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COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 16, 2017 6:30 PM

CABRILLO MARINA COMMUNITY BUILDING

224 Whalers Walk, Berth 28

San Pedro, CA 90731

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1. Voluntary opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public comment on non-agenda items.
3. Call to order and roll call.
4. Board member comment on non-agenda items.
[May include comment on Board members' own activities/brief announcements; brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights or asking questions for clarification; introduction of new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting; or requests for research and a report back to the Board at a future time.]
5. Approval of prior meeting minutes.
6. Reports from government agency representatives — LA Police Department, Port Police, Council District 15, Port of LA, LA Unified School District, US Congress, State Assembly, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, NC Budget Advocate, others.
7. Presentation from Citizens' Climate Lobby on carbon fee and dividend approach to carbon mitigation.
[10 minute presentation; 10 minutes Q & A]
8. Motion on emergency preparedness.
9. Motion to amend the Bylaws of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council to accommodate the change in City Clerk election schedule for Neighborhood Councils from even-numbered to odd-numbered years and to remove some now-obsolete election clauses.
10. Committee reports.
11. Treasurer's report.
Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)
 12. Monthly Expenditure Reports
 13. Expenses
14. Motion to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,100 for bookkeeping services.
15. Acceptance of resignation of the Treasurer.
16. Appointment of a Treasurer.
17. Appointment of a Governing Board member to be the City credit card holder.
18. Appointments of committee members, committee officers, and other Board representatives.
19. Announcements.
20. Public comment on non-agenda items.
21. Adjournment.

8. Motion on emergency preparedness

[Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee]

Introduction

The citywide Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA) was created by neighborhood council participants in early 2016 and has been meeting monthly since that time. It has heard presentations from many organizations including the LAFD, LAPD, Emergency Management Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, the Auxiliary Communications Service of the LAFD, and numerous others. Participants in the NCEPA meetings have reached conclusions which are summarized in the section titled Findings below.

Generally Accepted Knowledge

The state of California is overdue for a large magnitude earthquake originating on the San Andreas Fault. Current estimates are that such a quake, popularly referred to as "the big one," could be as heavy as magnitude 8.3, could injure in excess of 50,000 people, and would damage or destroy several thousand structures. The vast majority of the 4 million residents of Los Angeles would survive, but we will be left without running water, electricity, or working sewage for an indefinite period of time, perhaps lasting weeks. It is also predicted that such an earthquake would result in the loss of telephone and cellular telephone services. In addition, downed power lines could make streets impassable.

Findings

We find that the vast majority of Los Angeles residents are woefully unprepared for a major earthquake. For example, the need to stockpile water, food, and prescription medications has not been communicated successfully to the populace. We find that city agencies and departments are, in general, reasonably well prepared for a major earthquake, but have failed to communicate their plans and goals to the population as a whole.

Resolved

- 1) The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) recognizes that the residents in our district and the public as a whole have not been adequately informed about the need to stockpile disaster supplies, nor have they been trained adequately in dealing with a major earthquake at the time of the quake and in its immediate aftermath.
- 2) For these reasons, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will institute a public training program, some of which will be presented at monthly governing board meetings. The CSPNC will also do outreach to local Neighborhood Watch groups, as well as other organizations with active memberships within our district.
- 3) The CSPNC calls on city agencies and departments including the LAFD and LAPD to inform the public as to their plans for reacting to a major disaster, particularly with regard to a situation presenting danger to the residents of the area adjacent to the harbor.
- 4) The CSPNC budget would adequately cover the costs of purchasing and distributing two-way radios to residents of the CSPNC district so as to create the infrastructure for emergency communications in the aftermath of a major earthquake. Unfortunately, current city regulations forbid such practices since they involve distributing items of value to the public in such a manner that they will be stored apart from our direct control. CSPNC calls on the city of Los Angeles to cut through this red tape so that CSPNC and other neighborhood councils can begin the process of disaster preparedness.
- 5) The city should expedite the ability of neighborhood councils and other organizations to create bins full of first responder tools. We point out that used cargo containers are available and relatively inexpensive. As with respect to item 4 (above), the difficulties involve red tape, regulations, and fear of liability by the city. The city of Los Angeles is called on to cut through the red tape.
- 6) CSPNC will help develop and will participate in planning for a communications and emergency response network that would go into action in the event of a major disaster. CSPNC will continue to be a member of and participate in the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance.
- 7) A member of the CSPNC governing board along with other NCEPA participants have suggested a plan for responding to a major earthquake through a process referred to as "walk to the corner." CSPNC endorses in principle the creation and use of that procedure.

9. Motion to amend the Bylaws of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council to accomodate the change in City Clerk election schedule for Neighborhood Councils from even-numbered to odd-numbered years and to remove some now-obsolete election clauses. [Dean Pentcheff, second by Lou Dominguez]

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall amend its Bylaws to reflect a change in the City Clerk election schedule from even-numbered to odd-numbered years, and to remove some clauses that are now obsolete, as follows (text in strikethrough to be removed, text in underlined-boldface to be added):

Article V Section 4. Terms and Term Limits. ~~For the 2017–2018 term only, the term of office for Governing Board members shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. The regular terms of office for Governing Board members shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1, 2018 of even~~**odd**-numbered years and ending June 30 of the following ~~even~~**odd**-numbered year. There shall be no term limits.

Article X Section 1. Administration of Election. ~~For the 2017–2018 term only, the Council shall hold a selection process instead of an election to fill the Governing Board. 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. 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.~~

The Neighborhood Council's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections.

Note that according to the Bylaws of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, passage of a motion to amend the Bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all serving Governing Board members and, in addition, a simple majority vote of all stakeholders present and voting at that meeting.

14. Motion to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,100 for bookkeeping services [Robert Bryant]

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) shall appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,200 for bookkeeping services with regard to the council's financial matters. The scope of work includes the bookkeeping matters previously carried out by the CSPNC Treasurer. The appropriation is intended to cover financial bookkeeping beginning on February 1, 2018 and extending through June 30, 2018.

For more information, please call 310-918-8650; write to CSPNC, 1840 S. Gaffey Street #34, San Pedro, CA 90731; or visit the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council website at www.cspnc.org.

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