



minutes

COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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January 21, 2020 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes Cabrillo Marina Community Building

Board Members	Roll Call
Isiah Cade	Absent
Louis Dominguez	Present
Greg Ellis	Seated
Doug Epperhart	Present
Bob Gelfand	Present
Noel Gould	Present
Richard Havenick	Present
Erika Hernandez	Present
Andrea Herman	Present
Daniel Kohn	Absent
John Kopczynski	Present
Kathleen Martin	Present
Kavitha Muthuswamy	Absent
Dean Pentcheff	Absent
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

- Don Black from the Lane Victory commented regarding disaster preparedness efforts; they might be able to contribute, they have over 25,000 gallons of water on board at all times perhaps they could have a dispensing capabilities for water and they have a galley that can operate by generators.
- Laurie Jacobs announced the annual Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Pathways to Employment on Saturday, April 18th at the Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles. They are looking for people to participant in all parts of the day including practice interviews.
- Irene Ratliff asked the council for a letter of support in her efforts on behalf of Street Meet Company in applying for the 'Art Activation Fund' grant to host an event at the intersection of Bluff Place and Shepard Street/Pacific Avenue.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Doug Epperhart. See list above for board attendance. There was a quorum with 11/12 Board members present and approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance.

4. BOARD ELECTION TO FILL VACANT BOARD SEAT

- Greg Ellis – Greg Ellis elected with 11 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 0 abstention.
- Ron Busby – Not present
- Ryan Guthrie – Not present
- Chris Johnstone – Not present

Moved to #7 without objection

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Noel Gould commented that he attended the February 11th, public hearing for the proposed project at 13th street and Pacific avenue. The final decision will be heard at the City Planning Commission.
 - b. Louis Dominguez reminded everyone that voting for the March presidential election will be very different than in the past. For individuals with no party affiliation your ballot will not have presidential candidates listed.
 - c. Robin Rudisill reiterated the people should attend the LA Police Commission meeting and the Mello Act Ordinance information session, both to be held here in San Pedro at Peck Park.
 - d. Bob Gelfand commented regarding his recent column in City Watch, that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has gone rouge and been rude to both Central San Pedro Neighborhood and minute taker Sheryl Akerblom.
 - e. Doug Epperhart commented that in November, Raquel Beltran, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment General Manager, decided that minute taker Sheryl Akerblom would no longer be allowed to work for Neighborhood Councils. No one has been told why. Doug has had numerous meetings with Ms. Beltran and others to attempt to resolve the issue. However, Ms. Beltran has not been willing to change her decision or offer any valid explanation.
- 6. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – December 16, 2019 meeting minutes – Approved without objection.
- 7. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**
- a. **LAPD** – Senior Lead Officer Dan Brown for Officer Winter
 - i. Office Brown announced that the LA Police Commission will be holding their meeting at Peck Park here in San Pedro on Thursday, January 30th and urged everyone to attend.
 - ii. There will be a Grand reopening of the Harbor Division Jail on Monday, February 10th at 9:00 a.m.
 - iii. Officer Brown gave a brief overview of crime statistics for the area.
 - b. **Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates** – Melanie Labrecque, Region 12 Representative
 - i. The Budget Advocate’s asked the Major to release the budget by February 1st, he said no. Accordingly, they are going to Neighborhood Councils asking them to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of their request.
 - ii. The annual Budget Day will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Neighborhood Councils needs to appoint two Budget Representatives, or it defaults to the president and the treasurer.
 - iii. Ms. Labrecque answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - c. **Councilman Joe Buscaino** – San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson
 - i. Mr. Ferguson gave a brief report which included some of the following.
 - ii. A Bridge Home update, the service provider, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), has been selected.
 - iii. Navigation Center update, the project is approximately 50% complete. The service provider will be Volunteers of America.
 - iv. He gave a brief legislative update.
 - v. Mr. Ferguson answered questions from the board and stakeholders.
 - d. **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** – No one present
 - e. **Assembly member Patrick O’Donnell** – Hina Ahmad, Field Representative – Not present
- 8. MOTION OPPOSING DIGITAL BILLBOARDS IN LOS ANGELES (COUNCIL FILE 11-1705) – Planning and Land Use Committee**

Whereas, Digital billboards are an imminent threat to neighborhoods;
 Digital billboards are dangerous to drivers and the pedestrians and cyclists who share the streets;
 No billboard should be erected without the input approval and opt-in of local residents;
 Digital billboards are known contributors to congestion; and
 The incessant blinking of digital billboards causes disruption in human and wildlife sleep patterns and can lead to a host of maladies;
 Therefore be it resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the Los Angeles City Council vote no on Digital Billboards (Council File 11-1705).
 CIS to Council File 11-1705

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 1 no (Gelfand), and 0 abstention.

9. MOTION OPPOSING CITY OF LOS ANGELES VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCE (CPC-2019-7045-CA) – Planning and Land Use Committee

Whereas:

Taking up the Vacation Rental Ordinance in the face of the current severe housing and homelessness crisis is unconscionable; We do not believe our leaders should spend valuable time and resources exploring a vacation rental policy under which people are allowed and encouraged to hold mostly vacant homes off the long-term market and keep them for short-term rentals; The proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance is essentially a giant loophole of the Home Sharing Ordinance (HSO) to favor the wealthy who are able to afford second homes;

The proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance is a conflict of laws, as the HSO was specifically created to limit short-term rentals to one's primary residence; in fact, the original City Council motion for the HSO specifically stated that the City should "prohibit hosts from renting units or buildings that are not their primary residence."

The proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance is simply a mechanism to undercut the years of work and compromise reflected in the HSO; and

There is no practical way to enforce the provisions of the proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the City of Los Angeles proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance (Council File 18-1246).

CIS to Council File 18-1246

Motion from committee passed with 11 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Gelfand).

10. MOTION OPPOSING STATE SENATE BILL 50 (COUNCIL FILES 18-1226-S1 AND 19-0002-S38) – Planning and Land Use Committee

Whereas Senate Bill 50, as currently proposed, would forever significantly, adversely, and irrevocably alter the Coastal Zone communities, and as San Pedro is designated in the Coastal Plan as a "Special Coastal Community" to be protected under the California Coastal Act,

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends opposition to Senate Bill 50, particularly in the Coastal Zone areas.

CIS to Council Files 18-1226-S1 and 19-0002-S38

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

11. MOTION OPPOSING PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS FOR CENSURE AND REMOVAL OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS – Administrative Operations Committee

See attached procedures proposed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for censure and removal.

Whereas, the intent of the City Charter empowering Neighborhood councils is to enable them to devise and implement their own bylaws as a way of reflecting the diversity of interests in our city; and

Whereas, any Neighborhood Council is already empowered to adopt censure and removal procedures if they wish; therefore Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the imposition on all Neighborhood Councils of the policies on censure and removal proposed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners without the explicit adoption of those procedures by a Neighborhood Council; and

Further resolved, we call on our Board of Neighborhood Commissioners representative to oppose these proposed policies.

Motion from committee passed with 12 yes (Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

12. MOTION OPPOSING ADDITIONAL MANDATORY TRAINING OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS – Administrative Operations Committee

See attached procedures proposed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for additional mandatory training.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes any additional mandated training of officers, committee members, and Board Members as proposed in the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners motion on Neighborhood Council Leadership Orientation; and

Further resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the creation of voluntary training.

Motion from committee passed with 10 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, and Rudisill), 1 no (Vargas), and 0 abstention (Ellis).

13. MOTION RECOMMENDING CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION – Administrative Operations Committee

See attached procedures proposed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners for a dispute resolution process.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council **SUPPORTS OPPTIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION AS A WAY TO RESOLVE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISPUTES AND URGES** the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners ~~recommends~~ that **TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING MEDIATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION** should include language clarifying that the proposed dispute resolution process is **BE** entirely voluntary.

Motion by **Andrea Herman** to amend the motion **AS NOTED ABOVE**, second by **Noel Gould**, and passed with 11 yes (Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Dominguez).

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

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative Operations Committee – Chair Dean Pentcheff – Not present
- 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. He has set meeting dates for the rest of the year.
 - ii. For the January, February, and March meetings he will hold joint Parks and Coastline, and Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee meetings.
- e. Sunken City Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Noel Gould
 - i. He has set meeting dates for the rest of the year.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Committee – Chair Richard Havenick
 - i. They will hold a joint sustainability neighborhood council committee meeting Monday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m. It will include representatives from Port Environmental Staff regarding Zero Emissions.
 - ii. Los Angeles Supervisor staff is scheduled to attend to discuss Rancho LPG and Playa del Rey Gas storage facilities.
 - iii. He has yet to receive commitment from Wilmington, Watts or Gateway North for participation.
- g. Homelessness Committee – Chair Kathleen Martin
 - i. Ms. Martin announce that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s annual Homeless Count for the San Pedro area will take place on Wednesday, January 22nd. They still need volunteers.
 - ii. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Janice Hahn proposed a resolution to create a homeless shelter in the vacant county building at 8th and Beacon streets. It would have 40 beds and wrap around services.
 - iii. The next committee meeting will be Monday, February 3rd.
- h. Port Committee – Chair Louis Dominguez – No new information
- i. Planning and Transportation – Chair Robin Rudisill
 - i. Northwest San Pedro neighborhood council is doing a letter of recommendation regarding the replacement of the parking lot at 6th. Do people want the Coastal San Pedro Planning and Transportation committee to also address this proposed project?
 - ii. To view notes from the latest meeting please go to <https://www.cspnc.org/agendas-minutes-planning-trans>.

15. TRESURER’S REPORT – Louis Dominguez, Treasurer – Gave a brief overview of current funding levels
Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

16. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019.

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, ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER MEETING EXPENSES, VENDOR(S) FOR MEETING REFRESHMENTS, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

18. APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES – None

Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the consent calendar as presented, second by **Noel Gould**, and with 11 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Ellis).

19. REPORT ON POTENTIAL AVAILABILITY OF \$5,000 TO SUPPORT THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER

20. MOTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR SUPPORT OF THE MARINE MAMMAL CARE CENTER

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates and authorizes the expenditure of \$5,000 to support the Marine Mammal Care Center.

Motion by **Louis Dominguez** to approve the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates and authorizes the expenditure of \$5,000 to support the Marine Mammal Care Center, second by **Bob Gelfand**, and with 11 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Ellis).

21. MOTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE “PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT” EVENT

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates and authorizes the expenditure of \$750 to be paid to the San Pedro Rotary Club for a sponsorship fee for the Ninth Annual “Pathways to Employment” event scheduled to be held Saturday, April 18.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to approve the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council allocates and authorizes the expenditure of \$750 to be paid to the San Pedro Rotary Club for a sponsorship fee for the Ninth Annual “Pathways to Employment” event scheduled to be held Saturday, April 18, second by **Richard Havenick**, and with 10 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 1 abstention (Herman), and 1 ineligible (Ellis).

22. APPROVAL OF BUDGET CATEGORY REALLOCATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE REALLOCATED EXPENDITURES

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood shall reallocate funds within its budget categories to accommodate approved expenditures.

Motion by **Bob Gelfand** to approve the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall reallocate funds within its budget categories to accommodate approved expenditures as follows: \$5000 from Outreach Expenditures line item Newsletters to Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) and \$750 from Outreach Expenditures line item Newsletters to Outreach Expenditures line item Outreach Activities, second by **Louis Dominguez**, and with 11 yes (Dominguez, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kopczynski, Martin, Rudisill, and Vargas), 0 no, 0 abstention, and 1 ineligible (Ellis).

23. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES – Sara Torres to the Homelessness Committee. Approved without objection.

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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020 due to Presidents Day.

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