-2021 (from 35 to 33 full time positions) if this proposal is accepted. This budget ask focuses on (1) maintaining, as much as is possible, existing staffing and service at FY 20-21 levels, (2) reducing baseline budgetary spending by 3% (\$93,135), and (3) complying with the requirements of the Separation Incentive Program (SIP). The budget proposal now goes to the Mayor's Office and CAO for review and hearings before the Mayor releases his proposed budget on April 20, 2021. After that, the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee will make their recommendations on any changes in order to approve the budget by May 2020.

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to call the previous question, second by **Bob Gelfand**, and passed 11 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of room (Muthuswamy), and 1 left meeting (Dominguez).

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approve motion above regarding reducing funding for Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in FY 2021–22 Proposed Budget, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed 9 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 2 abstentions (Hernandez and Martin), 1 out of room (Muthuswamy), and 1 left meeting (Dominguez).

18. COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING DATES

Whereas, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) will not schedule Board meetings on City holidays, and the CSPNC wishes to avoid having its Board meetings conflict with Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Tuesday Board meetings, Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall hold its next two Board meetings on the following dates: ~~Wednesday 20~~ Tuesday 19 January and ~~Wednesday 17~~ Tuesday 16 February.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to move the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Dates as noted above, second by **Greg Ellis**, and passed with 11 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 out of room (Muthuswamy), and 1 left meeting (Dominguez).

19. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff
 - i. Chair Pentcheff commented that the DONE bylaw revisions have been received and only the definition of stakeholder, and voting age were changed, he sees no reason to protest the changes and the CSPNC bylaws will be revised accordingly.
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – Not present
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand – No new information
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould – No new information
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould – No new information
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
 - i. Chair Havenick commented that he is seeking to turn over chairing of joint NC committee to NWSP early next year.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin – No new information
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – No new information
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill – No new information
 - i. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-7planning-trans>.

20. TREASURER'S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Not present

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

21. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020.

22. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENSES, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S PAYMENT OF ALL RECURRING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXPENSES INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) LLOYD STAFFING, THE MAILROOM, ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER MEETING EXPENSES, VENDOR(S) FOR MEETING REFRESHMENTS, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

23. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None

Motion by **Bob Glefand** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Greg Ellis**, and passed 12 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Dominguez).

24. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF ALEX GARCIA TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. Approved without objection.

25. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ericka Hernandez commented that they expect to start a new round of Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) the deadline will be January 29th.

26. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

27. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom,
for the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council