



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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October 21, 2019 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

Board Members	Roll Call
Robert Bryant	Absent
Isiah Cade	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present at 6:50 p.m.
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Present
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Absent
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Present at 6:45 p.m.
Shannon Ross	Absent
Robin Rudisill	Present
Jose Abraham Vargas	Present

1. VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Mike commented that the Vista del Oro area has an issue with large boats and RVs parking on the streets.
- b. James asked who is in charge of entertainment events at Berth 46.

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 11/12/13 Board members present and approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance.

~~4. BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS~~ – Included in error

~~5. FILL VACANCY OF BOARD MEMBERS~~ – Included in error

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Richard Havenick commented that the port has released their 2018 Emissions Inventory and there have been increases in every category of pollutants that are most damaging to public health, and greenhouse gas. Ships are the number one cause.
- b. Doug Epperhart announced that Diana Nave has organized a tour for neighborhood council members of the Sanitation Department Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson on Saturday, November 2nd.

7. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – September 16, 2019 meeting minutes – Approved without objection.

8. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

- a. LAPD – Senior Lead Officer Winter

- i. Officer Winter gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area and an update on homeless issues.
- ii. Officer Winter answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- b. **Assembly member Patririk O'Donnell** – Hina Ahmad, Field Representative
 - i. Ms. Ahmad introduced herself as the new area representative.
 - ii. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson – Present gave no report
- c. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Obiamaka Ude, Neighborhood Council Advocate
 - i. Ms. Ude commented that the Office of the Mayor and DONE are collaborating for the 2020 Census, they are looking for Census liaisons from NCs and Goodwill Ambassadors.
 - ii. The Office of City Clerk Elections Division will be holding working group meetings where they will go over bylaws, timelines, etc. If you want to be a member of the working group, you can sign up.
- d. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich – Not present

9. MOTION SUPPORTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE PLAYA DEL REY NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY (Council File 19-1124) – Environment and Sustainability Committee

Whereas, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has taken a strong position regarding the Plains All America / Rancho LPG storage facility in San Pedro, and its threat to public health and safety;

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the investigation into the Playa Del Rey natural gas storage facility (Council File # 19-1124).

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Cade, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Dominguez).

10. MOTION TO FORM AN EDUCATIONAL GROUP REGARDING NITROUS OXIDE USE – Coastline and Parks Committee

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council hereby forms an educational group TASK FORCE to improve awareness of the dangers of nitrous oxide (NOS) and other drugs to local high school students.

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

11. MOTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO OPEN GATES THROUGHOUT ANGELS GATE PARK – Coastline and Parks Committee

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Recreation and Parks to remove the rhino gates on Leavenworth Dr and keep the other gates throughout Angels Gate Park open during open park hours.

Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Dominguez, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 3 abstentions (Cade, Epperhart, and Herman).

12. MOTION RECOMMENDING CREATION OF A VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR ANGELS GATE COMPLEX – Coastline and Parks Committee

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) recommends that the Los Angeles Fire Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, and Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety create a clear and simple vehicle and pedestrian plan for Angels Gate complex INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF REMOVING UNCESSARY FENCES THAT OBSTRUCT PUBLIC ACCESS , and requests a report back to CSPNC with a plan within 90 days.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to amend the motion to add '... INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF REMOVING UNCESSARY FENCES THAT OBSTRUCT PUBLIC ACCESS...', second by **Robin Rudisill**, and passed with 12 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Cade).

Motion by **Robin Rudisill** to amend the amendment above to remove the word 'UNCESSARY', second by **Bob Gelfand**, and passed with 10 yes (Dominguez, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 3 abstentions (Cade, Epperhart, and Gelfand).

Motion from committee as amended passed with 13 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

13. MOTION TO FILE COMMENTS ON THE “CITYWIDE CAT PROGRAM” DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – *Coastline and Parks Committee*

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall file formal comments to the recently-released Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the "Citywide Cat Program" to point out numerous technical and scientific flaws in the report's analysis (including but not limited to provisions that appear to violate California State law, lack of required monitoring of proposed mitigations, and significant errors in the population model that forms the core of the analysis) that are sufficiently severe that the report must be substantially overhauled before it can be acceptable as advice to policymakers.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to amend the motion to include a letter, second by **Robin Rudisill**, and passed with 12 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Hernandez).

Motion from committee as amended passed with 12 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Hernandez).

14. MOTION OPPOSING LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM TO DECLARE AS STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS (Council File 19-0002-S172) – *Planning and Land Use Committee*

Whereas, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has reviewed and analyzed the Resolution promulgated by the Los Angeles City Council on September 25, 2019 asking Governor Gavin Newsom to declare a State of Emergency on homelessness in the State of California; and

Whereas, the CSPNC finds that this Resolution is overly broad and vague, and that it lacks substantial evidence to support it, and it is an attempt to skirt laws, obtain legal immunities for emergency actions taken, and evade accountability for a failure to act on the homelessness issues over many years; and

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles' resources must be reallocated to support a feasible and much more efficient and effective plan that accommodates the emergency nature of the homelessness issue facing our City and these priorities must supersede funding to build permanent supportive housing, which should begin after emergency needs are met; and

Whereas, an example of a more efficient and effective solution is a modern Quonset hut (i.e. a 3,000 sq. ft. Quonset hut costs about \$22,500 plus freight for the structure, and there would be additional costs for the necessary interior improvements); and

Whereas, constitutional rights, environmental laws, public safety and health laws and regulations must be followed to accomplish these goals comprehensively and safely for the welfare of all Californians, and a State of Emergency attempting to void applicable laws and regulations is not in support of the safety and well being of the City of Los Angeles residents or California residents generally; and

Whereas, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the findings and the recommendations of the City Controller in the required audit report dated October 10, 2019 regarding Proposition HHH funds; and

Whereas, we owe it to the taxpayers who voted to approve Proposition HHH as well as to our homeless population to be certain that the \$1.2 billion in bond proceeds are going towards the absolute best and highest priority use in order to address the emergency nature of the crisis at hand.

Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the adoption of the motion regarding a declaration of a State of Emergency by the Los Angeles City Council (Council File 19-0002-S172); and

Be it further resolved, the CSPNC requests immediate steps by the City Council to meet with City department officials to come up with an emergency plan for resolving the emergency medical and social needs of our homeless population, using existing City resources:

- the first priority must be focusing on options for emergency shelters that can be built much more cost-effectively, efficiently and expeditiously than the City's current proposals; ~~Examples include membrane structures and Quonset huts (i.e. for a 3,000-sq. ft. Quonset hut, the retail cost is \$22,500 plus freight; and~~
- the second most immediate need is for the City Council to provide access to hygienic facilities, including restrooms and showers; and
- thirdly, adequate mental health and other supportive services must be provided; and
- ~~fourth, the CSPNC also urges the Los Angeles City Council to develop a comprehensive plan for those who choose not to avail themselves of the aforementioned emergency housing and supportive services, while addressing public safety needs; and~~
- the homeless-related projects currently being considered by the City must be re-evaluated and modified based on the recommendations in the required audit report dated October 10, 2019 regarding Proposition HHH funds, to more effectively (both in terms of cost and speed) address the emergency nature of the crisis at a hand, despite any preliminary approvals.

Motion by **Noel Gould** to amend the motion to strike the last sentence of the first bullet point, strike the fourth bullet point completely, and add the following text as the fourth paragraph 'WHEREAS, AN EXAMPLE OF A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTION IS A MODERN QUONSET HUT (I.E. A 3,000 SQ. FT. QUONSET HUT COSTS ABOUT \$22,500 PLUS FREIGHT FOR THE STRUCTURE, AND THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE NECESSARY INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS); AND' as noted above, second by **Robin Rudisill**, and passed with 13 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to allow CD15 Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson to speak on the motion, second by **Robin Rudisill**, and passed with 10 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Gelfand, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, and Vargas), 0 no, and 3 abstentions (Epperhart, Gould, and Rudisill).

Motion by **Richard Havenick** to refer to the Homelessness Committee, second by **Isiah Cade**, and failed with 4 yes (Havenick, Hernandez, Kohn, and Vargas), 7 noes (Dominguez, Gelfand, Gould, Herman, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), and 2 abstentions (Cade and Epperhart).

15. DISCUSSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT PROGRAM AND ADOPTION OF A SCHEDULE TO ADMINISTER IT – The deadline to submit Neighborhood Purpose Grant application is Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Applications will be reviewed by the Communications Committee and presented to the full board in January.

Motion by **Erika Hernandez** to approved the above schedule and for the Communications Committee to administer Neighborhood Purpose Grants, second by **Louis Dominguez**, and passed with 10 yes (Cade, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 3 abstentions (Dominguez, Epperhart, and Gelfand).

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – No new information
- b. Communications Committee – Chair Shannon Ross – Not present
- c. 22. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee – Chair Bob Gelfand
 - i. At Congress of Neighborhoods there was an emergency preparedness presentation that they will be presenting to all the NCs in the future.
 - ii. This Saturday is the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness meeting.
- d. Parks and Coastline Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. The next meeting will by Thursday, November 17th.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. The next meeting will by Thursday, November 17th.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
 - i. He is working with Northwest and Central San Pedro neighborhood councils to have joint meetings.
- 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
 - i. Ms. Rudisill pointed out several maps in the agenda package including; the Coastal Neighborhood Council Boundaries, Community Plan area, and Coastal Zone and Dual Coastal Zone.
 - ii. At the area neighborhood council joint committee meeting they discussed a proposed storage facility on North Gaffey, and a project at 511 Harbor Boulevard.
 - iii. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-planning-trans>.

17. TREASURER'S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Gave a brief overview of current funding levels
Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

18. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019.

19. 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

20. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None

21. ACCEPTANCE OF OUR ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER FROM FY 2018–2019 OF \$4,579.78, AND AMENDING THE BUDGET BY PLACING \$2,000 OF ROLLOVER FUNDS INTO “OPERATING EXPENSES”, \$2,000 OF ROLLOVER FUNDS INTO “NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS”, AND \$579.78 OF ROLLOVER FUNDS INTO “OUTREACH ACTIVITIES”.

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to the consent calendar as presented, second by **Isiah Cade**, and with 12 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 out of room (Gelfand).

22. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- a. Richard Havenick and Bob Gelfand appointed to the Sustainability Committee approved without objection.

23. MOTION TO APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019–2020

Whereas, meeting spaces were not always available for the dates adopted previously;
Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts this revised meeting schedule:

Board Meeting

2019

November 18

December 16

2020

Tuesday, January 21 (due to holiday)

Tuesday, February 18 (due to holiday)

Monday, March 23 (4th Monday, change due to room availability)

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21

Agenda Meeting

2019

Tue 12 Nov [Mon 11 Nov is Veterans Day]

Mon 9 Dec

2020

Mon 13 Jan

Mon 10 Feb

Mon 16 Mar (third Monday)

Mon 13 Apr

Mon 11 May

Mon 8 Jun

Mon 13 Jul

Mon 10 Aug

Mon 14 Sep

Tue 13 Oct [Mon 12 Oct is Indigenous Peoples Day]

Mon 9 Nov

Mon 14 Dec

Motion by **Dean Pentcheff** to approve the meeting schedule for 2019–2020, second by **Isiah Cade**, and with 13 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Kopczynski, Pentcheff, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

24. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

25. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

26. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is Monday, November 18, 2019.

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