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COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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December 18, 2017 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

Board Members	Roll Call
Robert Bryant	Present
Isiah Cade	Present
Erin Carter	Present at 6:40 pm
Rudy Caseres	Present
Louis Dominguez	Present
Doug Epperhart	Present
Anna Erneholm	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Absent
Richard Havenick	Present
Kandee Kawashima	Absent
Daniel Kohn	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Present
David Myers	Present at 7:30 pm
Dean Pentcheff	Present
Mike Riso	Excused
Shannon Ross	Present

1. VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Alan Franz from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy announced that the Wild & Scenic Film Festival will be screening at the Warner Grand Theatre, on Sunday, January 14th, at 4:00 pm.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board member attendance. There were 14 Board members present and approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Shannon Ross thanked everyone who came out to the holiday event at Angel’s Gate, they had a great turn out.

5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Approved as corrected with 12 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 not yet present (Gelfand and Myers).

6. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

- a. **Port of Los Angeles Port Police** – Aldo Morales, Maritime Community Relations Officer
 - i. Officer Morales gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the port area.
 - ii. The Port Police waterfront dispatch direct number is 310-732 -3500.
 - iii. They have a [Facebook](#) page at Los Angeles Port Police with more safety tips on boating and waterways.
- b. **Port of Los Angeles** – Augie Bezmalinovich

- i. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meetings are January 11th and January 25th, at 8:30 am at the Port Administration building.
 - ii. The realignment of Harbor Boulevard is in process.
 - iii. AltaSea had an opening ceremony last week.
 - iv. Gave a brief history of the Cabrillo Beach Youth Facility and offered to meet privately with board members and the Port's real estate division.
 - v. Mr. Bezmalinovich answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- c. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – Octaviano Rios, Neighborhood Council Advocate
- i. Bylaws changes are due by April 15th, 2018.
 - ii. Mr. Rios answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
- d. **Office of Mayor Garcetti** – Manny Lopez, Harbor Area Representative – Not Present
- e. **Congresswoman Nanette Barragan** – Morgan Roth Field Representative – Not present
- f. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson – Not present
- g. **Senator Steven Bradford** – Brenda Baker – Not present

7. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES ON THE STATUS OF LEASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CABRILLO BEACH YOUTH FACILITY – Discussion and questions with Mr. Bezmalinovich.

8. RESOLUTION OPPOSING PRIVATE CONTROL OF THE CABRILLO BEACH YOUTH FACILITY

Whereas, the Costal San Pedro Neighborhood Council has consistently called for conversion of the Cabrillo Beach Youth Facility to fully public usage;

Therefore resolved, the Costal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly opposes any agreement by the Port of Los Angeles to once again convey this property to private control.

Motion by Bob Gelfand to approve the above motion, second by Richard Havenick, and passed with 11 yes (Cade, Caseres, Carter, Epperhart, Erneholt, Gelfand, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Ross), 1 no (Bryant), 1 abstention (Dominguez), and 1 not yet present (Myers).

9. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A 2500-FOOT HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY BUFFER AROUND OIL DRILLING OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Whereas, Los Angeles is one of the only places in the United States where oil drilling occurs right in the middle of a densely-populated urban metropolis Over 620,000 Angelinos live within a mile of an active oil well;

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles contains over 1,000 active oil wells and 80% are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use, impacting residents, students and workers;

Whereas, neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells;

Whereas, oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit as byproducts toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and are harmful to multiple organ systems. These include but are not limited to formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, naphthalene, xylene, benzene and volatile organic compounds;

Whereas, the closer you live, work, and play to an active oil well, the more severely your health and safety are threatened. Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, exacerbated asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

Whereas, the transport, onsite storage and use of toxic and flammable chemicals in industrial facilities in close proximity to homes and other sensitive land uses also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents;

Whereas, neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, churches or daycare facilities; and studies show that a buffer of at least 2,500 feet between active oil wells and these sensitive land uses is necessary to protect community health from oil extraction;

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and can use its power over land use and oil operations to protect those residents in this instance;

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the establishment of a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil and gas extraction sites within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc.

Further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will issue a Community Impact Statement to Council File 17-0447 stating as much.

Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

10. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SAN PEDRO GREENING PLAN

Be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council endorses the overall concept of the San Pedro Greening Plan set forth by Larry Smith of Atlas Green Works, and further, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council encourages that native plants be prioritized in future projects.

[NOTE: the 138 page plan is available on the CSPNC website at:

<http://www.cspnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/SPUG-171202.pdf>

Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

11. RESOLUTION ASKING FOR A COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Whereas the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles plan to convene meetings of the Clean Air Action Plan Implementation Stakeholder Group in early 2018;

Whereas Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board members previously participated on the No Net Increase Task Force and development of the first iterations of the Clean Air Action Plan, including on the development of the most effective emission reduction strategies to date;

Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) requests that the Port of Los Angeles ensure that each of the Harbor Area Neighborhood Councils has a seat and a representative authorized for direct participation on the Clean Air Action Plan Implementation Stakeholder Group.

Motion from committee passed with 14 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

12. RESOLUTION OPPOSING EVICTION OF TENANTS AT PORTS O' CALL

Whereas: The Port of Los Angeles approved the San Pedro Waterfront Development Project-San Pedro Public Market Project in September 2009; and

Whereas: At the Final Environmental Impact Review and at public meetings the Port of Los Angeles repeatedly showed and stated that the Ports O' Call Village Shops and Ports O' Call Restaurant would temporarily be relocated during construction to another Ports O' Call area until the new San Pedro Public Market was complete and they could move back; and

Whereas: On March 2, 2016, at the San Pedro Warner Grand Theater, in the presence of Port of Los Angeles staff and project developer Eric Johnson, the development team publicly stated:

"Our improvements are being constructed in two phases, so the current tenants, who will remain in the project, will be able to stay open throughout construction. We expect to complete this first phase by mid-2019."

and

"We are fortunate to have existing successful tenants who we are counting on to be the backbone of our preleasing activity."

(See video 29:33 and 31:47 — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBVkwcM1kLA>);

and

Whereas: The Port of LA is proceeding with eviction of the Ports O' Call Village Shops and Ports O' Call Restaurant without providing for relocation and return to the new Public Market; therefore be it

Resolved: The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the eviction of the current tenants of Ports O' Call; and

Further Resolved: The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the Board of Harbor Commissioners to instruct Port staff to honor their public promises to Ports O' Call tenants and provide an economically feasible plan for Ports O' Call tenants to remain open as long as possible during construction, be relocated when necessary, and be given the opportunity to reopen in the San Pedro Public Market.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Ross), 2 noes (Gelfand and Myers), and 0 abstentions.

13. 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. [SECOND READING] – No action, reading only.

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.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar) – items not available for review, postponed to next month

14. BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS – No MER to approve.

15. BOARD APPROVAL OF EXPENSES– No expenses to approve.

16. RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall move the deadline for Neighborhood Purpose Grant applications from January 2018 to February 9, 2018.

Motion from committee passed with 13 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, and 1 abstention (Gelfand).

17. RESOLUTION TO INCREASE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall change the budget allocation for Neighborhood Purpose Grants from \$2,500 to \$5,000 by moving funds from unallocated accounts.

Motion by **David Myers** to incorporate any funds from previous NPGs that do not get funded or approved by the City Clerk back into unallocated, second by **Richard Havenick**, and passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Epperhart, Erneholm, Gelfand, Havenick, Khon, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 no, 1 abstention (Gelfand), and 2 ineligible (Muthuswamy and Caseres).

Motion from committee, as amended, passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, 1 abstention (Gelfand), and 2 ineligible (Muthuswamy and Caseres).

18. RESOLUTION TO INCREASE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall change the budget allocation for Community Improvement Projects from \$1,500 to \$5,000 by moving funds from unallocated accounts.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, 1 abstention (Gelfand), and 2 ineligible (Muthuswamy and Caseres).

19. RESOLUTION TO PERMIT REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS

Resolved, in the event that the Board of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council does not adopt a Community Improvement Project on or before February 19, 2018, the funds allocated to Community Improvement Projects shall be reallocated to Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Bryant, Cade, Carter, Caseres, Dominguez, Epperhart, Erneholm, Havenick, Khon, Muthuswamy, Myers, Pentcheff, and Ross), 0 noes, 1 abstention (Gelfand), and 2 ineligible (Muthuswamy and Caseres).

20. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget & Finance Committee Chair Bob Bryant – No new information
- b. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Committee Chair Bob Gelfand – Hopes to have a discussion about what we need to do before the massive earthquake, at the next meeting Wednesday at the Marine Exchange.
- c. Parks and Coastline Committee Chair Noel Gould – Not present
- d. Planning and Transportation Committee Chair Mike Riso – Not present
- e. Environment and Sustainability Committee Chair Anna Erneholm – No new information
- f. Economic Development Committee Chair David Myers – No new information
- g. Homeless – Robert Farrell, the Homelessness Liaison asked that members of the board volunteer to do some of the work of the homeless count. To sign up to volunteer for the annual Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homelessness count, go to the web site theycountwillyou.org.

21. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COMMITTEE OFFICERS, AND OTHER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES – None

22. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Robert Bryant wants board members to understand how difficult it is to get money from the City Clerk, example him getting reimbursed for the food from the October meeting. Treasurer David Myers works hard trying to understand what he has to do to get the Clerk to approve submitted funding items.
- b. President Doug Epperhart commented that we are halfway through the year and we have held more committee meets then ever in the past. This is probably the single best board he has ever worked with.

23. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

24. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next regular meeting is December 18, 2017.

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