



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Minutes

Tuesday, 20 March 2023 meeting called to order 6:30 PM

Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Dennis Braxton	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Absent
John Kopczynski	Present
Drew Leach	Present
Chelsea Oruche	Absent
Rick Perkins	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Lashanda Roz Roberts	Present
Shannon Ross	Absent
Robin Rudisill	Present
Richard Watson	Present

1. Technical checkout for online meeting. There were no technical issues.
2. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Epperhart.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. Allen Franz-Earth Day is coming. Come out and see films and enjoy the wildflowers.
 - b. Mary Lou Fentis-Is there any news on the Royal Palms shooting?
 - c. Ashley Gonzales LAANE- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy- everyone should be able to live where they work. They are currently making \$18.45 an hour while the Hotel Industry are getting bailouts. A power Point Presentation was shown on the screen. During the strike the workers were bolted inside of their workplaces. The workers want new contracts and better policies. They want support They want \$25.00 an hour now and \$30.00 before the Olympics.
4. Call to order and roll call. The Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM, Roll Call is listed in the chart above. 14 Boardmembers were present and 3 absent.
5. Board member comment on non-agenda items.
 - a. Bob Gelfand- mentioned the 50th Anniversary of the Korean Culture Center Incorporated. It will be at the Korean Friendship Hall on April 20, 2023 at 11:00AM
 - b. Drew Leach-The deadline to vote is April 1, 2023, Voting will be held 10:00 to 2:00PM at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, in the Library. You need proof of residency, business or work documentation and a photo ID. The Empowerla Website does not have the voter registration forms.
 - c. Noel Gould went to the Double Tree Hotel with Mr. Epperhart to look for a meeting location. They did find a room they think will be good for the Board and Committee Meetings. The \$350.00 to\$ 550.00 for the rooms. It is ADA Compliant

Richard Havenick arrived at 6:50PM

Drew Leach left the meeting at 6:50PM

6. Approval of prior meeting minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.
7. Report from Los Angeles Police Department
 - a. Melody Shortle (LAPD)-The Royal Palms shooting update-There was an event without a permit. We do have a suspect in custody. He is a gang member. The victims were not. Currently there is a change to the beach parking lot hours: M-Th 6:00AM -6:30 PM and Fr. Sat, Sun 6:00AM-4:30PM. Security is now there earlier. Officer Shortle went over the Crime Stats.
On Saturday there will be a one-day music festival at the beach from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.
 - b. Officer Morales (Port Police) Homeless Encampment clean ups- near Fish Market. All items have removed from the Fish Market and other businesses due to the closing of Third. The Port website has a lot of Spring and Summer events coming up so look for them on the calendar at Portoflosangeles.org.
 - c. Jocelyn Dominguez (Harbor and Watts Representative for Mayor Karen Bass) update on Inside Safe 11 sites been serviced with housing for 500 individuals. Sixty of those individuals have been moved into permanent housing There are new LA Tenant protections. Landlords cannot evict you unless it is for a legal reason and eviction protections for tenants who got an unauthorized pet due to Covid-19 are in place until March 24, 2024.

- d. Atziri Camarena-starting next month all meetings need to be in person and she looks forward to meeting everyone. Ms. Camarena mentioned the upcoming elections and that she would be happy to help do canvassing. It was also mentioned that the department has been getting fishing emails.

8. Motion seeking overnight security at Point Fermin, Joan Milkes Flores, and Angels Gate parks.

Coastline and Parks Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the City reestablish overnight security in Point Fermin Park, ~~Joan~~ John Milkes Flores Park, and Angels Gate Park.

Motion Moved: Pentcheff Second: Gelfand 14-Yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenik, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill. Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 2 Absent (Leach, Oruche, Ross)

Motion Passed

- 9. Motion to oppose application for accessory dwelling unit conversion at 3330 Peck Avenue.

Planning, Land Use and Transportation Committee

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the application for a conversion from an existing 436-square-foot, two-car garage to an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) at 3330 Peck Avenue, located in the Coastal Zone, be denied as it runs counter to Coastal Zone policies because it reduces existing parking and does not provide additional parking for the new unit.

Motion to postpone item so the applicant can be present Moved: Rudisill Second: Gould 14-Yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenik, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Rudisill. Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 3 Absent (Leach, Oruche, Ross) Motion Passed

- 10. Motion requesting native plant landscaping in public spaces.

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Environment and Sustainability Committee

Whereas, the Los Angeles region faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species; and

Whereas, native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and furnish all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while natives provide the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and the elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution;

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public/private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to henceforth only plant 100% California native plants and trees within Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and specifically within the boundaries of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council except in situations where plants and trees are intended to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field.

Motion to add an amendment- remove the language that says, henceforth only plant 100% California native plants and add to highly prioritize the planting of California native plants. Moved: Pentcheff Second: Gould Motion passed without objection

Motion to amend the amendment to read Native plants and trees and then (such as in the San Pedro Urban Greening Plan) Moved: Gould Second: Havenick Passed without objection

Public Comment: Allen Franz- suggested they add the words locally sourced or Southern California native as it makes the plants specific to the region from which they will be used.

Motion to add the words locally sourced in front of the word Southern Moved: Gould Second: Havenick, Motion failed without a vote

Motion to add the following phrase from the local area after the words, plants and trees. Moved: Pentcheff Second: Ellis, Motion passed without objection

Public Comment: Allen Franz- has concerns in referring to the San Pedro Urban Greening Plan

Motion to strike the San Pedro Greening Plan - everything within the parenthesis. Moved Havenick Second: Gould

Public Comment Allen Franz-explained there can be different species under locally sourced

Motion to amend to add the words from locally sourced seed stock and delete from the local area Moved: Epperhart Second: Gould- The item was approved without objection

Motion from the Environment and Sustainability Committee to approve as amended:

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Whereas, native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and furnish all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while natives provide the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and the elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution;

Therefore, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public/private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to henceforth **highly prioritize the planting of only plant 100% southern** California native plants and trees ~~from locally sourced seedstock from the local area (such as in the San Pedro Urban Greening Plan)~~ within Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and specifically within the boundaries of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council except in situations where plants and trees are intended to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field

Rudisill was Absent from the vote

13-Yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenik, Kopczynski, Perkins, Pentcheff, Roberts, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 4 Absent (Leach, Oruche, Ross, Rudisill.) Motion Passed

11. Motion to request replacement of damaged fence at Alma Park.

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Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee

Motion to amend to add after Recreation and Parks the words to preserve the existing landscape and Moved Havenick

Whereas, there is a collapsed perimeter fence at Alma Park at the end of the alley, extending north from 22nd Street (nearest South Meyer Street), which creates a significant hazard for injury and provides opportunities for vandalism and crime, and

Whereas, the former Park Advisory Board and the current Alma Park Neighbors organization have requested that this fence be replaced since 2015 with no resolution or communication from the Department of Recreation and Parks;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on Councilmember Tim McOsker, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks **to preserve the existing landscape and** to replace the damaged fence at Alma Park as soon as possible.

Motion to amend by adding the words to preserve the existing landscape and after the words Parks and Recreation Moved: Havenick Second Gould

Public Comment:

- a. Pam Gaume- The whole thing needs to be graded and possibly a block wall needs to be put up. The fence may be on private property.
- b. Allen Franz- The problem there is soil creep. They are not native plants so the roots are shallow. He would like an amendment regarding the types of plants

Motion to send the item back to the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee and the Parks Committee Moved: Gould Second: Havenick, Motion was approved without objection

12. Motion to request removal and cleanup of wrecked boat at White Point.

Motion to request removal and cleanup of wrecked boat at White Point. Moved by Havenick Second: Cade

Whereas, over 21 days have passed since the grounding of a fiberglass sailboat with diesel engine, diesel fuel tank, and lead keel on the rock beach at White Point (vicinity of 1600 West Paseo Del Mar) and emergency personnel from the Coast Guard and County and City of Los Angeles were alerted of the crashed boat; and Whereas, the wrecked boat presents an environmental hazard to the adjacent marine environment and shore of Coastal San Pedro and County of Los Angeles;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that responsible agencies respond immediately with no further delay to remove any hazardous materials, including diesel fuel, oil, and lead, which appear to be present on the wrecked boat at the foot of White Point in the area of the landslide.

Motion to substitute the wording as listed below Moved: Havenick Second: Cade

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~~Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that responsible agencies respond immediately with no further delay to remove any hazardous materials, including diesel fuel, oil, and lead, which appear to be present on the wrecked boat at the foot of White Point in the area of the landslide. Whereas over three weeks passed since the grounding of a fiberglass sailboat with lead keel and diesel engine and fuel tank on the rock beach at approximate address 1600 West Paseo Del Mar; and, Whereas almost a week passed since the grounding of a fiberglass powerboat with engines removed and fuel tanks (reported to be empty) on the rock beach at approximate address 2281 Warmouth; and, Whereas, the US Coast Guard and County Lifeguards reported repeatedly that the grounded sailboat contained no combustion engine or hazardous fluids, possibly causing the County of Los Angeles to refrain from taking immediate action.~~

~~Therefore resolved, the CSPNC expresses our confidence and great appreciation for the work of the US Coast Guard and the County Lifeguards and requests the correction of causes for erroneous reporting from the Coast Guard to the County of Los Angeles on the referenced sailboat wreck, the immediate response to prevent environmental damage that may result from all coastal threats as from the referenced wrecks, and the cleanup and removal of the referenced wrecks as soon as possible.~~

Moved: Havenick Second: Epperhart 4-Yes (Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenik, Watson) 7-No (Braxton, Ellis, Gould, Kopczynski Pentcheff, Perkins, Rudisill,), 3-Abstain (Akerblom, Cade Roberts,), 3 Absent (Leach, Oruche, Ross) Motion Passed

Motion to amend to spell out the words Coastal San Pedro instead of using the abbreviation CSP Moved Gelfand Second: Havenick -Was approved without objection

The Board discussed several additional changes which were adopted without objection. The final version is written above, with the changes marked.

Motion to approve Item 12 with the amendments Moved: Havenick Second: Cade 13-Yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Cade Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenik, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill, Watson) 0-No, 1-Abstain (Epperhart), 3 Absent (Leach, Oruche, Ross) Motion Passed

13. Committee reports. - No Reports

14. Treasurer's report. Over \$28,000.00 is left is remaining with one bill pending. We have 14 applications for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPG) which totals over \$40,000.00. There will be a meeting next week to review the NPG's.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

15. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for February and March. Items 15 and 16.

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

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 15 and 16. Moved Budget and Finance Committee Second: N/A 14-Yes (Akerblom, Braxton, Cade Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenik, Kopczynski,

Pentcheff, Perkins, Roberts, Rudisill, Watson) 0-No, 0-Abstain, 3 Absent (Leach, Oruche, Ross) Motion Passed

17. Approval of funding requests received from committees. -No funding requests received.

18. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives- No requests submitted

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19. Announcements. - No announcements

20. Public comment on non-agenda items. - No public comments

21. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM