



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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March 15, 2021 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Louis Dominguez	Absent
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present at 7:00 p.m.
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Absent
Andrea Herman	Absent
Daniel Kohn	Absent
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Present at 7:15 p.m. left at 10:00 p.m.
Robin Rudisill	Present

1. **TECHNICAL CHECKOUT FOR ONLINE MEETING** *(no substantive discussion or comment)*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. James Campeau commented that it was nice to see the usual calm this weekend at/in Sunken City. Also, general comments regarding local homelessness.
 - b. Mary Anderson commented about the gate at Angels Gate/Korean Bell gate being closed and never opened.
 - c. Kenneth Mejia commented that he is a candidate for City Controller. He gave a brief overview of his career. Among his goals are; financial transparency, making data really accessible, and for the office to have an educational role.
 - d. Mark Severino also about Angels Gate/Korean Bell gate being closed and never opened.
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 10/11/12/11 Board members present and approximately 20 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Bob Gelfand commented regarding issues with the Annual Congress of Neighborhoods ad hoc organizing group. The acting chair has made clear that there will be no election of new officers.
 - b. Kathleen Martin announced that the next homelessness committee meeting will be on April 5th.
5. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – February 16, 2021 meeting minutes approved as presented without objection.
6. **REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Senior Lead Officer Paul Winter
 - a. Officer Paul Winter gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
 - b. Officer Paul Winter answered questions from the board.
 - c. Port Police Office Morales commented that they continue to monitor security.

- d. Office Morales gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
- e. Officer Morales answered questions from the board.

7. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

- a. President Epperhart comment that board members Erika Hernandez and Shannon Ross set up the NG program for this fiscal year.
- b. The application deadline was February 27th. Applications were submitted to cspnc.npg@gmail.com, that currently no one on the board has access to.
- c. He will send Erika a registered letter to gain access to the gmail account.

8. MOTION RECOMMENDING DOUBLING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION – *Administrative Operations Committee*

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports doubling the budget of the City Ethics Commission from approximately \$3.69M to \$7M.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

Board member John Kopczynski recused himself as he is an employee of the City of Los Angeles.

Motion from committee passed with 8 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Ross, and Rudisill), 2 noes (Havenick and Martin), 1 abstention (Pentcheff), and 1 Recused (Kopczynski).

9. MOTION RECOMMENDING IMPROVEMENTS TO GAFFEY STREET OVERLOOK – *Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee*

Motion by Doug Epperhart to allow/limit 30 minutes for comments and discussion and then a vote, second by Sheryl Akerblom, and passed with 6 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Havenick, and Kopczynski), 4 noes (Gelfand, Gould, Martin, and Rudisill), 1 abstention (Pentcheff), and 1 out of room (Ross).

Motion by Noel Gould to extend comments and discussion an additional 10 minutes and then a vote, second by Shannon Ross, and passed with 9 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Martin, Ross, and Rudisill), 2 noes (Akerblom and Cade), and 1 abstention (Pentcheff).

Whereas, the Lookout Point Park (commonly known as the Gaffey Street Overlook) parking lot on Gaffey Street at 35th Street has been a long time public nuisance, as people stay past curfew hours well into the early morning. Based on numerous reports from community members and from members of the Los Angeles Police Department, the parking lot is a source of illegal and disruptive activities after park hours that have interfered with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property to the neighbors living near the park and to the park itself;

Whereas, the parking lot is also a preferred area for loud vehicle road racing and donut tire skidding due to the additional width of Gaffey Street at that location (Gaffey Street is approximately 88 feet wide at the parking lot, compared to the normal Gaffey Street width of 47 feet, which includes parallel street parking on both sides);

Whereas, LAPD has complained that when, on occasion, they clear the parking lot during the posted closure hours of 10:30 pm to 5:30 am, disruptive activities soon resume thereafter; and

Whereas, LAPD has indicated that the disruptive nighttime activity at the parking lot is due to people who drive to the parking lot, as opposed to pedestrians;

Therefore Be It Resolved that, in order to improve the quality of life for nearby residents, provide night time security and road safety, and reduce the need for night time LAPD calls to the park, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urgently requests that the City Department of Recreation and Parks, in conjunction with the City Department of Transportation, develop and implement an access/enclosure system for the Gaffey Street Overlook parking lot to restrict parking during the posted closure hours of 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Such system should: (a) be aesthetically pleasing and not restrict views from the park; (b) not impinge on the pedestrian sidewalk between the parking lot and the park; (c) preserve the existing number of parking spaces in the lot for use during the park's normal opening hours and if possible, increase the number of parking spaces within the lot during normal opening hours; and (d) include hazard lights, reflectors, or other safety features aimed at reducing night time travel speeds along the portion of Gaffey Street paralleling the parking lot.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall send information to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and have them investigate the situation of disruption at the Gaffey Street Overlook and propose solutions.

Community Impact Statement to be transmitted to: Council District 15, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Motion by Shannon Ross to substitute Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall send information to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and have them investigate the situation of disruption at the Gaffey Street Overlook and propose solutions for the motion above (text now crossed out), second by Bob Gelfand, and passed with 10 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Martin, and Ross), 1 no (Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Pentcheff).

Motion by **Robin Rudisill** to return ~~crossed out text in gray~~ above, second by **Noel Gould**, and failed with 5 yes (Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, and Ross), 6 noes (Akerblom, Cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, Martin, and Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Pentcheff).

Motion by **Doug Epperhart** to close debate, second by **Greg Ellis**, and passed with 8 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Havenick, Kopczynski, Martin, and Rudisill), 3 noes (Gelfand, Gould, and Ross), and 1 abstention (Pentcheff).

Motion from committee as substituted and passed with 9 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, and Ross), 2 noes (Gould and Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Pentcheff).

10. MOTION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS AROUND AND THE NATURAL RESTORATION OF FROMHOLD FIELD – *Coastline and Parks Committee*

Whereas the California Coastal Act Section 30210 Access; recreational opportunities; posting states:

In carrying out the requirement of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution, maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse, ~~and~~

~~Whereas, The constant watering of the playing field at Fromhold Field is jeopardizing the natural cliff conditions that prevail in the White Point Area, and is in close proximity to the Paseo del Mar road closure due to the land slide, and~~

~~Whereas, Mary Star has their own baseball field and sufficient area to expand their sports activities; thus there is no need for them to privatize this area of public land,~~

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the County **AND MARY STAR OF THE SEA HIGH SCHOOL** make public access from all entry points around Fromhold field available to support the visitor serving qualities of this unique and beautiful Coastal view area, and

Further resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests **that Mary Star of the Sea High School ban the use of advertising banners except during the pay of games from Fromhold Field as they block the view, which is a Coastal Act violation** ~~restoring the area to its natural condition by removing the baseball field fences, bleachers, and other associated equipment, and then restoring the area with native plants.~~

Motion by **Dean Pentceff** to strike '~~Whereas, Mary Star has their own baseball field and sufficient area to expand their sports activities; thus there is no need for them to privatize this area of public land,~~', as noted above, second by **Richard Havenick** passed without objection.

Motion by **Noel Gould** to add '~~Whereas, The constant watering of the playing field at Fromhold Field is jeopardizing the natural cliff conditions that prevail in the White Point Area, and is in close proximity to the Paseo del Mar road closure due to the land slide, and...~~' and return the stricken text '~~Whereas, Mary Star has their own baseball field and sufficient area to expand their sports activities; thus there is no need for them to privatize this area of public land,~~', as noted above, second by **Richard Havenick** passed with 8 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 4 abstention (cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, and Martin).

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to return to committee, second by **Isiah Cade**, and failed with 5 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, and Martin), 7 noes (Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), and 0 abstention.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to return to strike '~~Whereas, The constant watering of the playing field at Fromhold Field is jeopardizing the natural cliff conditions that prevail in the White Point Area, and is in close proximity to the Paseo del Mar road closure due to the land slide,~~', second by **Richard Havenick**, and passed without objection.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to add '~~...that Mary Star of the Sea High School ban the use of advertising banners from Fromhold Field as they block the view, which is a Coastal Act violation~~' and strike '~~restoring the area to its natural condition by removing the baseball field fences, bleachers, and other associated equipment, and then restoring the area with native plants.~~', as noted above, second by **Richard Havenick**, and passed without objection.

Motion from committee as amended and passed with 9 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, and Ross), 2 noes (Gould and Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Pentcheff).

Motion by **Shannon Ross** to add '~~...except during the pay of games...~~', second by **Kathleen Martin**, and failed with 2 yes (Martin and Ross), 9 noes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Epperhart).

Motion from committee as amended and passed with 7 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 5 noes (Cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, Martin, and Ross), and 0 abstention.

9 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, and Ross), 2 noes (Gould and Rudisill), and 1 abstention (Pentcheff).

11. MOTION TO SUPPORT CF 20-21-0002 S21 IN OPPOSITION TO SB 10 – Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee

Whereas SB 10 is another attempt by the State to force upzoning on local entities. SB 10 would allow the City to upzone by right a parcel currently zoned for a single family to allow 10 units without CEQA review if: a) it is within one-half mile of a major transit stop or on a “high quality” bus corridor, b) it is in a “jobs rich” area, or c) it is an “urban infill site.” This would duplicate some of the provisions of the City’s TOC program without the TOC requirements for affordable housing.

Whereas SB 10 is another example of the State Legislature seeking to take land use planning away from local government, may destroy the character of our neighborhoods, has the potential to overwhelm our infrastructure, and does nothing to address the lack of affordable housing. Indeed, it may push land costs even higher.

Whereas SB 10 would create additional bureaucracy by requiring the state to develop and update a map of “job rich” areas every 5 years.

Whereas support of CF 20-21-0002 S21 by Councilmember Koretz would include opposition to SB 10 in the City’s Legislative platform, thus instructing the City’s Lobbyists to actively to oppose it.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the City Council’s motion CF 20-21-0002 S21 to include opposition to SB 10 in the City’s legislative platform.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

12. MOTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED PROJECT AT 3401 PATTON AVENUE – Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committees

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports approval of the proposed project at 3401 Patton Avenue

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Martin, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – No new information
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – No new information
- c. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand – No new information
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. The next meeting will be Wednesday April 7th.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. The next meeting will be Wednesday April 7th.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
 - i. The meetings have been moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – Unable to attend
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill – No additional information
 - i. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-7planning-trans>.

14. TRESURER’S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Unable to attend

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

15. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2021.

16. 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, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

17. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None

18. THE COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO ANDREW MENZIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,790.00 FOR INVOICES #12019 AND #22018 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented passed with 10 yes (Akerblom, Cade, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 1 abstention (Martin), and 1 left meeting (Ross).

19. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO APPOINTING DANIELLE RAMOS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTIONS, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, PARKS AND COASTLINE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION, PORT, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF SHERYL AKERBLOM AS BUDGET REPRESENTATIVE (REPLACING DOUG EPPERHART). – regional grievance panel Shannon and Andrea Herman appointed and Kathleen Martin to speak to the Harbor Commission on behalf of CSPNC. LA NC Coalition and NC Congress Planning Committee. Approved without objection.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

21. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

22. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is April 19, 2021.

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