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COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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February 16, 2016 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:45pm by President James Dimon. See list below for board member attendance. 10 Board members present. Approximately 35+ stakeholders also in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call
James Baeza	Present
James Dimon	Present
Slobodan Dimitrov	Absent
Louis Dominguez	Absent
Doug Epperhart	Present arrived at 7:10 pm
Bob Gelfand	Present
Adele Healy	Present
Christian Jezina	Present
Rick Plumley	Absent
Shannon Ross	Present left at 7:00 pm
Jason Villicano	Present
Rachel Sindelar Waugh	Absent
Mary Salinas	Absent
Ben Spolarich	Present
Brian Vassallo	Present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Alan Johnson of Jerico Development announced that on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Warner Grand Theatre, they will be presenting the draft waterfront redevelopment plan for Ports O' Call.
- b. Carol Jezina commented that she is concerned about the Cabrillo Beach Bath House and the damage it could receive due to extreme surf conditions that may be caused by El Nino.
- c. Anna Lee Carpenter announced that the Port Tech Expo 2016, will be on Thursday, March, 10, 2016. Students from five area high schools will be participating.
- d. Dean Pentcheff had several items 1) requested to have the email addresses of committee chairs listed on the NC's website; 2) requested that agenda items give a subject, particularly for presentations; 3) asked when and how NPG's will be considered; and 4) asked when the Port and Environment committee will meet next.
- e. Andrea Louis asked for the support of the NC to change the venue for the Shred skateboard event to a location that has less of an impact on local residents. Perhaps it could be held at the base of Western. She also asked if the NC could get a traffic study on Gaffey between 33rd and 38th Streets.
- f. Mona Sutton, Executive Chair of the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) at LAPD's Harbor Division, announced that Harbor L.I.T.E.S., the fund raising arm for LAPD Harbor Division, is holding its annual meeting this Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at LAPD Harbor Division. Harbor L.I.T.E.S. is an auxiliary organization of LAPD Harbor Division. The Harbor L.I.T.E.S. annual fund raising Fashion Show will be in April. The regular monthly CPAB meeting is every third Thursday, at 6:30 pm at the LAPD Harbor Division.

3. **MINUTES:** Motion by **Doug Epperhart**, to approve the January 19, 2016, Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes as presented, second by **James Baeza**. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Villicano, and Vassallo), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 left meeting early (Ross).
4. **BUDGET & FINANCE:** Treasurer Mary Salinas was not present.
5. **LAPD REPORT:** Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight. Her report included the following:
 - a. Crime in the Coastal San Pedro area is down. For burglary theft from motor vehicles, 14 of 23 involved unlocked cars, and 3 of 9 residential burglaries were also unsecured locations.
 - b. Related to the traffic situation on Gaffey Street between 32nd – 38th Streets; she and Ryan Ferguson from Councilman Buscaino’s office have been working on the issue. One thing they are considering is placing cones on the North side on Gaffey.
 - c. Related to the Shred event, she has met with the organizer and the Director at Angel’s Gate and they have discussed options for the event this year. They are considering moving some things into Angels Gate Park.
 - d. She is working with Recreation & Parks leadership to come up with a plan for the Legends Car Club Show so that it will be less impactful on area residents while still allowing the Club to have its event.
 - e. The RV that residents were concerned about having possibly stolen bicycles was impounded. However, the owner has since gotten the RV out of impound. They will continue to monitor the situation.
 - f. She commented that the Harbor L.I.T.E.S. organization does amazing things to boost moral for the LAPD Harbor Division officers all year long.
 - g. Some concerns of Board members and Stakeholders were as follows:
 - i. A “Booking Van” was recently posted at the LAPD Harbor Division to transport detainees to 77th Street station for booking instead of the officers having to transport them. They now have a booking van, or Jail van, that waits at the station on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights to take detainees to 77th Street Station.
 - ii. In response to a question about whether LAPD has considered using bait bikes to help with the problem of bicycle thefts, Officer Wight responded the LAPD did try this recently but there was no activity. They will do another one soon. They are minimally successful in San Pedro. Officer Wight suggested that people take photos of their bicycles and keep the serial number on file.
6. **Port Police Report:** Sergeant Jose Alvarez and Maritime Community Relations Officer Aldo Morales.
 - a. Sergeant Alvarez commented that on February 2, 2016, they arrested an individual walking around Ports O’ Call with 20 shaved keys, for all types of vehicles, trying to break in to vehicles.
 - b. Officer Morales reiterated, “please lock your vehicle.”
 - c. A stakeholder asked if people could call the Port Police instead of LAPD for issues at Cabrillo Beach. Officer Morales responded that, yes you can call the Port Police. You might get a quicker response from the Port Police than LAPD. The City/Parks and Recreation has hired private security to do night patrols at Cabrillo Beach. The private security has been in place for only about one week. The Port dispatch phone number is 310-732-3500.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

7. **Councilman Buscaino CD15:** Ryan Ferguson, San Pedro Field Deputy, provided a written report some of the highlights are as follows:
 - a. Legislative update, the City Council considered a communication from the CAO and CLA regarding key issues of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Additional legislative updates were provided. To view the full report please go to [cspnc.org](http://www.cspnc.org) or use the following link: <http://www.cspnc.org/council-district-15-reports>.

- b. On Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 11:00 am, at Crafted, Councilman Buscaino will deliver his State of the LA Waterfront speech. This is a paid event please contact the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce for ticket information.
 - c. On Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 2:00 pm, Brouwerij West is having its ribbon cutting and the grand opening is on Saturday, February 27, 2016.
 - d. CD15 presented a Certificate of Recognition to student Rudy Rios for outstanding efforts in public speaking and volunteer work.
- 8. Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell.** Sarah Patterson, San Pedro Field Representative reported:
- a. On Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 9:00 to 10:30 am, at Siren's Java & Tea House, the Assemblymember, in partnership with Councilman Buscaino and Senator Hall, is holding a coffee & conversation event.
 - b. Ms. Patterson announced their Woman of Distinction recognition ceremony. They are accepting nominations in the fields of arts, business, community service, education, and health services. Nominations are due by March 4, 2016.
 - c. She provided a written fact sheet/legislative update for bill AB1657, The California Green Fort Funding Act. She will email the one page fact sheet to people on request.
 - d. President Dimon thanked the Assemblymember for his efforts in getting both Harbor View House and Pacific View House audited.
- 9. Congresswoman Hahn's office:** German Castilla, Field Representative
- a. Provided legislative updates, including HR 4490 to expand space for airline passenger seats, which did not pass the transportation committee. The Congresswoman plans on reintroducing the item.
 - b. On Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Congresswoman Hahn is holding a free tax preparation event, at Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.
 - c. On May 6, 2016, the annual senior briefing event will be held at the Carson Community Center.
 - d. On May 14, 2016, the annual Congressional Art Competition reception will be held at Crafted.
- 10. LAUSD: Superintendent of Local District South, Christophe Downing**
- a. Mr. Downing requested that the Board select two or three representatives to be part of a focus group for sustainability and solutions for the Christensen Science and Sustainability Center.
- 11. PRESENTATION by Team AMVETS Welcome Home Program,** Sharon Elefant, Regarding Collaboration with Department of Housing and Urban Development: Not present.
- 12. PRESENTATION, Augie Bezmalinovich, Video Presentation**
- a. Mr. Bezmalinovich presented a short video highlighting completed projects around the Port for the last ten years. The video may be viewed on line on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Tktor8-i0&feature=youtu.be>.
 - b. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Port Administration building, at 8:30 am. The following meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Port Administration building, at 6:00 pm.
 - c. The southbound SR 47 freeway will be closed from the Harbor Blvd. exit to Gaffey St. from February 19th to the 22nd. All motorists will be required to exit at Harbor Blvd.
 - d. Eel grass mitigation at Cabrillo Beach is starting approximately the second week of March and should be completed by April 15, 2016.
 - e. In 2008 the Port signed an MOU with the State's Attorney General's Office and committed in placing 10 megawatts of solar around the port. The Port has until 2018 to meet that commitment. On October 15, 2015 the Board of Harbor Commissioner's approved a contract to install and maintain additional solar. The contractor is asking the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium about installing solar panels over the parking area. –
 - f. On Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 9 am – 12 pm, at Via Cabrillo Marina & Shoshonean Road, there will be a Bike Rodeo for the entire family.

- g. On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 6:00 pm, at the Warner Grand Theatre, there will be a presentation of the draft waterfront redevelopment plan.

13. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME: *Please note that stakeholder comments made without a microphone were not audible to the minute taker and accordingly not included below.*

- a. Board member Doug Epperhart commented that the latest Coastal San Pedro NC newsletter was available on the back table.
- b. Selection Committee Chair Leslie Jones asked to have volunteer Mona Sutton be on the Selection Committee. **Motion by Doug Epperhart, to approve adding the item to approve volunteer Mona Sutton be on the Selection Committee to tonight's agenda, second by James Baeza. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Villicano, and Vassallo), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 left meeting early (Ross). Motion by James Baeza, to approve to have volunteer Mona Sutton be on the Selection Committee, second by Adele Healy. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Villicano, and Vassallo), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 left meeting early (Ross).**

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS | *to board and stakeholders for non-agendized items: None*

15. OPEN BOARD SEATS | Board vote and affirmation thereof to fill two vacant board seats from candidates present or those having provided a written statement. Four candidates came forward for consideration: Ashley Wright, Jeff LaBarre, Robert Campbell & George Palaziol. After short verbal statements from all four candidates, Robert Campbell and George Palaziol were appointed by the Board and seated.

16. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Approval of Letter to Mayor Garcetti with copies to Katherine Johnson, Police Commission, Chief Beck, LAPD, and Joe Buscaino. Wording of letter follows:

It is the position of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council that the opening of the LAPD Harbor Division jail is necessary to ensure that Harbor Division patrol officers spend more time policing our streets instead of driving the 30 mile round trip to 77th Street jail to book individuals into custody. It is critical to the quality of life of our residents and the safety of our businesses that our police officers spend more time on the streets in the Harbor Area.

Harbor Division has seen violent crime rise 34% and property crime rise 17% in 2015. We would like to see more officers brought back to our area as soon as possible to reduce this spike in crime. Although we appreciate Chief Beck's commitment to reopen our jail within 36 months, we are asking to be first on the list. Our unique geography as well as the distance to the 77th Street jail for booking leads us to believe our jail qualifies as a higher priority

We are asking your office, the Police Commission and Chief Beck to look for more creative and collaborative ways to staff the jail and transport individuals in custody to 77th Street. Partnerships with other area law-enforcement agencies such as the Port Police, CHP, LA County Sheriffs should also be considered. We also would like your office to support a focus on civilian hiring for LAPD in order to staff the necessary civilian positions to ultimately free up our sworn officers, thereby allowing them to quickly return to policing our streets.

We are looking forward to working with your office on developing new, yet imagined solutions to reducing crime and restoring the premium quality of life to our community once enjoyed.

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approve letter as presented, seconded by **Adele Healy**. Motion passed with 11 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Palaziol, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Ross).

17. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motions from Agenda Setting Meeting

a. Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council acknowledges an additional \$5,000 for the current 2015 - 2016 fiscal year provided by DONE. It shall be allocated to the current budget as follows: Selections \$4,000, TBD \$1,000.

Motion by **James Baeza** to amend the amount for an additional \$500 allocated to selections, bringing the total to \$4500 and TBD \$500, seconded by **Bob Gelfand**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Dimon), 1 left meeting early (Ross), and 2 ineligible (Campbell and Palaziol).

Bob Gelfand moved to approve the motion as amended allocating an additional \$500 to selections, bringing the total to \$4500 and TBD \$500, seconded by **Adele Healy**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Dimon), 1 left meeting early (Ross), and 2 ineligible (Campbell and Palaziol).

2. Selections Committee

a. Be It Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves the following budget for the 2016 – 2017 Board Selection Process:

Candidate recruitment postcard mailing: \$3,000

Election event operation expenses including food and beverage, signage, equipment, etc.: \$1,000. Total: \$4,000.

Motion by **Jim Baeza** to amend Selection Budget to include the additional \$500 to selection expenses, bringing the total to \$4500, (\$3,000 postcard mailing; \$1500 operation expenses including food and beverage, signage, equipment, etc.) seconded by **Bob Gelfand**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Dimon), 1 left meeting early (Ross), and 2 ineligible (Campbell and Palaziol).

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approved budget as amended in the amount of \$4500 (\$3,000 postcard mailing; \$1500 operation expenses including food and beverage, signage, equipment, etc.), seconded by **Jim Baeza**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Dimon), 1 left meeting early (Ross), and 2 ineligible (Campbell and Palaziol).

3. Communications Committee

a. A Beach Cleanup in Collaboration with the Cabrillo Beach Boosters and LAPD Cadets will be taking place on February 27, 2016. Be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports this effort by allotting \$50 to provide water. Motion from committee. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Dimon), 1 left meeting early (Ross), and 2 ineligible (Campbell and Palaziol).

b. Following the December 09, 2015 Communications Committee meeting regarding Community Outreach on Homelessness, be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will post a letter on its website for a period of 10 days to solicit stakeholder feedback prior to sending said letter to various public officials. The wording of the letter follows:

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Communications Committee hosted a forum on the issue of homelessness on December 9, attended by a number of stakeholders and others. As part of

the event, the public offered a number of comments and suggestions regarding the issue of homelessness. These included:

- increasing funding for, and providing, additional mental health services;
- streamlining the processes involved in helping individuals with mental health issues;
- offering no-cost/low-cost transportation to shelters and service provider locations;
- improving services for individuals who need help finding vital records and medical history;
- establishing a social media group that can distribute volunteer opportunities;
- creating more transitional housing;
- establishing “sobriety centers” and other new approaches to issues;
- having shelters provide vocational skills training programs;
- having shelters with offer beds for more than one night at a time;
- creating a program to connect landlords with service providers to connect tenants with services before tenants are evicted and become homeless;
- offering education and information about options available to the community to help homeless individuals;
- support the “Right to Rest” Act (SB 608), guaranteeing individuals certain rights, such as sleeping, in public spaces; and
- increasing the time an individual may be held for psychiatric evaluation (currently 72 hours).

It is the duty of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council to serve its stakeholders by relaying their concerns to other agencies of government. It is in this spirit we offer these comments and suggestions and urge they be given full consideration.

Motion from committee. Motion passed with 9 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 left meeting early (Ross), and 2 ineligible (Campbell and Palaziol).

4. Stakeholder Motion, Mona Sutton

- a. *“Be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes unlicensed, non-permitted distribution of food on public property. The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that officials, particularly those from the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks and LAPD, enforce all relevant City of Los Angeles Municipal Codes.”*
Motion by **Jim Baeza** to approve the above resolution, seconded by **Brian Vassallo**. Motion passed with 11 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Palaziol, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Ross).

5. Secretary Motions, Shannon Ross

- a. **Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves moving its Post Office Box to the Mailroom at 1840 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro CA 90731.** Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approve Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves moving its Post Office Box to the Mailroom at 1840 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro CA 90731, second by **Jim Baeza**. Motion passed with 8 yes (Baeza, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Spolarich), 1 left meeting early (Ross), and 2 ineligible (Campbell and Palaziol).
- b. **Due to the lack of available meeting space within Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council boundaries be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council approves the use of out of boundaries committee meeting locations when necessary.** Motion by **Jim Baeza** to approve due to the lack of available meeting space within Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council boundaries be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro

Neighborhood Council approves the use of out of boundaries committee meeting locations when necessary, second by **Doug Epperhart**. Motion passed with 11 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Palaziol, Spolarich, Vassallo, and Villicano). 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 1 left meeting early (Ross).

- c. Due to the current homelessness crisis be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council creates an Ad hoc Homelessness Committee and appoints Shannon Ross as the chairperson.** Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to approve postponing until the next board meeting, seconded by **Jason Villicano**. Motion passed with 10 yes (Baeza, Campbell, Dimon, Epperhart, Gelfand, Healy, Jezina, Palaziol, Spolarich, and Villicano). 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Vassallo), and 1 left meeting early (Ross).
Provided the Ad hoc committee is created the board will appoint any volunteers stepping forward to the committee.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Kristina Smith the Independent Election Administrator (IEA) reminded everyone that candidate registration begins February 27, 2016, and closes on April 12, 2016. The selection is on May 21, 2016, at Point Fermin Park.

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

- 20. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm. Next meeting is March 21, 2016.

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