



minutes

# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## April 19, 2021 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Zoom Electronic Meeting

Board Members	Roll Call
Sheryl Akerblom	Present
Isiah Cade	Absent
Louis Dominguez	Absent
Greg Ellis	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Absent
Andrea Herman	Absent
Daniel Kohn	Present
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Shannon Ross	Present at 7:00 p.m. – left at 9:00 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 gave lengthy comment regarding the Gaffey Street Overlook.
  - b. Celia Gonzales commented regarding comments by board members in prior meetings.
  - c. Jennifer M. asked about trash collection at Wilders Annex and who she could call about the problem.
  - d. Ryan Ferguson, Council District 15 Field Representative
    - i. A COVID vaccine site has been set up at Anderson’s Senior Center, appointments are needed and available from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
    - ii. On April 6<sup>th</sup> the Councilmember announced a Community Grants program for non-profits. The application portal opened on April 12<sup>th</sup> and closes on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
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 12/13/12 Board members present and approximately 30 stakeholders in attendance.
4. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
  - a. Doug Epperhart commented that board member Louis Dominguez had back surgery 5 weeks ago and has experienced complications.
  - b. Noel Gould commented about elections and ballots, he is on a challenge panel and they will not even entertain issues related to USPS delays.
  - c. Kathleen Martin commented that paper applications to request a ballot are available at the library.
5. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – March 15, 2021 meeting minutes approved as corrected 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 Officer Morales commented that they continue to monitor security.
  - d. Officer Morales gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
  - e. There is a kiosk at the IOWA for walk-up COVID vaccines daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
  - f. Officer Morales answered questions from the board.

7. **PRESENTATION ON PORT OF LONG BEACH PIER B ON-DOCK RAIL FACILITY PROJECT BY ROSS GROUP**
  - a. Presenters Armen Ross and Mark Erickson gave a detailed overview of the project.
  - b. They would appreciate a letter of support to the Planning Department for the May 17<sup>th</sup> planning hearing.
  - c. More rail means less trucks.
  - d. The presenting team answered questions from the board and attendees.

**8. MOTION TO RECOMMEND FUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT APPLICATIONS – Administrative Operations Committee**

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall fund Neighborhood Purpose grant applicants as follows:

Community Disaster Preparedness Foundation – Monterey Hills Foundation	\$ 1,080.00
International Bird Rescue	\$ 1,500.00
<del>Pacific Battleship Center/USS IOWA</del>	<del>\$ 2,500.00</del> – amendment
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC)	\$ 2,500.00
San Pedro Meals on Wheels	\$ 5,000.00
Cabrillo Beach Boosters	\$ 1,000.00 – \$5,000 amendment failed
Friends of LA Maritime	\$ 2,000.00

**Motion** by **Richard Havenick** to remove Pacific Battleship Center/USS IOWA from consideration, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed with 7 yes (Gould, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, Muthusway, Ross, and Rudisill), 2 noes (Akerblom and Ellis), 3 abstentions (Gelfand, Martin, and Pentcheff), and 1 recused (Epperhart).

**Motion** by **Noel Gould** to increase the amount of Cabriollo Beach Boosters to \$5,000, second by **Robin Rudisill**, and failed with 3 yes (Gould, Ross, and Rudisill), 5 noes (Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, and Muthusway), 4 abstentions (Akerblom, Ellis, Gelfand, and Pentcheff), and 1 recused (Epperhart).

**Motion** from committee as amended passed with 11 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin, Muthusway, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, 1 abstention (Gelfand), and 1 Recused (Epperhart).

**9. MOTION REALLOCATING FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET CATEGORIES – Administrative Operations Committee**

Resolved, to accommodate funding Neighborhood Purpose Grants the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall move \$5,150 from Office/Operational Expenditures to Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, Ross, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Motion by **Noel Gould** consent calendar items 10. Through 13., second by **Dean Pentcheff**, and passed with 12 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

Motion by **Noel Gould** to approve consent calendar items 10. Through 13. as presented, second by **Dean Pentcheff**, and passed with 12 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**10. MOTION REQUESTING THE REOPENING OF ANGELS GATE PARK – Coastline and Parks Committee**

Whereas, Point Fermin Park is open and the Department of Recreation and Parks, in response to a Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council motion dated November 30, 2020, reopened the Joan Milke Flores gate alleviating traffic hazards and allowing people to exercise in and enjoy the park again, and

Whereas, people continue to access Angels Gate Park and the Korean Friendship Bell, a scenic view site as described in the San Pedro Specific Plan, in ways that are potentially hazardous and also discriminatory to people with disabilities, and  
Whereas, the Department of Recreation and Parks policy effective May 15, 2020 states in part that outdoor areas and parks will remain open during regular park hours for the purpose of walking, running, or jogging, and  
Whereas, Section 30251 of the California Coastal Act under Scenic and Visual qualities states in part:

“The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance.”

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Recreation and Parks to re-open the gate at Angel’s Gate Park by April 30, 2021 allowing all people to exercise in the park to the best of their ability and to safely access the spectacular visitor serving ocean vistas.

## **11. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF MOTION BY ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, JUSTICE AND RIVER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER PREPARE A LONG TERM STUDY TO ACHIEVE 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2035**

Whereas, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the largest municipal utility in the country, currently generates over half of electricity from renewable and zero-carbon resources.

Whereas, the LADWP partnered with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory on the Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study (LA100) defining the plan wherein the DWP can achieve 100% renewable energy by 2035.

Whereas, President Joe Biden issued on January 27, 2021 the Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis committing to decarbonize the nation’s electric power sector by 2035.

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles Energy, Climate Change, Justice and River Committee on March 31, 2021 passed the Motion that would direct the Department of Water and Power to prepare a Long Term Strategic Plan to achieve 100% carbon free energy by 2035 in an equitable way that has minimal adverse impacts on rate payers and which must include a list of shovel-ready projects to seize on Federal and State funding opportunities.

Be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends the City Council immediately consider and adopt the Motion directing the Department of Water and Power to prepare a Long Term Strategic Plan to achieve 100% carbon free energy by 2035 in an equitable way that has minimal adverse impacts on rate payers and which must include a list of shovel-ready projects to seize on Federal and State funding opportunities.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement on Council File 21-0352

## **12. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF CITY AND STATE ACTIONS APPLICABLE TO TOXIC WASTE DUMPED IN CATALINA CHANNEL**

Whereas the California Assembly Joint Resolution AJR-2, introduced by Assembly Member O’Donnell on December 7, 2020 requesting the US Congress and Environmental Protection Agency take all measures to prevent further damage to California’s residents, wildlife, and natural resources by the dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethene (DDT) waste dumped in the waters near Catalina Island, was referred to the California Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on March 18, 2021; and,

Whereas the City of Los Angeles City Council actions regarding the respective toxic dump were filed under the Council File 92-0341, Montrose Chemical, on September 3, 1996 in Closed Session for a report and update regarding the US District Court Case US v. Montrose Chemical, (No CV90-3122-AAH) involving natural resources damages and cleanup.

Be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the California Assembly Joint Resolution AJR-2 and requests the Los Angeles City Council support the AJR-2 and initiate further action resulting from the Council File 92-0341 to require the remediation and cleanup of the respective toxic waste in the Santa Catalina Channel.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement on Council File 92-0341

## **13. CITY MELLO ACT ORDINANCE MUST NOT ALLOW DEMOLITIONS/CONVERSION OF 100% RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES FOR PURPOSES OF MIXED-USE PROJECTS – Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee**

[See attachments below]

Whereas, the Mello Act law was enacted by the State Legislature in 1982 in order to set forth requirements concerning the demolition, conversion and construction of housing within California’s Coastal Zone.

Whereas, the Mello Act requires each Coastal Zone area to enforce three basic rules, including that existing residential structures shall be maintained as residential uses unless the local jurisdiction finds that residential uses are no longer feasible; the Act specifically states: “The conversion or demolition of any residential structure for purposes of a nonresidential use which is not ‘coastal dependent...’ shall not be authorized...”

Whereas, a mixed-use building is a non-residential use and that is clear throughout the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and all coastal regulations.

Whereas, the City intends to exceed its jurisdiction by changing both the letter and the intent of the Mello Act law in order to allow conversion or demolition of 100% residential structures for the purpose of commercial mixed uses if the same number of units are maintained.

Whereas, there are 29 100% residential structures in Neighborhood Commercial zones in the San Pedro Coastal Zone, which contain 231 units, 164 of them protected by the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance. See attached listing.

Whereas, changing 100% residential structures to mixed use projects would change the character of those buildings and the surrounding neighborhood to commercial in nature.

Whereas, there is a housing shortage and not a mixed use or commercial use shortage.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council insists the City Planning Department and the City Planning Commission assure the proposed Mello Act Ordinance does not allow conversions or demolitions of 100% residential structures in the Los Angeles Coastal Zones, whether commercial or residential zoning, for purposes of mixed-use projects.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

#### 14. 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. Dean reported that they are working with Recreation and Parks to have the city to put in a grant application to reconstruct stairs at Wilders Annex. As well as for access to Sunken City.
  - ii. And also grant for access to Sunken City – applies to Sunken City too
  - iii. The next meeting will be Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
  - i. The next meeting will be Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
  - i. The next meeting will be Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin – No new information
- 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>.

15. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Unable to attend – President Epperhart gave a brief overview of current funding levels.

#### ***Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)***

**16. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MARCH 2021.**

**17. 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**

**18. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES** – None

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented passed with 12 yes (Akerblom, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Kohn, Kopczynski, Martin Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 left meeting (Ross).

**19. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHERYL AKERBLOM TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.** – Approved without objection.

**20. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**21. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None

**22. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is May 17, 2021.

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